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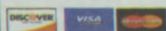
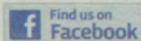


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STAFF EDITORIAL

Big story, little ethics

Coverage of student suicide mishandled by some

Oakland University student Corey Jackson took his own life on campus Tuesday, Oct. 19. He was 19 years old.

The phrase "on campus" is significant. Had it taken place off campus, OU might not have sent out an e-mail as soon as it did.

Suicides typically receive little fanfare in media publications, for a variety of reasons — the main one being fear of inducing copycat suicides. In light of Tyler Clementi's Sept. 22 suicide, this is an especially valid concern.

The Internet, of course, has brought on a 24/7 news cycle where whoever breaks the story first reigns supreme, so immediacy often wins out over accuracy. Still, The Post chose to not immediately report Jackson's name.

Death is already easy to sensationalize. But Jackson was gay and committed suicide the day before Spirit Day, a day organized by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation to raise awareness of gay teen suicides by wearing purple. Knowing that, it would have been easy for us to speculate

whether bullying played a role in Jackson's death.

One news headline read: "Police deny any bullying led to Oakland University teen's suicide." OUPD Chief Samuel Lucido only said, "We have no indication that bullying-type activity was occurring." People close to Jackson, however, told us bullying was a possible factor. Therefore, the above headline at best gives one side of a very complex story.

When Jackson died, everyone no doubt wanted to find out what had happened and why. As journalists, we are charged with uncovering the truth and reporting it, but there are certain things the public doesn't need to know.

Members of the general public weren't the only people reading stories about Jackson's death; close friends and family were, too. They don't need the exact location and manner of Jackson's death to be public knowledge.

Another: "Oakland University student comes out, commits suicide." This and other headlines that focused on the fact

that Jackson was gay veer on making him one-dimensional. A person is more than his or her sexual preference.

The Post also feels it was in poor taste for various news outlets to use Jackson's Facebook photo. While they were perfectly within their rights to use it — once something goes on Facebook, it becomes public information — just because you have the right doesn't make it right.

Facebook in general is a poor resource to use, especially on such a delicate story. As a rule, Facebook should be used only to acquire background information, which should be verified elsewhere before reporting.

When it comes to ethics, there is no cut and dry method as to what journalists can and cannot do. Seldom is it black and white. There are many things that, legally, journalists can get away with, but that doesn't mean we should do those things.

Ethics is often an exercise in judgment and taste. The Post staff hopes we covered the tragic loss of Corey Jackson as tastefully as possible.

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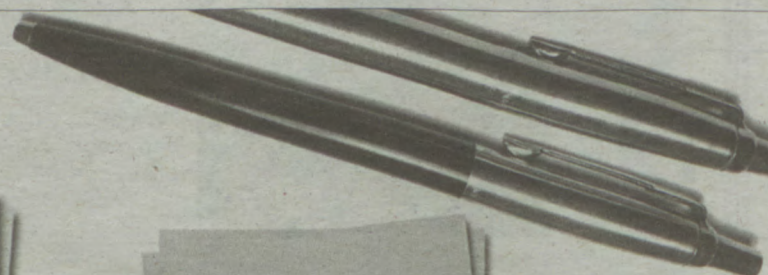
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Cyrus desecrates Hall

As a student at Oakland University, I take pride in the things involving our campus, including any positive media attention the university gets. So you could imagine my excitement when I heard Miley Cyrus was filming her new music video on our campus.

In August, Cyrus filmed her music video for her European single "Who Owns My Heart" in Meadow Brook Hall. It wasn't until I saw the music video that I realized just how wrong the location was for a video such as that.

Meadow Brook Hall was one of OU cofounder Matilda Wilson's most prized possessions. Filled with elegance and beauty, Meadow Brook is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States. It's renowned for its excellent craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale. With such prestige, it would make perfect sense for one of today's most popular musicians to film a music video there.

If you're like me, however, you would envision a tasteful, elegant video — not the trashy end product that resulted. This video takes provocative to a new level and throws respect out the window.

It didn't have to be that way. In the video, Cyrus is in Wilson's bed, but rather than innocently laying in it, she's laying upside down in lingerie. There are also scenes where Cyrus



Jamie Gasper
Guest Columnist

is on all fours acting animalistic and overtly sexual.

She also uses Wilson's bathroom, where she sits on the tub in just her underwear. That bathroom is so unique, it's more a piece of art than anything else. For Cyrus to be

The taste — or lack thereof — used in Miley Cyrus's "Who Owns My Heart" video was disrespectful to Meadow Brook Hall.

dancing in her underwear in there is almost as if you or I were dancing around the Detroit Institute of Arts in our underwear.

Perhaps the most disrespectful scenes in this video are of Cyrus dancing on the Hall's historic dining table in high heels, crawling atop it on her knees. Tables are for eating, not standing, kneeling or dancing — especially not historic ones that dignified

people have once gathered and shared meals at.

One part of the video portrays Meadow Brook Hall as a dance club, with about 100 sweaty kids dancing and grinding on one another. Cyrus joins the scene provocatively and seductively dancing between two females. That is not to say I am against homosexuality in any way, because I'm not — it's not who she's dancing with that bothers me, it's where and how.

Don't get me wrong. My point isn't that Cyrus should have filmed her video elsewhere. My point is that she should have had some class. The entire video uses the rooms of the estate for purposes other than what they're intended for. The taste — or lack thereof — used in this video was disrespectful to the prestigious location.

This video has gained negative media coverage and controversy since it first premiered on Cyrus's YouTube channel due to its distasteful nature.

If the scenes inside didn't give it away, the shot of the outside makes evident the location of this debacle. The thought of that video giving OU a negative image is sickening.

I wish the 17-year-old singer would have not only acted her age, but thought about the history and culture of the estate before she decided to show such disrespect on film for all to see.

COLUMN

Detroit, far from perfect, is too nearby to ignore

Detroit, the auto metropolis of years past, is attempting to restart its engine.

In spite of being located only 34 miles from Oakland University, a lot of people never make the journey.



Nichole Seguin
Features Editor

Once a city that flourished in all aspects, Detroit is now underappreciated and feared by a majority of people. A 2008 study completed by the Pew Research Center showed that 90

percent of the over 2,000 people polled would not live in Detroit, given the choice.

Like a guy making a dreaded trip to the mall, people only travel to the city for specific reasons. Red Wings fans stay near the Joe, Lions fans — if there are still any of them out there — stick around Ford Field and those looking to win a few extra dollars will remain within Greek Town's perimeters.

The city has a lot to offer, though. It's possible to spend a whole day in the Renaissance Center just riding up and down on the escalators alone. And then you've got the elevators.

The fact that people are too afraid to go there is alarming. Its lure might not compare to the lights and lust of Las Vegas or the history and depth of Washington D.C., but it's still harmless if you pay attention to what you are doing.

Recently, I stepped out my comfort zone and traveled to the city for the first time to explore the supposed mayhem everyone always talks about. I found little to support their claims.

Though you might get a \$30 parking ticket for parking three inches too far from the curb in search of a cannoli from a famous bakery, it's good to note the city gives a discount if you pay your ticket early.

And that man playing the silver saxophone on the side of the street for spare change may be unfamiliar and scary, but he is nothing to run away from. He's just trying to get through the day like the rest of us are.

Detroit, in many aspects, is becoming resurrected. Through various different projects, the city is trying to make a turnaround. People are currently working on restoring the city through the making of art murals and renovating rundown buildings.

Through the help of others willing to take adventures through the unknown and experience the unfamiliar, Detroit will make a full 360.

Until then, Motown will remain on the backburner as just another item on a "to do list," forever waiting to be crossed off.

CORRECTIONS CORNER

— In the Oct. 20 story, "Muddy field, dry event," it was reported that Sigma Alpha Epsilon defeated Sigma Pi in the Mud Bowl. It should have read that SAE played Theta Chi. Sigma Pi did not participate in the event.

The Oakland Post corrects all errors of fact.

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Grizzlies after graduation

By KAITLYN CHORNOBY

Assistant Campus Editor

After graduating from Oakland University, alumni can stay involved through the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Program and attend events to share their stories with prospective students.

The program works through the Alumni office and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to expand the presence of OU on a national level.

There are currently over 300 alumni who participate in the AAAP. These alumni are in over 20 states and attend college fairs to share their experiences from their time as a student.

Alumni participants of the AAAP return to campus for open house events, "Go For the Gold," college fairs and welcome receptions for admitted students.

"The group utilizes alumni to share their stories with students," Luke Fleer, coordinator of the AAAP, said. "They have opportunities to give time and be able to share their

experiences, whether it be to freshmen and sophomores in high school or at events like 'Go For the Gold.'"

Alumni who have since moved out of state can also become an ambassador and recruit at college fairs in their community.

"The group is also an outreach to remain engaged (at OU) even though they're out of state," Fleer said.

Corey Schmidt, an alumnus who is currently attending graduate school in Indiana, attended his first event as an alumni ambassador on Tuesday.

"As a recent alum, I feel like I can give students a perspective on what it is like to be a student at Oakland," Schmidt said. "Tell them about the unique community we have, some of the opportunities for involvement, about working an on-campus job, those personal touches that can help a student identify better with the Oakland experience."

As a student who lived on campus all four years, Schmidt said he hopes to share how he felt calling OU home for those years

since the students he talks to in Indianapolis will most likely live on campus.

Schmidt was an admissions ambassador as a student, which he said helped developed a strong connection with OU. As an alumni ambassador, he said he will have an opportunity to keep that connection strong.

Schmidt, who graduated in May with a degree in Public Administration, said he feels it is important for alumni to stay connected with the school after graduation.

"The Alumni Ambassador program allows you to give back to the school and you only have to give what you can, whether it's attending a college fair out-of-state or maybe going to an on-campus recruitment event if you are staying local," he said.

Lynne Lombard, a 1984 graduate, said she became an ambassador because she had a positive experience at OU and wanted students in northern Michigan to know more about the school.

"I try to answer the questions students have about OU and the quality of education, but also coming from northern Michi-

gan, its similarities and differences," Lombard said. "I try and explain its location and its advantage. Many people are unaware of OU in northern Michigan, but that is slowly changing."

Lombard graduated with a degree in physical therapy. She is currently working as the physical therapy director at Great Lakes Orthopedic Center in Traverse City, where she said she is pleased to have hired an OU physical therapy graduate this year.

The AAAP asks for time and service rather than money. Fleer said the AAAP doesn't ask for help every weekend or at every event, but rather any opportunities that are convenient for the alumni to attend.

"Even though OU has changed and grown, alumni can share their story through the group," Fleer said.

The AAAP began in 2007 on a two-year contract and was then extended through July 2010. Now the group is permanently funded through OU.

Interested students can learn more at www.oakland.edu/aaap

Jackson to be remembered for warm smile

By KAY NGUYEN and RHIANNON ZIELINSKI

Editor-in-Chief and Scene Editor

Corey Dwayne Jackson, 19, of Warren died on the campus of Oakland University Tuesday, Oct. 19.

A sophomore who lived in the residence halls, Jackson was well liked among his peers.

One of his close friends, Justine Roy, described him as a vivacious and outgoing person.

"It didn't matter if it was your darkest day, he would put a smile on your face," Roy said. "He would just bring you out of that bad mood."

Jackson committed suicide the day before Spirit Day, a day that honors LGBT youth who have recently committed suicide.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, many students, faculty and staff wore purple in memory of Jackson and other gay teenagers.

Over 500 people braved the elements to attend a candle-light vigil held outside Vandenberg Hall that night.

Though the event was also meant to promote awareness

of antigay bullying, the Oakland University Police Department found no evidence of bullying while investigating Jackson's death.

"We actually found that it was the opposite," OUPD Captain Mark Gordon said. "He was very welcomed and liked in the circles he was involved with on campus."

Gordon said OUPD spoke to people involved with every part of Jackson's life and found that he was very supported.

OU's chapter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity considered Jackson a brother. He was a winter 2010 pledge. Though he never chose to formally go through initiation, members honored him by wearing black ribbon threaded through their fraternity lapel pins.

The gesture is normally reserved for TKE brothers. TKE president Nick McCormick said because he was so close to initiation and was a friend to many members, the fraternity decided to honor Jackson.

"He seemed to be up on the high," McCormick said. "It was a shock and none of us suspected it because when I saw him, he was upbeat."

The campus community put together a variety of fundraisers to help raise money for Jackson's funeral.

Chartwells collected dollar donations and those who donated could have their name displayed on the wall. Barnes and Noble will be holding a similar fundraiser this Thursday.

Tau Kappa Epsilon distributed purple and yellow ribbons in exchange for any donations. The Environmental Society held a fundraiser at Coldstone Creamery and a portion of the sales went to Jackson's family.

Junior sociology major Jeff Lamkin Jr. said that over \$700 has been raised for the family thus far, and their goal is to cover as much of the funeral costs as possible.

University Housing offered Bear Bus transportation on Sunday for students that wished to attend the public viewing and funeral service.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at the Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit from 2-3 p.m.

The Community Church of Detroit is located at 244 Pinecrest Avenue, in Ferndale.

OUSC considers tossing Scantrons

By JAKE THIELEN

Staff Reporter

At Monday's meeting, Oakland University Student Congress discussed discontinuing its support for the free Scantron giveaway program, instead passing the service on to Kresge Library and using the saved money for new initiatives.

"Currently we spend \$2,500 a semester on Scantrons provided to students, and that was originally done as an incentive to students to get traffic in the office and get our name out," Administrative Assistant Christina Quigley said. "What I'm seeing is that it's become something that's expected and demanded."

Quigley said students get upset when Scantrons are unavailable. "It's not an incentive anymore. It's not something that people appreciate, but something that's expected. I feel that the reasoning for supplying those Scantrons is not doing what it was intended."

One of the reasons why OUSC is considering the change is because students often take more than the allotted two per person, which leads to OUSC running out of Scantrons quickly.

"I'm constantly restocking them," Quigley said, as she witnesses students who come in and pick up a whole stack.

"I've had the janitor come in with a whole stack of them that someone that just tossed on top of the trash. This isn't something that's appreciated anymore. I see people come in and get upset when we don't have them. It's turned into something it wasn't intended for."

Student Body Vice President Amy Ring said she also supported using the money spent on Scantrons for something else.

"In my opinion, I just feel like we could use the \$2,500 when we're saving each student that maybe uses that service, that maybe knows about it, one dollar when they could go to the bookstore, or potentially other departments that could start providing the service for free," Ring said.

While the Scantrons would no longer be available in the OUSC office, students could still find them in Kresge Library.

"They do a great job, a much better job than we do because they have people on staff, at monitoring how many Scantrons go out all the time," Student Body President Brandon Gustafson said. "What we're looking into doing is not strictly swiping the Scantrons from campus totally, but looking to talk to the library and having them take on the service."

The Scantrons would still be available through the end of the fall semester, and OUSC will formally discuss the issue when

it votes on its budget for winter 2011.

The OUSC also passed a resolution supporting the OU Recreation Center's extension of its Monday through Thursday operating hours.

The resolution, which was sponsored by legislator Nick McCormick, cited increased traffic flow at the Rec Center in the past academic year as one reason why the hours should be extended.

The extended hours call for the Rec Center to be open until midnight Monday through Thursday on a trial basis. It is currently open until 11 p.m. The new hours would take effect for the upcoming winter semester.

New members that were approved to the Student Services Committee on Monday include Sarah Tilden and Christina Matles.

Louie Alkasmikha was approved as a member of the Research and Review Committee.

John Ajlouny was approved as the new Judiciary Chair, replacing Daud Yar, who resigned.

"First of all, I just want to get more involved," Ajlouny said. "I also think it's a really good chair position for my law and political background."

"I'm a committee member already, so I know what the chair is about, and I think I'd do a very good job."

campus briefs

Leadership boot camp

A leadership boot camp will be taking place on Saturday, Oct. 30, in the Oakland Center banquet rooms. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and lunch will be served.

For more information contact Meaghan Walters at mcwalter@oakland.edu.

English major internship

An internship night for English majors will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, in 100 Kresge Library.

The meeting is geared to discuss possible job opportunities in the field. The meeting will run from 4:45-5:45 p.m.

For more information, contact Annette Gilson at gilson@oakland.edu.

Rec center fall preview day

A Rec Center preview day for OU employees, alumni, and family and friends of OU students is being held on Thursday, Oct. 28.

The event runs from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and includes a variety of free programs and promotions. A full list and more details can be found at www.oakland.edu/campusrec

Poetry reading

Award winning poet Marilyn Nelson will be at the MISD Educational Service Center on Friday, Oct. 29, for a reading of her poetry.

The program begins at 9 a.m. and runs until noon. More information, location, and directions can be found at the School of Education and Human Services website at www.oakland.edu/sehs

— Compiled by Peter Behnke,
Staff Intern

Classroom clutter becomes a hassle

By SARAH WOJCIK

Staff Reporter

With more enrollment at Oakland University, does that mean there is less space in classrooms and lecture halls?

Melvin Kucway, a sophomore physics major, is in a chemistry class located in a large lecture hall in Hannah Hall.

"In the beginning of the class, while everyone wanted to show up, about a dozen people a day were standing without a seat," Kucway said.

"For the first few weeks I ended up skipping class. I decided to not attend the lecture because I could study independently and learn the material online."

However, after the initial attendance drop, seating became more readily available.

"Sometimes the chatter gets louder than the professor can talk," Kucway said. "It gets to the point to where he shouts to tell everyone to be quiet."

Dr. Jennifer Lucarelli, assistant professor of health sciences, said classroom overcrowding has not been an issue in any of her classes.

"It becomes a problem when students want to add into a section of a class when it is already full, and I have to explain to them that if I allow them to add the class, someone will end up sitting on the floor," Dr. Lucarelli said.

"My best advice to students is to register early so that they can get the schedule that they desire, otherwise, they will have to take whatever classes are open."

Casey Korzen, a junior majoring in general management, is in Dr. Lucarelli's health science class in Dodge Hall. She said she is one of the lucky students who added in at the beginning of the semester.

"There are probably barely enough seats," Korzen said.

With two-thirds of the class attending regularly, there are currently 93 students enrolled for a 97-seat course, according to Dr. Lucarelli.

Dr. Lucarelli admits that the

seats are close together and maneuverability is difficult.

"Oakland is investing in new classrooms," Dr. Lucarelli said.

"The new Human Health Building will have several large lecture halls, and many smaller classrooms and labs to enhance student learning."

The 157,300 square foot HHB costing \$61,748,100, will house the School of Health Sciences and the School of Nursing, according to Bill Bowerman, chief analyst.

The university states that the new facility will enable the institution to double undergraduate and graduate enrollment.

Early registration can ensure that students will have a seat.

Police Files

Malicious Destruction

On Friday, Oct. 22, OUPD received information of a destruction of property report. A student stated that he parked his vehicle in P38 around 11 a.m. After returning at around 3 p.m., the student noticed the rear window was broken out.

There was no apparent object used to break out the window, and the student did not suggest possible suspects. The student had received a ticket for improper parking at the same location earlier in the day.

Injury Reports

— On Friday, Oct. 15, a student was walking from Varner to a vehicle in P36 when she stepped on uneven pavement and fell.

The fall caused torn ligaments in her right ankle and she must wear a medical boot on her right foot. She was wearing Masai Barefoot Technology shoes during the incident.

Other than artificial lights outside, the area was dark.

— On Saturday, Oct. 23, an Oakland employee fell inside Elliot Hall on a flooded floor. The water was in the hallway outside of room 427. The officer noticed the complainant was holding her left wrist. She was wearing high heeled boots during the incident.

— On Wednesday, Oct. 20, an Oakland employee was sitting at her desk in O'Dowd Hall. When she tried to stand up, she fell after her legs tangled up in her computer cords. The fall caused a rug burn on her right knee.

— Compiled by Kaitlyn Chornoby,
Assistant Campus Editor

Panel to discuss Con-Con

By ALI ARMSTRONG
Staff Reporter

Henry Woloson, an attorney and counselor at law from Clarkston, will replace State Senator Tom George today in a panel discussion with Oakland University students about Michigan's Constitutional Convention.

The discussion will be held at noon Wednesday in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

The discussion will analyze Proposal One that will be on the upcoming Nov. 2 statewide ballot, which is a proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the state constitution.

"There are other groups out there who are proponents of it, but Woloson is a guy who has been in the newspapers and as far as I can tell, it goes back to him as the guy who has been advocating it," said associate professor and chair of the political science department David Dulio.

Along with Woloson, 14A District Court Judge Kirk Tabbey will speak at the event.

The panel will cover the Con-Con and look into the effects of the proposal. Students will be provided with information that will educate them on the upcoming election and issues.

"It's not for or against one thing, it's informational all around," Dulio said. "It will cover what it is, why we have it and what the two sides are."

Woloson, who is an advocate for the Con-Con, said if the proposal passes, "the state may save \$50 million a year."

Some of the issues that Woloson is an advocate for, in regards to saving state funds, includes addressing the alteration of the start date of the fiscal year from Oct. 1 to July 1 for tuition purposes. Downsizing legislator body is also a topic that many are looking to change, Woloson said.

If proposal one is approved, delegates for Michigan's constitutional convention would be elected and in 18 months, citizens would then vote on the drafted constitu-

tion. Once delegates have reached a conclusion, a 90-day period will be allotted for revision.

"We want adequate attention to it," Woloson said.

Over the years, Michigan voters have adopted four state constitutions in 1835, 1850, 1908 and 1963. If the proposal is defeated, the proposal will automatically reappear on the ballot 16 years from now, in 2026.

"We did this because it is pretty clear to us that nobody knows this is happening," Dulio said. "Nobody knows it's on the ballot and nobody knows why it is on the ballot."

The department of political science has been communicating with students in class as well as advertisements around campus and off campus to promote the upcoming discussion.

The upcoming discussion is one of many at OU every year which features a well-known keynote speaker.

The discussion is expected to have a strong turnout. The event is free to attend and all students are welcome.

College Dems are recruiting

By JAKE THIELEN
Staff Reporter

The College Democrats of America's website lists chapters at over 500 universities across the country.

Oakland University Student Congress legislator Jonathan Ajlouny is reviving OU's chapter, beginning this month.

Ajlouny, the group's president, said the chapter had been dormant since the old president, former student body president Mike McGuinness, graduated.

"I wanted to be involved as much as possible, start planning events and stuff like that, so I started them up again," Ajlouny said. "I'm trying to get people involved to help political candidates with their campaigns and I'm trying to host events for people to come out, too."

Ajlouny said he also wants to use the group to let students know that there are political internships with senators and members of Congress available and to educate students about the democratic process.

"My main thing is I want to have political internships available for anybody who

wants to," Ajlouny said. "They're contacting me to get people, and I know if people knew it was available, they would take it."

Ajlouny said students can join the College Democrats by simply showing up to one of the group's meetings. He said the meeting locations change from week to week, but the group typically meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Ajlouny said he's found that using social media to inform members of the group about upcoming meeting locations has been effective.

"The Facebook group is honestly the best way to go at it," Ajlouny said. "I usually invite everyone in the group, and I also invite all my friends at OU."

The Facebook group currently has 51 members. Ajlouny said he hopes that 20 to 30 guests attend the weekly meetings.

The Facebook group can be found by searching for "College Democrats (Oakland University Chapter)." The group also has a Twitter account (@oudemocrats).

For more information on the OU College Democrats, visit the group's website at www.oudems.com

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Programs receive grants for research

By ANNIE STODOLA

Senior Reporter

Along with the development of the William Beaumont School of Medicine and the construction of the Human Health Building, Oakland University has demonstrated its emphasis on science education in the form of faculty research.

Within the past few months, several researchers have received grants from national institutions to conduct research in the scientific fields. One professor who received such a grant is Michael Sevilla, a professor of chemistry at OU. In August, Sevilla received \$263,479 as part of a multi-year grant from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institute of Health.

Sevilla's research group has focused their studies on free radical

chemistry of biomolecules. Free radicals, which are highly unstable cells that bond to the surrounding cells, often cause problems in a person's DNA and are frequently created during radiation treatments for cancer patients.

"My laboratory investigates processes that occur after high-energy radiation interacts with DNA at the molecular level," Sevilla said. "We employ instrumentation that detects molecules which have gained or lost an electron. Our work establishes the processes that lead to the site of DNA damage."

Sevilla's team is working to see how ionization may affect the creation of free radicals. The grant from the NHI will help sponsor the involvement in this research of two doctors who are doing post-doctoral work, as well as two

graduate students and several undergraduate students.

Prior to this grant, Sevilla's work has also received funding from the National Science Foundation, the American Chemical Association and the United States Department of Agriculture. Sevilla said the USDA was involved with his study of how radiation may be used for the preservation of food. His radiation research was approved, but radiation food preservation tactics are not yet used in the United States.

An additional grant was received by Andrei Slavin, a physics professor who serves as chair of the Department of Physics. Slavin has received two grants from the National Science Foundation. The first will help fund his theoretical research on the creation of a model generator of microwaves. His

theoretical research accompanies experimental research done by a group at the University of California-Irvine. The second grant applies to his research on the development of new artificial magnetic material. This research is part of Materials World Network, which involves work done by researchers from Ukraine, Spain and the U.S.

Although the grant process is especially competitive for theorists — which most of the OU physics department is comprised of — the 10-person department still has done well in the competition.

"The physics department brings in 25 percent of outside research money (at OU), or about \$2 million a year," Slavin said. "We're competing with the best universities in the country."

The grant Slavin receives will also go toward hiring students and other important team members for his research.

"If these people are hired from outside, they work with me and the department and develop an opinion of Oakland University," Slavin said. "We're spreading the news that we're fine here and we're doing better than universities that are three times as large with three times as much money."

Other grants that have been received by faculty in the OU scientific community include \$446,742 toward Dr. Yang Xia's work in detecting deterioration of cartilage to detect osteoarthritis; a \$299,995 grant to assist in the creation of the Interdisciplinary Research Experience in Electrical and Computer Engineering summer program for students and more.

Sitting down with President Russi

The Oakland Post recently sat down with OU President Gary Russi to talk about the future of the school. This is the first installment in a series highlighting Russi's views on what is going on in and around campus.

The William Beaumont School of Medicine is going to open its doors next fall. The school gained preliminary accreditation in February and is currently interviewing applicants for the school's charter class.

What is the status of the William Beaumont School of Medicine's accreditation?

Russi: It really is (a reality for next fall). It's going extremely well. First of all, all the accreditations have been achieved. The medical school accreditation body, the Liaison Community on Medical Education (LCME) has approved us; the North Central Association has approved us, and of course now we've opened the doors for admissions.

How competitive is the applicant pool?

Russi: The last count I had was at about

2,800 applications for 50 spots. At the moment, the quality of those applications is the best in the state, which is really quite good.

The representation is from a lot of states in the country. First is Michigan, second is California and then we get into the East Coast. The primary feeder school is the University of Michigan, it is of course the top school.

How are staffing and fundraising going?

Russi: The Dean (Robert Forlberg) is now hiring the faculty. He is also hiring clinical faculty so then we will have the basic faculty and then the clinical faculty. The fundraising continues, and it's going well. We have just had two recent visits from people who have committed a million dollars each.

What has the general reaction been to the medical school?

Russi: The excitement about the medical school in the region and this area continues to be extremely high. I also noticed an uptick in the number of students who are coming in for the basic sciences and in pre-med,

and I think that's a natural expectation. We are seeing it, and we're delighted with that because those students are really excellent students who bring passion for going into medicine.

Is there special consideration given to OU graduates when it comes to the school's graduate and professional programs?

Russi: The answer is yes, yes, yes. I think, if you think about it, a good example is our physical therapy program. It is unbelievable — very few people get into that program. That factored in (gives applicants) one-tenth of one percent, but that makes a difference.

They make it up front if you're an Oakland student. So yes, there will be a consideration as we move forward. If a student is with us for four years and they want to be in a professional program, they should be given it some serious look.

— Interview conducted by Kay Nguyen, Dan Fenner and Mike Sandula



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STUDENTS PREPARE FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS

BY JAKE THIELEN
STAFF REPORTER

2010 MIDTERM ELECTION GUIDE

DESIGNED BY JASON WILLIS

With Election Day on Nov. 2 approaching quickly, many Oakland University students are preparing to get out and vote.

OUSC Legislative Affairs Director Nessma Bashi ran a campaign to get as many students registered to vote as possible before the Oct. 2 deadline. Bashi said she and other OUSC members helped 500 students register to vote.

"We went around to the dorms, we did tabling within the (Oakland Center) and we also went person-to-person in the OC for a full week," Bashi said. "Any person that was congregating in the OC, we got them."

Bashi said registering to vote is as simple as completing a form that takes less than a minute to fill out.

"Most people don't like to do it just because they get confused," Bashi said. "There's a whole section that you don't have to fill out – it's all optional."

She said she also tried to streamline the process as much as possible.

"We just went through and highlighted what was important, and it took people about 45 seconds to fill it out," Bashi said.

Despite the fact that the registration deadline has passed, OUSC is continuing its work to spread election awareness.

On Nov. 2, OUSC will be presenting the Get Out the Vote Concert from noon to 2 p.m. in the Pioneer Food Court.

OUSC Public Relations agent Jackie Puuri said the concert will feature performances by former OU student body president Dan Evola and student Mukoma Simpanya.

"The goal of the event is to inform students about the responsibilities of voting while entertaining them at the same time," Puuri said.

Puuri said the event will also feature tables for candidate awareness as well as free T-shirts and OUSC wristbands.

"The Legislative Affairs Committee is working on candidate awareness, so promoting the issues that are going to be affecting the student body in the upcoming election, as well as the candidates that are going to represent them," Bashi said.



Photos courtesy of Rick for Michigan and Virg Bernero for Michigan campaigns
Republican Rick Snyder and Democrat Virg Bernero face off in the gubernatorial race.

One of those issues is the possibility of Michigan reinstating the Promise Scholarship.

According to the state of Michigan's website, the Promise Scholarship was suspended beginning with the 2009-10 fiscal year. The scholarship had provided qualifying Michigan high school graduates with up to \$4,000 towards post-secondary education at any approved institution in Michigan.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Virg Bernero has said he is in favor of reinstating the scholarship if he is elected governor.

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FOR DEMOCRATS OR
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CHOOSE THE CANDIDATE
THAT I CAN IDENTIFY
WITH THE MOST."**

**ANTHONY DEBAY,
GRADUATE ACCOUNTING STUDENT**

Republican candidate Rick Snyder has not supported reinstating the scholarship as it was, but has talked about creating more scholarships on a needs basis.

OU Associate Professor and Chairman of the department of political science David Dulio said the issue may not be decided by the candidates themselves.

"A lot of what the gubernatorial candidates have in mind depends completely on the state legislature," Dulio said. "They can't

do that themselves. ...Is it possible? Sure. Is it likely? I don't know. We have to wait and see what the makeup of the state legislature looks like."

With the state legislature continuing to cut funding for higher education, Dulio said finding money to fund the Promise Scholarship may be difficult. He said he doesn't expect to see the trend of the state legislature cutting funding for higher education from its budget to change any time soon, though he doesn't rule it out completely.

"(Higher education) is an easy target among the legislators and among state government in general," Dulio said.

Dulio said increasing jobs and growing the state's economy would allow legislators to give more funds to higher education.

"You have to increase the amount of money that's available," Dulio said. "The more the state has in its coffers, the more they can give to higher education and other programs."

Despite several issues like the economy and education that affect college students, it remains to be seen if young voters will be a factor in this election.

Anthony Debay, a graduate accounting student at OU, said he is planning to vote in the election.

"I do not vote strictly for Democrats or Republicans only," Debay said. "I choose the candidate that I can identify with the most. ...I try to hear the for or against position on all of the issues for each candidate and base my vote on who I agree with the most, and who I feel I can trust the most."

For information on where you should go to vote if you are registered, and for a sample ballot, visit www.michigan.gov/vote

2010 MICHIGAN GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES

EDUCATION

BERNERO: A main priority is to restore the Michigan Promise Scholarship, so that students will have a better opportunity to succeed at the college level. Another priority is to strengthen the relationship between government and universities. The tuition hikes can be prevented, but both sides need to come together to solve this problem. Additionally, we need to expand students' graduation options through creative partnerships with community colleges. Students need more options to earn a diploma.

SNYDER: Increased coordination between community colleges and universities to facilitate course credit transfers, opportunity learning, private sector collaboration and early course offerings for high school students is crucial for our education system. Also, Michigan needs to start a system, which will provide data on its students, faculty and other personnel. The state can accomplish this by creating a databank. The data accumulated will help educate policy-makers, better educational facilities, improve curriculum effectiveness and raise staff involvement.

BY DAUD YAR
LOCAL EDITOR

VIRG BERNERO DEMOCRAT

Virg Bernero is the Mayor of Lansing going in his fifth year in office. He has served as a county commissioner, state senator and state representative in the past. Bernero cut his pay due to tough times and refused to accept a city-funded car.

"Michigan needs a governor with a proven record who will hold the state capitol accountable."

RICK SNYDER REPUBLICAN

Rick Snyder is the former president and Chief Operating Officer of Gateway. He was appointed to serve as the first Chair of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in 1999 with an appointment by Gov. Engler.

"I am running for governor because career politicians have failed us."

HEALTHCARE

BERNERO: The candidate has always been a strong advocate for providing healthcare for those who are not fortunate enough to afford healthcare. While representing the Michigan people in the state legislature, the candidate has been instrumental in bills to improve healthcare. Also, a main goal is improve the food and drink quality offered by schools around the state.

SNYDER: Promotion of Wellness programs all across Michigan is a good way to reduce Healthcare costs. The state should offer incentives and challenge Michigan residents to improve their health. This preventive strategy can be accomplished with innovative programs that show Michiganders the benefits of healthy living. Additionally, local community pilot projects, public-private partnerships and federally qualified health centers can be used to reduce costs and increase access to healthcare to the uninsured and under-insured.

BUDGET/DEFICIT

BERNERO: It is easy to talk about balanced budgets, but it is another thing to deliver. The candidate boasts that he has balanced the budget every year, with no tax increase, during his tenure as Mayor. He says that he has reduced government by 20 percent as well. Balancing budgets and avoiding deficits are all about determining priorities.

SNYDER: There is a system that Michigan should start using, and it is called "Value for Money." This concept basically means that the government should spend on projects that work. On the flip side of that, the government should not spend money on programs that do not work. The candidate says that he financially benefitted Gateway during his time there.

MICHIGAN BUSINESS TAX

BERNERO: The MBT is going to go no matter what, and I am in favor of that. Rick Snyder's 6 percent corporate income tax will also hurt our businesses. The candidate also states that Brian Calley (Snyder's running mate) is one of the architects of the MBT. There needs to be real tax reform in this state.

SNYDER: The MBT needs to be eliminated and replaced with a flat 6 percent corporate income tax. There is no need to get bogged down in taxes, and the MBT is an unnecessary tax that hinders the growth of Michigan's businesses. Simply reducing this tax is not enough; reducing a bad tax does not make a good tax. It is still a bad tax.

ECONOMY/JOB

BERNERO: A good idea would be to tie tax incentives to job creation. This will do a couple things: Produce jobs in Michigan by rewarding an employer for investing in this state and decrease the amount of outsourcing with an incentive to benefit by hiring in Michigan. Creating jobs is all about setting the table for them. If done correctly, jobs will flourish in this state.

SNYDER: It takes hard work to create jobs. Reducing the regulatory burden and cutting through the "red tape" is key on this issue. We also need to have innovative spending. However, ultimately we need to help the small businesses of Michigan. Small businesses are the ones that create jobs, so those are the people that we should be helping.

MICHIGAN FILM INCENTIVE

BERNERO: The people of Michigan should not have live in a world where their government gives tax incentives; but it is the world that we live in. If the economic incentives are working, we are going to use them and they have worked in the past. It's not a good idea to pull the rug out from underneath them right now. Let's see what the policy produces.

SNYDER: This incentive needs to be looked at because it is not a formula for success. When the state cannot get a positive return on an incentive, it hurts the state. Creating jobs is not about buying people into our state and handing out huge checks. We have a big budget deficit this year. It would help if we could scale back that 42 percent rebate that the state offers to the film productions.

PROPOSAL ONE

CONVENE A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (CON-CON)

If passed, this proposal states that a group of 148 delegates — individuals who hold any political office cannot be a delegate — will be elected in every state House and Senate district to draft a general revision of the state constitution, which will be voted on by Michigan voters upon completion. Items up for consideration include a part-time legislature and moving the date of the fiscal year from Oct. 1 to an earlier date.

PROS: Average citizens would be able to change the way the State of Michigan runs. Presently, there are 42 states with a part-time legislature and 46 states with a fiscal year beginning on July 1.

CONS: A Con-Con would cost a considerable amount, with estimates ranging from \$8 million to \$50 million. Another concern is that the entire constitution could change, which would lead to logistical issues.

PROPOSAL TWO

AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FELONS FROM HOLDING ELECTIVE OFFICE

This proposal, if passed, would bar a person from running for any state or local elective office if that person has been convicted of a felony involving dishonesty, deceit, fraud or breach of public trust. The proposal would also extend to those seeking to hold a position in public employment that involves policy-making or has authority over public assets.

PROS: Proponents argue that decreasing the amount of felons would be a very positive step for Michigan's government, based on the issues Detroit faced during former mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's terms in office. This amendment would hinder those developments and possibly give a more stable government.

CONS: Opponents say individuals who commit felonies should be able to prove they've changed. Currently, felonies are allowed to run for office 20 years after committing a felony and there is some room for discussion on lowering this amount of years.

9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PLATFORMS

BY DAUD YAR
LOCAL EDITOR

GARY PETERS DEMOCRAT

Peters is currently finishing his first term as a U.S. representative. He worked as a local businessman for 22 years and served as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

ROCKY RACZKOWSKI REPUBLICAN

Raczkowski was elected as a Michigan representative during the years 1996-2002. He enlisted in the army at age 17 and currently is a Major. He has served two tours overseas.

HEALTHCARE

PETERS: Every resident should have access to affordable healthcare — the same healthcare that a member in Congress has. Healthcare coverage is about reform, competition and bringing down the cost.

RACZKOWSKI: Improving Medicaid is needed with open competition across state lines. The government should not demand anything. There must be an emphasis on the freedom of the individual, not the freedom of the collective to listen to our government.

JOBS

PETERS: Small businesses create the jobs. Government can help small businesses to do this, but it is not the role of government to directly create jobs. Government may aid, but it definitely does not directly create.

RACZKOWSKI: Small businesses are the engines of job creation in America, and the key to boosting small business is cutting taxes and getting government bureaucracy out of the way. There is too much red tape.

DEFICIT/TAXES

PETERS: This is not a time to be raising taxes on anybody. We need to wait until the economy is better. Many people talk about deficit reduction, but no one is willing to put any ideas on the table which is what I have been doing since I took office.

RACZKOWSKI: The government has a spending problem and a taxing problem. There is no reason why residents should have to pay one-third of their income to the government. Finding savings without the need for taxes is essential.

IMMIGRATION

PETERS: There should be no amnesty for immigrants. However, the 14th amendment should not be changed, altered or repealed. The government needs to start doing its job to enforce immigration laws.

RACZKOWSKI: Illegal immigrants should not have any pathway to citizenship at all. However, the 14th amendment should not change because it guarantees that those who are born legally in this country have the same rights that citizens do.

STATE SENATE AND HOUSE ELECTIONS

LOCAL ELECTIONS

BY ALI ARMSTRONG
STAFF REPORTER

On the upcoming Nov. 2 election, voters will be asked to pick representatives for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Candidates are running from Highland and Springfield Townships to Rochester and Bloomfield Hills. County commission is a partisan body and members serve two-year terms.

Many incumbent members are fighting to retain their seats on the Oakland County Commission this election.

Tim Burns of Clawson was elected to the County Commission in 2006. He is running against Mike Bosnic of Clawson, who has been a member on the Clawson School Board since 2008. Burns' campaign promises include efficiency with tax dollars and stopping the abuse of the park system by elected officials. As a member of the Clawson School Board, Bosnic's campaign promises include efficiency in the local school board and a fair property tax system. Burns and Bosnic are running to represent District 19, which consists of Clawson and a portion of Troy.

Dave Woodward of Royal Oak was elected to the County Commission in 2004 and served as a state representative from 1999-2004. He is running against Mark Ellis of Troy. Ellis' campaign promises to maintain the quality of public services by working closely with Royal Oak businesses. Woodward's campaign promises include getting a balance on budgets and the financial crisis. Woodward and Ellis are running to represent District 18, which consists of Royal Oak.

Dave Potts of Birmingham was elected to County Commission in 2006 and re-elected in 2008. Potts is running against 19-year-old college student Daniel J.K. Murray of Bloomfield Township. Potts and Murray are running to represent District 20, which consists of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township and part of Troy.

Three candidates are hoping to represent District 13, which consists of part of Bloomfield Township, south Rochester and north Troy. Robert Gosselin of Troy served six years as a state representative and four years on the Troy City Council. Gosselin is running against John Levin of Bloomfield Township and Will Molnar of Rochester Hills.

On the Nov. 3 general election ballot, voters elect Rochester Hills City Council Members, including the council member at large seat and seats for Districts 1 and 4. All council members serve four years.

Incumbent Jim Rosen and challenger Johanna Allen are running for the council member at large. Allen is a lifelong resident of Rochester Hills and attorney who owns her own practice.

Running for District 1 is incumbent member Ravi Yalamanchi and challenger Jim Kubicina. Yalamanchi is the CEO of Metro Community Inc., and is seeking re-election to the seat. Kubicina is a senior engineer with Delphi Corporation and is chairman of the Rochester Hills Deer Management Advisory Committee, the position he claims inspired him to run for the position.

Running for District 4, incumbent member Erik Ambrozaitis and challenging him, Nathan Klomp. Ambrozaitis has worked in real estate for 20 years and is seeking re-election to the seat. Klomp is the national sales and marketing manager for a local wood-cutting company.

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 2. Elections for Rochester Hills City Council will be held Wednesday, Nov. 3.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 12

CASANDRA ULBRICH DEMOCRAT

Ulbrich is currently on the Michigan State board of education and acts as the Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations for Wayne State University. Also serves on local and nation boards.

TOP PRIORITIES

- Invest in job creation
- Affordability of higher education
- Adequately fund K-12 schools
- Expand early childhood education

JIM MARLEAU REPUBLICAN

Served in the State House of Representatives and has local government experience serving on as township treasurer before being elected to his position.

TOP PRIORITIES

- General education
- Improving the roads of Michigan
- Reducing costs on Medicaid
- Reducing high class meals and benefits to Michigan prisoners

STATE REP. | DISTRICT 45

MARY WARD DEMOCRAT

Currently a teacher at Hart Middle School in Rochester Hills and has been a Rochester Community Schools teacher for 16 years.

TOP PRIORITIES

- Maintenance of police, firefighters and educators
- Roads need to be maintained
- Help economy to recreate a strong middle class
- Protecting natural resources

TOM MCMILLIN REPUBLICAN

McMillin is the incumbent in this race. He has served as a county commissioner, mayor and member of the city council previous to his current office.

TOP PRIORITIES

- Reduce benefits paid to the over 400,000 Michigan government employees
- Real transparency in government spending
- Part-time legislature

EIGHT THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE VOTING

1. Find out what precinct you vote in
2. Check out a sample ballot online
3. Take time to plan out your Nov. 2 day
4. If necessary, arrange to vote absentee
5. Do some research about politicians and their platforms
6. An ID is recommended at the polls
7. Decide which candidate affects you the most
8. Read up on various ballot measures

Grizzlies on the rebound

Carnago's return, new faces bring hope to women's basketball

By **DAN FENNER**

Senior Editor

When the regular season begins against in-state rival Detroit Mercy Nov. 12, the Oakland University women's basketball team will step onto the court with a very different look.

Coupled with the departure of four senior contributors, the infusion of many new faces via transfer and recruitment will help to distance this season's Golden Grizzlies from last year's postseason run that met a premature and disappointing end.

Despite finishing second in the conference during the last year's regular season with a 14-4 record, the Grizzlies were unceremoniously bounced from the Summit League Tournament in the first round by an inferior Western Illinois team. Seven months later, that stunning defeat remains the most prominent memory of last season's narrative.

But head coach Beckie Francis and her team are forward-thinkers.

"I think the biggest difference of this team from last year is that we're young," Francis said. "We have five new freshmen, two walk-ons and two redshirts who didn't play last year. That's seven to eight new people that weren't in any conference games or in the heat of competition last year."

Expectations set

In the Summit League preseason poll, released last week, the Golden Grizzlies ranked third behind heavy favorite Oral Roberts and last season's conference champion South Dakota State.

"I think that our league is getting better because I think that

we're good and if they're picking us third it means that this team is good, but (also that) the league is very competitive," Francis said.

The biggest thing the Grizzlies have going for them this season is the return of junior center Brittany Carnago, who missed all of last season with a serious knee injury suffered in the exhibition season. The holder of the school's single-season blocks record (89 in 2008-09), Carnago is expected to resume her role as the anchor of the defense and a frontcourt player that will dictate opposing coaches' gameplans.

"Last year was definitely very rough, having to sit out the entire season," Carnago said. "I am definitely very excited to start playing again. My knee is back to 100 percent."

Francis said Carnago's return to health has not gone unnoticed by other Summit League coaches.

"When I was recruiting in July, South Dakota State's head coach was sitting next to me and the first thing he said wasn't even, 'Hello,' it was, 'How's Carnago doing?' So I do think that they know that she's back," Francis said.

Carnago's return and presence is bound to reverberate throughout the Grizzlies' lineup this season, as the need for other teams to double-team her will free up teammates to take more open shots from the perimeter.

"Brittany makes a huge contribution," senior Anna Patritto said. "She's 6-foot-4 and you can't replace that. Back there we know she's always got our help on defense. Offensively, if you post her up and get the ball to her, you can be pretty sure it's going in."

With sophomore Bethany Watterworth, a First Team Sum-



Head coach Beckie Francis (left) and junior Sharise Calhoun talk about the upcoming season at media day. DAN FENNER/The Oakland Post

mit League preseason pick, also returning as the team's leading scorer, the front court is the Grizzlies' unquestioned strength of the team.

"(Watterworth) is such a threat," Carnago said. "She can shoot 3-pointers, she can take 15-footers and she can post up, so I think there's going to be great high-low action. She can get it inside to me and I can get it out to her, so I think that the two of us are going to really work together."

Patritto and transfer Brittney Nelson will provide quality depth off the bench at the forward position.

With a better balance of size and athleticism from last year's team, Oakland's offensive attack should employ a greater variety of schemes in addition to Francis' famous Motion Offense, which relies on quick ball movement to

create open shots for a variety of players.

OU's backcourt will be led by junior Sharise Calhoun, who will operate as a combination guard and the team's primary scorer on the perimeter.

Sophomore Victoria Lipscomb is also expected to reprise her starting role from a year ago.

New contributors

Francis has a reputation for emptying her bench and using a variety of different players throughout the season. The question of how she will divvy up playing time is still to be determined, however.

"We're still trying to figure out how it all works together. We're deep and we're talented," Francis said, adding that she expects the team's freshmen to all see playing time this season.

Oakland landed a pair of highly-touted recruits from East Lansing High School in Malika Glover and Zakiya Miniffee. Another freshman newcomer, Jenna Bachrouche, also has a chance to contribute in a supporting role this season.

The Grizzlies' non-conference schedule will once again present a rigorous tune-up for the Summit League season that will follow. High-profile home dates against Big Ten opponents Penn State and Illinois will help to prepare for the more important conference games that will ultimately make or break the team's chances of improving on last year's performance.

Other noteworthy games include a measuring stick game against preseason favorite Oral Roberts on New Year's Eve and a rematch with Western Illinois Jan. 8 at the O'Rena.

Teams making final playoff push

By ROSS MAGHIELSE

Sports Editor

As the fall season nears its conclusion, multiple Oakland University athletic teams are looking to make a final push toward the top of the Summit League standings.

Alone at the top

A game-winning goal from junior Sarah Lynch gave OU's women's soccer team a 2-1 win over Western Illinois Sunday and clinched at least a share of the Summit League regular season title for the Golden Grizzlies (10-5-2, 6-0-1). If Oakland gets a win or tie in either of its final two matches, the Grizzlies will win the league title outright and secure the No. 1 seed in the Summit League tournament, which begins Nov. 5 in Brookings, S. D.

Oakland is the only team in the Summit League without a loss in conference play. The Grizzlies would need to lose both their remaining games and either Western Illinois or South Dakota State would need to

win out down the stretch to force a first-place tie. OU's final two games are Oct. 28 at Southern Utah and Oct. 30 at UMKC.

Struggling to score

Scoring goals has remained a hurdle for the Oakland University men's soccer team. The Golden Grizzlies played to a 0-0 tie against Western Illinois in their last match, Saturday at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac. It marked the third straight game OU has been held scoreless, and fourth time in the last five games.

Currently, OU holds the fourth and final spot in the Summit League Tournament, scheduled for Nov. 12 at the OU Soccer Field. With five regular season games remaining, two of which are against conference opponents, OU could miss the tournament hosted on its campus if it remains winless down the stretch. Yet, if the Grizzlies win their final two conference games (at Oral Roberts Oct. 30 and home vs. Centenary Nov. 6) they could potentially move into the No. 3 seed for the tournament.

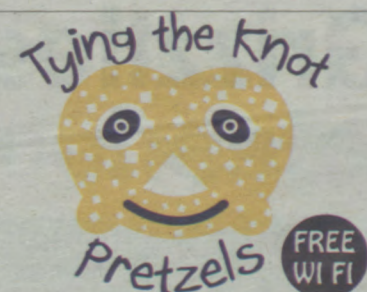
Volleyball picks up two wins

The Golden Grizzlies volleyball squad is holding onto fourth place in the Summit League with five matches left in the regular season.

Oakland (13-12, 8-5) is coming off back-to-back wins over the weekend. The Grizzlies defeated Oral Roberts, 3-1, Friday and swept Centenary, 3-0, Saturday. Sophomore Meghan Bray had 14 kills and junior Jenna Lange added 10 kills in the win over Centenary. Oakland's next match is Friday at home against league-leading IPFW.

Weekly honor

Sophomore women's soccer player Kara Weber was named Summit League Defensive Player of the Week this week as announced by the league office on Monday. It is the second time Weber has won the award this season. She also made a key contribution on the offensive side of the field for the Grizzlies this week, supplying an assist in Oakland's 2-1 win Sunday over Western Illinois.



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Grizzlies come in third at dual meet

By TOM BARRY

Staff Reporter

The Golden Grizzlies (0-2) fell short in a tri-meet Saturday at the OU Aquatic Center, losing to No. 7 Michigan, 185-105 and to Notre Dame, 166-132. The Wolverines (2-0) defeated the Fighting Irish (2-1), 172-120 to win the meet.

"We knew what we were getting in to," Oakland coach Pete Hovland said. "(Those schools) have a lot of history in both swimming and diving."

Sophomore Nick Evans, swimming in his first dual meet for Oakland after transferring from the University of Maryland, made waves by winning the 500 freestyle at 4:35.00. Evans, a native of Rochester Hills, also finished third in the 200 freestyle (1:40.87) and fourth in the 400 freestyle relay with Jordan Moses, Zach Johnson and Amr el Sayed (3:11.04).

"Today's meet was a step forward," Evans said. "I felt good enough to win the 200 free, but I got touched out. The 500 felt great the whole time. I beat my personal best performance for that event in a dual meet."

"I was surprised at first," Evans added, talking about the 500 freestyle. "I didn't see (Michigan's Connor Jaeger, who finished ahead of Evans) in Lane 1, but when I realized he was in an exhibition, I was like, 'Wow! I beat everybody from Michigan and Notre Dame!'"

Senior Marcin Unold, competing in his first meet for the Grizzlies in more than a year after redshirting last season, returned by winning the 100 backstroke (50.45). Unold also took second in the 100 freestyle (46.21) and the 200 medley relay with Scott Yarbrough, Alex Aceino and Grant Harding (1:31.75). He also took third in the 400 freestyle relay with Harding, Matyas Keresztes and Aceino (3:03.91).

Aceino took another runner-up finish in the 100 butterfly (50.01), while Yarbrough finished second in the 100 breaststroke (57.63).

El Sayed finished fourth in the 1,000 freestyle with the second fastest time in school history (9:26.28).

Other top individual swimming efforts for Oakland came from Joe Rogers, going third in the 200 breaststroke (2:07.06), To-



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The OU swim and dive teams took on tough competition in a dual meet last weekend.

bias Hansen fourth in the 200 individual medley (1:53.97), Harding fourth in the 200 backstroke (1:53.41), Keresztes fourth in the 50 freestyle (21.47) and Aceino fifth in the 200 butterfly (1:52.67).

Diving proved to be the Achilles heel for the Grizzlies and prevented them from ever getting close to the Wolverines and Irish. Oakland had just one diver because Jordan Zendejas missed the meet with a stress fracture in his leg. Antonio Page-Kahn made the

most of his efforts, finishing seventh in the 1-meter (224.35) and the 3-meter (229.30).

"It is what it is," Hovland said. "When you have very young divers and our best is injured, this is what happens. (Michigan and Notre Dame) are both great and I don't know if it would have changed anything."

The Grizzlies will look to earn their first win of the season when they combine with the women's team Saturday for a meet with Wayne State University.

Concussions becoming part of new football culture

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In Roman times, gladiators would be pitted against each other for social superiority. Thousands would cheer in coliseums. As a gladiator was close to death, the masses would pronounce their lust for blood. With a thrust, their wish was granted, one gladiator was defeated and deceased.

Doesn't this scenario seem familiar? Played out predominantly on Saturday and Sunday, tens to hundreds of thousands gather around to watch men whom the fans, media and athletes themselves, deem "gladiators." They battle each other to physical limits in pads likened to armor.

While this is not a matter of life and death, that status seems to be quickly approaching. When it does, will you be cheering?

There have already been an



Kyle Bauer
Staff Intern

NFL record 46 concussions reported according to official team injury reports this year, through only the first six weeks.

Coming into the beginning of the NFL season, this was recognized as an issue, with the league implementing a new baseline to test players' motor responses after a head injury. Helmets now have increased padding. If a player reported concussion-like symptoms, he was ordered to be examined by an independent neurologist and not be allowed on the field until he

was cleared of all symptoms.

This policy has already been shattered as Washington Redskins tight end Chris Cooley played with a concussion in a Week 6 contest against the Indianapolis Colts. He went through the NFL's new post-concussion policy tests and was cleared for play in Week 7.

For anyone watching Cooley in action against the Chicago Bears on Sunday, you could see him wobble after two early catches.

Cooley, in my mind, is a reminder that 46 reported concussions is not doing justice to what the real number of players suffering from head injuries might be. These are tough men, made to feel superhuman. If their legs can work, they're going to try to play.

The NFL received much criticism last week for putting in a new fine and suspension policy for

"flagrant hits."

Instead of ruling on a subjective matter like the nature of a hit, the NFL should look deeper into supplements that players put into their bodies. A full-on investigation into performance enhancing drugs, plus stricter enforcement may provide a more clear answer into this rash of injuries and concussions plaguing the league.

To me, one player exemplifies this new concussion riddled era — Detroit Lions linebacker and fan favorite, Zack Follett. On Nov. 1, 2009, the Lions lost to the St. Louis Rams in front of a justifiably lifeless Ford Field. The biggest roar of the game came when Follett flattened Rams kick returner Danny Amendola.

Two weeks ago, the already concussion-plagued Follett was carried off the field at Giants Stadium, immobilized. A scary

scene after he led with his head, attempting to make the same big hit on a kick return that got him so many cheers at Ford Field last season.

Follett is a victim of today's football culture and himself. It has become more and more like Roman times and the coliseum crowd is calling for blood. The players want to answer.

With concussions piling up at a rapid pace, players are getting stronger, faster and more rebellious of any effort by the NFL to curb their style.

The coaches and fans are becoming more demanding of these gladiators. At this pace, a player death from an on-field impact may be what it takes to snap the culture back to reality.

Let's hope that day never comes, but if it does, the coliseum won't be cheering for more.

New cuisine adds flavor to Rochester

By AMY ECKARDT
Staff Reporter

Downtown Rochester has offered a variety of different cuisines, from the juicy steaks at Rochester Chop House to Taiwanese delights at Bangkok Cuisine. One thing Rochester has been lacking for quite some time is a Mexican restaurant.

Lucky for Mexican food lovers, two new restaurants have recently opened: Miguel's Cantina, located at 870 S. Rochester Road, and Rojo Mexican Bistro, on the northwest corner of Main and E. Fourth streets.

Rojo celebrated its grand opening on Oct. 11, and manager Mark Adamo said "business has been great so far." There is another Rojo Mexican Bistro in Novi. Rojo plans to open two more in 2011: One at Patridge Creek and another in St. Clair Shores.

"We give you the upscale feel without the upscale price," Adamo said. "It is the best of both worlds."

All of Rojo's entrées are from

homemade recipes. Everything is cooked fresh to order. The menu includes Mexican classics like Enchiladas Verdes and also features signature dishes like the lobster tacos with Mexican fare.

Rojo's bar currently offers 112 different kinds of tequila, the largest tequila selection in Michigan. There is live entertainment Tuesday through Saturday in the bar, which at night, Adamo said, turns into a laidback scene.

"What sets us (Rojo) apart is the décor and atmosphere," Adamo said.

Less than one mile south of Rojo's is Miguel's Cantina. Miguel's, open for about nine months, has been embraced by the community said co-owner Michael Versaci.

"I think there is a demand for great Mexican food. There has been a void for five or six years in Rochester," said Versaci.

Versaci co-owns Miguel's with his long-time friend and Mexico native Reynaldo Paez. Many of the dishes served at Miguel's were recipes from Paez's hometown of

Mazatlan.

"We want people to feel like they are going on vacation to Mexico. The food, décor and staff represent that," Versaci said.

Miguel's aims to keep their menu authentic, they serve no ground beef in any of their dishes since it is not used in classic Mexican food. They also made fresh salsa, tableside, for each customer.

The menu includes Carne Asada and hefty Chimichanga. They offer margaritas by the pitcher and buckets of beer.

Miguel's Cantina was one of the 2010 nominees for Best Mexican Food in Channel 4's "Best Of" contest.

"We don't take ourselves too seriously. This isn't 'nuevo latino' cuisine," said Versaci. "It's great Mexican food at a very reasonable price."

Miguel's even caters to students with empty pockets with "Broke Student Specials." The offer is only valid for Oakland University students. Bring a student ID card into Miguel's and say, "Dos tacos



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The recently-opened Rojo Mexican Bistro offers fresh Mexican fare.

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"I love Mexican food," OU senior Megan Herald said. "If there were more authentic Mexican food in the area, I would be really excited."

Herald said she had not eaten

at either Miguel's Cantina or Rojo yet, but she would probably try both places.

Rochester's Mexican trend will expand later this year with the opening of Los Locos Cantina, at Rochester and Tienken roads, in the Papa Joe's plaza.

Bloomfield Hills voters split on millage proposal

By DAUD YAR
Local Editor

On Nov. 2, eligible voters will head to the polls to cast their votes for various candidates in local and national races around the state and country. However, the ballot is not confined to choices for office. Proposals, statewide and municipal, will need a yes or no vote.

This year, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township voters are faced with a tough decision regarding two millage proposals from the Bloomfield Hills School District. The first is a renewal millage for the sinking fund of Bloomfield Hills, which maintains schools in the district. The second proposal states that the money accumulated, by the annual millage, will go toward erecting new facilities and improving the current site of Andover High School.

Cynthia von Oeyen, treasurer for the Bloomfield Hills School Board, said there needs to be a very substantial renovation.

"The infrastructure (of the high school) was not created in a time when technology was what it is today," von Oeyen said. "The

spaces we use in the classroom are not conducive to the kind of group learning that is typical in today's classroom."

While the millage improves existing schools, there are disadvantages to the bond proposal that have spawned two conflicting groups: Bloomfield NOW (For) and Bloomfield 20/20 (Against).

Jenny Greenwell, member of Bloomfield 20/20 and former member of the BHSB, said there is no need to raise taxes with more millages.

"What is on the ballot are two tax proposals," said Greenwell. "We have no idea what they plan to do with the money if a YES, YES vote prevails."

Millages are determined by one's property value. The millage rate is multiplied by the property value and then divided by 1,000. The end result is the amount one pays to the municipal district.

For example, if a property owner has property appraised at \$100,000 and the second proposed millage passed for 1.43 mills — the amount of the millage on the ballot this November — then the owner is required to pay \$143 every year.

Betsy Erikson, Bloomfield Hills Schools director of communications and communications relations, said AHS and Lahser High School will be hard to merge, but it is necessary so the district needs to improve AHS. AHS and LHS are the only two secondary education facilities in the district. LHS is set to close in 2012.

The district did an analysis in 2003 with the engineering firms of George Auch Company and P.M.P. Associates and identified \$123 million in needed maintenance repair, said Erikson.

The sinking fund is currently at 1.4834 mills and expires in 2014. The proposed sinking fund millage on the ballot will begin in 2014 and levy 0.74 mills for a period of five years.

The BHSB bonding proposal, if it passes, will authorize a 1.43 mill levy. The proposal states the millage will begin with the acquiring of the bond, which the mill will pay for, in 2015. The bond may not be outstanding for 30 years beyond that date implying the millage cannot be enforced past 2045. The amount borrowed cannot exceed \$73,025,000.

"We are asked to vote to approve it now," said Greenwell. "Meanwhile, we will incur additional debt, as the BHSB will need to borrow money to get the construction started."

Chris Fellin, treasurer of Bloomfield 20/20, said, "The overall cost of building the new high school is \$105 million."

"We will be using \$20 million from the sinking fund, and \$12 million from the Capital Improvement Fund," Erikson said. The CIF is a savings fund for the district.

"I am concerned that there is no plan for this building," Fellin said. "It seems we are signing a blank check and handing it over to the school board."

It is true that the BHS does not have a formal plan in place, however, BHS has chosen Field Nair International to design the building, said Erikson. She said the design will take six months to complete, and we should have 80 percent of the schematics complete by April.

"It is very normal in schools and policies to approach a plan in this way," von Oeyen said. "We do not spend dollars on details of plans without voter approval."

By **RHIANNON ZIELINSKI**
Scene Editor

1. United States

Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn said U.S. enemies are using data released in Iraq war documents to look for ways to harm the American military. Lynn called the documents, released by WikiLeaks, "stolen material" that give adversaries insight on how the military operates. He did not say how the Pentagon knew they were researching the documents. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange said that the papers did not put troops at risk because names of soldiers and Iraqi civilians have been redacted.

2. Iraq

Saddam Hussein's longtime foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, was sentenced to death by hanging on Tuesday. He was convicted of per-

secuting Shiites and has 30 days to file an appeal. Aziz's lawyer and son said the conviction and death sentence are an attempt to divert attention from recent revelations of prisoner abuse by Iraqi security forces. Aziz was the only Christian working in Saddam's mainly Sunni inner circle. He is 74 and recently told the Associated Press that he expects to die in prison.

3. Indonesia

Mount Merapi in Indonesia erupted on Monday, killing at least 18 people, including a 2-month-old boy. The eruption on the 9,700-foot-high mountain covered thousands of victims in ash. Villagers are now being housed at makeshift emergency shelters with straw sleeping mats, bags of clothes and food. A government volcanologist said another big blast could still be coming. It is hoped that pressure building



beneath the lava dome will ease slowly.

4. Sudan

Relatives of 17 sailors killed in the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole have asked for the right to seek emotional-distress claims against the Republic of Sudan. They said Sudan provided support for al-Qaida terrorists. An attorney

representing 59 relatives asked a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday to overturn a ruling that barred families from seeking damages for their pain and suffering.

5. Mexico

The entire police force of Los Ramones, Mexico has quit after gunmen attacked their headquarters on Monday. Mayor Santos

Salinas said nobody was injured, but told Reforma newspaper that all 14 members of the force resigned Tuesday after the attacks. Los Ramones is in Nuevo Leon, a state torn by fighting between the Gulf and Zetas drug gangs. Police stations in small northeastern Mexican towns are frequently attacked and several mayors may be assassinated.

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Meadow Brook Hall honors its past and embraces the future

By RYAN HEGEDUS
Senior Reporter

For over 81 years, it has been tucked away on the eastern side of Oakland University's wooded campus as a constant reminder of a donation that kick-started the university.

Meadow Brook Hall, along with its surrounding buildings and \$2 million, was donated to Michigan State University in 1957 to form a branch of the school that would eventually become OU.

The individual who bestowed that ground-breaking donation upon MSU, Matilda Wilson, became the most influential link in the Hall's connection to OU. She may have passed away in 1967, but her magnanimous efforts continue on today.

"The farm and estate buildings on east campus, and scattered throughout west campus, are reflective of the life work and values of the university's founders," said OU President Gary Russi. "The adaptive re-use of numerous historic buildings and structures is an integral part of what makes Oakland University's setting unique among Michigan higher education institutions and most other universities nationally."

Oakland officially took possession of the Hall from the Wilsons' estate in 1971, and since then, the building has been open to the public as a museum and cultural center.

Students of all class standings are able to experience what the mansion has to offer. During Welcome Week, a midnight tour of the Hall is offered to incoming OU freshmen. The same tour is also available throughout the year, free for students.

One of the longest running events involving Oakland and the Hall is the Meadow Brook Ball, an occasion that sells out every year it has taken place. Last years tickets to the event sold out within two and a half hours of becoming available to students.

"I always say to people that (going to the Ball) is one of the top things you have to do before you graduate from OU. You really need to go and experience it," said Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center of Student Activities. "We don't have anything tradition-wise that is comparable to



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Meadow Brook Hall offers free tours to students during the year and was recently featured in Miley Cyrus' music video "Who Owns My Heart."

the Ball at Oakland. All colleges and universities have certain traditions, and this is one of the biggest traditions that OU students can relate to and totally remember."

"We don't have anything tradition-wise that is comparable to the Ball at Oakland."

— Jean Ann Miller,
CSA director

The yearly event is a continuation of parties that Matilda Wilson would throw for her students when the Hall first aligned itself with OU. Invitations to the balls, held each semester, were so sought after that a ticket lottery was set up for students.

In addition to educational and historical significance, Meadow Brook Hall has become known as a prime destination for production companies to film their movies at.

In 2008, Meadow Brook was the shooting location for "Youth In Revolt" and "The Prince of Motor City," "Highland Park" was filmed in 2009, and most recently, scenes of "Transformers 3."

"We have been fortunate of late to diversify our rental business somewhat by serving as a movie set," said Kim Zelinski, associate director of the Hall.

In addition to the revenue, Zelinski said Meadow Brook and OU benefit from the publicity and student involvement.

OU film students have been involved in serving as production assistants on several productions, including the upcoming action film "Transformers 3."

More information about the Hall and its founder can be found at www.oakland.edu/mbh

"Matilda would no doubt be pleased that the philanthropic vision she and her husband Alfred had in founding the university has touched so many lives," Zelinski said. "Her incredible educational legacy will outlive all of us."

4.0 professor profiles ✓

Weekly spotlight on OU professors

Abdulaziz Al-Zokeir Special lecturer, International Studies

Today's media has an incredible amount of influence on today's viewers, especially college-age students and their perceptions of the Middle East.



Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Zokeir was born in Iraq and raised in Kuwait. His father was Saudi and his mother Kuwaiti. Growing up immersed in diverse Middle Eastern cultures has allowed him to form his own opinions

about each individual culture.

Although he was born in the Middle East, Al-Zokeir graduated from Michigan State University in 1986 with a master's degree in geography.

After moving back to Saudi Arabia, he got married, had children and ended up teaching at King Saud University from 1988-1998.

After his years as an assistant professor at King Saud, he was granted a scholarship to go wherever he wanted to continue his educational career.

Al-Zokeir graduated from Exeter University in England in 2003 with his Ph.D., and moved to America the next year.

Only a year after returning to America, he began teaching regional geography at Oakland Community College. Since 2004, he has been teaching geography and international studies courses at Oakland University and Macomb Community College.

Al-Zokeir hopes that his experiences in the Middle East can teach students about the realities of the region, not just what is reported in the media.

"What I hope that students will get (from the classes) is actually the fact that they do not know anything about the Middle East — the people, the culture, how the people think and what they think about American people," Al-Zokeir said.

When he isn't teaching, he likes to continue learning about other cultures and their defining aspects. His favorite kinds of books are ones about foreign cultures, politics and their history.

This semester, Al-Zokeir is teaching IS 200, which is global human systems and IS 270, introduction to the Middle East.

— Ryan Hegedus, Senior Reporter



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Music professor Yin Zheng is China's youngest female Ph.D. in piano performance.

Keeping tune with music and students

By AMY ALLEN
Contributing Reporter

Dr. Yin Zheng has been playing piano since she was 4-years-old.

As China's youngest female Ph.D. in piano performance and literature, one would think she has nothing left to learn. However, this assistant professor of piano and coordinator of the keyboard program says she learns from her students daily.

"I found trying to diagnose their problems and help solve them is a really interesting journey," Zheng said. "I learn tremendously from teaching, and it's really a mutual process of discovery between me and students. I found after teaching these years my own playing has improved so much."

Zheng's interest in teaching began when she taught piano lessons while finishing her doctorate at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

"I love performing very much, but I don't want to lead a life of a full-time concert artist," Zheng said. "Teaching opens a window of different perspectives towards the way I hear and think about music. It's extremely enriching to me and that's something I like to have in my career."

Just as teaching enriches Zheng's life, she continues to enrich Oakland University through teaching in its piano program.

"She is a tremendous asset to OU, not only because she has an excellent musical background, but also because she definitely wants to enhance the quality of OU's music program," said Alexandra Zetye, a sophomore majoring in bio-engineering.

Since Zheng has joined the faculty, the number of students majoring in piano performance has increased, according to Sunkyung Hong, a professor who came to OU after Zheng.

"The environment of the program allowed me to develop a lot of vision for how the piano program should be shaped up," Hong said. "I restructured the applied piano standards. Prior to my arrival, there wasn't a clear standard of what students are expected to play for juries and what is expected for the entrance exam. I developed a vision completely different compared to before and everything became much more clear and set in stone."

Zheng also purposed a new program called the Performer's Certificate.

According to Zheng, the program is targeted to "extremely talented students" and has "extremely high standards."

"Now we have this amazing surge of performance major students ... right now we have five international students and six graduate piano students, which is an amazing change to (what it was) before."

In addition to performance majors, classes for piano minors are also offered. Those simply wanting to improve or even learn piano for the first time can take a class for beginners.

Zheng and her colleagues in the area form a "tightly-knit community," and offer many on-campus activities.

"We lead a weekly master class, which has a workshop forum where students perform and teachers give feedback and comments for them," Zheng said. "It's a great opportunity for them to try out and get rid of the nervousness on the stage and feel comfortable performing. Students also get to perform off-campus as well as on our Piano Enrichment Day which is an annual piano department recruitment event that brings in local piano teachers and students."

Zheng is currently teaching several piano classes that include senior recital, applied piano and master's recital.

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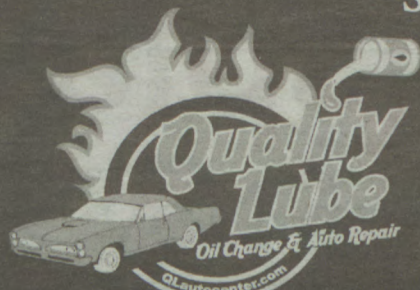
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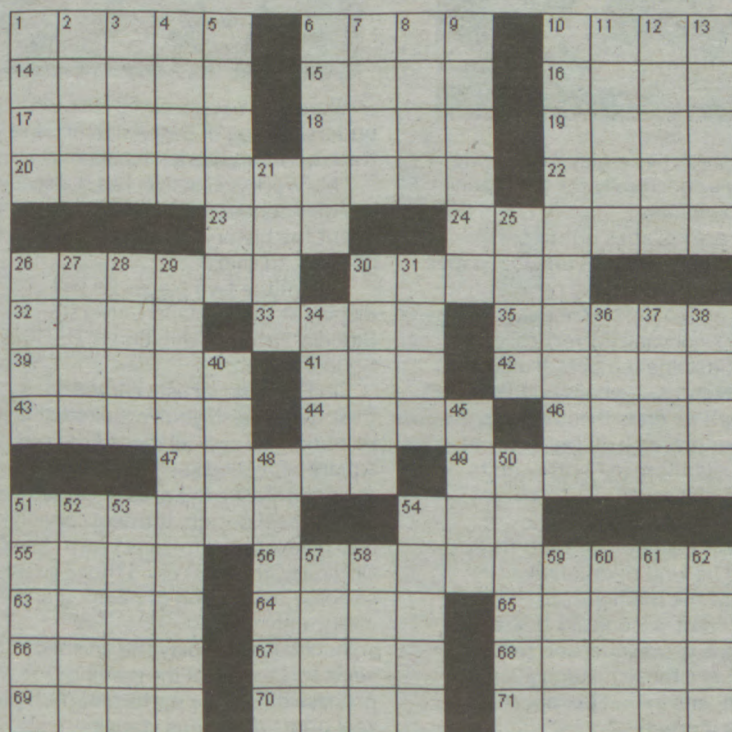


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6. Run away
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14. Explode
15. Test
16. Serene
17. Juliet's beau
18. A type of clamp
19. Harvest
20. Atheist
22. Elliptical
23. Blunder
24. Spin
26. A US spacecraft (1960's)
30. Implore
32. Flair
33. Agile
35. The 10th Greek letter
39. Comment to the audience
41. What we breathe
42. Contemptuous look
43. Send, as payment
44. Chilled
46. Price
47. Soft leather
49. Things that happen
51. Dullard

54. Japanese apricot
55. Tropical root
56. Long past
63. Goddess of discord (Greek mythology)
64. Honk
65. Hostel
66. Coastal raptor
67. Smell
68. Runs in neutral
69. Turned blue, maybe
70. Start over
71. Requires

Down

1. South American country
2. Press laundry
3. Unfeeling
4. Sword
5. Purloined
6. Pyrexia
7. Sixty-four in Roman numerals
8. Lack of difficulty
9. Come forth
10. Agreement
11. Stage between egg and pupa
12. Malicious satisfaction
13. Sufficient

21. Colored part of an eye
25. Long-haired Tibetan oxen
26. Cog
27. Consequence
28. Hurt badly
29. Disinclined
30. What something costs
31. Stringed instrument
34. Compensated
36. Unskilled laborer
37. Annoyance
38. Products of human creativity
40. Decorative case
45. Consider
48. One who modifies written material
50. A stringed instrument
51. Horse
52. Dawdle
53. Pee
54. Parisian subway
57. Means
58. State of mind
59. Travelled on a horse
60. Doing nothing
61. Matured
62. Not more

Faculty art on display

Twenty artists showcased through Nov. 21



Above: The OUAG faculty exhibition is located near Meadow Brook Theatre. Below: OUAG Director Dick Goody created "Metonym," an oil on canvas painting.

All photos by JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post



By Amy Allen
Contributing Reporter

Twenty faculty members have their art displayed at this year's Biennial Faculty Art Exhibition. The event showcases artwork of any professor wishing to participate, with the pieces ranging from photography to print making. The exhibit opened at the OU Art Gallery, in Wilson Hall, on Oct. 22 and will remain open until Nov. 21.

CORRIE BALDAUF

Lecturer in Art



Professor Corrie Baldauf uses pen, ink and graphite to create what she calls circular timelines.

They comprise concentric circles that look "like the cross section of a tree," she says.

"What I'm interested in is recording what happens around me when I draw. There's little tiny spaces and hairlines that I draw to the borders of the drawing where I write down things I hear people say, or things I hear on the radio, things I hear in songs that mark the present," Baldauf adds.

"I've always been really fascinated by language and the way people interact. If you've ever been in a cafe or at school and you hear conversation and something someone says jumps out, you suddenly hear that one sentence. I'm trying to capture those unique moments, unique ideas people have."

AMY FEIGLEY-LEE

Lecturer in Art



Professor Amy Feigley-Lee created two pieces specifically for the Biennial Faculty Exhibition.

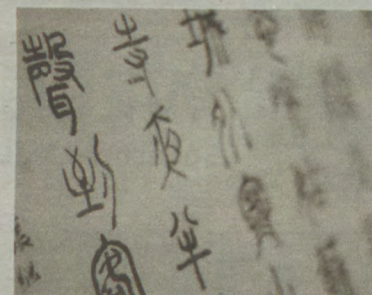
"They are collages printed on vellum of found images and wallpaper layered with clear epoxy resin," Feigley-Lee said. "They're epicidictic in that they're organized vertically, and so the landscape features fruits and bones, unicorns, eyeballs and flowers."

Feigley-Lee finds the images she uses in her artwork on the Internet then adjusts them in Photoshop to fit the piece, she said.

The collages are "fantastic narratives," Feigley-Lee said. "They're meant to be kind of dreamlike, and one of the main purposes is to contrast what is iconically beautiful and what is grotesque, and to kind of see where those juxtapositions, or what happens in that juxtaposition and what it creates."

SHUISHAN YU

Assistant Professor of Art History



Shuishan Yu expresses his own understanding of East Asian art and tradition in his work.

"My work is creative, but it also is highly connected to what I know about the history of art, especially art of Asia," Yu said.

One of the two pieces he will display at the Oakland University Biennial Faculty Exhibition is The Red Square Series.

"In East Asia, artists carved their own seal. If you've looked at a painting, you saw all those little red squares ... called seals," Yu said. "They are not only like the artists' signature, but the seal design, the seal carving, also developed into an art form itself. Originally, they just used those seals as some decoration of painting and calligraphy."

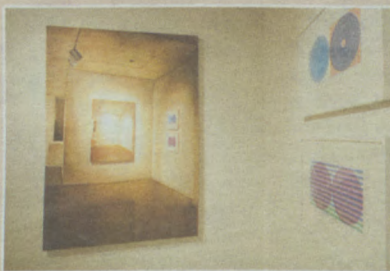
Yu chose to display the finished seals and to reveal the carving process through a pattern of multiple seal prints at various stages.



The artwork on display at the OU Art Gallery features works of many mediums created by 20 faculty members in the Department of Art and Art History.

RACHEL REYNOLDS

Lecturer in Art



Professor Rachel Reynolds questions reality and perception with her site-specific work. She uses oil paints to recreate on a 4-by-6-foot canvas the room where her painting hangs adjacent to Corrie Baldauf's, making this a collaborative work.

"My piece plays with time, aspects of time, as well as perception of the actual space versus the perception of the painted space," Reynolds said.

The painting shows the gallery room's two perpendicular walls and both Reynolds' and Baldauf's pieces, "but rather than it going on and on and on, the walls in my painting are vacant, so that talks about what the gallery looks like before the show when there's nothing on the walls and after the show after everything comes down," Reynolds said.

Reynolds made postcards for gallery visitors to take. The postcards feature photos of Baldauf and Reynolds both examining their own work and thus draw attention to the meaning of Reynolds' piece.

"The painting is not the complete piece," she said. "The piece is only complete when there's the engagement of a viewer perceiving the actual space versus the illusion of space in the painting."

SALLY SCHLUTER TARDELLA

Special Instructor of Art/Director of Studio Art



Sally Schluter Tardella, special instructor of art and director of studio art, uses oil paint on wood and found objects to "build, assemble, and paint structures that each represent a drawer of my memories," she said.

Her piece, "Jewels," on display now until Nov. 21 at the OUAG Biennial Faculty Exhibition, is part of a larger project that began two



years ago "with a house fire in my parents' home in New Jersey, the house where I grew up," she said. "When I pulled open the first drawer of a

fire damaged wardrobe, the face panel came away in my hands and I was able to see the charred contents of the drawer."

"Jewels" represents "a memory of my grandmother's jewelry drawer," she said. "I used to look through her jewelry with her; it was a great treat. She had a charm bracelet with the name and birthday of each grandchild. I especially loved looking through these."

records & reels

SAW 3D // 90 mins // R

In the 7th installment in the Saw franchise that started in 2004, the killer known as Jigsaw and his legacy are being battled over by former survivors. While one group fights for control, another group seeks help from former survivor Bobby Dagen, who is about to write his own chapter of terror.

HEREAFTER // 123 mins // PG-13

Director Clint Eastwood presents a story centered around three people who have all been touched by death in their own ways. George, played by Matt Damon, is an American with the special ability of being able to talk to the dead. Marie, a journalist who was recently shaken by a near-death experience, seeks answers along with Marcus, a London schoolboy who lost the closest person to him. They have different backgrounds, they are all connected.

TAYLOR SWIFT // "Speak Now"

Even though its only been 4 years since the then 16-year-old Taylor Swift came onto the music scene with an acoustic guitar and a great set of pipes, Swift really comes into her own with her new album, "Speak Now." Drawing on her own personal experiences with love and many other things, "Speak Now" is not so much a collection of just pop hits, but something more intimate.

SWEDISH HOUSE MAFIA // "Until One"

Three of the Top 25 DJs of DJ Mag took a page out of the new Miami Heat's playbook by joining forces to complete a collection of songs that will satisfy club patrons from Miami to Los Angeles.

— Compiled by Kevin Romanchik, Staff Reporter



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Prove your hatred of Weezer: Pay them \$10 million

By RORY McCARTY

Mouthing Off Editor/ philanthropist

A short while back, jaded Weezer fan James Burns offered the band \$10 million to break up and stop producing music. The only matter was raising the 10 mil, which he planned to do through Internet donations. Well sadly, Burns pulled the plug on his campaign with a mere \$9,999,615 to go.

While it did succeed in stopping everyone on the Internet from watching Double Rainbow remixes for a few seconds, it also got me thinking. If I could simply pay bands to break up, there are a lot more obvious choices than Weezer. Right now, I'll put down the contents of my pockets — \$3.29 and a coupon for a free Chik-Fil-A sandwich — towards a fund to get Nickelback to call it quits.

To replace them, we can create a robot with gelled hair that churns out Nickelback lyrics like this:

*"I live like a rockstar, and I'm awesome
(Attempt to rhyme a word with awesome)
(Joke about oral sex written by a kid)
(Unintelligible words strung together)"*

WHOOOOOA OOOOMAAAAANNN
YEAAAAAAH (x4)"

Little-known fact: In Colorado Springs, a station played "Hero" on the radio, and then someone called in to request they play it a second time, back-to-back. In half an hour, area emergency rooms were full of patients admitted with bleeding ears.

Here's another idea: What if we instead raised the money necessary to send Justin Bieber to a military academy? The way he goes around pistol whipping kids in laser tag arenas, he certainly seems to have the temperament for it. And while he's in boot camp, no Justin Bieber! Everyone wins!

If I had the means, I would pay the Black Eyed Peas \$10 million to stop making music in a heartbeat. Coincidentally, ten million is the number of times the lyrics, "I got a feeling/Tonight's gonna be a good night" are used in their hit song "I Got A Feeling (Tonight's Gonna Be A Good Night)." The rest of the song is made up of random Yiddish words.

Of course, this payment would come with the stipulation that all Black Eyed Peas stop making music, including Fergie,

Will.i.am and Scrawny Dreadlocks Guy.

Then it dawned on me that this deal is quite lucrative for the individuals targeted. What if I offered to resign as Mouthing Off editor, provided that I get compensated? I mean, surely people must find me annoying; basically all I do is complain about television and sandwiches.

But I realize that \$10 million is a high bar for most students in this economy to aspire to, so I plan to introduce a tiered payments. Get the appropriate response for the amount you contribute. For each level, I will steal an adequate amount of office supplies on my way out.

If you donate at the \$1,000 introductory level, I will threaten to quit, rant about how bad this newspaper has gotten, and then quietly change my mind.

For those who contribute at the \$20,000 level get the base "Johnny Paycheck" model, I will get up on the conference table during a staff meeting, declare that I "am so over" this place, grab a bunch of pens and run out. I may also shout "woo."

If you manage to raise our premium million dollar "Whiteboard Girl" level, I will eviscerate our printer with a sledgaham-

mer in "Office Space" fashion, change all the office desktop images to a picture of me throwing up a middle finger, and Mouthing Off will feature every curse word I know.

You will also get a cute mug with a cat on it who dislikes Mondays.

And lastly, should you manage to collect enough for the \$10 million "Golden Steven Slater" level, you get the full package. I will first, without telling anyone, hire Zack Braff to play the role of me. After one week, during our weekly meeting, Braff will present a cake to the office made of laxatives and fiber. The plate underneath the super-poop cake will read, "I QUIT."

Around 3 p.m. a Mariachi band will come into the office and play a folk tale about how I quit my job. At the same time, a skywriting plane will spell out the phrase, "Rory is out, suckaz."

At 8 p.m. on production night, a well-compensated groundsworker will cut the power to the Oakland Center. At this time, my co-workers will discover a message written in glow-in-the-dark paint, reading "Gotcha, bitches."

It's nothing personal. It's about \$10 million. Operators are standing by.



Scenes from a mine shaft: How did the Chilean miners pass the time?

By ROCCO TENAGLIA

Contributing Columnist

Why have a bowl of Chile, when you can have an entire MINE full?

Okay, that was really stupid. Let me start over.

If the story about the 33 trapped miners in Chile didn't tug on your heart strings, then you, most likely, do not have a soul.

The miners were trapped underground for 69 days, which is both a long and hilarious length of time.

So long, in fact, that it got me thinking: Exactly what the HELL were they doing down there that whole time? They couldn't even

check Facebook! How did they survive?

But, while I can do nothing more than speculate, I have some interesting theories.

Day 2

Miner 1: Oh my god, you guys, last night I had the WORST dream. We wer—
Miner 2: Wasn't a dream, man.
Miner 1: Aw, come on!

Day 10

Miner 1: Hey, anybody wanna act out that episode of "Fresh Prince" where Will plays on the basketball team, and he's just a ball hog the whole time, and he learns a valuable lesson about sportsmanship?

Miner 2: Shotgun Carlton!
Miner 1: No way, man! It was my idea. I get to be Carlton!
Miner 3: Guys, we can't all be Carlton.
Miner 2: Whatever. I'll just go act out "Everybody Loves Raymond" with the other guys...

Day 21

Miner 1: Truth or dare?
Miner 2: Dare.
Miner 1: I dare you to kiss Carlos on the cheek!
Miner 2: I meant truth!
Miner 1: Fine, do you like me?
I mean, like, MORE than a friend?
Miner 3: This is the biggest sausage fest ever...

Day 30

Miner 1: I spy with my little eye, something black.
Miner 2: Nothing.
Miner 1: You always know! Alright, your turn.

Day 42

Miner 1: Dish the rock!
Miner 2: Seriously, man? That joke is getting REALLY old. We've been playing basketball down here for 38 days.

Miner 1: Fine. Pass it.
Miner 2: Okay! Here.
Miner 1: Ah! F#@& man!
Miner 3: He's bleeding.
Miner 1: Soooooooo. Same time tomorrow?

Day 49

Miner 1: Happy birthday, Mario!
Mario: Oh, you shouldn't have, what is it?
Miner 1: It's a rock! Your favorite!
Mario: Oh... Great. Just put it in the pile, I guess.

Day 65

Carlos: I, Carlos, leave all of my belongings to Juan.
Juan: Aww, Carlos, that is so nice you you!
Carlos: Oh, no man... Wow, this is really awkward. Umm, yeah, my dad's name is also Juan...
Miner 3: SCANDAL!!!

Day 68

Miner 1: I just can't wait to get out of here and go back to my wife.
Miner 2: Didn't you cheat on her with a mistress?
Miner 1: Yeah man, but there is absolutely NO way that she will

ever find out. I'm totally in the clear.

After these and countless other ludicrous ideas swirled about in the toilet that is my mind, I had, what some would consider, an epiphany.

Why do we still have miners? You're telling me that I can use my phone to find the nearest Denny's, but people still have to tunnel under the Earth and risk their lives in order to find stuff that robots should be looking for?

Normally, I don't advocate technology's thievery of human jobs (I'm talking to you grocery self-checkout machine), but this is where I draw the line. I can safely say that NO ONE should have to do that job.

But even if you DO go into a mine, you absolutely NEED to have the game "Catch-phrase" on you at all times. Seriously, that game never gets old.

In closing, I guess what I am really trying to say is that, no matter how horrifying a story may be, the number 69 will ALWAYS be hilarious.