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## Week of Champions is this week

By **Jeff Samoray**, *OU Web Writer*

The seventh Week of Champions at Oakland University (WOCO), OU's annual fall festival that runs Oct. 8-12, is filled with a week's worth of lectures, performances, games, contests and sports.

WOCO events kick off Monday, Oct. 8, with the "V.I.P. Pancake Breakfast of Champions" from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the **Oakland Center**. Noted OU staff members, University Student Congress President Derek Dickow and Student Congress Vice President Vesna Saveski will act as guest chefs.

Among the week's speakers and performers is honorary WOCO chairperson Kevin Grazier, who will give a free lecture on Monday from 4-6 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Gold Rooms. Grazier is an OU alumnus, CAS '87, and an Investigation Scientist/Science Planning Engineer for the Cassini/Huygens Mission to Saturn and Titan at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. He will discuss the NASA space program and offer encouragement to OU graduates. On Wednesday, Oct. 10, actress Maxine Maxwell will deliver a one-woman portrayal of famous African American women at 8 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Gold Rooms. Ventriloquist Lynn Trefzger will perform on Friday, Oct. 12, from 7-8 p.m. in the Food Court of the **Oakland Center**.

Among the week's contests is the "Tune-In Game Show" on Monday from noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the **Oakland Center**. Students will answer questions and take challenges involving favorite TV show themes. At 8 p.m. in the Hamlin Hall Lounge, the **Student Video Club** will select the top 10 finalists in the OU's Funniest Videos Contest, a take-off of the popular TV show. First place will be \$100, second place \$50. The Association of Black Students and the **Student Program Board** are sponsoring the "OU Talent Show" on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court of the Oakland Center. Faculty and staff can participate in the "Doodling Contest" to win a \$150 gift certificate to the **OU Bookstore**. Entries may be submitted to the **Center for Student Activities** by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8. The doodles will be displayed and judged on Tuesday in the Exhibit Lounge of the Oakland Center.

The week's events culminate with two sporting events on Friday, Oct. 12. The **OU women's soccer team** will play host to Oral Roberts University at 4 p.m. at the Lower Soccer Fields. At 10:30 p.m., the third annual Midnight Madness event begins at the **Recreation and Athletics Center**. There will be contest prizes and giveaways from Pepsi and Gameworks and a free tuition raffle for one male and one female OU student. Students must be present to win. The **OU cheer** and dance teams will give performances, followed by the introduction of the OU men's and women's basketball teams.

"Over the years our school spirit has been growing," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities. "Seven years ago we tried to brainstorm a fall festival for our campus. The students came up with (the acronym) WOCO, and as Midnight Madness evolved into a big activity, we decided to commit a week full of activities leading up to that event."

**Complete WOCO listings** have been posted throughout the **Oakland Center**. For more information, contact the **Center for Student Activities**, 49 Oakland Center, (248) 370-2400.

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