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In Duke Mondy's as a Golden Grizzly, he has proven himself to be a precision passer and a high-scorer. Check online for a video of his passing drills: <http://bit.ly/Z8UIYg>

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

VEST KNOWS BEST // Oakland University Men's Basketball Coach Greg Kampe tweeted a proposition that he would bring back the sweater vest if he reached 1,500 followers by the start of the team's last home game. After the game, Kampe invited all of the attendees who wore sweater vests to join him on the court for a picture.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

Do you think Michigan should legalize same-sex marriage?

- A** Yes, every American deserves equality
- B** Yes, because of the benefits with marriage
- C** No, civil unions should be enough
- D** I don't care

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

How did you spend your Spring Break — what did you do while away from school?

A) Vacating out of state

6 votes | 16%

B) Doing homework

11 votes | 29%

C) Working/volunteering

9 votes | 24%

D) Enjoying down time at home

12 votes | 32%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

MARCH 10, 1967

OU's student magazine, "Contuse," was banned from the campus bookstore and was deemed no longer sponsored by the university for its use of "four letter words." The publication became an independent student project.

MARCH 13, 1978

Drs. Harold Zeplin and Alred Stransky conducted a sleep study on campus. Student volunteers received \$10-15 a night for five nights to sleep in a supervised lab in Hannah Hall. In addition to the human studies, a duck was observed as well.

MARCH 9, 1981

Joseph Champagne was inaugurated as OU's fourth president. A University of Purdue graduate in industrial psychology, Champagne hoped to expand OU's programs in economics, management, engineering, educational studies and allied health.



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A NEW UNION

Oakland University recently sponsored a student trip to visit other local universities and their student unions. The trip allowed students to give their input on student center renovations.



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CHEERS

Lake Orion is home to the newest local brewery — The 51 North Brewing Company. Located in the city's downtown area, all their beers on draft are handcrafted with their in-house brewing system.



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HATS OFF

Students show off their youth with knitted animal hats. The colorful and playful twist on the regular winter accessory is gaining popularity on and off campus. Popular styles include cats and cartoon characters.

BY THE NUMBERS
SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

2011

Netherlands became the first country to legalize same-sex marriage

39

states have banned same-sex marriage

5

states allow same-sex civil unions, not marriage

1,100

number of federal benefits offered with marriage

11

countries world-wide with legal same-sex marriage

STAFF EDITORIAL

It's time for change: Make marriage obtainable for all

Support for same-sex marriage is growing and this week, there's a chance it will gain some momentum here in Michigan.

Thursday, Judge Bernard Friedman of the U.S. District Court is expected to rule on some motions that could include a local gay adoption case.

We hope he will make progressive decisions.

April DeBoer and her partner, Jayne Rowse, both registered nurses, are seeking joint custody of their three special needs foster children.

They want to challenge the state's definition of marriage, which is the underlying issue in their quest for joint adoption.

Friedman will make several motions at Wayne State University Motion Day in front of the university's law students Thursday, March 7.

One of those motions will be DeBoer and Rowse's case, according to the Huffington Post.

In 2004, Michigan voters approved a same-sex marriage ban. Since its approval, it has been challenged in court several times.

As a state, it's now our opportunity to overturn this law and grant equality for everyone. It's time for change.

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Currently, amendments to the U.S. Constitution give states the right to determine their own gay marriage laws.

As a nation, we've started to successfully alter our views. But it's still not enough.

Same-sex marriage is prohibited in 41 of the 50 states, even with support from President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

It's time for change.

Oakland University faculty in same-sex relationships don't receive the same benefits as those in a traditional relationship.

OU employees may claim same-sex partners as "qualified adults," and a number of faculty do that, according to AAUP President Karen Miller.

Those denied the ability to marry miss out on many things — the Social Security benefits of their partner, hospital visitation rights and even the ability to jointly file taxes.

Sentiment in favor of same-sex marriage is growing. Currently, 48 percent of Americans support same-sex marriage, while only 43 percent strongly oppose it, according to the Pew Research Center.

If anything, same-sex marriage is a constitutional right protected under the First Amendment, which protects both speech and religious practice.

The Oakland Post's editorial board encourages Judge Friedman and the State of Michigan to embrace equality. Stop denying fundamental rights based on who someone chooses to be with.

Martin Luther King said, "if one of us is not free, then none of us are free."

We hope the right choice is made. It's time for a change.

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EDITORIAL

Election? More like popularity contest

Student Congress elections work to enhance résumés, not campus life

Everyone likes having a say in any sort of election.

A vote gives someone power, self-gratitude, and a right to feel responsible for the direction of a country, state or even a university.

Living in a system where democracy is strongly encouraged, you always have those who either embrace their freedoms or typically shy away from the banter that these

officials of higher importance tell us.

Here at Oakland University, it's nice to see that our Student Congress takes such an active approach to binding the school together with its many events and

campus organizations.

In fact, I would say that they don't shy away from cohesively working with these groups and it's truly a great thing considering the discord that most other forms of government we witness today.

While it's all fine and dandy that the Student Congress works with the other student organiza-



GARRETT KOLODZIEJ
contributor

tions, a student government must truly represent the entire campus, with varying opinions and people who are involved or choose to not participate.

Our university has failed to do so.

Why you may ask?

It's because of the lack of representation of the entire student body.

The candidates given to us do not represent our diverse needs on campus and the direction that a whole community can agree upon.

Instead, the student election acts as a mere popularity contest.

Egregious amounts of money have been spent on large campaign signs in the OC, campaigning that really becomes a true nuisance and elaborate events that only sugar coat the person's ego — and also flaunts their campaign colors.

Quite frankly, it's getting to a point where they should just recruit you to join their sorority or fraternity and other various campus activities while putting their name on your ballot.

As you can tell, I am not a fan of the student elections.

I was a member of a student body congress back at my high school and I enjoyed the experience.

The experience also opened my eyes to the lack of will to change and try to stand up for the

“odd man out.”

Congress members are only concerned with bettering their social group and leaving the others to just deal with it.

Student elections remind me a lot about that.

The entire debacle is all just a contest of who's wearing what color and what symbols one is admonishing at any time.

It's become more about the celebrations and getting people involved with a process that they really don't want to be a part of.

You think most people like to get solicited with campaign ads while walking to class?

If you think they care, check your nearest trash can to see who cares about your policy. You will find a lot of your hard earned money put where it belongs.

Come March, I will still participate in the Student Congress elections.

While I don't agree with the hype surrounding it, I feel it's my right as a student to at least show I care.

I might need to spend some time thinking about my vote, but I know that a potato, SpongeBob SquarePants, The Grizz and Detroit City Council are among my final vote possibilities.

So remember to just stand up for whatever you believe. Especially if that means being facetious and voting because you just want to show you care.

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EDITORIAL

Oakland is full of life lessons — embrace them

As a senior, I can't help but to reflect on my time spent here at Oakland University for the past four years — remembering the good times and the bad.

It occurred to me that at the end of all of this — in exchange for my time, money, stress and more money — I get a piece of paper saying I'm educated.

But really, the diploma is only half of what Oakland has taught me.

The things students, myself included, often complain about have taught me my most valuable life lessons outside of the classroom in ways completely unrelated to my degree.

I'll begin with the most obvious — Oakland's apparent love for all things aesthetic.

The new, extravagant Human Health Building is undeniably beautiful. It's fully equipped with state-of-the-art technologies, and even has a bridge to trot over the man-made river.

Meanwhile, South Foundation Hall and Hannah Hall of Science are falling apart.

However, when new students are coming in to tour the campus, they wouldn't know the conditions of the interior of South Foundation Hall or Hannah Hall of Science — they only see the beautiful Human Health Building.

They have no idea that parking at Oakland is more dreadful than a root canal — they notice the landscaping and will soon notice the gorgeous clock tower.

Oakland markets itself well.

Similarly, when going to a job interview, you must market yourself well. Only air the negatives on a need-to-know basis, which Oakland is teaching students by example.

Speaking of the parking situation, we have all experienced it and, consequently, have all become victims of it.

Believe it or not, this actually teaches students more than just how to prey on innocent bystanders trying to leave class — there's a couple lessons. The world, much like the parking lots, is a competitive place, and people have to fight for what they want.

I live across the street and leave an hour early to find a parking spot — therefore, it also teaches time management. The early bird gets the worm, or in this case, the parking spot.

Lastly, if you haven't noticed by now, the sidewalks here take you anywhere except where you need to go.

It can be eight degrees outside, and I either have to walk on the sidewalk that takes me around campus and then to the Oakland Center, or I can cut across through a foot of snow.

Some people choose the easy way.

Now, whether the easy way is the cleared path that takes longer or the path with more harsh conditions that is quicker — that's up to the person.

Some people think about which path to take, and some people just go.

The point is that you can debate about which path to take, but once you make a decision to go in the direction you choose, you will be able to get to the destination.

So the next time you are walking on the sidewalk in circles, looking up at the clock tower that will soon exist, remembering when you were able to park right where it stood, you should also remember these lessons, and there is always something you can learn from anything.

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KIMBERLY ROOKER
contributor

The entire student congress debacle is just a contest of who's wearing what color and what symbols one is admonishing at any time.



KATIE WILLIAMS/The Oakland Post

Oakland University entered a partnership with Oxford Community Schools and Beijing Channel Consulting International Education Group. The partnership will create a program allowing student teachers from China to complete a Master's of Art in Teaching degree at Oakland.

By **Katie Williams**
Life Editor

Oakland University's School of Education and Human Services has partnered with Oxford Community Schools and Beijing Channel Consulting International Education Group to establish an educational partnership.

Teaming up

The partnership will create a program allowing student teachers from China to complete a Master's of Art in Teaching degree at OU while teaching Mandarin Chinese to students in Oakland County.

Louis B. Gallien, dean of the School of Education and Human Services, BCC Executive Director Xuyang Yao, Ox-

"WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING TO PREPARE OUR KIDS TO COMPETE IN A GLOBAL WORLD. WE NEED TO LEARN THE (CHINESE) LANGUAGE AND THE CULTURE FLUENTLY."

William Skilling,
Oxford Schools Superintendent

ford Schools Superintendent William Skilling and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, among others, spoke about the partnership at Oakland March 4.

"Yesterday was too late," Skilling said. "We need to do something to prepare our kids to compete in a global world. We need to learn the (Chinese) language and the culture fluently."

Building competition

The program will start this fall and will include the county's 28 school districts.

All of the districts currently offer Mandarin Chinese language classes, and the program hopes to enhance the existing curriculum.

The integration will help students develop a broader worldview, according to Patterson.

"There are more people speaking English in China than there are people speaking English in America," Patterson said. "The Chinese are educating their children to compete in the world market. They're going to be global competitors."

He said China is projected to become the world's largest economy in 2016

and views the partnership as beneficial to posterity. He supports cultural exchange through foreign language, cultural, religious, political and economic education.

"If we don't appreciate the size and scope of the global challenge presented by China, our kids and grandchildren will simply be left behind," he said.

Expanding the program

For the past five years, the Oxford Community School district has hosted Chinese-teaching students from 11 partner schools in China. Their program will be used to develop similar ones throughout the county.

Skilling emphasized the sustainability of teachers in Oakland County, noting that most teachers at Oxford were OU graduates.

"Oakland University has a huge presence in the educational community," Skilling said. "There's a lot of trust and a lot of partnerships between the Oakland schools and the university."

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POLICE FILES

Student reported missing

Police officers were dispatched to West Vandenburg Hall Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. because a student's father had not received contact from him since Jan. 29.

They were unable to find the student in his room, but another resident said he had moved to Hamlin Hall. At the new dorm, officers did not locate the student, but they asked his roommates to notify the police and the student's parents when they saw him.

Officers continued to search for him in the cafeteria and through Hamlin nightwatch.

At 10:02 p.m., OUPD received a phone call from the student's father. He had heard from his son who was at a skate park in Auburn Hills.

Intimidation report

OUPD received a report that a university employee was ending her shift when another university employee threatened her Feb. 21 at 10:30 p.m.

When the employee was punching out at the time clock, the other employee placed her hand on the employee's shoulder. She turned around and the employee began to verbally threaten her.

The supervisor was a witness to the behavior. He reported that the women "have a history" and he will be working on changing one of their shifts so they won't be together.

Professor receives threatening emails

OUPD received a report from a professor who had received harassing emails from an unknown sender Feb. 28 around 10:30 a.m.

From Feb. 24-26, the professor had received emails accusing him of having sex with one of his female students. He said he had not responded to the emails.

Officers asked him if the allegations were true or if he had been in an argument with anyone. He denied both.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki,
Copy Editor

Vice Presidential nominees vie for votes

OUSC holds Vice Presidential Debate, candidates discuss platforms

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

The 2013 Student Congress Vice Presidential Debate between Maria Arellano and Jibrán Ahmed was held before a packed room in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center March 5.

WXOU adviser Christine Stover served as moderator for the debate. Candidates were given 90 seconds to answer each question, with 60 seconds for rebuttal. Two minutes each were given for opening and closing statements.

Arellano described what she and running mate Amera Fattah bring to the table.

"Our platform is unique. We answer how and we answer why," she said. "We have the passion, the experience and the drive for filling these positions."

Ahmed stressed that all of his and running mate Brandon Hanna's platform initiatives came from student suggestion.

"Our platform is 100 percent student-based," Ahmed said. "Our platform really is for the students because it's by the students."

Following opening statements, candidates spent the next 45 minutes answering questions.

Candidates were first asked about the role served by the vice president.

Ahmed said it was critical to serve a support role.

"The job is not only to represent students but be the right hand man of the president," he said. "OUSC is like a big machine and all of the parts must be running very, very smoothly."

Arellano said the vice president must serve as a go-between.

"The job of a VP is to serve as a liaison between students and the administration," she said. "The job is also to manage the executive board to make sure it runs smoothly."

"I think that with each individual within an org, I would love to sit down and listen to their ideas," Ahmed said.

"The job is not only to represent students, but be the right hand man of the president."

Jibrán Ahmed,
OUSC vice presidential
candidate

Arellano discussed realistic expectations and experience.

"I believe I can bring a sense of realism to the table," she said.

"I can tell them how to get things done. It's good to be there, but sometimes people need more than that."

Arellano and Ahmed were next asked what they would get out of this job.

"There's personal growth that will long term benefit me," she said. "This will be an excellent way to learn how to understand people and understand how an organization works."

Ahmed said he's grown quite a bit since becoming involved.

"When I came to OU as a freshman, I was a kid who was shy ... as I got involved, I became more personable," he said. "When I tell people about my experience, it gives me a satisfaction."

Candidates were asked the biggest issue facing the university.

Ahmed feels it's an issue of cultivating school spirit.

"The biggest issue is the lack of involvement within the entirety of the community," he said. "One thing we were looking at was more BYOB tailgates."

Arellano discussed their solution to the parking problem on campus.

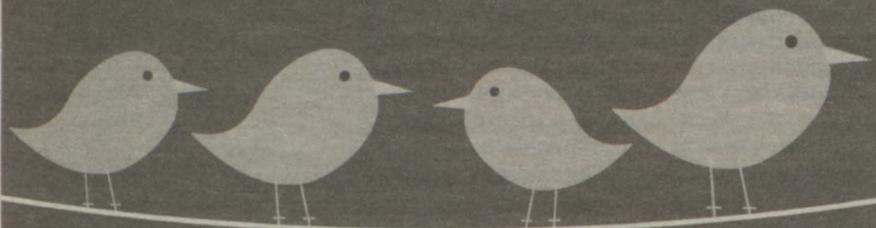
"In our platform, we address this issue by putting together a transportation office," she said. "We want to combine the Bike Share and Bear Bus into one."

The candidates were then asked about ways to affect change at OU.

"It's important to have a good relationship with the administration," she said.

As the debate came to a close, Ahmed reminded students that their platform is based on student input, and Arellano said it is important to come with solutions.

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Pushing for a pantry

Group of students hope to create free food program

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

A new initiative is looking to lend a helping hand to hungry students. The program, backed by Oakland University Student Congress, would create a student-run food pantry on campus.

The pantry would be supported by monetary and food donations, as well as students willing to volunteer their time.

Legislator Katrina Stencel said she felt a program like this was needed in light of the economic state in this country.

"Students struggling to pay for food and basic necessities sometimes have to drop out of school," Stencel said. "This way, students can focus their attention on their educational endeavors."

OUSC Student Services Director Amera Fattah said they are looking to partner with a variety of student organizations, including community service, Greek life and athletics.

"Ultimately, we do want to have fundraising efforts and initiatives to get money in order to buy shelving if we find a location for it, as well as food products, cans, toiletries, items that we wouldn't be able to gather (otherwise)," Fattah said.

Finding a location to serve as a base of operations is proving to be a challenge for the team.

"Long term, I would like to see the pantry have its own space, consistent office hours and opportunities for students to volunteer," said legislator Maria Willett. "I would also like to see the program eventually have a space for refrigerated items and a graduate assistant or a small student staff to help direct the program and coordinate donations/volunteers."

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Katrina Stencel,
OUSC Legislator

Fattah knows they must show student demand for such a service before this can happen.

To that end, she is working to organize an event tentatively scheduled for the week between finals and when students must move out of residence halls entitled "Flashback, Give Back."

"We would just do a mass drive

throughout campus. You can donate clothes, carpets, miscellaneous things that you just have in your dorm that you want to throw out, (or) if you want to bring things on campus, as well as canned food, the typical nonperishable food items," she said.

Fattah is also developing a survey to gauge student interest in the project.

She said the group will contact Annual Giving with the hope of setting up a nonprofit to enable tax-deductible donations.

Although they are looking at different ways to help students in need, there are no plans to determine eligibility based on income.

"We want to open the program right now to a variety of students," Fattah said.

"We would like to prioritize to service the students that may have needs here on campus, but there's no discrimination based on income."

Stencel said she could see the program expanding beyond the bounds of OU's campus.

"My long term goals for the food pantry are to have enough inventory to meet the needs of every Oakland student in need," she said. "Furthermore, I would love to see the pantry expand enough to help the surrounding community."

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FOOD PANTRY FAST FACTS

KEY PLAYERS

Amera Fattah: OUSC director of student services
Katrina Stencel: OUSC legislator
Maria Willett: OUSC legislator

WHAT

An initiative backed by OUSC to create a free food pantry.

DETAILS

The pantry would run off of monetary and food donations, and would require students to volunteer time to operate it.

The location is yet to be determined, according to Fattah.

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Coming together for body and mind

Local studio comes to campus to offer yoga-based therapy

KAILEE MATHIAS/The Oakland Post

In honor of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, the Inner Door Center held a therapy session Feb. 25.

By Kailee Mathias
Multimedia Reporter

Oakland University observed National Eating Disorder Awareness Week Feb. 25-28. Events were focused with this year's theme

"Everybody Knows Somebody," and occurred throughout the week to raise eating disorder awareness.

Inner Door Center, a yoga-based therapy program for eating disorder treatment in Royal

Oak, held the first event called "Love Body Yoga," Feb. 25 in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center from 6:30-8 p.m.

The moment students walked through the doors, they took a lit candle to remember those

who have died because of eating disorders.

Beverly Price, founder of the center, and yoga therapist Jaclyn Mucaria instructed a yoga class and explained the therapeutic nature of the exercise.

"I, myself, struggled in high school and college and there wasn't a lot of resources available. I wanted to give back everything I wasn't able to get. We really integrate the practice of yoga in the whole treatment process," Price said. "Originally, I looked at yoga as being able to focus inward. But, the breathing and the meditation itself shifts the whole brain chemistry."

For Mucaria, yoga is a key part of personal healing.

"Many people with eating disorders spend a significant amount of time trapped in their heads and yoga gets them out of that mindset. It challenges them to go deep into personal healing. We like to say life begins at the end of your comfort zone," Mucaria said.

The candles passed out in the

beginning were the only light throughout the yoga class.

"Healing space is important and I think we can provide that with the whole ambiance. We sit in a group on the floor in the yoga rooms, instead of sitting at a table with chairs and bright lights," Price said.

After the yoga class, Renisha "Rae" Simpkins, an OU alum and motivational speaker at Inner Door Center, led a discussion on eating disorder awareness. She encouraged compassion and support.

"If you think someone you know has an eating disorder, approach them with compassion. The worst thing you can do is not approach them at all," Simpkins said.

OU will show the documentary "Someday Melissa" March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Oakland Center banquet rooms. The documentary is about a girl named Melissa who died due to an eating disorder.

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Campus

Compare and contrast

Faculty, students travel to colleges to check out student centers

Written and photographed by
Allen Jordan
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University Student Congress and other student leaders hit the road March 1 for a Student Union Tour.

The purpose of the trip was to explore options on ways to continue improvement at Oakland and build on the membership of the student body.

The all-day event included stops at Eastern Michigan University, Bowling Green University, Ohio State University and University of Akron.

OUSC, along with leaders of the OU student union, looked to draw inspiration from fellow collegiate institutions on ways to draw prospective college students and the surrounding communities to show interest in Oakland and the experience that an education at OU has to offer.

In a joint effort with the student organizations on campus, leaders of OU are looking to present the opportunity for the student body to have a voice on future changes that the university will look to make moving forward.

"This opportunity was a great way to show how Oakland is looking to get students involved in decision making with the university," said OUSC President Samantha Wolf. "It really showed how great our administration here at OU is allowing students to have a voice in what goes on here."

Topics discussed included ways to improve dining options offered to students on and off campus. Recreation activities were also highlighted with all the visited sights offering a variety of unique features for students in their down time and improvements to student services and organizations.

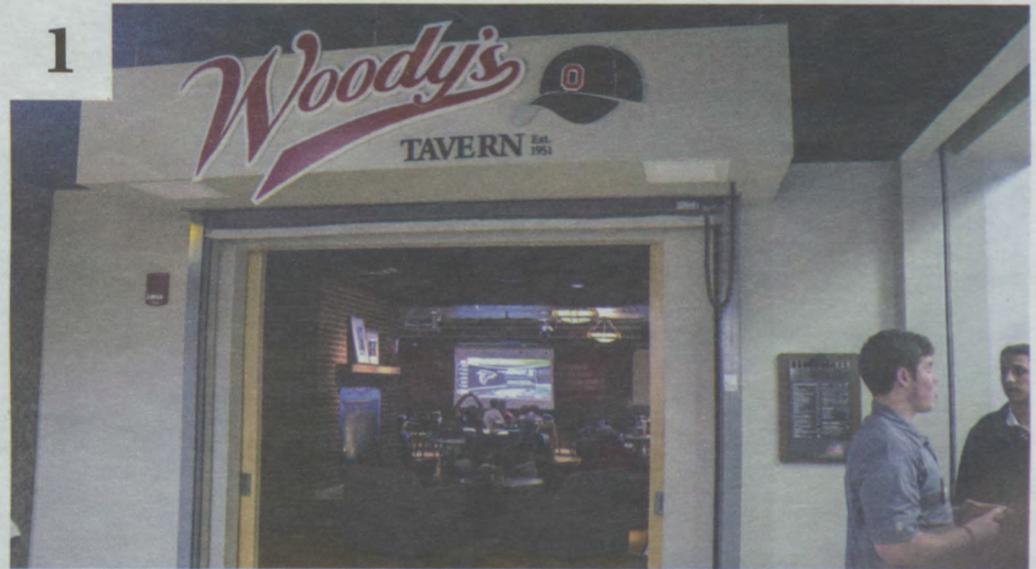
"It definitely served as a way to find more innovative ways to improve our campus now and moving forward in the future," said OUSC Director of Student Services Amera Fattah. "It made me realize just how lucky we are here at OU and opened my eyes to appreciate the little things we do well here."

When it comes to attending college, school spirit is one of the most attractive ways to get students involved and build positive morale and leaders on campus look to drive members of the school to showcase their pride more than ever.

"I really loved the school spirit exhibited with Ohio State and Bowling Green," Wolf said. "With homework and everyday life struggles, getting mascots more involved along with more involvement between organizations and fellow students will go a long way to bring the campus together as a family."

New improvements are coming to Oakland with the recent approval of a \$65 million project that will include a student housing facility, a four-story parking structure, an expansion to the Upper Fields, the expansion of Library Drive and a Facilities Maintenance building.

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1. Woody's Tavern, a pub-style eating facility, is located in the Student Union of Ohio State University.

2. One of many student lounge areas in the OSU student union includes a fireplace.

3. The student union located at Bowling Green includes a pub-style eatery and dining available to students after hours.

4. WXOU's Sean Varicalli and Patrick Cymbalski check out the campus convenient store of Bowling Green University.

Battling for the bo



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On the hot seat:

Amera Fattah

Favorite movie: "Pitch Perfect"
Favorite artist: David Guetta
One thing the world doesn't know: "I'm naturally very shy."

Maria Arellano

Favorite TV show: "Lie to Me"
Favorite artist: Don Omar or David Guetta
One thing the world doesn't know: "I used to be obsessed with the Jonas Brothers. Actually I might still be. I'm not sure. They kind of just disappeared."

Amera Fattah/Maria Arellano

Amera Fattah

Class standing: Senior
Major: Communication with a minor in Public Relations
Campus involvement:
 ■ OU Student Congress — Student Services Director
 ■ OUSC representative — Student Life Lecture Board
 ■ Oakland University Representative for Student Association of Michigan — University Affairs Committee

Maria Arellano

Class standing: Sophomore
Major: Graphic design with a minor in advertising
Campus involvement:
 ■ OUSC Multicultural Affairs Director

■ President of the American Marketing Association of Oakland University, Peer Mentor for the Center of Multicultural Initiatives.

Describe your platform:

Amera: "We have nine core concepts to our platform for organizational purposes. I think the largest thing, obviously we know that parking is an issue, so transportation efforts are a priority; community connections, campus life is a priority as well as

OUSC relations because ultimately we're here for Congress. There are many ways to get involved. We chose to run together for student body president and vice president. That has a heavyweight in terms of priority as well."

List one service initiative you would bring to campus:

Maria: "We would like to implement the transportation office for Oakland

"We would like to implement the transportation office for Oakland University."

University. This will connect the bear bus, bike share and carpooling programs. These programs are currently all under different departments of campus, but they all have the common goal of safely transporting our students."

List one event you would like to see at Oakland University:

Amera: "I would like to host a De-Stress event. I know one of our platform objectives is the De-Stress Center, but I think an event before finals to get students informed of what's going on, as well as (to give them) tips to study and then for meditation, health tips, things like that."

Ballot

If you are unsure of who to vote for in this year's Student Congress presidential/vice presidential elections, The Oakland Post has you covered. Here is a guide to this year's presidential candidates.

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On the hot seat:

Brandon Hanna

Favorite movie: "Gladiator," "Gangs of New York," "Titanic" and "Remember the Titans"

Favorite artist: The Beatles

One thing the world doesn't know: "Growing up, I had a saltwater fish tank with many exotic fish, including several sharks, eels and lionfish to name a few."

Jibrán Ahmed

Favorite movie: "Aladdin"

Favorite TV show: "That 70's Show" and "Community"

Favorite artist: Michael Jackson

One thing the world doesn't know: "I worked for the Michigan Renaissance Festival as an Actor and Entertainer."

Brandon Hanna/Jibrán Ahmed

Brandon Hanna

Class standing: Senior
Major: Biology, member of the of Honors College

Campus involvement:

- Student Activities Funding Board Chairman
- President of Bioethics Society
- Volunteer Coordinator of Rebuilding Together
- Alpha Lambda Delta
- OUSC Scholarship Committee,
- Global Brigades at OU
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Jibrán Ahmed

Class standing: Junior
Major: International Relations with a minor in theater

Campus involvement:

- OUSC legislator, Office of Un-

- dergraduate Admissions
- Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity
- Oakland University Yearbook

Describe your platform:

Brandon: "We have many initiatives we wish to accomplish. Out of these, eight stand out the most. They include the following: pushing for more on-campus parking, upgrading the Wi-Fi to superior connectivity, bringing back the Free Scantron Program, advocating for lower tui-

tion, promoting Greek Life, bringing more Career Fairs to campus directed to students' majors, promoting

more Grizzly Pride, and encouraging more collaboration amongst student organizations."

"(We) will bring back the Free Scantron program ... and increase the number of free prints."

List one service initiative you would bring to campus:

Brandon: "The Hanna/Ahmed administration

will bring back the Free Scantron

program, which existed prior to 2011, offering free Scantrons as well as free Blue Books to Oakland students. We also have in mind to double the allotted number of free prints students currently receive from 25 to 50 per semester."

List one event you would like to see at Oakland University:

Brandon: "We plan on holding more career fair events at Oakland specific to students' majors. By working with Career Services, academic departments and student orgs on campus, we will invite more local and national businesses with job openings and internship opportunities specific to OU students' majors."

A case of the Mondys

Leading the nation in steals, Duke Mondy has made Oakland his home

By Timothy Pontzer
Staff Reporter

Being a mid-major program, the Oakland University men's basketball team is not usually one of the first choices for five-star recruits.

Instead, head coach Greg Kampe searches for diamonds in the rough, building up talent through his system.

Every given year, OU's roster will sport several transfers from other schools. These players come for myriad reasons, but they are always welcomed with the promise of a second chance, as long as they work hard in a Golden Grizzly uniform.

Duke Mondy is the latest example of this. The junior point guard is currently in his first year at Oakland after playing two years at Providence. Mondy cited OU's winning history and some close friends on the team as the major factors that drew him to the Grizzlies.

"Oakland recruited me out of high school, but it felt right at Providence," Mondy said. "But once I came here, it was a big difference. It definitely was a positive experience especially due to the coaches and players. They helped me to mature a lot and it really helped my game."

An AAU teammate of senior Drew Valentine, Mondy was forced to sit out a full season after transferring, due to NCAA rules. He attributes that year on the sideline as a great learning experience.

"The year off really helped me with my IQ," Mondy said. "I was able to sit back and watch a full game from the coaches' viewpoint. It showed me how to move without the ball and see how to better my defensive rotations."

Getting his shot

Finally allowed to step on the court, Mondy has made the most of his opportunity this season.

Running the point in Oakland's high-octane offense, the player that Kampe has called the 'best passer he has ever coached' is averaging over



DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

In his first year at Oakland, Duke Mondy leads the nation in steals with 97 this season.

"When he first got here, he threw some passes in open gyms that I had never seen before. He is very unselfish and he is the guy that finds you anywhere on the court."

Travis Bader,
Junior guard

five assists a game and has reached double figures in scoring 19 times this season.

"My role is more of an orchestrator,

just to get the feel of the game and tempo," Mondy said. "I always try to look for my teammates first while I am moving the possession ahead."

Making his teammates better

One major beneficiary to Mondy's passing ability has been Travis Bader. The junior guard leads the nation with 131 3-pointers this season, many of which have been assisted by Mondy.

"When he first got here, he threw some passes in open gyms that I had never seen before," Bader said. "He will pass up a wide open layup to hit

me in transition for three, or find me in the corner for an open shot. He is very unselfish and he is the guy that finds you anywhere on the court."

Leading the nation

While Bader leads the country in shots beyond the arc, he is not the only player that tops a statistical category. Mondy has swiped the ball 97 times from opponents this year to lead the NCAA.

"His passing is only his second best attribute," Kampe said. "The most gifted thing that he has is his ability to anticipate what the offense is going to do with the ball, get his hand in the passing lanes and get a steal."

Those steals allow for Oakland to quickly get on offense, usually on an odd man rush.

"I definitely think he is underrated, he is a great defensive player," Bader said. "That is why we can score so many points in transition, because he is able to get us the ball."

Mondy takes pride in both his offense and defense, believing himself to have the chance to be one of the next great transfers to come into the Oakland program.

"I think I can be one of those players, but it is not just going to happen because I am a transfer," Mondy said. "I still have to work hard and put myself in positions to be a guy like Reggie Hamilton."

Hamilton led the nation during his senior campaign last season. He became a Golden Grizzly after transferring from Summit League rival UMKC.

"It is hard being a transfer guard because you have to prove yourself immediately," Hamilton said. "I believe Duke is doing a good job so far when he's playing at that high level where he's scoring, rebounding, passing and stealing the ball. He literally can do it all."

"I'm excited to see him help carry the team in March."

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Saying touché to sword play

Oakland's fencing club competes in national competition

By Lilly Reid
Staff Reporter

Oakland University's fencing club competed in a national competition at Notre Dame University this past weekend. The competition featured a chance for fencers to compete in individual and team categories. The team ended their season strong by placing high in the rankings against other clubs and NCAA-ranked teams.

"The whole competition is a huge learning experience for us," coach Mike Christofis said. "It was nice to see our hard work get put into action."

The team had an eventful year competing in other tournaments, but none that are close to the caliber of the Notre Dame competition.

Growing in numbers

The fencing team has not always been the driving force it is today. Membership and practices did not begin to grow until about 2010, according to Christofis.

Since then, the number of members continues to grow. The team currently consists of 15-20 players.

"Everyone has different expectations when they walk through the door," Christofis said. "We do our best to find a place for everyone to do their part for the team."

Membership to the club is free and all who are interested are welcome. No experience is required to join.

Behind the scenes

Practice is a key issue when trying to prepare a team to compete, according to Christofis. As a club sport at Oakland, the fencing team is still a reckoning force.

"We find our practice team to be the most valuable asset we have," Christofis said. "Sometimes it's hard to find the space, but being flexible is something that can also be useful."

The team practices regularly between the Recreation Center and the Oakland Center. Even with all the challenges they face, including finding a good balance between team building and physical practice, the team still has plans to strive.



Photo courtesy of Charlene M'bayo

The fencing club meets in the Rec Center and Oakland Center for practices. Membership is free for anyone interested.

"We welcome everyone who walks through our door as a friend. It's a great way to easily welcome someone into our group."

Ryan Hole,
Vice President
OU Fencing Club

"The amount of dedication on this team is wonderful," Christofis said.

"It's great to see how much their work pays off in the end."

Teaming up

Team morale has the ability to make or break a team. Keeping it high not only benefits the team's ability as a whole but that of the individuals as well. While fencing may be more of an individualistic sport, the team does not let that stop them from acting as one big family.

"We welcome everyone who walks through our door as a friend," said Ryan Hole, vice president of the fencing team. "It's a great way to easily welcome someone into our group."

The team enjoys themselves by spending time together on and off the strip.

"Even though we see each other at practice, it doesn't stop us from spending even more time together," Hole said. "It's great to see everyone interact and build relationships."

Looking to the future

Since 2010, the team has grown not only in size, but in power by pushing it's members to their full abilities.

"We have drastically improved since last year," said Thomas Liptak, president of the team. "It's a great feeling to have other schools compliment on our skills."

While the season is almost at its end, the team is already making plans to improve for next year.

"The drills we do combine with the dedication of the team are sure to help push us forward," Liptak said. "I'm sure in a bit of time we'll be miles ahead of where we are now."

The season will start back up in the fall with motivation to attract more members to the group.

Bringing it all together

When being part of fencing, there are many techniques and abilities the team must learn. This does not stop individuals from putting their own touch into their bouts.

"One of the biggest things that come

out when someone is fencing is their personality," said fencer Jeremy Johnson. "It's interesting to see who portrays what."

The team competes in five of the six areas of fencing: men's and women's foil, men's and women's sabre and men's épée. Even with emotions high and exhaustion setting in, the team walked away from the competition in high spirits.

"As a coach I wanted to see the progress over last year," Christofis said. "With the amount of talent we have, we should have no problem carrying on a legacy for years to come."

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Golden Grizzlies honored on the ice

Hockey team honored by Great Lakes Collegiate Hockey League

By Monica Nowak
Staff Intern

Four Oakland University hockey players were honored by the Great Lakes Collegiate Hockey League Feb. 27 for their performances this season.

Senior captain Brian Baker was named to the GLCHL All-Defensive team. This is Baker's second time being honored by the GLCHL.

"It makes me feel good," Baker said. "It shows that hard work pays off when recognized by coaches on the league."

Baker said he enjoys being a leader for the team.

"I think being captain on the team, you're the leader on and off the ice. You have to behave the right way and be a good example for the other players," Baker said.

Along with racking up 14 goals and 33 assists in his final season with the Griz-



Photo courtesy of Oakland University Hockey

The Golden Grizzlies ended their season with a 5-4 overtime loss against Oklahoma March 2.

zlies, Baker said he also created friendships.

"The guys are really close and we have bonded throughout the season," he said. "We always have a good time together."

Although it is the end for Baker, it is just the beginning for freshman defenseman Ian Jacobs.

"It was a good season and I am looking forward to another great season next year

for us," Jacobs said. "Next year we hope to get support and hopefully people come out and watch us next year."

Jacobs echoed Baker's sentiments when it comes to bonding with his teammates.

"Being surrounded by an awesome group of guys like this is one of the best parts about playing here," Jacobs said.

Jacobs has earned honors from the GLCHL to the 2013 All-Rookie team.

Jacobs is the youngest on the team to be honored by the GLCHL. He has eight goals and 19 assists this season.

"It feels good knowing that I am the youngest out of the guys and hopefully next year I will be in a position like Dustin, Brian and Bill: winning awards again," Jacobs said.

Sophomore defenseman assistant captain Dustin Hopfner and sophomore forward Billy Balent were also named Second Team All-League by the GLCHL.

Head Coach Jeremy Bachusz said it was nice being able to see the players grow throughout the season.

"All four of the guys deserve the award and are pretty consistent and are noticed by other coaches in the league," Bachusz said.

The team faced part of the national tournament this past weekend in Bensenville, Ill. The tournament was held March 1-6. The team lost in the quarter finals against Oklahoma University in overtime with a score of 5-4 Saturday.

"I am definitely proud of the guys and it has been a fun year," Bachusz said. "I am disappointed (in how) we finished, but still proud of the team."

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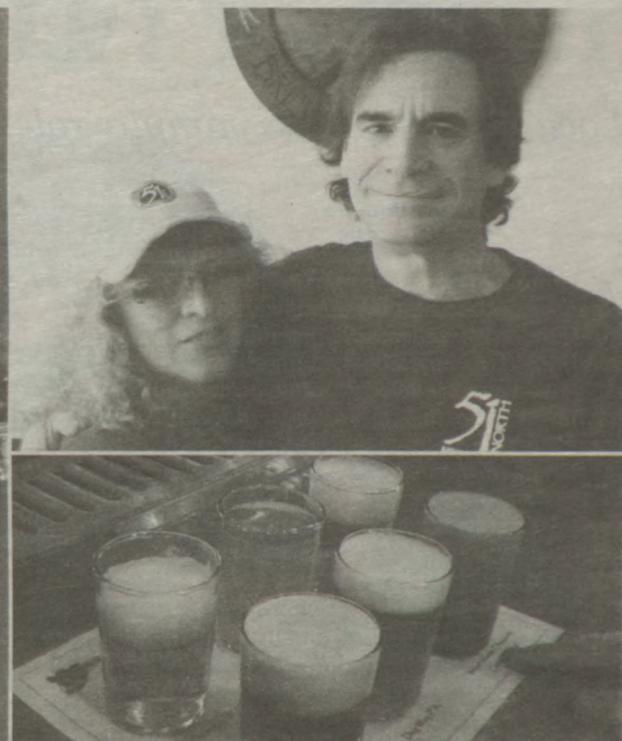
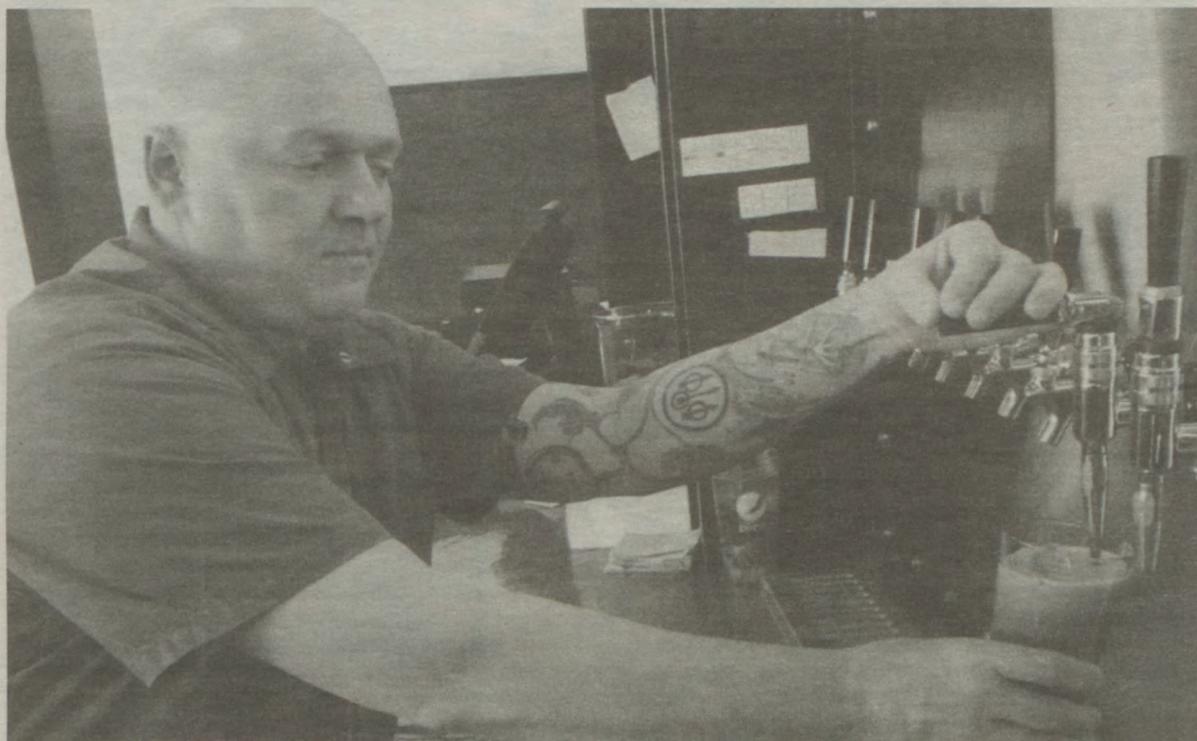
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LEFT: Brewer Adam Beratta serves up one of 51's signature drafts. All beers on draft are handcrafted with their in-house brewing system. **TOP:** Owner Don Gindhart and wife Mary opened 51 North Brewing Company early in February. Don serves as the proprietor of 51 North and Mary heads up the kitchen with in-house made recipes, from homemade wings to cheese-stuffed jalapeno peppers. **BOTTOM:** A flight of six new beers. The new tastes are inspired by personal stories from Gindhart and Beratta which include blueberry and oatmeal brews.

Brewing up something new

Brewery brings unique flavors and beer methods to downtown Lake Orion

By Allen Jordan
Staff Reporter

The 51 North Brewing Company opened its doors to the community of Lake Orion this past January with their own concept and way of doing things.

Located on the corner of 51 North Broadway St. off of Lapeer Road, the 4,700 square foot building, which originally was a gas station turned-car dealership, now houses the only microbrewery in the township.

Owner Don Gindhart, after looking for various locations around the Metro Detroit area, came to Lake Orion per the advice of a fellow brewer who had looked at Lake Orion for a potential site the previous year.

"When we originally came up with the idea of opening a microbrewery, we wanted to find somewhere with a small town feel," Gindhart said. "I wanted community members to fall in love with us before spreading the joy around the rest of area."

A brewer by trade, Gindhart has brewed at several brewing companies around southeast Michigan for years, including Detroit Brew Factory and Royal Oak Brew Company.

After trying several different combinations of brews over the years, Gindhart and a few friends rekindled the thought of opening 51 North after finding some consistency from the recipes designed.

"I wasn't a good brewer starting out seeing as how it was something I just picked up, but I stuck with it through the years with it being a dream of mine to open a microbrewery and now here we are," Gindhart said.

Along with the homemade brews that Gindhart brings to customers, he looks to keep the concept of in-house going with the food menu that features homemade dishes using local products.

Don's wife, Mary Gindhart, is the head chef at 51 North. With every homemade dish, tries to bring the family vibe that the Gindharts look to

bring the community of Lake Orion.

"Growing up I had a big family and I was always cooking so there was plenty of time to come up with my own taste," Gindhart said.

After mentoring under the likes of Chef Rick Ornsby of Wilson's Pub and Grill in Commerce Township and Executive Chef Dan Giroux of the Detroit Golf Club, Mary has taken the approach cooking unpretentious, healthy food using fresh ingredients.

With no fried foods on the menu, Mary looks to bring a new meaning to bar food with the likes of her "gluten-free tortilla," the stuffed jalapeno peppers with chorizo and their hot wings made with a homemade sauce.

Mary has also gotten very adept in introducing beer into the menu. From her fall sugar cookies made with their pumpkin ale or pesto made with their own India Pale Ale.

"Being a personal chef and caterer the majority of my career, training under the likes of those chefs really taught me how to portion food and

create my own taste," Gindhart said.

Aside from the custom-made menu and venue, 51 North also looks to keep customers flocking entertainment provided by their in house bands: Velvet Krush and DM3 led by Don Gindhart guitar player, bassist and vocals.

"What we wanted to do here was something that is rarely done with places like this in southeast Michigan," Gindhart said.

"Not many places can give you one of a kind taste in beers and food, while showing you how to have a good time with live music. We wanted to make this a one-stop shop for those looking for a good time with family and friends no matter the age," Gindhart said.

For more information about hours and menu items, visit the company website at www.51northbrewing.com

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Talking 'Twilight'

Local actors discuss vampire roles in final movie

By Irum Ibrahim
Staff Reporter

Actors Guri Weinberg and Erik Odom stopped at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham last Thursday to discuss their roles in "Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part II."

Weinberg played Stefan, a Romanian vampire who was one of the two survivors from the Romanian coven's destruction.

Odom played Peter, a nomadic vampire who left the Mexican coven to roam North America with his mate.

"I went in and felt good about the audition, and I let it go," Odom said. "About a month and a half went by and I got the call, and it shocked me. It would have shocked me no matter what, but the fact that so much time had gone by shocked me twice as much."

A typical day on set

Each day, the van picked the cast up by 6 a.m. and took them to the tents and trailers for hair and makeup.

Film sets included areas in Louisiana and Vancouver, BC.

Odom said getting ready was relatively easy for the male actors, with the majority sporting pale makeup and colored contacts.

Following preparations, filming began. Odom said the typical day was lethargic, with long periods of shooting and breaks in between.

"With anything this size, the pace of it is glacial and moves so slowly, and that's just part of it," Odom said. "They need to shoot from every different angle."

Guri Weinberg

Weinberg was born in August 1972, about one month before the murder of his father, wrestling coach Moshe Weinberg, at the Olympic Games in Munich.

"When I was a kid, I was watching movies, and I wanted to do what they did," Weinberg said. "They made me feel what I felt when I was watching the movie ... whether it was happy, sad or excited, and I wanted to do the same thing."

After moving to Los Angeles in the late 1980s, Weinberg was challenged to learn English and lose his Israeli accent.

To accomplish this goal, he portrayed Americans in roles including works of screenwriter and "Pulp Fiction" writer Roger Avery and George Lucas in "The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles."

In 2005, Guri Weinberg was offered the role of his late father in Steven Spielberg's

"If you really want to (tell stories) in a professional capacity, you have to move to Los Angeles."

Erik Odom,
Actor

drama "Munich."

"When you're playing your own dad, you don't think about helping your career at all," Weinberg said. "For me, it was a personal experience; it helped understand what he went through and why he did what he did."

Although Weinberg had no intention of strengthening his career, his performance in Munich led to a variety of guest roles on television shows such as "The Closer," "Cane," "The Good Guys" and "Burn Notice."

He also covered supporting roles in the LL Cool J pilot "The Man" and the Adam Sandler feature film "You Don't Mess with the Zohan." Currently, he works in the television industry.

Erik Odom

Odom has lived in various regions including Kansas, California, New York, Kentucky, Virginia and South Korea, and currently resides in Los Angeles.

"If you really want to (tell stories) in a professional capacity, you have to move to Los Angeles," Odom said. "It was kind of a logical progression from there. When you find what you think it is you're supposed to do, your mind is made up for you. You just know."

He got his acting start in Virginia through work in independent and short films, including "Transposition," which was nominated for a Student Academy Award in 2009.

He recently starred in the West Coast premiere of the 2011 Obie award-winning play "A Bright New Boise" with the Rouge Machine Theatre Company, earning a 2013 LA Weekly Theatre Award Nomination for Best Male Supporting Actor.

"Life has a funny way of putting you in with people that are like-minded, who you should hopefully be collaborating with. I don't see it as coincidence. I see it as, if that's where your interests really lie, if that's where your skills lie ... you'll end up aligning with people that you should be with. Acting is just one of those things where you find a way to make it work, or you don't. And either way, the people who make it work, make it work, regardless."



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1. Matt Faber, a senior biology major, sports a fox hat.
2. Junior Chressa Williams' nickname is 'Cat in the Hat.'
3. Demina King, a junior elementary education major, and her son sport fun hats on campus.
4. Stephanie Montgomery, a senior history major, purchased her cat and fox hybrid hat at Hot Topic.

Hats off to fun, frivolous fashion

Written and Photographed
by Haley Kotwicki
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Under the fluorescent lights, the red and orange fur of Matt Faber's fox hood glowed. The hat's thick pelt enveloped his face.

Faber smiled and slid his hands down into the hat's attached mittens. He flipped his enclosed palms up flashing two animal pads, which were printed on the mittens.

"I think a lot of people feel more feral," Faber said.

Faber, a senior biology major, is just one of many young adults who think furry-faced and stitched-smiled animal hats are not only for the kids.

Bridgette Raes, style blogger and author of "Style Rx," said hat wearers and retail stores' main reasons for

this trend is the desire to snatch their youth, showcase individual personalities and be silly.

"We want to grab on to our youth," Raes, 39, of Brooklyn said.

Young adults choose the animal hats as a tie to their youth because they can be worn for a short period, are very visible and are cheap, according to Raes.

Chressa Williams' hat has a gray cat face with light green buttons for eyes, a stitched pink nose and two tiny triangles for ears. She has been wearing her cat hat, which was a gift, for three years.

Williams said her hat shows her affection for animals, especially cats. But, it also makes her feel young.

"I am youthful and friendly and I'm independent," said Williams, a junior majoring in pre-nursing.

Faber said his fox hood, worn for

a month and purchased at www.spirithoods.com, lets him show his personality. His hat gives him freedom of expression, he said.

"I feel more animalistic than society lets me believe," Faber said.

Annie Yang, a freshman studio art major, wears a Pokémon-themed cap. Her hat shows Pikachu's face embroidered on the yellow fleece front and long, pointed ears with black tips.

She found the hat in a tent at a festival. Young said she wears the hat so she can display her fondness for Japanese cartoons.

"Everyone knows it, and it's cute," Young said.

Simply the Best \$10 Boutique in Rochester sells a virtual zoo: owls, raccoons, Cookie Monsters and Sock Monkeys.

Emma Vanslebrousk, director of

operations, said that they sell hats for all ages, and the hats are mainly worn because they are silly.

She said she has stocked hats in her store for three winters, though she estimates that this year she has sold 150 to 200 hats when in the previous year she sold 200 to 300.

At least for Stephanie Montgomery, a senior history major, her thickly knit hat will be retired. She purchased it a year ago at Hot Topic, but after her graduation from Oakland University, the cream and tan cat and fox hybrid will be shelved.

In the professional world, Montgomery said employers and co-workers might think the wearer is "a little strange, a little immature."

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Kathleen Pfeiffer, who is the chair and a professor in Oakland's English department, will share passages of a memoir on her experiences as a stepmother at the DIA April 12.

English professor inspired by working with colleagues to share her memoir

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Against the back wall of professor Kathleen Pfeiffer's office is a shelf stacked to the top with books. The experience of loss that compelled her to turn to literature and writing as a child has again hit her 30 years later as a parent.

Pfeiffer, who serves as chair of the English department, will present "Snapshots," a reading of selected passages from her memoir on her experiences as a stepmother, April 12 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Arts as part of Art X Detroit. She will host a memoir writing workshop April 13 from 12-1:30 p.m. at the College for Creative Studies.

The event will feature interpretive dance performances from OU dance faculty Thayer Jonutz and Allison Woerner and imagery from "Marginalia" by Andrea Eis, associate professor of cinema studies.

"We hope those who attend this journey of art will take away a feeling. We don't necessarily know what that feeling is but our hope is that it is different than when they

walked in," Woerner said. "Maybe it is a pure visceral sensation or possibly a feeling they can't put into words but they know that it has stirred something in them."

Pfeiffer met with Jonutz and Woerner to share the works she'll be reading. They based their choreography on her writing.

"Thayer and I wrote down words that stood out to us; invisible partnership, recognition of weight, stripped, burrowed, offering, etc," Woerner said.

Parenting

Pfeiffer has known her stepdaughter, now 16, since she was two. For almost a decade, she played a vital role in the child's life.

"When I first was introduced to my stepdaughter, she was two years old and at that time we had a 50-50 split of custody," she said. "While she was at our house, I was a full-time, hands-on parent. I did full-time parenting, changing diapers, buying her clothes, meals, taking her to school, bringing her home, bath, medicine (and) bedtime. I did everything from age two until about age 11."

Being a step-parent presents its own challenges in Pfeiffer's mind.

"The challenge is that you have all of the responsibility of being a parent, but none of the authority of being a parent," Pfeiffer said. "That particular challenge I think is compounded by the fact that there are no role models that aren't hostile."

She started seeing some of her frustrations played out in material she taught.

"In the opening section of 'Invisible Man,' he talks about how his struggle with invisibility is created because other people refuse to see him," she said.

Living within the margins

Pfeiffer was influenced by the ideas in Eis's "Marginalia." Eis describes this work as photographs of early 20th century Greek texts in which American Meta Glass has written her experience with the works in the margins. The notes serve as overlays against a backdrop of sculpture.

In her blog, Pfeiffer writes that many stepmothers can relate to this.

"Many stepmothers feel this way: squeezed into corners, vaguely unwelcome in their own homes, cramped, impaired," she wrote.

"THE WORK THAT I'M DOING IS A KIND OF INTERCONNECTED MEDITATION ON HOW WE RESPOND TO LOSS."

Kathleen Pfeiffer,
English chair and professor

Experiencing loss

Dealing with the detachment of her now adolescent stepdaughter, Pfeiffer is reminded of the loss of her brother, who passed when she was 11.

"My parents aren't real talkative," she said. "Once my brother died, we just never spoke about it."

In the same way that she turned to literature and writing after her brother's death, she returned again to try and make meaning out of the changes in her life.

"Flash forward 30 years later and I lost, in some ways, my stepdaughter left me at the same age as well," Pfeiffer said. "It was the echo of that loss of a child at a particular stage in life, that's what struck me. The work that I'm doing is a kind of interconnected meditation on how we respond to loss."

Although the stories are different, Eis can see parallels in their works.

"In my piece 'Try to Support Me, As I You,' the hesitant but hopeful gesture of one person physically reaching out to touch another is overlaid with the pleading words," Eis said. "In one of Pfeiffer's memoir snapshots, she reaches out to her stepdaughter in ever increasing futility. Our disparate narratives connect, converse with and complement each other."

For her part, Pfeiffer, who has a nine-year-old son of her own, is hoping the healing power of writing can help fill a void. She said the family sees her stepdaughter about every other weekend.

"A big part of my motivation behind the book is I want to write the book in order to heal the loss of her," she said. "There's a big hole in our family with her not there in the way that she used to be."

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Andrea Eis,
Associate
Professor of
Cinema Studies

Puzzles

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- God of love
- Downwind
- Academy award
- A narrow channel of the sea
- Fortuneteller's card
- Sporting venue
- Receiver
- Tidy

- Terror
- Curved molding
- Greatly pleased
- Trap
- Mission
- Discernment
- Animal life
- Adult males
- Couch
- Blockhouse
- Gait faster than a walk
- Dry
- Female demon
- Monster
- Agreeable
- Lacquer ingredient
- Noxious plant
- Foot digits
- Notes

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- "Oh my!"
- Airhead
- A swinging barrier

- Feudal worker
- Fine or decorative clothing
- Poplar tree
- Cab
- Norse god
- Fast
- Instructions
- A kind of macaw
- Giver
- Picnic insects
- Got together
- Soak (up)
- Found on most beaches
- Tall woody plant
- Genuine
- Outdated
- Basic belief
- Corrosive
- Rodents
- Quaint outburst
- Roman emperor
- Abound
- Peafowl

- Pistol
- Undershirt
- A common cyst
- Make a counterfeit
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Fuel-efficient, sense-deficient

Who exactly are the special parking spots meant to serve?

By **Brian Johnston**
Chief Copy Editor

When the Human Health Building opened on campus, like many of you I was baffled. When I went to park near the building, I was confronted with a sign that read, "FUEL-EFFICIENT VEHICLE PARKING ONLY."

What does that even mean?

If a vehicle moves and burns fuel, it's fuel-efficient. This is why we have the "miles per gallon" standard. How many miles did a car travel? How much fuel did it burn? Divide one number by the other, and you have your fuel efficiency.

An inefficient vehicle would just sit there, burning all its fuel while going nowhere, very much like a "World of

Warcraft" player.

If this is the case, why even have a sign? OU might as well have a sign that reads, "wheeled vehicle parking only" or "passenger vehicles only."

I'm going to assume the signs refer to vehicles that have a higher fuel efficiency rating. This seems to assume that either people who drive fuel-efficient vehicles only have classes in the Human Health Building, or they don't mind the extra walk to any of the buildings their classes might actually be.

I drive a large battle-scarred minivan that hasn't been cleaned since Agent Coulson from The Avengers was alive. Nonetheless, it's actually pretty fuel-friendly. But it still uses more gas than a subcompact. I have no idea whether I'm allowed to park

in those spaces.

And if solar vehicles ever see the light of day, are they allowed? Technically they don't burn any fuel. What about the Flintstones' car? If I decide one day to run my friends to work with a rickshaw, could I leave it one of those spots? Do brontosaurus burgers or pizza rolls count as "fuel?"

I'm all for protecting the environment. In order to save landfill space, I haven't removed any of the garbage from my van in months. But perhaps we should have a bit of transparency on what constitutes "fuel-efficient."

Parking on campus is already frustrating enough. I shouldn't have to apply a mathematical formula to decide whether I can park somewhere.

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If that's the criterion for parking in those spaces, move the signs over to Dodge Hall where they like math.