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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**BLACK AND GOLD GOES RED, WHITE, AND BLUE** // Oakland University students show their school spirit and American pride as they celebrate the Fourth of July with sparklers in front of the campus entrance. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. itself makes \$231.8 million of fireworks and pyrotechnics each year.

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Ratio of women to men serving on the US Senate

2014

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2011

First female dean of University of Michigan Ross School of Business is elected

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Number of female presidents OU has had

## POLL OF THE MONTH

What is your favorite part of the Fourth of July?

- A) Fireworks. It's all about the fireworks.
- B) Hotdogs, baby!
- C) Celebrating our independence. 'MURCA!
- D) It's just another even-numbered day to me.

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## LAST MONTH'S POLL

What are you doing over the summer break?

- A) Break? There is no break.  
46.2%
- B) Getting cozy with my Netflix account.  
23.1%
- C) Becoming the next president of OU.  
7.7%
- D) Having a good time with my friends and family.  
23.1%

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

**July 11, 2007**

Oakland University students protest a 13.9% tuition increase by taking student congress to Lansing. The president of the student council reportedly said that the only way they could bring these issues to the government was to actively bring it to their attention.

**July 8, 1966**

An NDEA French institute opened with the arrival of 48 participants, 8 experienced professors of French, and 4 graduate assistants and natives of France. The objectives of the institute were to keep teachers up to date with French culture and language.

**July 14, 1961**

Drama *The Shooting of Sam Shapiro*, was performed by faculty during the Spring University picnic.

# Perspectives

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Editorial: Leading like a girl

Over the past three weeks, the final candidates for the next president of Oakland University have taken turns in the open forum hot seat, standing in front of audiences and answering questions in order to prove themselves worthy of Golden Grizzly leadership. They have been grilled on everything from their qualifications to their experiences to their visions for the university. Some were even asked more personal questions, such as what their spouses would do were they to receive an offer for the presidency. None, however, were questioned on if they were up for the position because of their gender. None were asked if they could handle the job while juggling being a parent.

But why would they? What does paternity or chromosomal composition have to do with leading an institution? About as much as the candidates' eye colors or favorite flavor of ice cream: nothing.

So why, then, this past week, was it socially acceptable for NBC Today's Matt Lauer to ask General Motors CEO Mary Barra if she felt that she got to her esteemed position because she was a woman, to "present a softer face and softer image for the company" as it goes through its recall crisis, or if she felt she would be able to handle being both a CEO and a mother?

Lauer later defended him-

self, stating that he was only trying to follow up on Barra's work-life balance after she had mentioned her son in a Forbes article, saying that "it's an issue almost every parent, including myself can relate to...if a man had publicly said something similar after accepting a high-level job, I would have asked him exactly the same thing."

The truth of the matter, though, as demonstrated in the presidential forums, is that men are not asked these questions. All three of Oakland University's presidential candidates, too, have families. However, they are white males. Their leadership is not doubted, the agenda behind their appointment left unquestioned.

Being the first female CEO of General Motors, or any Big Three auto company, for that matter, Mary Barra is under close watch as she shatters through the automotive glass ceiling. Barra's response to Lauer's questioning on her gender leading to her appointment as CEO? "That is absolutely not true. You know, I believe I was selected for this job based on my qualifications." Bravo, Mary Barra.

Recently, Proctor and Gamble's Always brand has launched a new campaign titled "Like a Girl." In the campaign video, women, men, boys and girls are asked to demonstrate what it means to run, hit, or throw "like a girl." Throughout the three minute clip, it becomes

apparent that "like a girl" has developed a derogatory connotation of weakness, that being "like a girl" is a negative thing, damaging the self-esteem and image of all women. The clip then urges the audience to change the meaning of the phrase to something more empowering.

In a country and an age where women still make 77 cents to every dollar men earn in the same job; are seen, even in CEO positions, as family caregivers; and thought of as less simply for being feminine; it is vital that women in high positions like Mary Barra work to change the culture and society's mindset by merely representing what it is to truly be "like a girl": leading a Fortune 500 company out of a crisis and increasing sales by 13% from the previous year, all while combatting the scrutiny of those who question if she's just around to present a "softer image" by standing up for herself.

We at the Oakland Post would like to congratulate Mary Barra on defending her right to lead and encourage all women to do the same: to speak like a girl, earn like a girl, and lead like a girl.

After all, changing an age-old societal mindset will take the work of everyone, male, female, old, young, like a girl and not.

The time is now to step up, OU. The time is now to be like a girl.

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# Campus

## Historical landmark inspires young writers

*Students gather at Meadow Brook Hall to write stories*

**Andrew Wernette**  
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

In and around Meadow Brook Hall, children wandered in awe. They were being led through large, ornate rooms and out along the green lawn. One boy marveled at a giant skeleton key hanging at the mansion's entrance. Each of them had gathered there for a single purpose: to be inspired to write.

Meadow Brook Hall is hosting its annual Youth Writing Camps, where children, with an interest in writing, come to explore in an historic and literary atmosphere.

Each camp lasts one week from Monday to Friday, beginning in the morning and ending in the afternoon each day.

Participants, ranging from kindergarten to high school, are divided into different age groups to be taught by different instructors.

Every day the children are shown around different parts of the estate and partake in little writing workshops. On Fridays, the final day, they get to present their writing to their parents.

The camps are part of the Meadow Brook Writing Project, a partnership between Oakland University and local schools designed to encourage both students and teachers in the field of writing.

"It's a neat program," said Lisa Drummond, the Program Coordinator of the camps. She walked through a few of the rooms and pointed to a group that was being instructed through a doorway. She explained that each group was led by a student museum guide and a writing instructor.

Drummond also expressed her amazement at the creativity of the children. She cited one instance where a girl had chosen to write a piece from the perspective of a subject in one of the mansion's paintings.

"We have kids that come every year to camp," Drummond said. She said that there are even international students who come to the Youth Writing Camps.

Rebecca Rivard, an OU Special Lecturer of Writing and Rhetoric and the Director of the writing camps, agreed. She said children have come from as far away as Europe and Africa to attend. She also estimated that over half of the children come back each year.

"It's also probably a well-kept secret among writers," Rivard said. All of the writing instructors have had their work published and are well-renowned, making them the best people for the job.

And they are not hard to seek out: according to Rivard, "They find us."

As for the popularity of the camps themselves?

"We generally sell out the camps," Rivard said. She said that about 360 children enroll each summer.

For Rivard, the goal of the camps is to open creative minds and to install a nostalgic connection to the mansion for the kids.

And she is happy to be a part of that process. "This has been a really amazing experience for me," she said.

To find out more about the Meadow Brook Writing Project's Youth Writing Camps, go to <http://www.oakland.edu/youth-writingcamps>.



**1.** A group of children sits in one of the Dodge's playrooms to listen to one of the many well-known authors lead a class session.

**2.** All of the camps were booked. The writing camp even attracted children from around the world.

**3.** Listening to each other's stories gives everybody an opportunity to share their creativity.

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# Board approves 6% tuition hike

*Oakland University Board of Trustees approves \$234 million budget that will raise tuition for upper-level classmen, provide for more staffing, fund new academic programs, and more*

**Kaylee Kean**  
Managing Editor

Juniors and seniors at Oakland University will be experiencing a six percent tuition hike in the upcoming academic year. This and other changes were made after approval of the \$234 million budget from the Board of Trustees at its July 1 meeting.

The tuition change will only be applied to the higher-level classmen, meaning a zero percent increase for students with less than 56 credits and a six percent increase for students with over 56 credits, raising the resident upper-level student rate from \$386.75 to \$410.25. Resident graduate and doctoral rates will move from \$617.50 to \$637.25.

Despite the hike, Oakland will still

maintain its position as the sixth lowest of the 15 universities in Michigan, according to John Beaghan, vice president of finance and administration and treasurer to the Board.

According to Beaghan, 81% of Oakland's funding comes from tuition, 18% from base state appropriations and one percent from other sources. This has changed drastically since 1972, when 26% came from tuition and 71% was appropriations. OU receives the second lowest state funding per student.

The focus on raising only upper-class rates raised concerns for some board members. Trustee Richard DeVore expressed concern that juniors and seniors may drop out of OU for another, cheaper school, thus hurting OU's retention rates.

When asked about his thoughts as

an upperclassman, junior Scott Shermetaro said he didn't know of a lot of juniors and seniors that would "just uproot" and leave everything behind.

"Those students have more than just the classes here," Shermetaro said.

## Other budget items to note

In addition to tuition concerns, the budget included costs of operation, continued healthy living benefit savings, coverage for facility and operational improvements, funding for new academic degree programs, expansion of library collections and a 10.3 percent increase in need- and merit-based scholarships.

It also provided for new faculty positions and support staff for the new buildings.

James Lentini, provost and senior

vice president of academic affairs, mentioned wanting to work on having less students per faculty - OU is currently at 18.9 students per faculty, where the average is 15.7. He also noted that despite recent construction projects, OU is still the lowest in the state in terms of square feet per student.

There will be a special formal board meeting on Wednesday, June 9 at 10 a.m. This meeting will be held in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center instead of its usual location in the Elliott Hall Auditorium.

View meeting agendas and information presented at [oakland.edu/bot](http://oakland.edu/bot).

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# Hill House bridge collapse presents a problem for Oakland University

**Sam Schlenner**  
Staff Reporter

Last month the Hill House bridge collapsed. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Jim Zentmeyer, director of university housing said that both the Hill House and Van Wagoner House bridges are closed for repairs and are expected to open August 8, if not before. The Hill House bridge had been closed off for over a month when it collapsed.

Around dinner hour Sunday, June 8, a graduate assistant in Hamlin Hall recalled hearing a noise, which sounded like a "backhoe dropping a load of dirt into the back of a truck," according to staff.

university of this problem.

"She immediately contacted one of our professional staff, and we immediately shut it down, and OUPD jumped in with both feet to make sure we made it official. Barricades were put up, and the bridge was set as being off limits," Zentmeyer said.

Facilities management hired SME, an engineering firm, to study the bridges.

## Conditions worsen

Week by week, the physical state of the bridge continued to deteriorate.

"We could see daylight between some portions of the deck and sidewall," Zentmeyer said.

The Friday before the collapse, university housing and facilities management proposed an emergency purchase to demolish and re-pour the bridges before the fall semester. They were supposed to contact the purchasing office on Monday, June 9.

"As far as demolition is concerned, we're one bridge ahead of schedule," Zentmeyer said.

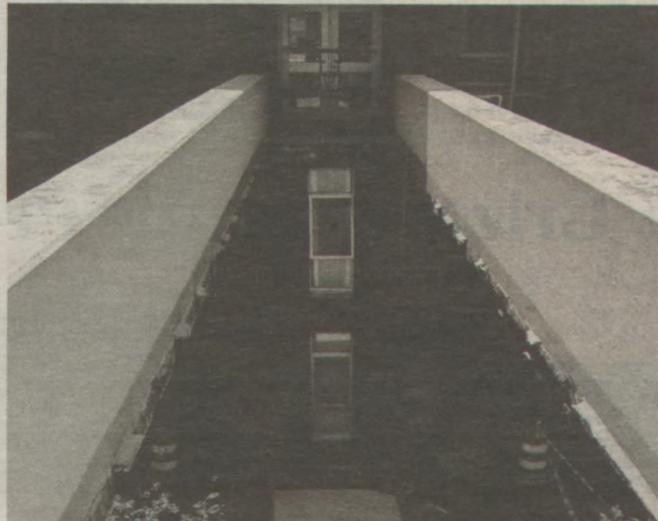
"It was our intent to make sure repairs were made before the bridge was ever opened again."

However, the Van Wagoner bridge is about two years behind the Hill House bridge.

"We believe that, 'Why wait two years?' If we're doing one bridge, let's do the other. Let's have economies of scale. Let's get them both repaired ASAP," Zentmeyer said.

"If the bridge was to collapse, it couldn't have done it more perfectly. I mean, it pulled away from the building as it fell, something that they call the zipper effect: each of the connections received additional stress as another connection failed, and basically, it fell perfectly, quite frankly, and it did so rather discreetly through the night," Zentmeyer commented.

"What we're worried about



Sam Schlenner / The Oakland Post

The bridge, which collapsed June 6, leads from Vandenburg Hall.

is egress, for fire purposes," said OUPD Chief Mark Gordon.

The bridges are the main entrances and exits of the building, which are crucial in a fire evacuation.

## Repairs to come

"We hope that the repairs are timely and done fairly quickly."

The afternoon of Monday,

June 9, seven groups of the university met to confirm the priority of the project, the method of repair, and how to make it happen as quickly as possible.

"It's actually fun to have everybody on the same page for a project," Zentmeyer said.

Zentmeyer assured that the University will be thorough in handling this problem.

# Community College Partnership Program saves students' tuition, time

*New dual enrollment makes the completion of associate and bachelor's degree faster*

**Scott Davis**  
Staff Reporter

Oakland University students are finding a way to save money and complete their degrees faster through the school's Community College Partnership Program.

The program allows students joint admission and concurrent enrollment at both OU and one of their community college partners. The partners include: Macomb, Mott, Oakland and St. Clair County Community College.

Students enjoy numerous benefits through these partnerships, including the flexibility to take courses at one or both institutions at the same time, expanded course selection and timely completion of associate and bachelor's degrees.

## Pinching pennies

The real appeal of the program, however, is the significant cost difference at

the community college level.

Upcoming senior, Samantha Siljanovski, participated in the Macomb 2 Oakland (M2O) program and experienced significant savings.

"I would highly recommend the M2O program," she said. "The program saved me roughly \$4,800-\$5,400 and it allowed me to save my GPA from difficult courses such as Calculus and Biology."

Siljanovski also added that the program helped her by enabling her to take four classes at OU while also taking a fifth class at Macomb, helping her complete credits faster and for less money.

Another OU senior, Scott Milke, participated in the M2O program, as well as took 58 credits at Macomb. He saved over \$12,000 in credit hours alone.

He says what drew him to the program was that he didn't have to worry about classes transferring to OU when he was done at Macomb.

"I didn't have to think, 'what if this class doesn't transfer over to my major?' Or something like that," Milke said. "Instead I was enrolled at both schools and was given the freedom to take classes at either institution."

## Making ends meet

One issue Milke said he had with the

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Samantha Siljanovski

M2O Student

program was the different class start-dates and scheduling times during the semesters he was enrolled at both institutions. The breaks often didn't match up, and he had to worry about lining up OU's class schedule and MCC's schedule along with his work schedule.

## When to apply

The deadline to apply for the Community College Partnership Program for the fall semester is July 1, while the deadline for the winter semester is October 1. Students can earn OU credits by passing community college courses with a 2.0 GPA.

More information can be found at oakland.edu/ccp or by calling (800) OAK-UNIV.

## POLICE FILES

### Drunk driving on Squirrel Road

Officers were on patrol by Squirrel Road and Walton Boulevard when they noticed a stopped car at a red light headed north bound on Squirrel Road June 14 at 1:07 a.m.

The car was parked three car lengths away from the white line. As the light turned green, the car began to move slowly then weave between lanes without using a turn signal. Officers pulled the car over by Buddy's Restaurant Pizzeria.

They approached the driver. He was sitting slumped in his chair, leaning against the center console. Officers noted a strong smell of intoxicants and his red, watery eyes. They asked for his driver's license and registration several times. He did not respond. OUPD then asked if he had a driver's license. He said that he did not have one, but gave officers his wallet.

Officers then asked if he had been drinking, which he confirmed. He said he could not walk.

OUPD gave him a breathalyzer test in which he scored 0.245.

They arrested him for an OWI and he was transported to Oakland County Jail. This was his third OWI and has three DWLs.

The vehicle was impounded, and upon inspection, officers noticed a cold Bud Light can with liquid in it.

### Stolen wheel covers

A student went to OUPD's station to report a larceny June 2 at 1:45 p.m.

The student said he parked his car in P-36 May 30 at 6:00 a.m. He returned at 1:30 p.m. and noticed that someone had stolen three of his wheel covers. He also noticed the car next to his was missing three wheel covers.

The student noticed that the car was parked next to his again on June 2. This time, though, the car had all four wheel covers. He believed that the owner of the car stole his wheel covers and that the owner may be responsible for other thefts at the construction site of the new engineering building.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki  
Chief Copy Editor



## Grizzlies on the Prowl: "What are your thoughts on the new OU website design?"



**Marcel Essak, junior, biology**

"It's much simpler than the one before and seems easier to use. The accessibility to everything seems smoother, especially with the quick links at the bottom."



**Akua Phakamile, senior, communication**

"I haven't seen the design on a desktop, however on my cell phone the new design is a lot easier on the eyes... It's easier to see different things going on at the school right now on the homepage."



**Rita Habib, sophomore, health sciences**

"I think that the new OU website design is pretty cool, it's a new and creative look and feel."

— Compiled by Scott Davis  
Staff Reporter

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# One hundred years and counting

*The Dodge brothers' event brings old cars and notable people to Meadow Brook*

**Ali DeRees**

Campus & Administration  
Editor

The Meadow Brook Estate was lined with classic Dodge vehicles to celebrate Dodge Days, the Dodge Brothers Centennial on Thursday, June 26.

Members of the Dodge Brothers Club, the Detroit Historical Society, and of the

Dodge family were present and helped open the new exhibit, "Detroit's Automotive Geniuses."

One-hundred vintage Dodge vehicles were on display throughout the grounds of Meadow Brook for the Vintage Dodge Brothers Car Show.

Ninety of these cars were here for the International Centennial Meet, with members

coming as far as Australia and England to participate.

John and Horace Dodge, John founded Dodge Motor Company. The brothers began as chief suppliers to Ford Motor Company and Oldsmobile and later became one of the most reputable Motor Companies in the country.

Former Wayne State professor and automotive historian, Dr. Charles Hyde, gave a lecture on the Dodge brothers at the event and signed copies of his books.

"They were almost joined at the hip," Hyde said, describing the relationship between the brothers. "John Dodge was more the business man. Hor-

ace was more the mechanic."

Hyde believes the brothers were special for a number of reasons and that people today can learn from their triumphs.

Dodge motorcars from almost every decade could be found on the grounds of Meadow Brook.

One of the oldest vehicles present was a 1914 DB Touring car, owned by Anthony Viviano of the Sterling Heights Dodge Dealership.

Apparently it took a couple days to get the car running and driving it is quite different than driving a car today.

"It doesn't go very fast and doesn't stop very fast," said Connor, a friend of Mr. Viviano.

no.

Notable guests in attendance of the unveiling of the Dodge brother's exhibit included the mayor of the City of Rochester, Jeffrey Cuthbertson, and Rochester Hills City Council member, Thomas Wiggins.

Cuthbertson said it was a "significant historical event."

Impressed with the car show, Wiggins said, "It's amazing, these cars are one-hundred years old."

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# THE BIG THREE

STORY AND PHOTOS BY: KAYLEE KEAN DESIGN BY: KELLY LARA

In August 2013, former Oakland University president Gary Russi retired after an unprecedented 18 years of presidency. Dr. Betty Youngblood was brought in to replace him as interim president.

Since October 2013 a search has been going on for the next OU president, and until recently this search was conducted behind closed doors by select few members of the community. This presidential search committee, consisting of five members of the Board of Trustees, five faculty and staff and one student representative, was the only participant in the search, and its members were the only ones who knew any information of the search and candidates vying to become OU's next president.

On June 12, 2014, the committee announced that it had narrowed the search down to three candidates, who would be introduced at forums that would be open for all students, staff, faculty and other interested parties to attend. The first forum, held on Wednesday, June 18, introduced candidate James D. Spaniolo; the second, on Wednesday, June 25, introduced candidate Rodney K. Rogers; and the third, held on Wednesday, July 2, introduced candidate George W. Hynd.

Here is a brief look at each candidate, his qualifications, and topics that were discussed at each forum.

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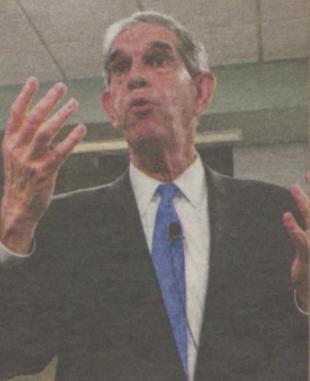


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### JAMES D. SPANIOLI



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- Currently Higher Education Advisor to the Governor of Michigan
- Former president of the University of Texas-Arlington (UTA), February 2004 to May 2013
- J.D. from University of Michigan Law School; MPA in public administration from University of Michigan; BA in political science from Michigan State University

"What meant the most of me was to be engaged at a great university... Oakland is in many ways a jewel but it really hasn't been recognized."

"This would be our home and our life." Spaniolo, who met with student leaders at UTA, says it's about investing your "heart, mind and soul" into the institution.

### RODNEY K. ROGERS



Saiwan Georges/The Oakland Post

- Senior vice president of academic affairs and provost, Bowling Green State University, Ohio
- Doctoral in philosophy from Case Western Reserve University; master's in business administration from BGSU; bachelor's in music from Ohio Northern University

At the forum, Rogers listed what he considers to be OU's four "key strengths": it has an impressive array of academic programs, is at a great location, is the right size and is the right age.

At BGSU Rogers said he relies heavily on his strategic planning and mission statement. Everything must be aligned and focused, and as collaborative and transparent as possible.

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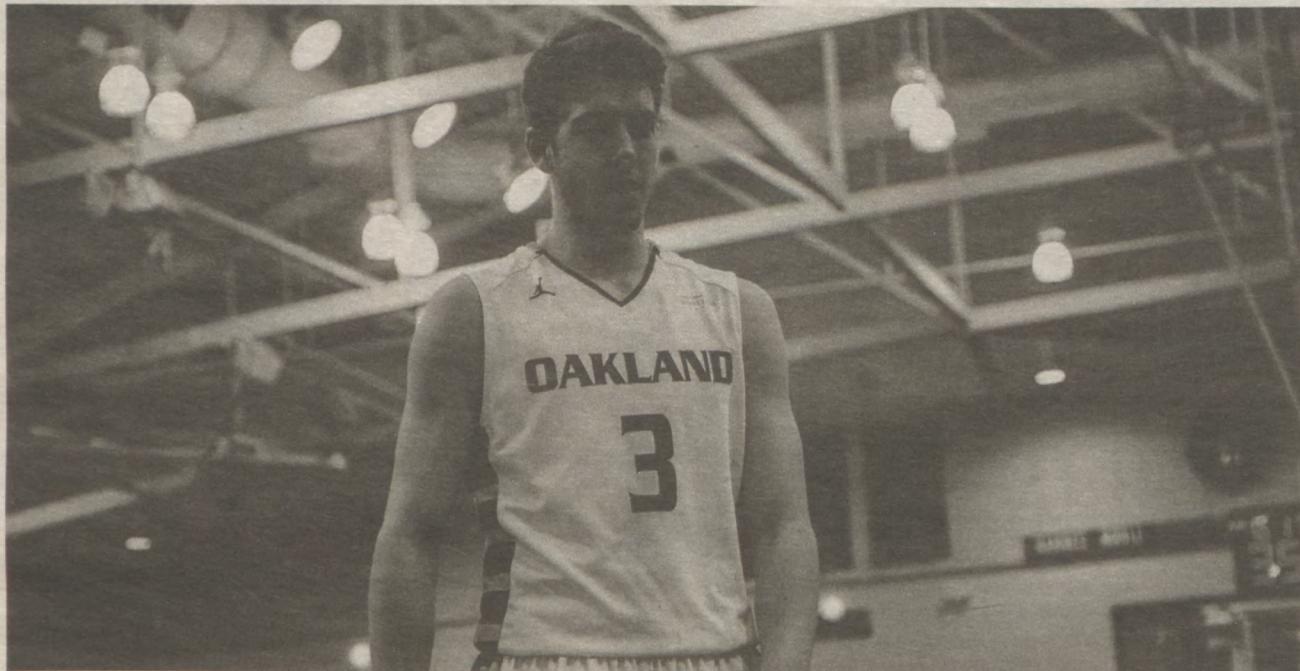


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- Provost and executive vice president of academic affairs, College of Charleston, South Carolina
- Ed.D in psychology from University of Northern Colorado; M.A. and B.A. in psychology from Pepperdine University
- Over 30 years in funded research; explored why some children have difficulty reading, controlling behavior

"I would like to have the opportunity to go out and tell the story of what's happening here at Oakland University."

Hynd said he enjoyed becoming provost because "I could bring the deans in to form a team, and that team, with the proper support, really expanded to tell the story."



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Travis Bader is hoping to find his place to shine in a few NBA summer leagues after being undrafted in Thursday's draft.

# Bader determined for success

*Former Grizzly shooter hopes to earn a spot in the NBA this summer*

Jackson Gilbert  
Sports Editor

Former Oakland University basketball star Travis Bader signed summer league contracts with two NBA teams, the Philadelphia 76ers and Golden State Warriors.

Bader chose to join the 76ers in the Orlando Summer League from July 5 to 11 and the Warriors in Las Vegas from July 11 to 21.

The decision to sign with the teams came after going undrafted in Thursday's NBA amateur draft.

Bader was apparently very sought after telling Dave Goricki of the Detroit News, "Six teams have already called my agent, there are some teams that fit me better than others," within one hour of the draft ending.

Bader tweeted the news on Friday, saying "Looking forward to playing summer league with the @Sixers and @warriors time to take advantage of great opportunities #determined4greatness."

Bader became a hot name leading up to the draft, as scouts seemed to finally take notice of the mid-major senior that kept making 3s.

He joined Gary Harris, James Young and Glen Robinson III in Los Angeles to work out with Don Maclean, an NBA trainer.

Bader said his workout with Golden State went particularly well, but he didn't work out for Philadelphia. He worked out for 13 different teams prior to the Thursday draft.

Unfortunately, this draft was one of the deeper drafts in recent history, which is likely the reason he did not get selected.

"Looking at their draft picks, I don't know if they drafted a knockdown shooter," Bader said.

He wasn't the only stud to not hear his name called. Several well-known names went undrafted including national champion Deandre Kane from UConn, Khem Birch from UNLV, and Melvin Ejim of Iowa State. In a normal year, all of those players would have been sure picks.

## Bader's success at OU

The shooting guard/small forward has already achieved greatness in his time at Oakland. He set the all-time

"Six teams have already called my agent, there are some teams that fit me better than others."

Travis Bader  
Former OU basketball player

NCAA record for 3-pointers with 504 in his career.

On top of that, he has already earned a masters degree in communication in his five years at Oakland University and earned academic all-league honors four times.

Bader also becomes only the third player from OU to be signed into the NBA, joining Rawle Marshall and Keith Benson.

He'll look to continue his shooting prowess in the NBA, a skill that will likely earn him a spot in the league.

## Travis Bader Bio

**Height/Weight:** 6'5"/190 lb.  
**Position:** Guard  
**Hometown:** Okemos, Mich.  
**Latest Award Earned:** Horizon League's Cecil N. Coleman Medal of Honor

## COLUMN

# OU searches for athletic director still

Joseph Bach  
Staff Reporter

The search for a new athletic director continues since Tracy Huth's departure last winter. A search committee was led by Victor Zambardi, OU's vice president for legal affairs, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees as well as hired outside help in the search firm College Sports Associates.

The committee, other than Zambardi and College Sports Associates, was comprised of representatives across the university as well as the external help.

As it stands, the committee was asked to screen a vast pool of candidates that decided to toss their hat into the ring for the position. From this pool, they were charged with selecting three finalists to present to Oakland University's Interim President Betty Youngblood.

Each head coach of their respective teams were given the opportunity to meet face to face with the finalists for an hour to gather their own opinion, as well as receiving full resumes to get a grip on the past experience.

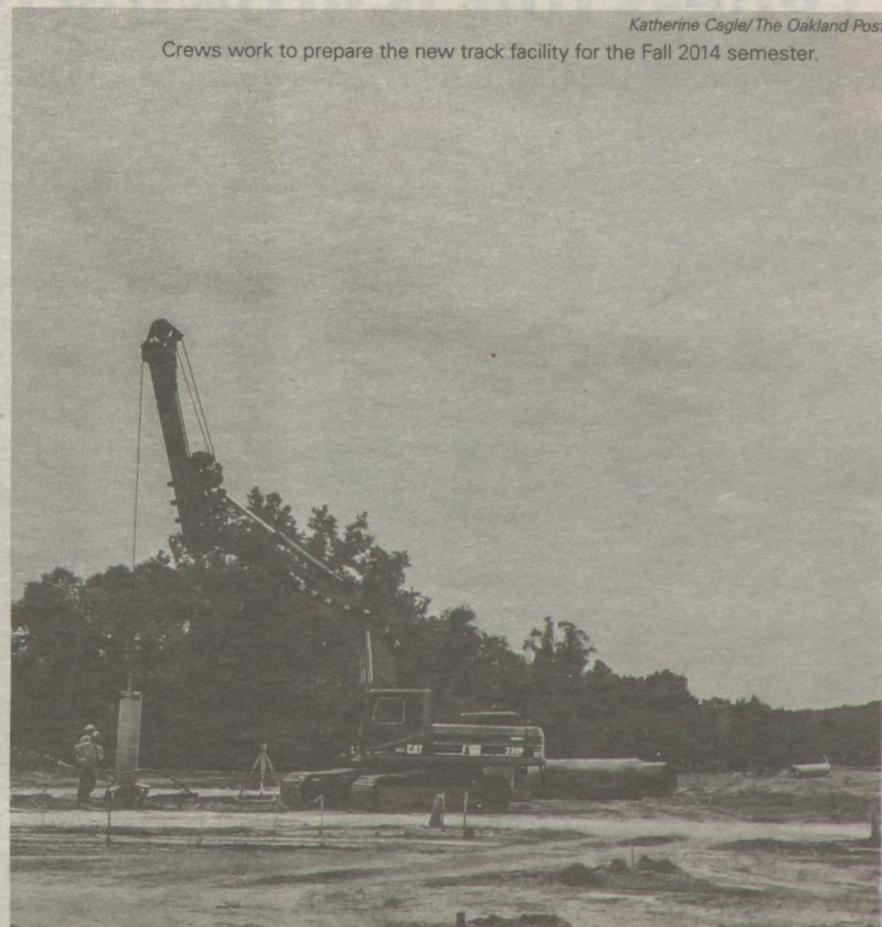
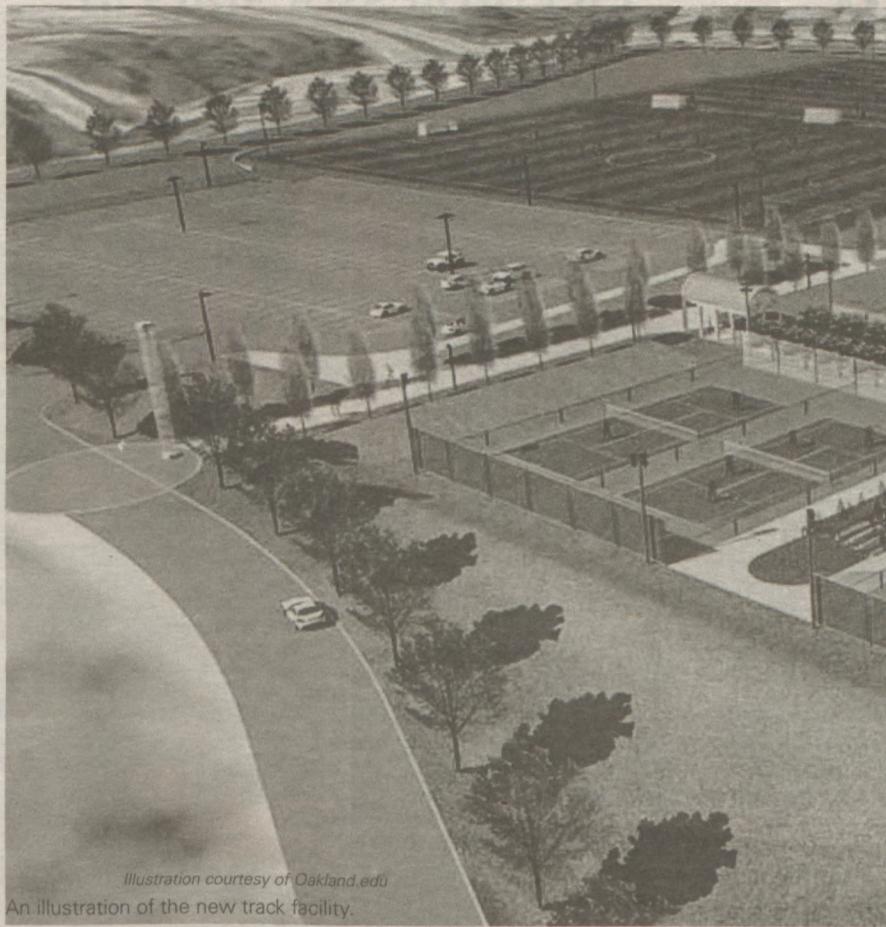
Coach Greg Kampe of the men's basketball team was one of the coaches who took full advantage of his given time. "It was a very good pool of candidates," Kampe said, "They were an impressive group."

Although he could not reveal his personal favorite, he passed his feedback up the ladder, saying there wasn't much separating each of these well qualified individuals.

When asked if he agreed with the secrecy behind the search, he simply proceeded to say that "although he could not reveal names because that's how the University wishes to pursue this, it is for the benefit of those being scouted for the position."

Kampe stated that he has no knowledge of a timeline, but finished by saying "I expect a decision by the end of the week, or sometime the following week with the holiday."

The committee's task is done, now it is up to Interim President Youngblood to interview and select the candidate most suited for the position.



# Oakland is right on track

*Upcoming track and field facility near upper fields on pace to finish up in early fall*

Jackson Gilbert  
Sports Editor

Among the many the construction projects taking place this summer on OU's campus, the outline of the future track and field facility is taking shape.

The \$7.8 million facility will accommodate NCAA Division I sports, mainly tennis and track and field.

Workers are pouring concrete for the track and field complex on an area of the upper fields, adjacent to the university's student apartments along Meadow Brook Drive. The outline of the track is clearly evident.

The new field will allow for intramural sports competitions and will allow students, faculty, and

staff to participate in recreational activities.

According to the proposal for the athletic complex, it will include synthetic turf, overhead lighting, and seating for spectators and athletes. A recreational "superfield" will be included in the complex, which will have enough space for multiple activities at the same time.

Especially with the 2013 move to the Horizon League, the need for improved facilities was great.

The addition of the eight tennis courts and the track and field are included in the design that will meet Division I competition requirements and serve to attract higher-caliber student athletes, according to the original proposal.

Field renovations will also serve the fitness and recreational needs of the campus community and engage outside community members in the life of the university.

The new facility will also be attractive to prospective student athletes who will see track and tennis courts that will allow for true home meets.

Student involvement in recreation activities

will also likely increase from the new facility, as the field will be higher quality than any of the lower fields.

According to the Oakland University website, the additions will include a new press trailer for outdoor sports events, renovated baseball spectator areas, a new scoreboard, and improved parking areas for the lower fields.

The facility will be located in the former "upper fields" area across the street from the student apartments.

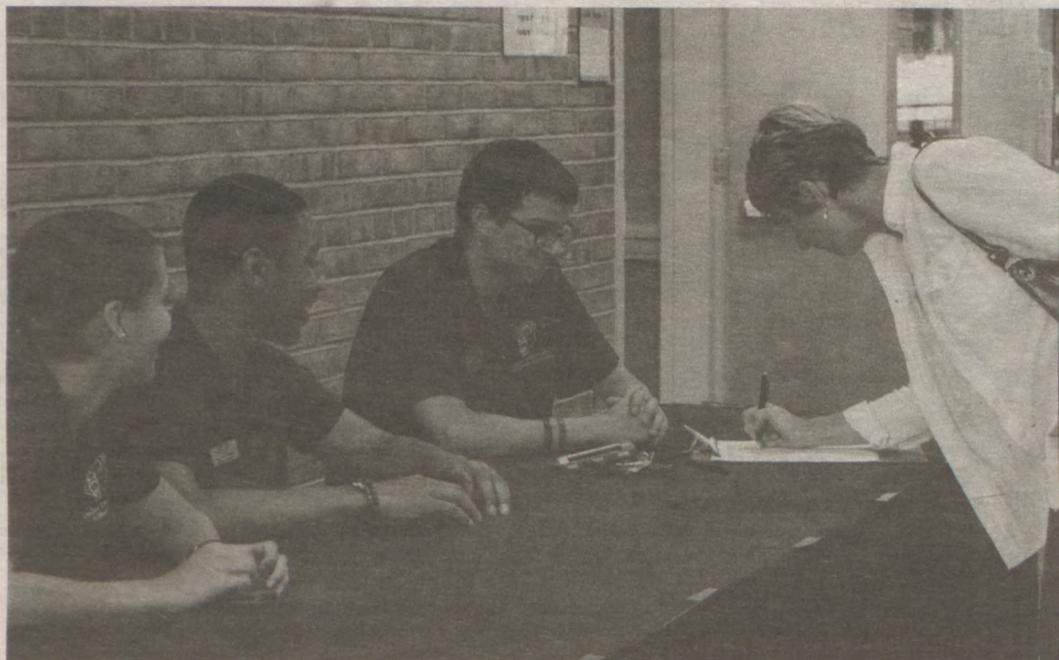
This will give students living on campus the opportunity to simply walk across the street to run on the track or play tennis, which will make for an enticing offer to prospective students.

Oakland University sent out an email Sunday stating that Meadow Brook road would be closed from July 7-11 in order to run water lines into the facility. It was unclear as of July 1 whether the track and field will be ready for the fall 2014 semester although a source from Oakland University administration remained optimistic that the facility would be ready.

# Life

## 'I guess this is growing up'

New students and their parents learn about going to college



Katherine Cagle/The Oakland Post

While students are led through their eight-hour tour on campus, parents sign up for their own orientation.

By Jessie DiBattista  
Staff Reporter

**I**t starts off simple. One day parents are watching the big yellow bus pull up to take their children to the first step of the educational journey, and the next watching them throw their caps in the air. Once that liberating and difficult journey is done, the next step is college; although, before college can begin, a small meeting called orientation takes place.

Oakland University Freshmen Orientation is an eight-hour information packed session that requires full attention of the students, and also a keen memory of where everything is. For the parents however, it is a little different than tours and schedule planning.

For parents at OU, orientation is a relaxed environment where they learn about the college their kids will soon attend.

"I like the fact that the campus is smaller, and it is in a nice area. The classes are small which allows more teacher interaction," freshman parent Lori Irwin said. "Also, I feel like I got a good education when I went there and I loved it."

The orientation gives parents



Katherine Cagle/The Oakland Post

Students learn about the emergency telephone that directly calls OUPD.

tips and advice to help their student be more successful and transition well in college.

"Don't do simple things for them like the laundry, for example. Let them problem solve through the issue first, but always be on standby," orientation leader Henna Ata said. "And also, just keep an open communication with your student so if or when a problem occurs, they can come straight to you."

Ultimately though, orientation is about the student.

"I think connecting with my students and knowing that I

made an impact, even a little impact, goes a long way," Ata said.

It's also up to the orientation leaders to make orientation a memorable experience for newcomers.

Every meeting, the orientation leaders must prepare for their journey with the freshmen. Although the job is not easy, leaders still find enjoyment helping others.

"I love meeting new people and helping new students get accustomed," Ata said. "It's always exciting getting a new group each orientation day."

## OU professor stars in 'Stars'

*Theatre professor Milica Govich performs in "The Fault in Our Stars"*

By Sam Schlenner  
Staff Reporter



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Milica "Mila" Govich taught and on-camera class at OU this past fall semester while acting in the movie.

I was a secretary.

OP: What do you teach at OU?

MG: Last semester, I taught an on-camera class, but for ten years I taught Theatre 100. One of the things I'm most proud of is that I make all of my Theatre 100 kids write a play for their final. Years later I run into people and they tell me their play was produced. It's really cool!

OP: Did you announce to your students that you were leaving to film?

MG: Yes.

OP: How did they react?

MG: They thought it was pretty cool. No one knew how big the movie was going to be until this summer, though. The great thing about doing a film based on a novel is that there's already an audience. I think it also shows my students that an acting career is possible and attainable if they work hard enough.

OP: What are your plans for filming in the future?

MG: I'm not sure yet, but I believe that if you put a lot of energy into something, it generates more opportunities. Hopefully there will be more.



Photo courtesy of the Wagner family

Jeremy Wagner (far right), a 21-year-old philosophy major, smiles with his sister, Lindsey (left), and his grandparents, Gersh and Carole Hammer. "Jer was a warrior," said his mom, Andie.

# His love lives on

*Jeremy Wagner possessed a 'rare combination of intelligence, wit and humbleness'*

By Andrew Wernette  
Life, Arts, & Entertainment Editor

Jeremy Wagner, a junior majoring in philosophy at Oakland University, died Saturday, June 14. He was 21.

Wagner succumbed to complications from bone cancer, which he had fought for more than seven years.

Jeremy was active at OU despite his condition, participating in the Ethics Bowl where he impressed those around him. Friends and family constantly described Jeremy as highly intelligent and passionate in dissecting arguments to their core.

"Jeremy was a rare individual who had that rare combination of intelligence, wit and humbleness," said William Kalas, one of Wagner's teammates in the Ethics Bowl.

"Even when Jeremy would dominate particular arguments during our debates, he was never ever condescending towards another individual, and always treated everyone with respect."

Mark Rigstad, a philosophy professor who helped out with the Ethics Bowl, also saw Wagner as engaging.

"In many ways he embodied Socrates' dictum that to fear death is 'to think oneself wise when one is not, to think one knows what one does not know,'" Rigstad said.

"Although it was often evident that his battle with bone cancer was causing him serious pain during class, he never failed to muster sufficient if not more than enough energy to participate in lengthy and in-depth philosophical discussions and oral presentations. He'll be sorely missed

and fondly remembered."

For the latter part of his time at OU, Jeremy lived in the Ann V. Nicholson Apartments on campus. His roommate, senior William Chundrik, remembered him as a hindered, yet normal, individual.

"He really liked to cook," Chundrik said, noting that it served as a bond between Jeremy and his girlfriend. He also characterized Wagner as a big reader, a strong writer and a major fan of Magic cards.

"There were so many Magic cards in the apartment," he said with a chuckle.

Outside of school, Jeremy was equally known for his compassion and love for life. Angel Matheson, the mother of one of his close friends, remembered him as a regular face in her household.

"He loved his friends as if they

were a special gift that he had received. He loved them unconditionally. He was the gift," she said.

Jeremy's mother, Andie Wagner, summed up her son's life: "Jer was a warrior. (He) fought for every minute of life for seven-plus years. Amazing son who knew how much his mom, sister and family loved him."

Jeremy is survived by his parents, Andie and Jeff, and his sister Lindsey.

A service was held for Wagner on Monday, June 16 at Beth Israel Congregation in Ann Arbor.

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# Mouthing Off

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## He's a Seoul man

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**A**ccording to the World Food Programme (WFP), nearly 30 percent of North Koreans don't get enough to eat, and once again North Korea's fearless leader, Kim Jong Un, doesn't seem to give a shit. Instead, he is more concerned with "The Interview," an upcoming film starring Seth Rogen and James Franco that depicts the attempted assassination of Un.

A short trailer for the film was released a few weeks ago, followed shortly after by Un describing the many methods he would use to destroy us. It would be a scary threat in most instances, but since taking over for his father, Un has made empty threat after empty threat. As far as fearsome dictators go, he's about as bone-chilling as a freshly-crowned baby dolphin born out of wedlock.

The saddest part is that North Korea is one of the most oppressed countries on this spinning rock, all thanks to Un. North Koreans are starved and brutalized while visitors from other countries are detained on a regular basis.

Our only hope for peace laid in the hands of

Dennis Rodman; we see how well that worked out.

Un's response is expected, but completely ridiculous. "The Interview" is not the first movie about presidential assassinations. "Death of a President," a realistic fictional documentary that portrayed the killing of George W. Bush was controversial to say the least, but even the squirrely Mr. Bush never tried to declare war against anyone; he just (probably) went and drank some brews and snorted some cocaine instead (Harold and Kumar would have been proud).

Ironically, the film about Kim Jong Un is the only presidential assassination flick that is actually a comedy. Seems like a compliment in my book.

However, I'm sure we all remember that wonderful 2004 film "Team America: World Police" in which puppets tried to take out the then-dictator of North Korea, Kim Jong il. Shockingly, he never threatened war against the U.S. for it. Go figure.

Not to say that il didn't have his flaws—he too seemed to enjoy screwing over his people and alienating his country—but at least he wouldn't threaten war every other weekend.

And if Franco and Rogen's past projects are any indication, "The Interview" will more likely be

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Courtesy of Reuters

The ever-wonderful leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un.

about weed, genitalia-themed puns and an undeniable bromance.

If anything, the film actually gives Un more credibility than is actually due, at least from what we've seen in the trailer. Un, who in reality is actually a pudgy little man-boy, is portrayed in the film by an actor who actually looks like a respectable human being, which is more than can be said about Un.

Honestly, his reputation can't really get any worse at this point. He clearly has no Seoul (I know Seoul is in South Korea but I couldn't pass it up). A fictional assassination would probably be the best PR he could get.

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