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STUBBLE ME NO MORE // Student Video Productions Vice President Miranda Divozzo shaves SVP President Robert Paulson. Both Paulson and SVP Promotions Director Erik Courter vowed not to shave their beards until Divozzo returned home from a trip to London. Divozzo's trip was eight weeks, and the SVP Facebook page was regularly updated to keep track of beard growth. *Photo courtesy of CHRISTINE DIVOZZO*

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POLL OF THE WEEK

Where do you get textbooks for your classes?

- A The OU Bookstore
- B Another store in the area
- C An online retailer
- D "Other" means

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What do you think of Oakland University's new parking plan?

- A) Parking will stay the same
3.1%
- B) Things are going to get better
11.2%
- C) It's going to be a rough year
75%
- D) I'm parking at Friday's
10.7%

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

AUGUST 5, 1966

Dean of Engineering John E. Gibson spoke out against a proposed supersonic aircraft, citing concerns of supersonic attacks and rapid body decompression.

AUGUST 2, 1963

Kresge Library passed 40,000 books in its collection. At the time, only the first and second floors were available to students.

JANUARY 5, 1960

An elementary Chinese language course introduced to the University, and students learn both conversational and written Chinese.



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CLOSED ACCOUNTS

The Oakland University branch of Credit Union One closed its doors Friday, Aug. 23. In its place, the MSU Federal Credit Union will open its doors Aug. 31.



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Director of Athletics Tracy Huth talks about life after Beckie Francis, Oakland University's 50th anniversary, making the move to a new league and more.



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PASSING UP PAMPHLETS

Managing Editor Brian Johnston teaches the fine art of being left alone on campus in this issue's Mouthing Off, plus offers more tips for surly shut-ins online.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$6.47
average cigarette pack
cost in Michigan

10
extra years non-
smokers live

18.9%
of 18-to-24-year-
olds smoke

440,000
preventable deaths caused by
smoking in the U.S. each year

\$2.36
Total state tax per
pack

STAFF EDITORIAL

Parking problems? Please

Parking at OU can be a painful experience. In the poll from our previous issue, 75 percent of our respondents said this year will be a bad year for campus parking. Another 10.7 percent said they'd even park at the TGI Fridays on Squirrel Road. Only 14.3 percent of respondents think parking isn't a big deal.

The new parking plan gives OU even more spots than before. And nobody should be complaining at all: It's free.

Many colleges require students and faculty to pay for parking.

Wayne State University requires students and faculty to purchase a parking pass for \$280 per semester. An additional \$25 must also be spent for an RFID hangtag, whatever that is.

University of Michigan has so many options for parking permits that they're color-coded. It should also be mentioned that student parking permits are available to juniors, seniors and graduate students only.

Michigan State University ends up stealing the show with their parking policies. Parking permits cost from about \$190-\$284 per semester. If one changes vehicles, one must "scrape off your permit and take the pieces of it and your MSU pictured ID card to the Parking Office. They will issue you a replacement permit for a \$2 fee," according to MSU's website.

Scraping off a permit and then paying for it certainly puts OU's parking problems in perspective.

For the most part at OU, we can park in whichever lot we please, regardless of class standing, all without spending a dime or scraping anything for that matter.

Even with 8,319 parking spots, there are still plenty of infractions. According to OUPD's citation violations summaries for the years 2010-2012, parking in non-designated areas is the reason for most parking tickets from OUPD. Parking in a non-designated area means parking in a non-parking spot. In the 2012 citation violations summary, \$24,280 was collected in non-designated area fines alone.

Since so many people are parking in non-designated areas, it would seem as though there isn't enough parking on campus. After all, over 1,000 people were desperate enough to park in lawns, ends of aiseways and streets.

Parking checks are made every 90 minutes from 8am-9pm of the first two weeks of any given semester, according to Captain Mark Gordon of OUPD.

A parking check is the mundane task of going to each and every parking lot and counting how many spaces aren't occupied. If a constant problem ensues, OUPD will contact someone

from Facilities Administration, who will, in turn solve it.

If there aren't enough spots for students and faculty, OUPD is at the ready to solve the problem.

Another issue to be addressed is the biggest complaint Gordon gets: there isn't enough convenient parking outside the buildings people want to go to.

What these naysayers won't accept is the fact it's more efficient to park in the parking structure and walk to class, instead of slowly and soullessly following people to their cars, just to swipe their spot.

We won't flimflam you and say a walk from Upper Fields to Hannah Hall only takes 12 minutes. But in most cases, the walk is completely reasonable.

Most of all, students and faculty should be grateful they don't have to spend upwards of \$200 dollars just for the unpleasant experience of parking on campus.

Maybe the complaints will fizzle out when the new parking structure is completed Fall, 2014.

Until then, yes parking is annoying, but next time you're complaining, stop and listen to the change jingling in your pocket.

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EDITORIAL

Logical smoking ban? A smoke-free campus.

Smoking harms smokers and non-smokers alike. Innocent bystanders who are exposed to secondhand smoke are at higher risk of cancer and other diseases.

Oakland University has taken a strong step in favor of the health of the Oakland community by banning smoking throughout the campus.

The Rules of Smoking

Smoking is not permitted indoors at the university. This is a longstanding policy. Students and employees who agreed to attend or work at Oakland University abide by this policy. Members of the Oakland community who are protected from exposure to cancer-causing smoke indoors are now protected outdoors, as well.

There is little difference between the smoking policy and other policies on campus. These policies serve to prevent people from harming others and from harming themselves. Consider the speed limits on campus.

Speed limits serve two purposes: to protect drivers from each other and to protect drivers from themselves. Drivers who speed pose a danger to others. Secondhand smoke similarly poses a danger to others. Drivers who speed pose a danger to themselves. Smokers harm themselves by smoking. Just as Oakland prevents members of the community from harming themselves and others with cars, Oakland has the right to prevent people from harming themselves and others with cigarettes.

Law Enforcement

While this policy is reasonable, I'm concerned about its enforcement. The OUPD enforces the speed limits on campus. Who is going to enforce the smoking policy? The non-smoking policy states: "Enforcement of

this policy is the responsibility of all." I am here at Oakland University to teach students and to do research. I'm not a cop. Why is it my responsibility to enforce a non-smoking policy? My students are here to learn. How is the enforcement of a policy their responsibility? OU ought to use the OUPD to enforce this vital policy.



FRITZ McDonald
philosophy professor

Punishment?

There is little clarity regarding after a violation is reported. According to the policy, reports of students smoking on campus are sent to Dean of Students. Reports of employees in violation of the policy are sent to their supervisors.

What happens then? Are students going to be suspended? Are employees going to be fired? The punishments for violating this policy are not clear.

Punishment shouldn't be the only resource to help prevent smoking on campus. Nicotine is addictive. Oakland should make an effort to help students and employees who want to quit. The Graham Health Center offers group classes, coaching sessions and kits. The university ought to make available nicotine patches and gum in the immediate future.

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EDITORIAL

Standing out, fitting in at Oakland University

Would you rather be a big fish in a little pond or a small fish in a big pond? It's a question that one can't really answer unless they have experienced both. My high school was the latter. A massive new age school with so many students, where in order to have your voice heard, you needed to be a popular student who just so happened "to be at the right place at the right time." Even then, that student voice was only a muffle in the grand scheme of the institution. It made students, such as me, feel as though it was futile to make an impact on the world around me. It made me and countless students around me feel trapped, like a little blue penguin in the zoo.

Before coming to Oakland University I decided that, with every fiber of my being, I would make sure that my life would not be led the same way. I was to make sure my destiny would be the creation of my thought, sculpted by the collegiate experiences around me. I decided that my destiny was to help people to realize their own potential.

After arriving to Oakland University there was an overwhelming surge of students advertising their respective organization. There were clubs, organizations and societies from all aspects of life. The fencers swooshed their swords, the Greeks flashed their letters and WXOU blasted their music. To me, these students weren't little blue penguins; they were emperor penguins that bled black and gold. The only problem was: To which rookery (a pack of penguins) did I belong?

I waddled from club to organizations trying to find my calling. It was through this waddling in which I found Oakland University Student Congress. To me these were the movers, shakers and leaders that led the rookery to a better home. OUSC has given me opportunities to impact and be involved with students, faculty, staff, and administration that I otherwise would not been. After three years of being a part of Student Congress, the Student Body Vice President torch has been passed down to me. With that torch comes the responsibility to be the big fish in the little pond and to make sure that the student body will be lead on a successful and bountiful march. #penguin #metaphors #4lyfe



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A strictly 'first class' reunion

First-ever graduating class returning to Oakland University for 50th reunion

By Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

The 1963 Pioneers will be returning to Oakland University the weekend of Sept. 13.

"Their mascot was the Pioneers, not Grizzlies, and they really see themselves as that," Sue Helderop, Director of Alumni and Community Engagement said. "Welcome back, look how we've grown and look what you started."

When they attended Oakland, campus consisted of only three buildings: North Foundation, South Foundation and the Oakland Center.

"I know for them it was very rural when they were on campus so it's going to be shocking to see all the changes on

campus," Helderop said. "A lot of them attended the 45th but we've made progress from that point."

The weekend was framed around the requests of the Charter Class.

"We started this about a year ago and involved the Charter Class members from the beginning. We asked them via survey and other communications what they wanted to see," Erin Sudrovech, Associate Director of Alumni and Community Engagement said. "We got together a group of volunteers from that class that have been helping as well, so, some of the 1963 grads are a part of this event committee."

Class of 1963

The Charter Class will get to mingle

amongst each other and Charter Class Faculty members through luncheons and dinners, as many of the students requested plenty of time to catch up.

However, the Charter Class was very interested in seeing Meadow Brook Hall.

"They have memories of Matilda Wilson (Oakland Founder)," Helderop said. She was very involved with the students and they recall that. She would even stop by their classes periodically.

Upon graduation Matilda presented the 1963 Charter Class with their class ring—with a diamond set in it.

"I bet you 90 percent of attendees will come with their rings. The other ten percent might have lost them to the hands of time," Sudrovech said.

This particular class had a 40th and 45th reunion as well.

One of the women, that attended the 40th, wrote in a memory book about being one of the coat check girls for Matilda's high society party back in the day. She recalled the Oakland girls in coat check trying on all the women's furs when they went into the hall.

The 50th Reunion

The 50th reunion has received RSVP'S from Pioneers spread all around the U.S. Graduates from Florida, Oregon, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New Hampshire, Georgia, Illinois, Wisconsin and Colorado.

Helderop and Sudrovech acknowledged that they are planning on making the 50th reunion annual.

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Oakland University Credit Union to open in Oakland Center for Fall

By Victoria Crow
News Manager

The Oakland University Credit Union (OUCU) will open its doors in the Oakland Center Aug. 31.

The new credit union was originally planned to open in early 2014, but it will be in operation just eight days after Credit Union ONE closes Aug. 23.

OUCU is part of the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU), which is the world's largest university-based credit union, according to its website.

In a press release, OUCU announced that it "is making nearly \$5 million in financial contributions to an endowed scholarship; the Dean's Choice Grant Program, a variety of signature sponsorships and in-kind marketing."

Students will be able to use three surcharge-free ATMs on campus.



Jon Davis / The Oakland Post

Credit Union One moves out of its Oakland University location. In its place, the Oakland University Credit Union will open its doors Aug. 31

"We are excited to be back on campus as the OUCU serving the financial needs of the Oakland University faculty, staff and students," said MSUFCU President and CEO Patrick McPharlin.

"Everyone is looking forward to our opening day on August 31 and being a part of the campus community through our support of scholarships, events and financial education programs.

Russi retires with iPad, computers, money

By Victoria Crow
News Manager

Former President Gary Russi is retiring with almost a quarter-million dollars from Oakland University.

According to a retirement agreement, Russi is receiving \$225,000 in deferred compensation. The money will be paid out in two installments: the first Sept. 1, 2013 and the second Jan. 15, 2014.

According to a deferred compensation agreement signed 2011, Russi would forfeit all accrued compensation if he resigns before June 30, 2014. It did not say what would happen if Russi were to retire.

The retirement agreement, signed July 1, was contingent upon the approval of the Board. The Board approved it unanimously with no further discussion August 12.

Russi will also be compensated for unused vacation days. It is unknown how much



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this amounts to.

The University is also transferring ownership of the following items to Russi:

- desktop computer
- laptop
- portable printer
- iPad

Russi remains eligible for medical, dental, optical, long-term disability, and life insurance, in addition to retirement benefits.

Russi's wife, Beckie Francis, was fired with cause June 12, the same day he announced his retirement.



Jon Davis / The Oakland Post

Oakland University added gravel parking lots by P-37 and P-41 by the outlet on Pioneer Drive to create additional parking for the new semester

Back to school list: books, pens, cement

Oakland readies campus for the Fall semester traffic

Kevin Graham
Staff Reporter

University administrators are prepping students for parking changes due to construction.

An email sent to all students this week advised to plan ahead in getting ready for their commute. Temporary gravel lots are being set up by P-37 and P-41 off the Pioneer Drive entrance. Additional gravel spaces are being added to P-11. P-34 will be open at the start of the school year after being closed for sanitation line maintenance.

Updating OU

OU is building an Engineering Center, a new residence hall projected to have 500 beds and a 151 foot bell tower in the space between O'Dowd Hall, Kresge Library and the Oakland Center. A new recreation complex will be located in the Upper Fields.

As a result of the construction, lot P-5 by the residence halls, as well as lots P-32 and P-36 will be losing spots.

Terry Stollsteimer, associate vice president of facilities management, advised that students not expect spots in the main lot as those will fill up early in the

morning. More parking will be available in outer lots.

Go for the shuttle

In order to help alleviate the parking problem, Stollsteimer said the plan is to utilize the Bear Bus system.

"For the temporary parking lots, we're going to have three bus shelters," Stollsteimer said. "Those three bus shelters will be installed by the end of September. It's a little bit later than we had hoped for, but we will have designated parking pick up areas, and then come the end of September, the bus shelters will be there."

The Bear Bus system, orinally an initiative of Student Congress, is now run through the University Housing department. This arrangement has been convenient as the department has been using the buses to transport students that were living in the Extended Stay Suites due to consecutive years of overbooking.

Although University Housing Director Jim Zentmeyer said they again have booked rooms at the hotel due to demand, he doesn't expect this to be a problem for the shuttle system.

"We have expanded the number of beds reserved through the Extended Stay Suites," Zentmeyer said. "The Bear Bus

"For the temporary parking lots, we're going to have three bus shelters."

Terry Stollsteimer
Associate Vice President of Facilities Management

schedule already includes regular runs with one of our small vans to the Extended Stay Suites."

Due to the parking situation, Zentmeyer said the buses will be increasing their presence on the campus itself.

Zentmeyer outlined three different routes for the buses on campus.

"The Northern Route will run between the new Upper Fields gravel parking lot and (Human Health Building)," he said. "The Central Route will run between P-11 and the O'rena turn around. The Southern Route will run between P-35/37 and the O'rena turn around."

Walk this way

In addition to changes in parking, there are a few new sidewalk routes.

Stollsteimer said students walking in the area between Kresge, O'Dowd and the Oakland Center could expect a mild detour.

"With the construction, especially where the bell tower is, there's access around that," he said. "The routes might be a little bit longer, but we put extra paving in so that people can get between the bell tower and the Oakland Center. There's an asphalt sidewalk that's been put in."

POLICE BRIEFS

Destruction of property in P-3

OU police received contact for damage to property at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

A student arrived at the station to report damage to his car. The tire's sidewalls were cut, and there were four cuts in total.

The student was parked in P-3 for 15 minutes. When he returned to his car and drove out of the parking lot, he noticed the steering was odd. He told OUPD that he was on campus all day but noticed the steering problems after parking in P-3.

OU police are continuing the investigation.

Theft at Meadow Brook Hall

OUPD responded to a theft at Meadow Brook Hall Aug. 22 at 11:47 p.m.

A woman had said she was attending an event from 7:00 to 9:45 p.m. She said she had left her iPhone 3 at her table to dance with her husband. They left and she forgot to pick up her phone, only to realize later she had left it.

The woman was able to track her phone with an app on her computer. The app located her phone on Livernois between South Boulevard and 18 Mile Road.

OU police officers checked with personnel at Meadow Brook Hall to see if it was turned in, but it was not. They also contacted the Troy Police Department dispatch. OUPD was informed, however, that a squad car could not be sent because the area was large.

The investigation is pending.

Compiled by Haley Kotwicki
Chief Copy Editor

Man on the street: tuition

What students had to say about the recent tuition hike



Emma Reidsma, junior

"Tuition going up might not be good for campus growth. OU has been a moderately priced college in this region for a while. Tuition going up is a disadvantage."

Who: Brooke Wadsworth

Wadsworth is an incoming OU student who is here on an athletic scholarship. However, she said that her husband will now have to take out loans to help pay for school, and it will greatly affect them financially.

Who: Vanidy Abro

"Although it does not seem too high, it does add up! We are already paying a fortune for one class. What will happen in 5 years? Will college be affordable? This is a big issue."

Who: Dallas Long

Long, who works at the OU bookstore and will be driving a Bear Bus come fall, agreed that OU offers a moderately priced education, while still providing a great college experience.



Alex Comforte, senior

"I personally think it is going to put kids into more and more debt. It's crazy. Freshman, I don't think realize, with dorms and tuition, it could have them in debt before they even graduate."

Photo and story by Leann Brown

OUPD chief announces January retirement

Samuel Lucido made an impact on the campus community

Kevin Graham
Staff Reporter

Oakland University Police Chief Samuel Lucido is retiring after 11 years at OU.

The retirement, effective Jan. 3, will coincide with Lucido's 42nd year in law enforcement.

The announcement came in a campuswide email sent by Vice President of Finance and Administration John Beaghan.

"More than anything else, the Chief's considerate and approachable demeanor - not to mention a tireless work ethic - provided a steadying influence throughout campus," Beaghan wrote.

Looking Back

Lucido said he enjoyed his time at OU.

"The administration has always been very supportive of our safety and security needs for the campus, as well as faculty and staff and most especially our students," he said. "We have a terrific student body that's always been very supportive of police operations and our attempts to improve."

Lucido said the campus community pulled together when the situation called for it.

"I'll tell you the saddest day that I had as police chief was the

suicide of a young student (Corey Jackson) a couple of years ago," he said. "It was just a devastating time for the student's family in dealing with that, as well as the campus community having to deal with that. It was difficult, but we all kind of came together and were able to respond appropriately to that event."

He said partnerships with local law enforcement were key in preparing for major campus events like the Republican presidential debate held at the O'rena, as well as during training exercises.

Contributions to OU

Beaghan credited Lucido with efforts to integrate new technologies to improve security and safety on campus grounds. Lucido will continue to be around OU.

"There is no question Chief Lucido will be missed by many here at Oakland," Beaghan wrote. "I am pleased to say that, in addition to serving the campus through one more very busy fall semester, he will continue to impact Oakland University in the future through his ongoing teaching of criminal justice courses on campus."

A national search will be conducted for Lucido's replacement, immediately.

More details about the search will be upcoming.

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Lucido reflects on the 11 years he has worked on Oakland's campus.

Ask The Post: Insider tips for new students

Oakland Post members share secrets to surviving Oakland

Oakland Post staff members combined advice and tricks to make your freshman year less stressful, easy and fun.

Kailee Mathias:

It's okay to change your major. It's okay to not know exactly what you want to do for the rest of your life.

Living on campus your freshman year helps you meet so many people.

LeeAnn Brown:

One thing I wish I knew as a freshman is about ratemyprofessor.com. It has helped me pick great teachers and I use it every semester.

Kevin Graham:

Some of the family/unisex bathrooms are located here:

- Dodge Hall of Engineering
- Graham Health Center
- Vandenberg Hall (two locations)
- Human Health Building

- Hill House
- Van Wagoner House
- Pryale House"

If you take your tests at Disability Support Services, talk to or email your professor and remind them to send the test over a couple of days before you take it so they don't forget. If it is an online test, remind them to send any necessary password.

If you are part of a student organization or even just doing a group project, don't be afraid to do someone else of favor. The person you're helping may remember and help you someday.

Haley Kotwicki:

Most of the entrances to buildings are actually on the second floor, not the first. Elliot and Varner are connected by a hallway

There are computer labs in these buildings: Elliot Hall, Oakland Center, Kresge Library, Hamlin Hall and Vandenberg Hall-Honors College

Get to class at least five min-

utes before it starts to get a good seat and chat with people

The 15 minute rule (If your professor is late, you can leave after 15 minutes) isn't true. Wait for your professors and stick around. It's a very rare occurrence, but it isn't unheard of.

If you don't understand a concept in class, ask you professor. They are more than willing to help during office hours.

Victoria Crow:

Go to www.cheapesttextbooks.com for textbooks

The Vandenberg Dining Hall only serves hot lunch until 1:30 p.m. After that there's just soup, salad and cold stuff until dinner at 4:30 p.m..

The Financial Aid Office takes forever to serve you! For a simple question, plan on being there for 30 minutes.

I wish I knew about some of the student organizations like Student Video Production because it's awesome!

Betty Youngblood

Interim university president



Replacing: Gary Russi
Experience: Former Chancellor of University of Wisconsin-Superior, former president of Western Oregon and former president of Lake Superior State
Fun fact: She's an OU alumna
On not being in the race for president: "I believe I can be far more effective and far more helpful to the Board of Trustees by not being a candidate."

James Lentini

President of academic affairs and provost



Replacing: Susan Awbrey
Experience: Dean of the School of Creative Arts at Miami of Ohio, Founding Dean at the School of Art, Media and Music at the College of New Jersey.
Fun fact: He is a musician
On his vision to expand OU's reputation: "We can do that through the great work of our professors and students and try to figure out ways that people know about us beyond Oakland county and southeast Michigan."

Trading

Written by Kevin Graham /
 Designed by Natalie Popovski /

Oakland University administration has changed quite a bit while students were enjoying their summer vacations.

While the scandal that led to the resignation of university President Gary Russi and resulted in the firing of his wife, women's basketball coach Beckie Francis, captured most of the headlines, significant shifts occurred throughout the ranks of the leadership.

Partially through the natural shifts in position that might occur at any university and partially the fallout from Russi's departure, Oakland has seen seismic shifts in its top ranks.

The changes began in June 2012 when then Provost Virinder Moudgil accepted a position as president of nearby Lawrence Tech University. He was replaced on an interim basis by Susan Awbrey.

More news followed in July of last year when College of Arts and Sciences Dean Ron Sudol an-

Glenn McIntosh

Vice President of student affairs and enrollment



Replacing: Mary Beth Snyder
Experience: Dean of Students at Oakland University
Fun fact: He played football at Central Michigan University
On his vision approach: "I think the idea is that you want to hear what the problem is, the perception of the individuals bringing the problem out. How can we help the person achieve what the rules and policies of the university?"

places

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announced his retirement after 35 years at OU. He was temporarily replaced by Tamara Jhashi.

This past April, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Mary Beth Snyder retired. She was replaced by Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh.

The resignation of President Russi in June led to the naming of Betty Youngblood to his post until a replacement can be found.

Mary Stein, who took over recently as Dean of the School of Education and Human Services after Louis Gallien left to take a position at another university, resigned after questions arose about her research practices.

Also shuffling into a new position is Michael Mazzeo who comes over from Michigan State to serve as Dean of the School of Business Administration after the term of appointment expired for previous Dean Mohan Tanniru.

The following is a summary of the shakeup.



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Kevin Corcoran
 Dean of College of Arts and Sciences



Replacing: Tamara Jhashi
Experience: Dean of College of arts and sciences at Northern Kentucky University
Fun fact: Corcoran is also a psychology professor
On OU's growth: "Institutions can grow in more ways than just adding students. It can grow through the kinds of programs offered."

Michael Mazzeo
 Dean of the School of Business Administration



Replacing: Mohan Tanniru
Experience: Associate Dean for undergraduate programs and finance at Michigan State Eli Broad College of Business.
Fun fact: He's a Buffalo Bills fan
On his plans for the school's future: "My plan for the school of business is simply to enhance its reputation, to make sure that people are aware of the high quality of our instructors, of our professors."

Athletic department optimistic for future

Tracy Huth, athletic department remain hopeful for the semicentennial year amidst Francis scandal

By Victoria Crow
News Manager

A poster hangs on Athletic Director Tracy Huth's office wall titled "Mission of Oakland Athletics." The "mission" is "to guide, encourage and support our Student-Athletes as they strive for excellence - academically, athletically and socially."

A similar manifesto, the Core Values of Oakland Athletics (see sidebar), also hangs nearby.

"If you look at, the mission of athletics and what our core values are, that's why we're here," Huth said. "We are going to provide that type of environment."

In the past two months, several former OU athletes have come forward following the termination of Beckie Francis to say they weren't respected while they were there.

As a result, the Oakland Athletics department has been cast under

a black cloud, but Huth thinks the media are placing too much emphasis on the women's basketball team, given that Oakland is home to 18 Division I sports teams and over 300 student-athletes.

Some say there's no bad publicity, but media outlets around the country - including ESPN and USA Today - generated copy and video negatively portraying Oakland athletics as they attempted to figure out why Francis was fired and whether it was connected to the subsequent retirement of her husband, President Dr. Gary Russi.

"You and others want to focus on one particular element of one particular team," Huth said. "That's not what we do here. People need to look at this program a little bit more globally."

In the wake of the negative press, Huth is looking forward.

"I think the number one thing is that (student-athletes) are permitted an environment in which they can achieve what they're here for: education, be able to participate at the highest level in athletics, and then also represent their institution at a high level," he said. "Those expectations are across the board, for our coaches, for our staff and our student athletes."

Huth says student-athletes can talk to various people on campus if they have concerns. "It really doesn't matter what program it is," Huth said. "Every student-athlete is provided the opportunities... to talk to anyone within the department on any issues."

"I'm not here to reprimand or discipline, that's not my job. If I have to do it, I will. When a student-athlete comes forward, we're absolutely going to look into it."

Former women's basketball player Jenna Bachrouche, who is one of several ex-Grizzlies that has come forward to share experiences of intimidation and discrimination, said she spoke to assistant coaches and Huth while she was there.

"(Huth) just apologized," Bachrouche said. "He said, 'Anything I can do to help you find another place.'"

Bachrouche left Oakland in 2012, following two seasons of play.

From 2008-2011, Huth gave Francis positive reviews: "Outstanding. Performance far exceeds job requirements."

However, Huth said performance reviews aren't "always a good indicator



of what could be happening, whether it's positive or negative."

A Long Tradition

Oakland Athletics began in 1964 with men's soccer, cross country, tennis, and swimming and diving and now has 18 Division I sports and over 300 student-athletes. Huth called the almost-50-year tradition "impressive."

"There is nothing that tells us that that won't continue," he said. "We will continue to make sure that we provide everything that's necessary that our student-athletes can participate at the highest level."

Huth has high hopes for the women's basketball team.

"Two or three years from now, my best guess is that (they) will be competing for Horizon league championships, competing to go to the NCAA tournament, (and) will still have a very high GPA," he said.

"There is much more upside to Oakland University than there is downside," he said. "There's a lot to be proud of, regardless of some of the blips that come across the radar."

Core Values of Oakland Athletics

1. Excellence

We have an excellent attitude and outlook. We strive for excellence in all we do.

2. Service

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3. Respect

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The whole nine yards, 56 years for football

Oakland's club football team to begin its historic first season after months of preparation and practice

Chris Peralta
Staff Reporter

Oakland has been without a football team since being founded in 1957. Most people assume Matilda Dodge Wilson put a clause in the charter stating that contact sports were not allowed at Oakland.

However, Football Club President, David Brosky, and faculty adviser Nic Bongers "dug a little bit deeper to discover that the 'Myth of Matilda Wilson' was indeed false," Bongers said.

Getting it Started

"I really had the desire to play football at the next level," Brosky said. So he began to search for a league to play in and thought, "Why can't Oakland have a club football team?"

Brosky then contacted Dan Bettman, the head of the Club Sports Department at OU, and learned he could present his case to the Club Sports Advisory Council

after generating a community interest.

In October 2012, Brosky and Bongers presented their case and it was unanimously voted to be a club sport.

Preparing for the Season

"Football is a passion, it's something that these guys want to play," head coach, Al Manfroni said.

Beginning as an assistant coach at Kent State University, Manfroni has been coaching football for 32 years.

"I'm just a teacher," Manfroni said. "The team is a great group of young men. They're eager, they want to learn, and when you have that kind of mentality you can achieve anything."

Being Oakland's first football team, Manfroni, Brosky and Bongers understand there is a lot of pressure to represent Oakland's football community in a positive light.

"We come together for the love of the game and bust it every day at practice because we want to win," Brosky said. "We



Chris Peralta/The Oakland Post

Although there is no NCAA team, the Football Club plans to bring the game to Oakland

want to make our mark as the first football team in Oakland's history, and we want to start it off right."

Manfroni and Brad Boven, the team's offensive coordinator, both believe it's the player's responsibility to make their education a priority.

"We want our student-athletes to strive for perfection and understand the commitment, sacrifice, team work, determination and attitude it takes to be successful in the classroom, the football field and in life as well" Boven said.

Bongers, Brosky and Manfroni are solely focusing on this year and taking the season one game at a time.

Looking to the future, and the possibility of eventually forming a varsity-level football program, the difficulties are "astronomical," Bongers said, "but the silver lining in all of it is that we have football now."

Their season begins when they play UM Flint Sept. 21 at Atwood Field in Flint at 4 p.m.

For information on the season's schedule and roster visit sites.google.com/a/oakland.edu/football-club/

Students who are interested in joining the club can contact oufootballclub@gmail.com

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Alumni associate keeps past students connected with OU

Erin Sudrovech reaches out to the alumni community

Kaylee Kean
Contributor

You are an alumni for the rest of your life."

This is the mantra of Erin Sudrovech, the associate director of alumni and community engagement for the OU Alumni Association.

Sudrovech graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in interpersonal communication and a master's degree in organizational communication, but the past eight years of her life have been dedicated to helping Oakland.

Keep alumni connected

The Oakland University Alumni Associate helps to plan programs and events to encourage alumni to come back and keep giving to Oakland long after they have left.

"I do a lot of planning to make sure we reach the goals we're supposed to," Sudrovech said.

Keeping alumni enthusiastic is a huge part of Sudrovech's job.

Amanda Fylan, the alumni engagement and marketing manager, said Sudrovech does just that.

"She just has that passion that helps to bring alumni back," said Fylan of her supervisor during a phone interview.

Making memories

One of the things Sudrovech said she enjoys most about her job is getting to hear all of the alumni memories.

Some of her favorite tales come from the charter class alumni, the very first students to graduate from Oakland.

See page 5 for more information

Matilda Dodge Wilson was one of the founders of Oakland University, and Durward "Woody" Varner was Oakland's first chancellor. Wilson and Varner halls are named after them.

One story in particular came from some of the female charter class members who were often recruited to help at Wilson's parties. The young women would handle the expensive coats of Wilson's guests and try them on while the guests attended the party, according to Sudrovech.

Reaching out to students

"The main goal for the OUAA is to promote visibility so that the students understand we exist before graduation," Sudrovech



Jon Davis / The Oakland Post

Erin Sudrovech helps alumni give back to the OU community.

said.

One of the programs that Sudrovech hopes will provide awareness of the OUAA is the upcoming Leadership OU program.

This program will take a certain number of students during the fall semester and pair each one with an alumni mentor. They will be invited to monthly presentations from various alumni leaders in the commu-

nity, according to Sudrovech.

Besides developing this program, the OUAA has also partnered with student boards and has sponsored speakers such as recent guest, Jane Goodall.

Every year she hopes students continue to help OU and dedicate what she likes to call their "time, talent and treasure".

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This makeshift faternity pig, courtesy of Sigma Pi, welcomes students back to campus during Welcome Week.

Welcome back, students!

OU greets new and returning students with two weeks of events

Brian Figurski
Copy Editor

This year's rendition of Oakland University's Welcome Week runs from September 3 through 13.

The annual event, now pushing two weeks of activities, is filled with event to unite the campus of incoming freshmen and returning students.

Some events actually occur the weekend before Labor Day, with the Residence Hall Association hosting a welcome BBQ Saturday, August 31 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Center for Student Activities and WXOU are teaming up for the unlimited bowling event from 9 p.m. to midnight at Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills Sunday, September 1.

Students will have a chance to use the Bear Bus transit system on multiple occasions during the week, including Mall Crawl, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association from noon to 5 p.m. Students can ride the Bear Bus to Great Lake Outlets, Target and Meijer in Auburn Hills. On the official start date of Welcome Week, the Athletics Department is sponsoring Meijer Mania, where the bus system will transport students from Hamlin Circle to Meijer located on Adams and M59 at 8 p.m.

Open Houses for major OU

communities located in the lower level of the Oakland Center will occur on Wednesday, September 2 from noon to 2 p.m., including OUSC, The Oakland Post, WXOU, Student Video Productions and more.

Thursday, September 5 has a smorgasbord of events, including the Student Organic Farmers hosting this year's crops between the Oakland Center and Kresge Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Theta Chi Fraternity's Root Beer Float Social outside of the OC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Sigma Pi Fraternity's 19th Annual Pig Roast is Friday, September 6 from 7 p.m. to midnight, along with SVP's outdoor movie showing of "(500) Days of Summer".

For soccer fans, the OU Men's team will play Valparaiso at 7 p.m. Friday, September 6 and the women's team plays twice on Sunday, September 8 - Oregon State at noon and Western Michigan at 5 p.m.

Black and Gold Scrimmages of Football and Rugby are set for 8 p.m. at Auburn Hills Civic Center Park, across Squirrel Road from campus.

The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will perform their play "Antigone" over the same weekend, 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Graham Health Center will

hold their open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, September 9. The Oakland Post will hold Party with The Post from noon to 2 p.m. outside the OC that same day.

Center for Student Activities is sponsoring Grizz Fest for Student & Greek Organizations, Club Sports, and an array of local businesses Tuesday, September 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of Kresge Library.

Wednesday, September 11 will see Tau Kappa Epsilon's 4th Annual Pizza Party in front of the OC from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Greek Council's Greek Fest from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the north side of the OC.

American Red Cross will be on campus for a daylong blood drive, Thursday September 12 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Gay/Straight Alliance, LGBT Employee Resource Group and Gender and Sexuality Center and holding their welcome reception from noon to 3 p.m. outside of the OC.

The final day of Welcome Week, Friday, September 13, will close with a bonfire at the old bonfire pit in Lower Athletic Fields at 7 p.m., hosted by Alpha Phi Omega.

For a complete list of Welcome Week activities and events, log on to Oakland University's website at www.oakland.edu.

Festival from down under comes to Meadow Brook

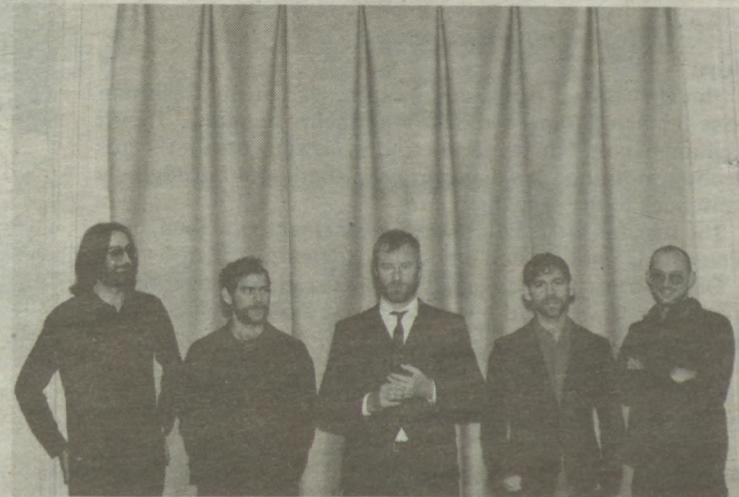


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New York-based indie rockers The National headlines the Laneway Festival.

St Jerome's Laneway Festival lands in backyard, and brings more than 20 musicians to campus

LeeAnn Brown
Staff Reporter

St. Jerome's Laneway Music Festival is making its first North American appearance at 11 a.m. Saturday September 14th at Meadow Brook Hall.

The National and Sigur Ros are headlining the daylong festival. Deerhunter, The Dismemberment Plan, Icona Pop, Solange, and Warpaint are a few of the other bands performing.

In 2004, Danny Rogers and Jerome Barazio founded the Laneway Festival to bring more music to Melbourne, Australia.

"I was inspired by NY bloc parties of the late '90s and a general feeling that it would be great to shake up the local music scene a bit. I felt most events were quite streamlined and uninspired. Australia needed something more about curation than headliner festivals provided," said Rogers.

Through the years, Barazio and Rogers added several new locations for the festival.

Rogers decided that Detroit would be the perfect location for the first North American Laneway Festival because of its deep music history.

"I felt that Detroit would be a place that would embrace this type of event," said Rogers.

Festival attendees can expect five stages sprawling the hills of Meadow Brook. "It's going to be

a proper musical nirvana with an array of the most relevant and forward thinking artists from all points of the globe," said Rogers.

"The festival is going to have a party atmosphere but a strong emphasis on music. Our organizers are very determined to blow people away by delivering a super special experience," Rogers added.

"Ample space will be dedicated to showcasing local markets, culinary heroes and locally brewed specialties," said Dana Erickson, the festival's publicist.

Tickets are on sale for all ages through Ticketmaster locations or the Palace of Auburn Hills Ticket Store.

OU students can purchase tickets at the CSA service window for a limited time. Student ticket prices are \$60. For the general public, tickets are \$75.

For those who want the full Laneway experience, VIP packages are also available.

"This will be an historical day for music lovers of Michigan. We believe that we will present you with the most exciting event the area has held," said Rogers.

To find out more about the bands, tickets, and general information check out the official site.

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Finally, some comics: Oakland Post Pete

Jon:

The first time I proposed a comic was in my freshman year. It starred a morose bear and a witty penguin. They'd exchange banter on irrelevant topics, forming the first "comic about nothing." It was never published, and I grudgingly went back to the drawing board.

The reasons for its failure was never clear to me then, but I have an idea now: it had no point—no heart.

Oakland Post Pete has a point. He's the dorky, know-nothing freshman we all know and were. He's going to learn, and he's going to grow.

Freshman will look at him and see themselves, and seniors will look at him and see who they were; he's the time machine, and he's the catharsis.

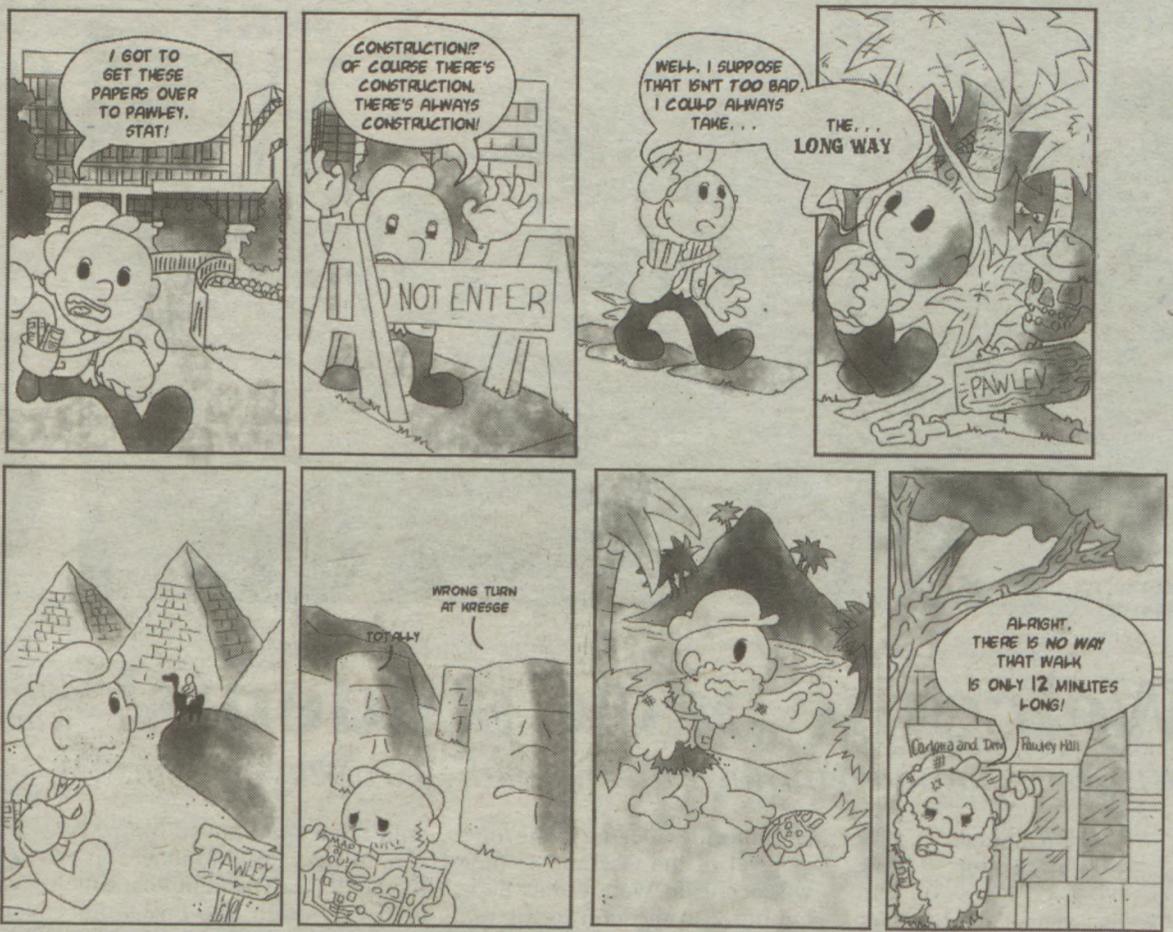
Scott:

One of my goals as editor-in-chief was to create a comic strip for The Post, since I love reading Tales from the Farside.

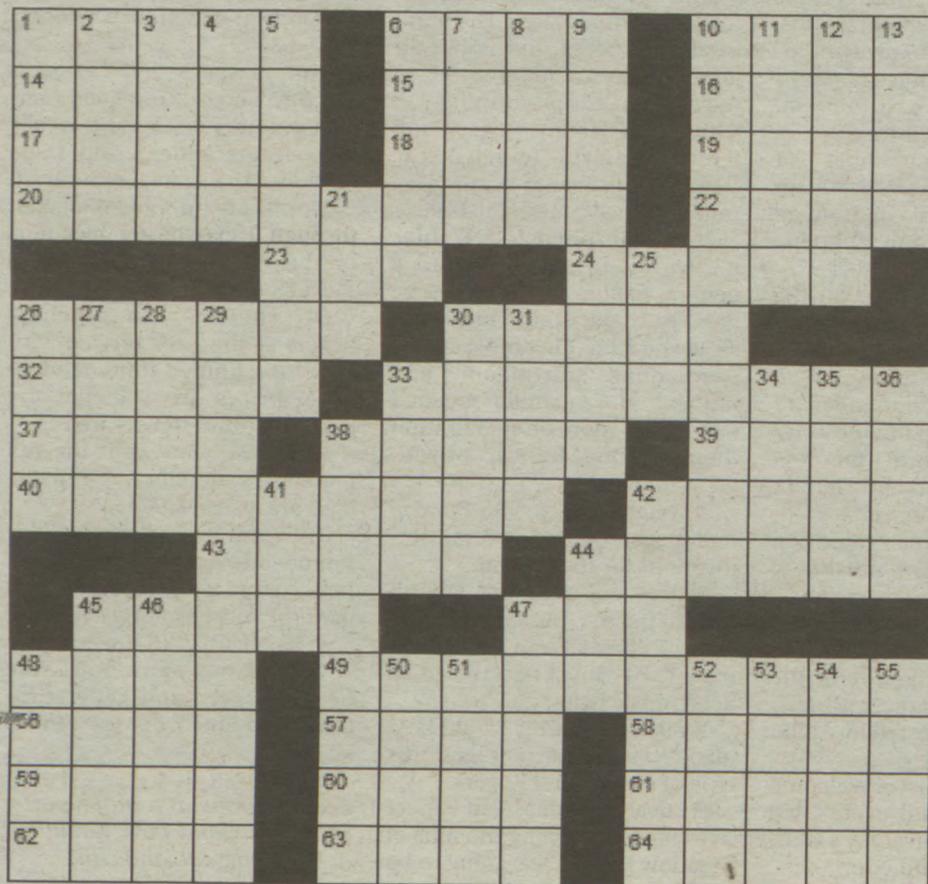
I had developed this idea for a comic based off some of my experiences at OU. The problem was I can't draw, and nobody who could draw could see my vision. And then came Jon. I had a poorly drawn picture of Pete on my wall in my office, and Jon pointed it out one day. He understood the jokes and told me he could draw.

Next thing you know, we had about 5-6 pages of ideas. Now Oakland Post Pete will be released every week for the campus—and the world to enjoy.

OAKLAND POST PETE by Jon Davis and Scott Wolchek



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- 1. Similar
- 6. Affirm
- 10. Short golf shot
- 14. Dishes out
- 15. Adriatic resort
- 16. River of Spain
- 17. Bumbling
- 18. Assistant
- 19. Wander
- 20. Esteem
- 22. Carryall
- 23. Metric unit of area
- 24. A mutual promise to marry
- 26. Fleet
- 30. Deli item
- 32. Rental agreement
- 33. Pertinence
- 37. Pace
- 38. Claw
- 39. See the sights
- 40. A permissible difference
- 42. Periods of 60 minutes
- 43. Whinny

- 44. January's birthstone
- 45. Bay window
- 47. Letter after sigma
- 48. Colors
- 49. Legislature
- 56. Carve in stone
- 57. Ends a prayer
- 58. Small drum
- 59. Chills and fever
- 60. Canvas dwelling
- 61. Wear away
- 62. A titled peer of the realm
- 63. Terminates
- 64. Compacted

Down

- 1. Dogfish
- 2. Extend credit
- 3. Bit of gossip
- 4. Yachting cap
- 5. A dais
- 6. Winged
- 7. Eight in Roman numerals
- 8. Cocoyam
- 9. A unit of radiation exposure
- 10. Coffeepot
- 11. Submarine
- 12. Garbage
- 13. Hefty volume
- 21. Genus of macaws
- 25. Race an engine
- 26. Aquatic plant
- 27. Genuine
- 28. Letters, etc.
- 29. Astounded
- 30. Burp
- 31. Found in some lotions
- 33. Telephoned
- 34. Person, place or thing
- 35. Medical breakthrough
- 36. At one time (archaic)
- 38. A parking lot party
- 41. Tiny
- 42. Frequented
- 44. Needlefish
- 45. Expenditure
- 46. Happen again
- 47. Canvas shelters
- 48. Make well
- 50. Portent
- 51. Sell
- 52. Filly's mother
- 53. Black, in poetry
- 54. Gestures of

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SATIRE

College life tips for surly shut-ins

The fine art of stealth, powering your gadgets and where to park

By Brian Johnston
Managing Editor

While the campus survival guide may have prepared you for life on campus, it was written for a general audience. I know there's a subsection of Oakland University's populace that prefers the quiet, stoic solitude of being left the hell alone

I know. I'm one of those. And we're not what you call "joiners."

"But Brian," I can hear you murmuring as you roll your eyes, "aren't you the managing editor of the newspaper, a radio DJ, and on that show where people gripe about stuff?"

And I'll reply, "Shut up. Do you want to know how to get around campus or not?"

Lesson One: People will try to sell you things

Personally I don't mind when people try to sell me physical objects. Have a look at the picture accompanying this article, and you'll know I'm no stranger to baked goods.

But sometimes people try to sell you ideologies. This can be bad.

When I first came to OU, I was an amateur in the ways of avoidance. I'd go the long way around a building to avoid the heavily trod areas, to avoid being accosted by overzealous pitchpersons.

I became wiser with time. Sometimes I'd pretend to be on the phone. The phone conversation would have to be dire, and uninterrupted. "What? You can't find either of her feet? Did you check under the couch? Dogs like to put things there sometimes."

Soon after, the phone dodge became old. So I would stake out the barkers from afar, waiting until they were busy with other students. Then I would slip behind them, unnoticed.

Lately I have embraced my inner ninja. By adopting a rigid posture and a



Photo Illustration by Jon Davis / The Oakland Post

Managing Editor Brian Johnston stakes out South Foundation Hall to avoid aggressive pandering. Johnston learned his stealth skills from the "Metal Gear Solid" video games.

steely expression, I am able to glide in front of them without being bothered. Practice this, my friends, and you too may walk between the raindrops.

Lesson Two: Charging your things

Like most colleges built before 2005 (so pretty much all of them), Oakland University is not built to handle a large amount of power-sucking devices like laptops, mobile phones and tablets.

Long story short: You're going to run out of battery life, and sometimes outlets will be at a premium. You'll notice when you eat at Chartwells, for example, the seats next to the power outlets are the first to fill up.

While the temptation to unplug that Pepsi machine might be great, I think quite a few people - including Pepsi and OUPD - might have something to say about it.

If you look hard enough and don't mind sitting on a floor, you can find out-of-the-way outlets all over cam-

pus. But I came up with a better trick. I tricked this group of people into thinking I was a decent journalist, and they gave me an office where I can charge anything I want. Try that if you can.

Lesson Three: Parking is terrible. Get over it.

You know why parking stinks at OU? It's because you're at a college. That's why.

Go ahead. Find me a student at any college in the country that just loves the parking situation there. If you find one, have 'em shoot me an email.

Also, if you're one of those people who follow me around campus so you can have my parking space, be prepared for a long trek full of random zigzags and frustration. But I already wrote about that last year.

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WEEKLY TOP 10

Former President Gary Russi received a severance package of \$225,000, computers, an iPad and a printer.

While we wish our outgoing president the best, we have a few other ways we might have spent the money.

10. Build a bunch of interactive walls around campus. We hear they're popular.

9. Buy a few selections from the local dollar store - like all of them.

8. Buy some orange barrels and yellow tape. Wait. We already have those, don't we?

7. Pull the JRN department out of its Vandenberg broom closet and move it to better digs.

6. Build OUSC a kitchen so they stop envying ours.

5. Revive the bike share program. Also add a skateboard share program while we're at it.

4. Open a campus store that sells nothing but ramen and microwave burritos.

3. Hire Graham Health Center to begin RoboGrizz program.

2. Bribe the local restaurants to look the other way when we park in their lots to go to class.

1. Put Clawzz through cognitive therapy to deal with the trauma of his rough upbringing.



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Seriously. Clawzz really needs a lot of professional help.



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