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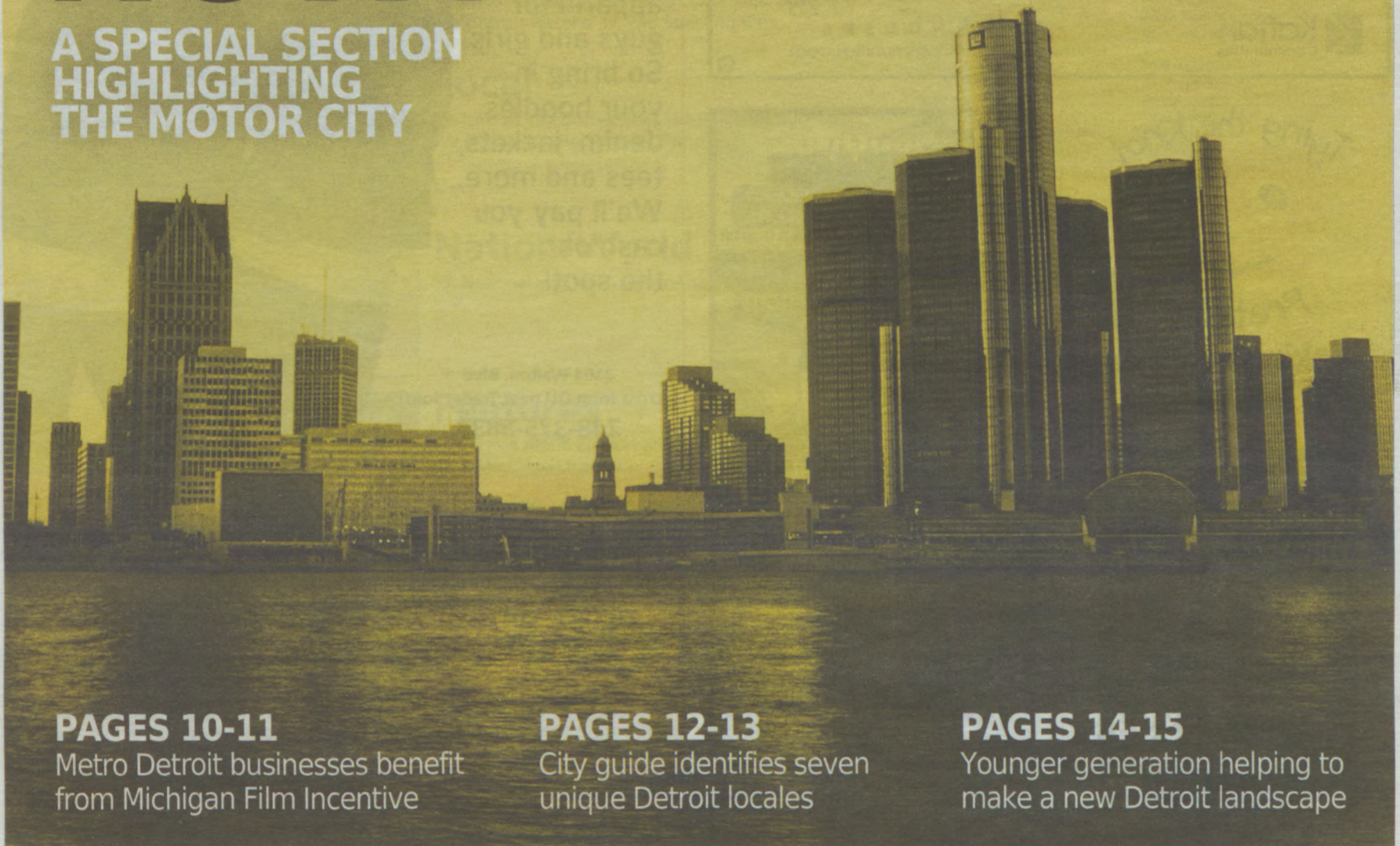
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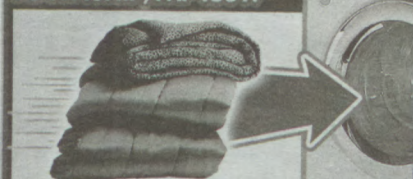
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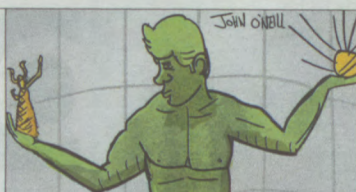
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Oakland University sells out

Say you buy a new car at sticker price. How would you feel if someone else could get the same car for a quarter of that cost?

Well, something like that has been happening every day at Oakland University since it debuted its first concurrent enrollment program in 2006.

Thanks to dual admissions programs launched in partnership with Macomb Community College, Oakland Community College and St. Clair County Community College, students can now seamlessly transfer to OU from community colleges after two years.

These programs effectively erase the line that once separated universities from community colleges.

In a recent interview with The Oakland Post, OU President Gary Russi said there would be more of these dual-admissions programs in the future, noting that school officials realized there was growth in community colleges because of the current economic climate in Michigan.

We understand access to higher education is a priority and do not disagree with the idea set forth by Dr. Russi and the administration.

What we fail to understand, however, is why an OU students would want pay for direct admission anymore.

The three current programs — M2O, O2O and SC42O — are similar in structure. All students in these programs are considered OU students, since they apply based on the school's admissions standards.

To cut costs, students can still take the traditional money-saving route of taking two years of classes at a community college then transfer to a four-year institution.

What these programs cut out is the transfer portion. Many students who apply to OU come from surrounding communities and can easily choose this option.

For in-county undergraduate students who take 16 credit hours per semester, their first two years at OU would cost \$19,808 compared to \$4,408 at OCC, \$5,120 at MCC and \$6,176 at SC4.

In other words, those who concurrently enroll would spend approximately a quarter of what students who directly enroll at OU would for the same product. Why, then, attend Oakland for a full four years?

"The character and nature of the collegiate experience is very different here," Russi said.

Save for student-athletes and the small percentage of those who live on campus, however, OU has never been and cannot be a traditional university campus due to its huge percentage of commuter students.

The point of these programs is to be "sensitive to the cost of education," Russi said.

Won't prospective students choose the budget option that gets them an OU degree for a significantly lower price?

Basically, there is little to no incentive to ever choose paying more for a full four-year OU education when the net gain, a diploma, is exactly the same either way.

The administration, which has created these initiatives, is in no position to publicly acknowledge that an OU education is superior to that of any community college. They would never say that, but it's true.

There must be a distinction between community colleges and a full-fledged research and doctoral university.

While the aim of these programs is to provide a convenient avenue to an OU education, enrollment through one of these programs still gives no guarantee that these students will end up graduating with a degree from Oakland. Is that a worthy gamble the university should take?

OU formed the first partnership of this type in the state, but there's likely a very good reason it hadn't been done before.

Ultimately, the dual admission programs shortchange students who enroll at OU for a full four years.

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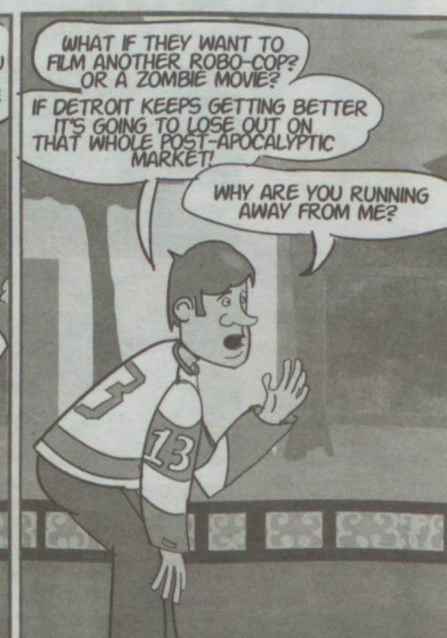
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GUEST COLUMN

Is OU's web directory an invasion of privacy?

It is true that Google and Facebook can contain information that exposes where a person lives, what he or she looks like and what his or her interests are. However, that person can also lie and state false information.

Schools, colleges and universities, on the other hand, cannot lie and have to write true information. Oakland University is no exception.

For those not aware, by going to the OU web directory at www.oakland.edu, you can easily find a student's first name and middle initial, place of residence and phone number. All you need is a last name.

And that will unlock the door to such information on everyone with that last name.

Recently in one of my classes, we were discussing Internet safety and how simple it is to access information about anyone via the web. To show just how easy it is, I demonstrated the OU web directory.

At first, the entire class objected, but



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I showed them how it could be done. A woman raised her hand, wanting to test whether her information could be found. It could.

Personal information is important and is supposed to be kept privately away from others.

The Internet today is becoming less secretive, but there are ways to protect an individual's reputation, profile or personal information from reaching those who may want to commit harm onto other people. Just as it is simple to find someone's information on OU's website, it is easy to block it by submitting a form to the Office of the Registrar in writing.

While some may find it beneficial to be easy to reach, one can never be too careful. Students need to be careful of how they expose themselves.

The easy accessibility of personal information leaves nothing to the imagination.

Now, what can be done with that information? One can only imagine.

OP POLL OF THE WEEK

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Do you support the possibility that the Pistons could move from Auburn Hills to downtown Detroit?

yes — 24 (52%)

no — 22 (48%)

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Do you think the Oakland University web directory is a breach of privacy?

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An Up 'Til Dawn "Thriller"

By JAKE THIELEN

Staff Reporter

Oakland University is looking for students who enjoy raising money for charity and doing the dance from Michael Jackson's "Thriller" at the same time.

On Friday, Oct. 29, the Department of Campus Recreation and the Up 'Til Dawn student organization will team together to host an event to raise money for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Nicole Kudialis, executive director of Up 'Til Dawn, said teaming up with the Department of Campus Recreation and combining their separate events, will help get more students involved.

"With the collaboration, we are able to target students that the other might not have been able to," Kudialis said. "Not to mention the collaboration really benefitted Up 'Til Dawn because it provided us with a larger venue to hold our event."

Dan Bettmann, the intramural and club

sports coordinator, said he began talking with Up 'Til Dawn coordinators about combining the events over the summer.

"We didn't want to compete with (Up 'Til Dawn) because they have a good event and they have a good cause," Bettmann said. "Ours is just to get people out for something fun to do, be social, and they have a good cause, but they need people to come out and have fun to do it. The two complement each other."

The event has two main components—the Fun Run and "Thriller" dance and a letter-sending party that will raise money for the hospital.

Kudialis said this will be Up 'Til Dawn's sixth annual letter-sending party, and the event has raised \$87,919 for St. Jude in the last five years.

"Students attending the event will bring addresses with them to fill out a generic donation letter and address an envelope," Kudialis said. "These letters are then sent out to the people asking for a donation on

behalf of that student to the St. Jude Hospital."

The Department of Campus Recreation will host the Fun Run and "Thriller" dance portion of the event.

Bettmann said the event will kick off with the Fun Run at 5:30 p.m. at the Upper Fields.

"It's about a two-mile run, where costumes are encouraged, that ends at the Rec Center," Bettmann said. "That leads right into where we will try to get as many people as possible to learn the 'Thriller' dance."

Bettmann said costumes are strongly encouraged for the "Thriller" dance as well, and that the performance will be filmed and put up on the Internet.

"At the end of the night, at roughly 8:30 p.m., we're going to try to videotape the entire group (doing the dance)," Bettmann said. "We're hoping for as many students as possible."

Bettmann said he hopes to have at least 500 students to participate.

After the taping is completed, the letter-sending party will resume. The event is scheduled to conclude at midnight.

In addition to the dance and letter-sending party, the event will also feature other activities such as laser tag, an obstacle course, gladiator jousting in the gym, tarot card readers, a costume contest, and a photo booth.

The event is free and open to all students with an OU ID. Free food will be provided throughout the event.

Students don't have to sign up in advance to attend any portion of the event. However, Kudialis said students interested in the letter-sending party can register in advance at myuptildawn.org, which will help the organizers determine how many students will attend.

Door prizes for the event include AMC gift cards and prizes from Chartwells and the OU Bookstore. Every student who writes 50 letters will also be entered into a drawing to win an iPod Touch.

Café opens doors at Kresge

By ALI ARMSTRONG

Staff Reporter

The Kresge Library Café made its highly anticipated debut Monday morning. Open for business, the café offers a line of beverages and snacks for students in the library.

"We are very excited about it," said Chartwells executive chef Gerald Gatto. "The café adds another level of service, giving students another option while bringing value to the building."

According to Gatto, the dean of the library has been talking about the making of a Kresge Café for more than eight years.

Plans for the café began in April and construction commenced in July this year.

Rashad Gulzar, a prephysical therapy student who works at the information center in the library, is excited for the new café location. "I'm pretty much here all the time," Gulzar said.

Chartwells executives have been working in conjunction with Oakland University Student Congress president Brandon Gustafson and vice president

Amy Ring, a partnership that Gatto describes as "setting a new precedent."

The café also has a partnership with Peet's Coffee.

Peet's provided the café with various equipment and job training for new employees. Representatives from Peet's will be training café employees for two days next week, Gatto said.

The café was open for its first day of business Monday at 8 a.m. A date for the café's grand opening has yet to be determined, but will likely to be held sometime November.

At the grand opening, the café will offer doughnuts and coffee samples to customers.

"This is all new to us," Gatto said. "This is the first time we've gone outside of the Oakland Center."

Students can visit www.dineoncampus.com for more information. Café hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

The café will be open until 10 p.m. during exam weeks, but will be closed during semester breaks. Kresge Café will also be open during the summer months.

Police Chief Lucido addresses questions about apparent suicide

The OUPD is investigating the death of a residential student, which occurred on Tuesday.

"All indications point to the fact that the student chose to take his own life," OUPD Chief Sam Lucido said.

Students, staff and faculty were notified via e-mail around 7 p.m. Tuesday.

An Oakland County medical investigator has confirmed this report.

Center for Student Activities Director Jean Ann Miller said crisis hotline numbers and other resources are available for students.

"OUPD is continuing to do a thorough investigation to review all circumstances that may be involved with this incident," Lucido said.

Amy Ring, a senior Spanish major, said there will be a candle-lit vigil to be held at 10 p.m. Wednesday in memory of the student by Beer Lake.

Out of respect for friends and family, The Oakland Post is at this time withholding the identity of the victim.

University officials will provide additional information as it becomes available and The Post will continue to report findings. Further developments can be found at www.oaklandpostonline.com

— Kay Nguyen, Editor-in-Chief

SAE and Chrysler partner for 'Car Talk'

By KAITLYN CHORNOBY

Assistant Campus Editor

Students passing by the Hamlin Circle on Tuesday were able to check out three new Chrysler cars and listen to presentations by members of Oakland's chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers during the first Car Talk event.

The Car Talk event, sponsored by Chrysler and SAE, covered basic car maintenance, including how to change fluids and windshield wipers, check tire pressure and jump a car. Chrysler provided a Jeep Grand Cherokee, a Dodge Durango and a Fiat 500 for SAE to use in the demonstration.

"The whole target of the event was to expose kids to some basic maintenance that we feel they should know," said Suraj Bhamra, a senior who is majoring in electrical engineering.

The event was held from 12-2 p.m. and featured three different information stations.

Bhamra, a member of SAE since his freshman year, gave students an overview on the most important fluids in a car. Bhamra covered how to change the oil, coolant and transmission fluid.

"If you mess those things up, things can go bad and you can do some serious damage," Bhamra said.

Bhamra said he found many of the students listening to his recommendations are car enthusiasts, but might not know what to do if something goes wrong.

"They like driving around in fast cars and can appreciate them, but they might have never done oil changes on their own," he said.

SAE president Stephen Parker talked about wiper blades and jumping a car while member Rob Petrach discussed

how to check tire pressure and how to change a tire.

"It's actually a common misconception that (when jumping a car) it's black to black and red to red," Bhamra said. "The car that's dead, you should ground it to the engine block; you could blow your battery up like that."

The idea was brought to Parker from the residence halls, which wanted members from the engineering group to speak at the event. Parker said he couldn't turn it down.

Parker said groups of students were brought in waves to cater to different class schedules.

"I think a free food factor would up the attendance a bit," Parker said.

Jason Ryska, the general manager of stamping operations at Chrysler, is also the executive sponsor for OU and helped to bring the Chrysler cars to the event.

Ryska said that he was excited for the event because it is helpful to the university and the students and also helps to bring attention to the Chrysler products.

Chrysler has participated in campus events in the past, including the Student to Professional conference and a flash mob sponsored by Career Services.

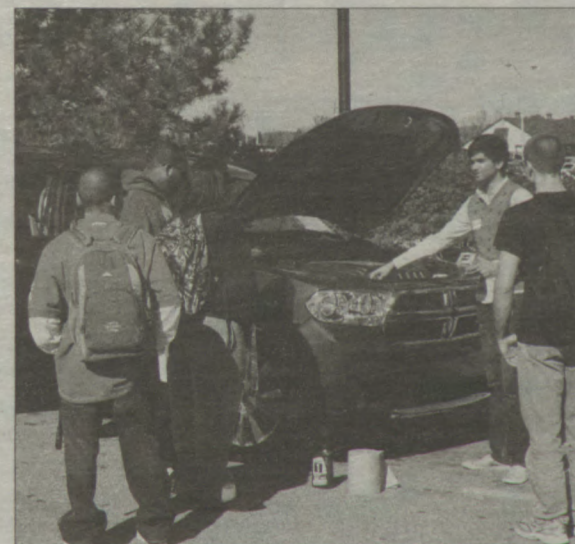
Ryska is an OU alumnus who graduated with a bachelor's and master's in engineering and said he likes to return to OU because it's right in Chrysler's "backyard."

Parker said he was happy with the event turnout and hopes to do it again in the future.

Automotive tips

With several students asking questions, the SAE members were able to give some tips that many students may not be aware of.

- If the car is overheating, turn on the heat full blast. This



KAITLYN CHORNOBY/The Oakland Post

Suraj Bhamra talked with students about vehicle fluids during Tuesday's Car Talk event in Hamlin Circle.

will take out some of the heat from the engine.

- Oil, the most important fluid in the car, comes in several different weights, which represents whether the oil is thick or thin. Most cars need about five quarts of oil.

- When jumping a car, hook the red and black connections to the car providing the jump first. Allow a couple of minutes for the dead battery to charge before starting.

- When changing a tire, put the lugnuts back on in a star pattern to ensure that the tire is secure to the car.

- When replacing wiper blades, students can save money by looking for refills instead of purchasing a whole wiper.

Female students make up majority of enrollment

By ANDREW CRAIG

Staff Intern

Today, there are more college students than ever. Presently, female students outnumber males by a wide margin on a national scale. More women are attending, and more of them are graduating. Many of these students are enrolled for longer than the typical four years, waiting for a pickup in the national job market.

According to the National Council on Education, women represent 57 percent of college students in the U.S., which is a figure that has remained consistent since 2000.

That gender gap is true of the student body here at Oakland University.

For years, women at Oakland have been the majority. The university's website lists

the enrollment for fall 2010 at 10,748 women and 6,682 men.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, OU has a make up of 62 percent female students while overall, Oakland County is comprised of 51 percent female.

A number of factors have played into the gender disparity, but no one factor emerges as a single explanation.

"I don't think that (a single factor) can account for what we're seeing today," said Jo Reger, associate professor of sociology and director of women's studies at Oakland. "There are many reasons."

One of the most prominent reasons is the opportunity available to students at OU.

In the past few decades, many people have deferred marriage and childbearing into their mid-to-late twenties. And, as opposed to previous generations, women

today have taken on roles that were formerly considered nontraditional. The demographics of the workforce have shifted as women have taken on alternative roles.

"We no longer live in that world," Reger said. "Today's women have opportunities that did not present themselves to previous generations."

Today, women have more choices and the ability to select a career, rather than holding a temporary job or a being a full-time mother.

"My mother didn't go to college. She didn't want to be a nurse, a teacher or a librarian. College didn't offer much to her," Reger said. "Jobs for women were limited. There was a very narrow scope of what you, as a woman, could do."

"College (for women) was a stepping stone to a job, not a career," Reger said.

"And even then, if a woman had a college education accessible to her, it was rare that she could do with it what a man could."

Expectations have changed along with the lives of today's women. No longer expected to live strictly in the home or to be taken care of by a spouse, women often contribute to family income as their husbands do.

"It's an interesting time for men, women and families," Reger said.

Much of society places expectations on women and men to create income for their families. The traditional sentiment that women aren't expected to hold jobs has been pushed far from popular thought.

"The financial benefit is real for women. There's more to it now," Reger said. "Many more women are in college today for a very practical reason - college pays."

Police Files

Assault

On Wednesday, Oct. 13, an officer responded to a dispute between two roommates in Van Wagoner House. One student stated her roommate was upset the student did not take her to the mall. The two began to argue when one of the roommates shut the door to the dorm in the other's face, which caused the door to strike her. One of the students bore a small scratch on her nose and the top frame of her glasses was broken. One of the roommates left campus to stay with her grandmother for the night.

Larceny

On Thursday, Oct. 14, an officer was dispatched to Hamlin Hall for a possible stolen laptop. The computer's owner stated he went to bed around 1 a.m. with the laptop on his desk. One of his suitemates stated he went to bed around 2 a.m. after checking to see whether the door to the room was locked. At 10 a.m., the owner's roommate unlocked the door to let in a friend. It is believed the laptop was taken between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The student was instructed to contact OUPD with further information.

Weapon violation

On Sunday, Oct. 17, officers were called to Hamlin Circle to talk with a student in possession of a silver butterfly knife. The student stated that she was given the knife by a male student and only knew his first name. The male student confirmed that he supplied the knife to the student and agreed to talk with police. He knew it was a "stupid thing to do," but wanted the female student, a recent rape victim, to feel protected. He had no intent to scare her and was only trying to help.

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Assistant Campus Editor

GHC more than vaccines, bandages

By JEN BUCCIARELLI
Campus Editor

Even though flu season has arrived, it might not be the only topic weighing on the minds of students.

Having more than 4,000 student visits a year, Graham Health Center, located near Wilson Hall, does more than cure the common cold, offering remedies for stress, anxiety, injuries and more.

Offering a slew of services, some of the over-the-counter products include cough suppressant medication, upset stomach remedies, pain and fever reducers such as Aspirin and Tylenol, as well as first aid kits, vitamins and contraception.

At a cost of 25 cents each and available over-the-counter, "we sell condoms very reasonably,"

GHC Director Nancy Jansen said, noting that some students may not realize the availability of the contraceptive.

Jansen said the center provides basic employee examinations for anyone who has been hired to a new job as well as several different screenings for nursing students in the program at Oakland University.

Students that battle acne, asthma or allergies can also find several solutions at the GHC. The center addresses basic dermatology issues and provides allergy injection therapy.

In conjunction with the Crittenton Medical Building, located across the street on Squirrel Road, the GHC offers rapid injury assessment and X-ray production, Jansen said.

Another aspect that many OU students might not know

about is the availability of women's health services at GHC. Breast exams, Pap smear testing and sexually transmitted infection tests are readily available to students.

"We do almost everything that your doctor's office would do," Jansen said.

When compared to a nearby hospital or local clinic, one key difference is the absence of interns in training at the GHC, Jansen said.

"We feel that the students are here to get prompt, high-quality, low-cost service" Jansen said.

Promoting and maintaining a healthy lifestyle is a key message the GHC tries to convey.

Health Sciences Professor Terry Dibble said "moderation is a key concept. We don't have to run marathons or be vegetar-

ian to be healthy."

To combat the side effects of an unbalanced lifestyle, such as stress, anxiety or depression, "the (GHC) offers many services that address these dimensions of health," Dibble said.

The center offers treatment for common mental health illnesses, such as anxiety or depression, by appointment.

Students can obtain a vast selection of vaccines from the center that include the HPV or Gardasil vaccine; Meningococcal or meningitis vaccine; Hepatitis B and the Tetanus; or Diphtheria Pertussis, or the Tdap vaccine.

Jansen and the GHC will host a flu clinic Thursday, Oct. 21 in Vandenberg Hall from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

For more information about GHC, please call 248-370-2341.

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Meetings address updates, awards

By MIKE SANDULA and
JEN BUCCIARELLI

Managing Editor and Campus Editor

A pair of addresses were given Tuesday at Oakland University, both of which served to update the campus community on recent changes and ongoing developments.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil gave the "State of Academic Affairs Address" noon to 1 p.m. in Meadow Brook Theatre and a few hours later, from 3:30-5 p.m. in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Rod Sudol led the annual CAS All-College assembly meeting.

Moudgil, who became provost in 2001, used the address to go over recent additions and upgrades to OU's academic community and praised its many "remarkable" achievements.

"This university would not be what it is if we didn't have shared governance," Moudgil said, adding that faculty is the "center of our universe."

He said there's always room for improvement, however, noting that OU has become

"tuition intensive," with tuition accounting for nearly 80 percent of the general fund, and that its first-year retention rates are currently 30 percent.

"(OU) may not be the best, but you can make it better," Moudgil told staff and faculty.

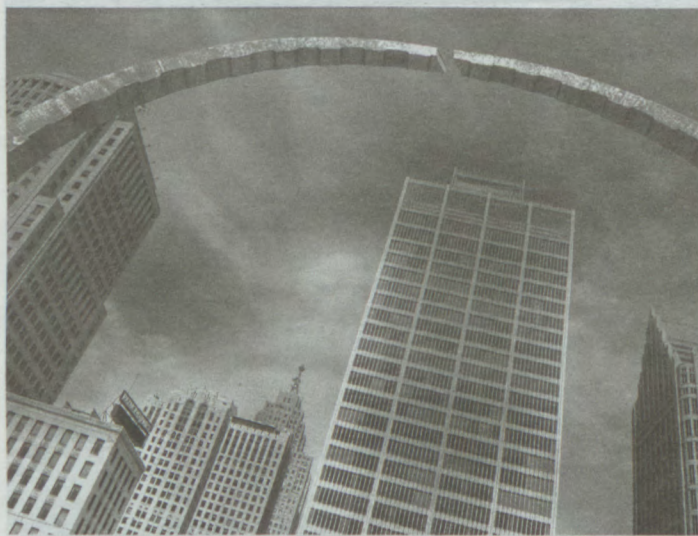
The CAS assembly meeting also touched on recent successes and plans for the future.

Sudol discussed substantial enrollment growth for the college with a 10.1 percent increase from 2009 to this year.

Sudol also reviewed plans for the off-campus course location in Mount Clemens as well as various renovation needs.

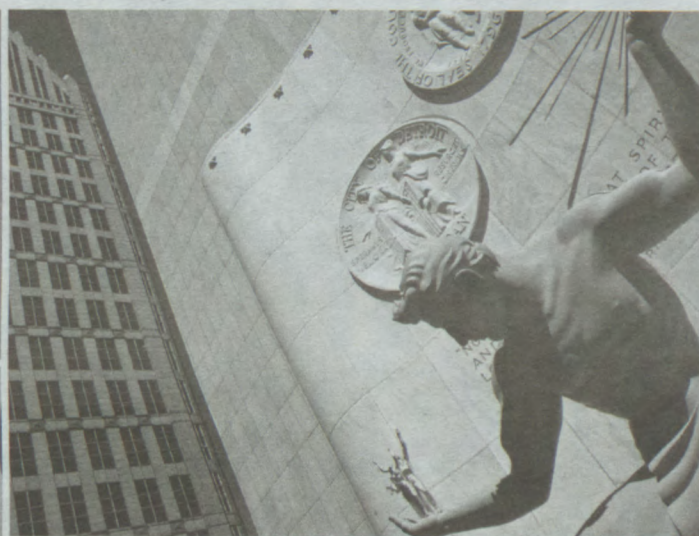
Physics Professor Ken Elder presented the Marian P. Wilson Award to David Garfinkle, also a professor of physics, on behalf of Garfinkle's recently published book entitled "Three Steps to the Universe: From the Sun to Black Holes to the Mystery of Dark Matter."

"The really nice thing is that these things are read by my colleagues," Garfinkle said. "So to be honored this way by other faculty that think my book is wonderful, that's the greatest kind of honor to get."



"ART WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR A LOT MORE TOO WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT. AFTER ALL, ART ALONE WILL NOT SAVE THE CITY — IT'S A CRUCIAL PART OF THE GREATER ENSEMBLE. IT'S ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL, AND AS WE PUSH FORWARD, I THINK IT WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE OBVIOUS HOW MUCH OF AN EFFECT IT'S HAVING."

PHILIP LAURI,
FOUNDER OF DETROIT LIVES!



Roughly 31 miles away from Oakland University is what was once considered the automobile capital of the world.

Though reported as down for the count during the recession, the city is rising up and currently making its rebuttal against naysayers.

What is driving the Motor City now? It's no longer just cars — it's in new construction, movie cameras, interesting places to go and things to see.

The revitalization and restoration of city buildings, a film incentive that has created a new fervor and a myriad of hidden gems have made Detroit a city anew.

It might not be the comeback of the year or the comeback of the decade, but Detroit is sounding its name loud and clear to the world once again.

DETROIT SPECIAL SECTION

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MARQUIS HERRING,
JOURNALISM
INSTRUCTOR,
YOUTHVILLE DETROIT

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NATE FAUSTYN,
BURTON THEATER.



FOCUSING IN ON METRO DETROIT

FILM INITIATIVE BRINGS NEW INDUSTRY TO MICHIGAN

BY JEN BUCCIARELLI // CAMPUS EDITOR and
KEVIN ROMANCHIK // STAFF REPORTER

The Michigan Film Incentive was created in 2008 to attract the lucrative movie industry to the state of Michigan.

Through the incentive, 40 percent of expenditures related to the production of a film are refunded.

In 2009 alone, 40 films took advantage of the tax break. This year, news of big-budget films and celebrity gossip began permeating through metro Detroit.

Local businesses and attractions are coming into the spotlight because of the increased presence of camera crews in and around Detroit.

What has it meant for businesses and the visibility of the city and state?



AMERICAN CONEY ISLAND

Opened in 1917, Detroit's renowned American Coney Island restaurant has been the hot spot for the movie industry recently as well as in the past.

The new Miley Cyrus movie, "LOL: Laughing Out Loud" was filmed at American Coney Island in the last month, closing the restaurant for two full days.

"Our experience so far, with them, has been absolutely extraordinary," general manager Daniel Keros said. "We Detroiters, not just here at American Coney Island, are very receptive to having these people actually shoot on the street; use our locations, because it's obviously bringing business downtown."

But the benefits for filming in Michigan are not just for restaurant owners like Keros but for the movie industry as well.

By selecting a location in Detroit, filmmakers save because they are not shutting down a restaurant in a larger city for the day so the costs are far less, Keros said.

He also said filming in Detroit has also created "a tremendous upswing for Detroiters or Michiganders getting jobs."



DETROIT MEDICAL CENTER

While Detroit Medical Center has always been one of the top healthcare resources in southeast Michigan, it has also been a premier location for films like *Scream 4* featuring Courteney Cox and *Detroit 1-8-7*.

"The folks that are coming down here are getting the top notch facilities," says Patti Kukula, Vice President of Corporate Development for DMC. "They are getting to see how we can accommodate people."

Even though crime shows and horror films are using the locations of the DMC, many hope the exposure change common perceptions about Detroit.

"The common misconception is the crime," explains Kukula. "But there is unbelievable architecture, and places like the DIA and the oldest restaurant in Detroit like Roma Café to name a few."

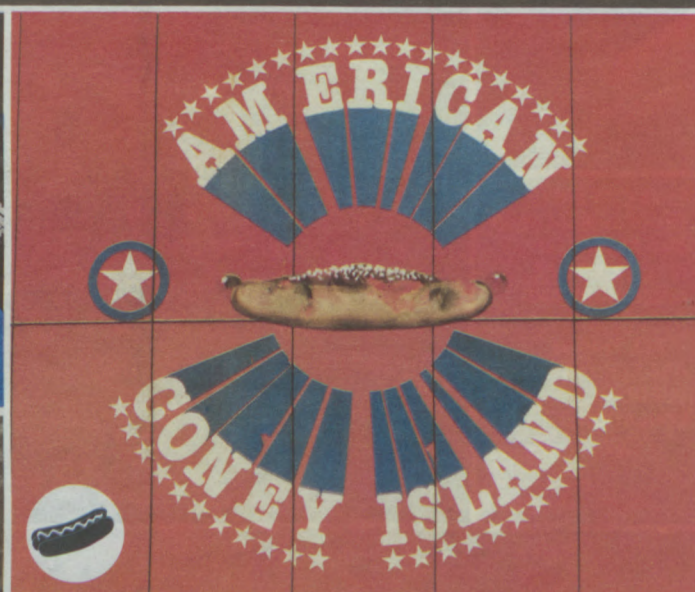
Filming in the city benefits both people from out of state but people who already live here and don't know enough about downtown.

She said she spoke with people who were "amazed at what they saw and had a wonderful time" because of their downtown visits.



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PATTI KUKULA,
VICE PRESIDENT
FOR CORPORATE
DEVELOPMENT AT DMC



FUTURE PROJECTS

This Must Be the Place (2011)

Filmed at Detroit Metro Airport and elsewhere in Michigan; Stars Sean Penn

The Double (2011)

Expected to film in Detroit; Stars Martin Sheen, Richard Gere, Odette Yustman and Topher Grace

Salvation Boulevard (2011)

Filmed in Ann Arbor and Dearborn; Stars Jennifer Connelly, Pierce Brosnan and Ed Harris

Cedar Rapids (2011)

Filmed in Ann Arbor and Plymouth; Stars Ed Helms and Anne Heche

LEON'S FAMILY DINING

Roughly six to seven months ago, the comedy-thriller to be released in 2011 and starring Jennifer Connelly and Pierce Brosnan, "Salvation Boulevard," was filmed in Dearborn at Leon's Family Dining.

The restaurant, which has been in business since 1983, was only closed for one day of filming and Assistant Manager Moe Askar described the relationship with the filmmakers and the overall experience as fun and positive.

"We think, because of the movie that was shot here, we got publicity and that's why people are still coming here," Askar said in reference to the impact of past and future filming in Detroit. "It's going to be a lot better for the city."



1701 EXECUTIVE CIGAR BAR

The upscale 1701 Executive Cigar Bar has been getting glances from various people of all ages, including the eyes of filmmakers and location scouts.

Scenes of Step Up 3D and most recently Transformers 3, were filmed at the bar.

The young owners hope to shed light on what's right in Detroit.

"There's been so much focus on negativity," said Dena Hamilton, owner of 1701 Executive Cigar Bar, "At least we are gaining recognition for something positive and good things happening."

Their classy location and unique décor helped bring a specific setting for the films — from the exterior to the basement of the business.



KIM'S RESTAURANT

"I must have read too many bad stories about actors storming off sets and slamming doors," said Margaret Yee, manager of Chinese/American Kim's Restaurant, "But everybody acted very professional and calm."

Voted best Chinese Restaurant in Detroit by WDIV, Kim's Restaurant served as the backdrop for a scene in the newest installment of the Harold and Kumar series in June.

Even though the details of the film have been kept quiet, local residents heard rumors and that has affected the business for the better.

"Our business has gone up a little bit due to the publicity," says Yee, "Troy is a very small city, you cannot know something is going on."



MEADOW BROOK HALL

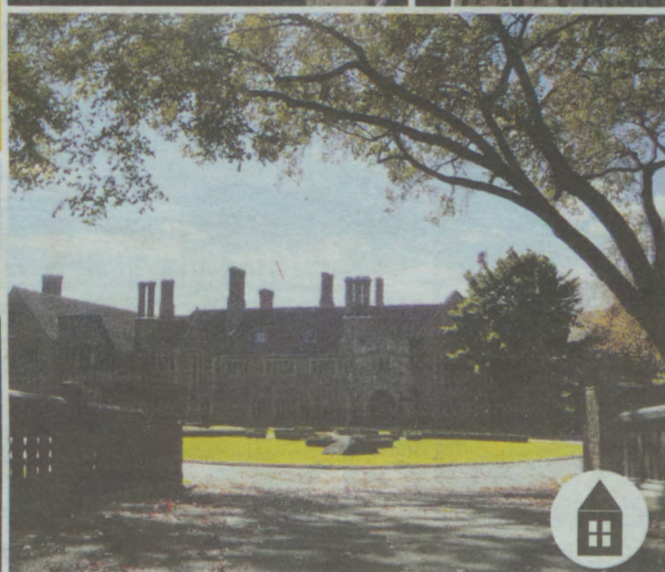
The Meadowbrook Mansion of the famous Dodge family has always been a gem of Southeastern Michigan, but with various films like Transformers and music videos for artists such as Miley Cyrus to name a few have brought new blood in an old favorite.

Meadowbrook is already serving as the canvas for established filmmakers but is also serving as a template for future stars.

"Another benefit to the University is the student involvement," said Shannon O'Berski, marketing and communications manager for the Hall, "Students have been involved in serving as production assistants on several productions. Two OU film students worked in that capacity."

"THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE MAKING A POSITIVE CHANGE. EVERYBODY STAYS TOGETHER. PEOPLE THAT ARE FROM HERE LOVE IT. THEY HAVE NO DESIRE TO MOVE WHETHER ITS GOOD OR BAD. WE STICK TOGETHER."

DENA HAMILTON,
OWNER 1701
EXECUTIVE CIGAR BAR



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ASHLEY JOHNSTON, STUDENT
AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY



CITY GUIDE

BY RYAN HEGEDUS // SENIOR REPORTER



**ELWOOD
BAR & GRILL**

Elwood Bar & Grill has been a fixture of downtown Detroit since 1936. Originally built at the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Woodward Avenue, this go-to bar for Detroit sports fans is now located on Adams Avenue across the street from Comerica Park and Ford Field. The classic sports bar, with a 1950s décor look, serves classic bar grub — appetizers, burgers, sandwiches and, of course, Detroit coney dogs — but much better quality. Also, the menu is reasonably priced, with nearly every item under \$10. No sports bar would be complete without beer, and Elwood has the standard beer selection to go along with seasonal and specialty beers.

300 E Adams Ave.
www.elwoodgrill.com

**MOTOR CITY
BREWING WORKS, INC.**

This gem of a bar and restaurant is tucked behind a few empty buildings in Detroit's Midtown district. Most known for their English-style mild ale called the "Ghettoblaster," their seasonal Oktoberfest beer, and their hard cider, Motor City Brewing Works also has 6-8 homebrewed beers on tap at all times. Having been featured in both major Detroit newspapers, Food Network, GQ magazine and even as a question on Jeopardy!, MCBW has become nationally-recognized. Not to be overshadowed by their beer, the restaurant's wood brick oven pizzas are equally good. With names like Bronx Bomber, Danimal, Sopla Fuego, The Godfather and Mary Did Have (a pizza featuring lamb) you can tell the restaurant owners like to have fun with their food. MCBW even sells products with their insignia on it, including shirts, pint glasses and their two-volume "Ghettoblaster" CDs, featuring some of Detroit's best music.

470 W. Canfield St.
www.motorcitybeer.com

**ASTORIA
PASTRY SHOP**

With muffins the size of softballs and cinnamon rolls that could be used as Frisbees, the Astoria Pastry Shop features a staggering array of pastries, cheesecakes, cookies, pies, scones and ice creams. The original establishers, George and Mahi Teftsis, visited pastry shops and ethnic restaurants in Chicago, New York City and Greece before setting up the shop in 1971. Award-winning and well-known in the Detroit area, Astoria has over 100 fresh-baked goods for customers to peruse while sipping specialty gourmet roasted coffees. As a Greek-owned pastry shop, Astoria's baklava is its best-selling baked good, with their cannoli a close second. With the ability to order online, quality baked goods from Astoria's oven are just one click away.

541 Monroe St.
www.astoriapastryshop.com

**DETROIT
HISTORICAL
MUSEUM**

Established in 1928, the Detroit Historical Museum is one of America's oldest and largest metropolitan history museums. With over 600 historic artifacts from more than 300 years of metro Detroit history, students can get a closer look at the city's rich history for just \$4 with a valid ID. The museum's largest exhibit is an assembly line re-creation known simply "The Motor City," with authentic GM and Chrysler cars on the assembly line. In the basement of the museum, guests can go even further back in Detroit lore, with an early 19th Century street scene known as "The Streets of Old Detroit." The museum's most popular exhibit, the streets transform from the 1900s and lamppost-lined brick roads to the 1840s and cobblestone streets with oil lamps, all while showcasing authentic Detroit storefront facades.

5401 Woodward Ave.
www.detroithistorical.org

**PURE
DETROIT**

Pure Detroit has been "amping up local culture" since 1998. The apparel and gift stores can be found in three different locations — the Guardian Building, the Fisher Building and the Renaissance Center. Each locale, decorated differently, sells Pure Detroit-brand shirts, hoodies, hats, belts and handbags, as well as more uniquely Detroit items. Pewabic pottery, coffee from The Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company and Stella International Café, Detroit hot sauces and spices, Sanders ice cream toppings and McClure's pickles — which have been featured on Food Network's "Best Thing I Ever Ate" — can also be found in all three stores. For those who want to show their Detroit pride, men's and women's shirts cost \$24, hoodies go for \$32 and hats are \$25.

3 Downtown Locations - Guardian Building Lobby, Fisher Building Lobby, Renaissance Center
www.puredetroit.com

**LOCO'S
TEX-MEX
GRILLE**

Loco's, located in Detroit's Greektown district, is just a short walk away from Comerica Park and Ford Field. Known for its homemade salsa and festive atmosphere, Loco's has an extensive menu to please those looking for classic Mexican fare, including several varieties of quesadillas, fajitas, tacos, burritos and enchiladas. With an on-site bar, thirsty guests can get liquor, beer or wine to wash down their dinner. The food is fairly priced, as everything is around \$15 or less — the prices go up if you want to go with the "Tex" part of the menu, as their 14-ounce steaks are \$18. The self-proclaimed "Best Tex-Mex in the Mid-West" is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 4 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For those looking for an alternative to late night Taco Bell runs, check out this authentic Mexican fare.

454 E. Lafayette Blvd.
www.locobarandgrill.net

**CLIFF BELL'S
JAZZ CLUB**

This fully restored art-deco nightclub located in the heart of Detroit's historic entertainment district feels like the 1930s. That makes sense when you figure that the softly-lit club, which used to be a speakeasy before becoming a restaurant, has been in Detroit since 1935. Performing acts range from spoken-word to hard-bop or vaudeville to the avant-garde, so fans get a little bit of everything. The same can be said about the menu, with traditional soups, salads and entrees, but guests are encouraged to improvise their meals, making it an "a la carte" experience. You might think that with the classy atmosphere and high-end meal items — filet mignon, foie gras, frog legs — that the prices would be astronomical. Fortunately, Cliff Bell's offers all of their delicious food for under \$30, so you can enjoy a good meal and a good show all at once.

2030 Park Ave.
www.cliffbells.com



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Detroit lives

RESTORING THE CITY ONE PROJECT AT A TIME

BY NICHOLE SEGUIN // FEATURES EDITOR

After many setbacks over the last few decades and a reputation tarnished by its portrayal in the media, Detroit is starting to make a comeback.

The city is trying to revitalize its image through the development of documentaries, the restoration of buildings and educational mentoring among other things.

The documentary "DETROIT LIVES!" presents Detroit in its current condition, complete with torn down buildings and dwindling population. It is produced by Palladium Boots, starring Johnny Knoxville and filmed in various areas of Detroit. The movie has three segments, all of which are available to watch for free online at www.palladiumboots.com/exploration/detroit

DETROIT LIVES! is also the name of another organization made up of some of the same people who produced the documentary.

The local company, according to Philip Lauri, the artist in charge, is involved with various other projects: The Detroit Guidebook Project, a guidebook completely fueled by the people who submit to it; The Public Art Experiment, which includes hanging panels of fabric at events and encourages attendees to paint or chalk on the material; Martian Picnic, where Martians were painted in bright Disney-colored paint on the sides of buildings; and the exhibition, which took a look at Detroit and the current developments of guerrilla art, urban farming and mixtapes.

Lauri moved to Detroit after living in Chicago and Portland, Oregon and started the project after getting tired of hearing people "gasp and moan" when he told them he was moving to Detroit.

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**CAROLYN HOWARD,
OWNER OF TRAFFIC JAM & SNUG**

Looking to find more in the city, Lauri thought there was much more to Detroit and decided to tell the story through media design and a brand that conveyed a positive message of the city. According to Lauri, "DETROIT LIVES!" has become that positive message that you can experience in a variety of ways — a shirt you wear, a mural you drive by, a film you watch or a project you participate in.

"Detroit has a lot of needs that are worth signing up for, plain and simple," Lauri said. "In

the process, it's kind of gratifying. Any 20-some year old can get a job and go off to Chicago, New York or California — places where the innovation and model has already been set up for you. You just sign up and participate taking the lead from the person in front of you. In Detroit, why not be an influential part and developer of the future model? What's more gratifying than that? Having that tangible greater tie-in is invigorating and provides a pretty exciting adventure."

Through an additional project involved in the recital of the city, Scott Lowell and his wife Carolyn Howard, the owners of Traffic Jam & Snug, a little restaurant located in Midtown that has been a Detroit favorite and is hidden on a street with only a light post painted as a giraffe as a landmark, have been working on restoring buildings in the area for people to rent out.

Currently, they are in the beginning stages of restoring a 71-unit building that burned down in February 2008 and they recently installed a new roof and gutted the inside.

"There are a lot of projects available to be done in the city," Howard said. "We have completed two large apartment building renovations. We are in an area that is thriving. Every building we can turn over from negative to positive has a huge benefit for the entire community."

Another project devoted to the restoration of the city is The Greening of Detroit, which was founded in 1989 and works on improving the quality of life in Detroit through the restoration of local neighborhoods.

"I've volunteered with The Greening of Detroit, and I'm volunteering with them for the next three Saturdays," said Jeff Lamkin Jr., a junior majoring in sociology and the former president of Circle K. "The project I worked on involved picking a stretch of road and planting new trees. Last spring, we planted trees along Jefferson on two separate occasions."

Other techniques to create a better Detroit involve working at the education level, at least according to Marquis Herring, a journalism instructor at YouthVille Detroit, who has been encouraging young African American males to graduate from high school and go on to college.

"The irony that we have in Detroit is the fact that we have so many young men that don't know how to read or write," Herring said. "Forty-seven percent of the city is full of functionally illiterate residents. Our young men are going to prison at an alarming rate and I have committed myself to mentoring and challenging young men to go further in life. The city will truly be restored and revitalized when kids are given hope and opportunity — all things that are achievable through education."

For additional information on the DETROIT LIVES! project visit www.detroitlives.org

— Sarah Wojcik contributed to this report

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"THE CITY CAN MAKE A TURN-AROUND, BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE OUTSIDE OF THE BOX IDEAS."

**MIKE SANCHEZ,
COMMUNICATIONS**

Painting a portrait

CENSUS FIGURES REVEAL SHIFT IN DEMOGRAPHICS

BY KATIE JACOB // COPY EDITOR

They live in areas with names, like Corktown, Woodbridge and Mexican Village. They chose the city because the price is right — but it isn't only about the money. Downtown Detroit is where their friends are, it's where they work. They like the edgy energy that eluded them in the suburbs, and they crave the sense of community created by urban living.

It looks like the reverse of white flight, white people leaving suburban settings and moving into the city.

Data from a recently released Census Bureau study indicate the population of non-Hispanic white people living in Detroit jumped a surprising five percentage points from 2008 to 2009. The complete 2010 Census will be released in December, and it may paint a clearer picture.

"THERE'S SO MANY GRASSROOTS THINGS GOING ON HERE. THAT'S WHAT DETROIT IS ALL ABOUT THESE DAYS."

**AARON MONDRY,
DOWNTOWN DETROIT RESIDENT**

But media reports have suggested that the sudden rise in the white population might be due to an increase in young white people who are drawn to the city by the relatively inexpensive housing and because they think it is "cool".

In the aftermath of a catastrophic recession, young adults from the Midwest are often forced to move elsewhere to look for work. Cities like New York and Chicago offer job opportunities but rents are costly and sometimes prohibitive.

Detroit, with its cheap rentals, can offer an appealing alternative to young people who are looking for an urban experience and willing to take a more alternative approach toward a job search.

Aaron Mondry, 25, said he pays \$750 a month

for the spacious two bedroom apartment he shares with a roommate in Midtown, just east of Woodward.

Mondry, who lived in Japan after college before returning to Detroit.

He moved to Detroit after hearing how much his friends loved living there, but said "the cheap cost of living is definitely an appeal." Because the cost of living is so cheap, he doesn't have to work so much and has plenty of free time to explore "the strange environment that is Detroit."

Mondry said friends are involved in community projects. "There's so many grassroots things going on here." He said there are all these "weird small ventures" that are geared to improving Detroit on a local level. "That's what Detroit is all about these days," he said.

Mondry said the people living in the city like him are between 24 and 40 years old. He said most of his close friends are white but that in every single group there are black people too. That that kind of racial comingling is something that doesn't happen everywhere but "here it's a necessity of living."

Mondry said one of the main deterrents to living in Detroit "is obviously crime." He said two friends got in a "sticky situation" when they were drunk and weren't paying any attention. But you don't have trouble "if you just keep your wits about you and don't do anything dumb."

Blair Nosan lives in Mexican Village.

"I knew that I wanted to live in Michigan but I didn't want to live anywhere that wasn't an urban center, she said. "I felt I like Detroit was the last stop for me ... I wouldn't have been happy here if it weren't more exciting and challenging and different from the way things were when I was growing up."

Nosan said that more than anything she has been "inspired and moved" by the community. "I was amazed when I moved there, how strong the sense of community was downtown."

Nosan is planning to stay. "I feel really committed to the city," she said.

Mondry is staying, too, at least for now. "There's so much cool stuff going on... You get swept up in it."



YOUNG PEOPLE CAN TRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS CITY. I THINK THEY ALREADY HAVE."

**ASHLEY JOHNSTON,
WAYNE STATE STUDENT**

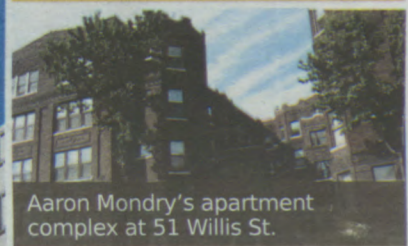


Blair Nosan and friends dressed up at St. Patrick's Day Parade



"THERE'S SO MUCH COOL STUFF GOING ON ... YOU GET SWEEPED UP IN IT."

**AARON MONDRY,
DOWNTOWN DETROIT RESIDENT**



Aaron Mondry's apartment complex at 51 Willis St.



Aaron Mondry in his downtown Detroit apartment

Let the madness begin

By RYAN HEGEDUS

Senior Reporter

With Kevin Beers' voice booming over the loudspeakers and 1,500 fans in attendance, the Oakland University basketball teams officially started their 2010-11 campaigns on Friday, Oct. 15.

After both teams posted impressive home court records in 2009-10 — 13-1 for the men, 10-6 for the women, it's clear that the Golden Grizzlies success at home is at least partly due to the fans.

"We've won 21 consecutive conference games at home, and 27 of our last 28 games at home," men's coach Greg Kampe said. "I thought the crowd last year brought home a couple of games for us, especially the Oral Roberts game. They made our team refuse to lose. There's no question we have the best student section in the conference — I don't think it's even close."

Women's head basketball coach Beckie Francis emphatically echoed that sentiment.

"I was excited to see all the fans, particu-

larly the student section, so fired up for the start of the college basketball season. Crowds always pump up our team," Francis said. "We love our feisty Grizz Gang student section, our vibrant and talented pep band and our loud cheer and dance teams."

As was the norm for basketball games last season, the Grizz Gang's presence was evident, with a full student section.

"I think events like Grizz Madnezz are very important; they excite new students and attract students that normally don't come to sporting events," said Steve Cox, Grizz Gang co-president. "Hopefully everyone that comes enjoys themselves and it encourages them to come out for more events and games."

After an intense Buffalo Wild Wings eating contest won by Kampe, each Oakland sports team was introduced, with the men's golf squad even hoisting their newly-won Bearcat Invitational trophy.

But it was a new face which drew the loudest cheers of the night.

Five-foot-ten freshman basketball player Ryan Bass showed off his athleticism with



JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post

Fans in the Grizz Gang student section celebrate at Friday night's Grizz Madnezz event.

three dunks that got the crowd off their feet each time.

With one dunk, Bass threw the ball ahead for a self alley-oop, caught it in mid-air and put it between his legs for a windmill dunk.

Bass' high-flying ability was well-known by Kampe, who added he expects Bass will be a very exciting player for the OU fans to

watch this season.

"It was such a blast last year, and it's a lot of fun to get together with everybody and cheer for Oakland and the start of the basketball season," sophomore sprinter Meaghan Ogonowski said. "It allows not only the basketball team to get more support, but all the other teams too."

Sale of the Pistons may cause a shake-up in Detroit

COLUMN

Ah, how to save Detroit? It's a question everyone from Chris Hansen to Johnny Knoxville has taken a stab at answering. Downsize. Make movies. Add a public transit system. All are suggestions to restore the luster to what was at one time the fourth-largest city in the country.

Another suggestion is to put more money and time into showcasing one of the few areas Detroit does better than most — sports. Detroit is without question a top-five sports town in the nation. Therefore, the proposal of a new sports and entertainment arena in downtown Detroit is drawing much consideration.



Ross Maghielse
Sports Editor

Enter Mike Ilitch.

Ilitch, who currently owns the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings, recently entered into exclusive negotiations to purchase the Detroit Pistons. Those negotiations took another step toward conclusion last week when members of Ilitch Holdings Inc., including Mike Ilitch himself and former Pistons CEO and team president Tom Wilson, met with current

team owner Karen Davidson and her advisory team at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Ilitch is hoping the team will officially change hands by Oct. 27, before the Pistons first regular season game.

What this means for the City of Detroit is yet another question. Is Ilitch, a Detroit native and prominent hometown businessman, purchasing the Pistons a victory for the city or will it turn into yet another kick to the gut?

Ilitch has said he would like to build a new arena in downtown Detroit, where he already owns property near the Fox Theater, one of the other businesses he owns.

But Ilitch wants the city to finance the majority of the new arena.

Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, former Detroit Piston, said he'd love to "bring the Pistons home to Detroit." He concluded that statement by cautioning the city has no money to give.

Plan B is to move the Red Wings out of Joe Louis Arena and into the Palace, which Ilitch will also likely own after the sale goes final. The Palace is regarded as one of the best well-kept arenas in sports. And it's privately paid for, free and clear. No debt or renovation fees to pay off.

One way or another, Ilitch's acquisition of the Pistons is going to shake up the entertainment scene in southeast Michigan.

Getting people to spend money downtown Detroit is a chore. Adding a new state-of-the-art

arena and a relocated sports team downtown would do wonders for Detroit, as Ford Field and Comerica Park did. Conversely, moving the Pistons out of Auburn Hills in the same manner the Detroit Lions did when the team abandoned the Pontiac Silverdome in 2001 would turn Opdyke and Lapeer Road into Oakland County's 8 Mile.

A lot of businesses depend on events at the Palace for foot traffic and consistent customers, in the same way Big Buck Brewery used to serve as a hot spot for Lions' tailgaters before the tap ran dry.

Either way, once the sale of the Pistons goes final, Ilitch's status as the most powerful man in Detroit will be taken to an entirely new level.

The Sporting Blitz

A roundup of Oakland University sports action over the past week.

Men's golf hits record score

The Golden Grizzlies men's golf team shot a school-record 276 12-under-par in the first round of the F&M Bank APSU Intercollegiate tournament in Hopkinsville, Ky. On Monday the team was 10 shots worse in the second round to fall from first place to fifth.

Junior Michael Coriasso and sophomore Jakob Ziegler led the charge for OU in the opening round. Coriasso shot a career-best 6-under-par 66 and Ziegler a 67 (-5). Ziegler was under par again in the second round with a score of 71 (-1).

Individually, Coriasso and Ziegler are currently tied for ninth place with a slew of players at 6-under-par (138).

Cross country team ranked

The OU women's cross country reached its highest Great Lakes Region ranking in school history Monday, claiming the 14th overall spot in the GLR poll. It is the first time the Golden Grizzlies have received a ranking.

The Golden Grizzlies finished ahead of three nationally ranked teams, scoring 262 points to finish fifth out of 56 teams in the Chile Pepper Festival 5K last week in Fayetteville, Ark. It was the fourth straight top-five finish for the Grizzlies, which is also a school record. Lia Jones ran 17:23.63 to place 15th overall and record the second fastest 5K time in school history. Oakland is back in action Oct. 22, running at the Eastern Michigan University Invitational in Dexter, Mich. The meet is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

Dunn honored again

Senior volleyball player Brittany Dunn became the second player in Summit League history to win a Player of the Week Award after being named as the Defensive Volleyball Player of the Week this week. Last Friday, Oct. 15, Dunn recorded a career-high 33 digs as Oakland upset North Dakota State in the O'Rena, 3-2 (23-25, 27-25, 25-22, 24-26, 16-14). It was just the second league loss in the last three years for the Bison. Dunn has recorded double-digit digs in 46 of her last 49 matches.

Basketball tip-off breakfast

Both the men's and women's basketball teams are hosting a season tip-off breakfast at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester Oct. 27. Both men's head coach Greg Kampe and women's head coach Beckie Francis will be on hand, along with players from both teams.

The men's team is coming off its best season in school history, winning a program-high 26 games and reaching the NCAA tournament for the second time. The Golden Grizzlies also set conference record with a 17-1 record in the Summit League.

The OU women posted their 24th consecutive winning season in conference play and finished the regular season tied for second place in the Summit League.

To reserve a seat at the breakfast, students and fans can contact Gina DeMartis at 248-370-2669 or demartis@oakland.edu

Swimming and diving loses

The Oakland University women's swimming and diving team lost 177-118 to Toledo last Saturday.

Junior Marcella Barretta and senior Chelsea Oates recorded first and second place finishes and sophomore Alyssa Busch and Emily Ludema had first-place finishes as well.

Barretta scored 230.63 to win the 1-meter springboard and Oates finished second in the same event with a score of 223.10. Busch won the 100-yard backstroke and Ludema won the 200 individual medley.

Oakland returns to action Oct. 29 at home against Akron. The meet is scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

Women's soccer beats IPFW

Freshman Serena San Cartier scored two goals in 16 seconds, including what proved to be the match-winner in a 5-2 win over IPFW in Fort Wayne, Ind., on Saturday night. The win improves the Golden Grizzlies to 8-5-2 overall and a league-leading 4-0-1 in the Summit League. Dani Haelewyn and Nicole DeLuca also each had a goal and an assist for the Grizzlies. Oakland returns to action Friday night against IUPUI at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

— Ross Maghielse, Sports Editor



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Beer Week taps into Detroit

By ANNIE STODOLA
Senior Reporter

This week is the second annual Detroit Beer Week.

Organizers Jon Piepenbrok and Jason Peltier of the business Liquid Table expect this year's event to be more intensive than last year's starter event, which was done with no official funding and little publicity.

This time around, the event has received more publicity, especially in part to Piepenbrok and Peltier's connection to the Michigan Brewer's Guild.

The week's festivities began on October 16 with Tap: Detroit at St. Andrew's Hall. Tap: Detroit was centered on tasting stations from eight local restaurants that included dishes paired with local beers.

Part of the proceeds from the night went to both the Pints for Prostates campaign and GiveForward: Team Tara, which is helping a local woman in her fight against colon cancer.

Other events that have already occurred include a whiskey and beer night at Ye Olde Tap Room, Slows Bar-B Q happy hour featuring brews from Bell's and Tuesday night's beer dinner at Cliff Bell's, which fea-

tured Kuhnhehn Brewing Co. and Dragonmead Microbrewery. Both Kuhnhehn and Dragonmead are located in Warren.

This week, several events will take place in honor of Detroit Beer Week. On Thursday, Oct. 21, cyclist Bil Lusa will lead the BIKE-toberfest bicycle tour of breweries and historic brewery buildings in Detroit.

The tour leaves from Detroit Beer Company and will include stops at Traffic Jam & Snug, Motor City Brewing, Eastern Market and Atwater Block Brewery. The tour starts at 5:30 p.m.

Following the bicycle brewery tour, Motor City Wines is hosting a beer vs. wine cheese pairing event from 7-10 p.m. Grand Trunk Pub is also hosting a brewing night with New Holland Brewing Co. from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday evening as well.

A Foxtown and Park Avenue pub crawl is scheduled for Oct. 22 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. The pub crawl will include Park Bar, Cliff Bells, Rub BBQ Pub, Hard Luck Lounge, State Bar, Hockeytown Café, The Town Pump Tavern and Centaur. A \$10 wristband, available at any stop, waives any cover charges for the night and entitles the wearer to food and drink specials at each stop.

Detroit Beer Week leads up to Eastern Market's second annual Detroit Fall Beer Festival, which takes place from 1-6 p.m. at Eastern Market. The Detroit Fall Beer Festival is hosting 40 different Michigan breweries, who in total will offer samples of over 200 different beers.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and available at local bars, including Rochester Mills in downtown Rochester, Royal Oak Brewery in Royal Oak and Copper Canyon Brewery in Southfield. If tickets remain, they will be sold at the gate of the event for \$40.

Tickets come with 15 tokens, each of which is redeemable for a 3 ounce sample of beer. Tickets for designated drivers are \$5. The Official Detroit Fall Beer Festival after party, hosted by the organizers of Detroit Beer Week, is from 6 p.m. to midnight at Atwater Block Brewery.

The final event of Detroit Beer Week is Sunday "Bloody Mary" Sunday at T Street Bar. In what the organizers call the "ultimate Bloody Mary bar," bartenders will create signature Bloody Mary drinks with Michigan-made vodka, as well as some combinations involving Michigan beers as well.

For information on any of the events, visit facebook.com/detroitbeerweek

local briefs

Cox alleges Blue Cross missteps

According to a lawsuit filed Monday by the U.S. Justice Department and Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, millions of Michigan consumers paid higher health insurance premiums over the last three years because Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan forced at least 70 hospitals statewide to charge its competitors more.

The antitrust lawsuit alleges Blue Cross, the state's largest insurer, used its muscle and size to negotiate deep discounts for itself.

Local legend auctions off his gear

Kirk Gibson will sell the bat he used and related items at an auction along with his World Series trophy and his National League most valuable player award from the 1988 season with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Gibson hit a walkoff home run to win Game 1 of the 1988 World Series. The home run remains an iconic moment in baseball history.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the Kirk Gibson Foundation to support Michigan State athletics and help fund partial scholarships at the two Michigan high schools where his parents taught.

Gibson, now manager of the Arizona Diamondbacks, said he never considered himself a collector but found himself with "a warehouse that was just full of everything — cars, boats, memorabilia, things I've saved."

Mich. governor receives high honor

The king of Sweden will award Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm one of his country's highest awards.

King Carl XVI Gustaf on Thursday will present Granholm with Sweden's Insignia of First Commander, Order of the Polar Star for her work fostering relations between Michigan and Sweden to promote clean energy.

— Daud Yar, Local Editor

Great Race benefits Special Olympics

By RHIANNON ZIELINSKI
Senior Reporter

Over 200 participants arrived in downtown Rochester on Sunday for the first ever Great Michigan Race, in support of Special Olympics Michigan.

The event is fashioned after CBS's Amazing Race, sending groups of four on a race around Rochester, completing various challenges along the way that tested their teamwork and sense of humor.

In order to participate, teams had to raise a minimum of \$500 before October 15. Additionally fundraising provided rewards like a "fast pass" to skip a challenge along the route or 10 minutes deducted for your overall time.

If a team raised at least \$10,000, they could be VIP guests at a Special Olympics Michigan winter or summer games. Despite the extra incentives, many racers were there to support the cause and have a good time, regardless of their finishing time.

"We just really wanted to help out and have fun," Dave Thomas said, one of the racers. "We figured we would get the whole family together and come out and try to do it."

Jennifer Rasel said her team really enjoyed the sense of adventure during the race.

"We just thought it was a great opportunity to do something outdoors for a great cause, the Special Olympics," Rasel said.

The challenges teams faced put racers outside of their comfort zone and pushed their limits.

"The best part was all of the different activities and challenges,

where you think, 'there's just no way I'll be able to do this,' and then you do," Lisa Cummins said.

"We had to zip-line across one of the creeks, we had to shoot a hockey puck within a small opening in the net. We had to do some of the training at the fire station; we had to use the water hose to shoot down the cones and then switch the hoses" Cummings said.

Another challenge involved running up and down Main Street, decoding letters on the buildings until they formed a clue for their next destination.

In between each challenge, teams could be seen running through the streets of Rochester, trying to make it to the next checkpoint.

Thomas described the hardest part of the event as the distance they had to cover.

"Pain, pain and more pain. It was pretty long, but I think if you train correctly, it will be okay. Since we didn't train, we felt the pain, so we paid for it," he said.

An exact number for total funds raised by all the teams is not yet known, but Jill Fraeyman, cofounder and organizer of the race reported that they raised at least \$20,000 and is satisfied with the outcome.

"For a first year event, it was awesome," Fraeyman said. "Our registration system went smooth. Everyone seemed really happy. Racers were coming up to us after they finished saying it was a great event. I'm hoping that everybody comes back next year and tells their friends to come with them."

For more information about the Great Michigan Race, visit their website at www.greatmichiganrace.com

By RHIANNON ZIELINSKI
Senior Reporter

1. United States

Defense officials said someone fired shots at the Pentagon on Tuesday. The bullets hit the building and caused minor damage. Police temporarily locked down some pedestrian entrances to the building after a civilian reported he may have heard shots. A spokesman said a search of the area and facility found that some shots had hit the building. Entrances were reopened a little later, but part of Interstate 395 was later temporarily closed for the investigation.

2. Russia

At least three insurgents who stormed the parliament complex in Russia's Chechnya region are dead, along with at least two police officers and one parliamentarian official.

Authorities said one insurgent set off a bomb at the gates of the complex, killing himself and wounding others. A Chechen police spokesman said at least two other gunmen ran into the building and opened fire. All of the attackers are believed to be dead. Chechnya has been battling Islamist insurgency for years.

3. Philippines

The strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines in four years has killed at least 13, including a mother and her two children whose house was crushed by a falling tree. Super Typhoon Megi struck the northern Philippines on Monday, then moved westward into the South China Sea. Thailand also reported flooding that killed at least four people and in China, authorities have evacuated 140,000 people from the coast in preparation for Megi's arrival.



4. Nigeria

A security official said five suspects are now being held over car bombings that struck Nigeria during a celebration of its 50th anniversary of independence. Spokeswoman Marilyn Ogar told reporters that Charles Okah, the brother of jailed former militant leader Henry Okah, and the four others will be charged in court for

the attack. The bombings killed at least 12 people and wounded dozens more in Abuja, Nigeria's capital. The cars used were wired with explosives.

5. Afghanistan

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization said a U.S. soldier is in custody after the death of an Afghan detainee in Kandahar province, apparently from a gunshot wound. The region is the scene of an operation by NATO and Afghan forces trying to rout the Taliban from their strongholds in southern Afghanistan. NATO said in a statement Tuesday that the U.S. soldier was put in custody after a Taliban insurgent was found dead Sunday in his holding cell in the province's Arghandab district.

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Muddy field, dry event

By KAY NGUYEN
Editor-in-Chief

On Saturday, Oct. 16, teams consisting of Oakland University students gathered to play football as a crowd of students and alumni cheered them on.

While football may not come to mind as a campus tradition at Oakland University, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has made it one. This year marked the 25th annual Mud Bowl for the group.

Each year, pledges, active members and alumni congregate in an open space in Pontiac. The field is torn up by sport utility vehicles and hosed down by the Pontiac Fire Department in order to create the dirty setting.

Mud Bowl itself is an SAE practice that started right in the state of Michigan.

The University of Michigan chapter of SAE turned the grassy area of its house into a mud pit in the 1930s and fought it out with a rival fraternity, making it a yearly custom.

SAE Vice President Mike Diedrich said the chapter wanted to model their legacy after Michigan's, where the event has grown into a tournament and homecoming fixture.

"It's a huge event there, so we decided to do it here," Diedrich said. "It's how we wanted to start our chapter."

OU's chapter of SAE began as Sigma Alpha Sigma, a local fraternity, according to Center for Student Activities Director Jean Ann Miller.

Diedrich, a junior majoring in public administration, said he hopes the event and Greek life in general at the school will grow, though he knows it will never be as big as the U of M Mud Bowl.

This year, the men of SAE face off against Theta Chi, though Diedrich said the Mud Bowl game has involved the Sigma Pi fraternity in years past.

This year's event served as a milestone in many ways.

In addition to the anniversary, it marked the first time playing at a new venue and the first-ever alcohol-free Mud Bowl.

"Alcohol played no part in Mud Bowl this year," said Andy Molczyk, Theta Chi Rush Chair. "It's about the people playing in the game: (Alcohol) doesn't make the game."

One of the reasons for this was the change in location.



The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity hosted its 25th annual Mud Bowl event Saturday, Oct. 16. SAE won the game.

Photos courtesy of Sage Burke

After playing on a private property for the last 24 years, it was held at a public park this year.

"Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Theta Chi both did a great job of ensuring that the event was safe and alcohol-free," Miller said.

SAE came out victorious with a 14-7 win over Sigma Pi this year, buoyed by support from the Greek and other campus community members.

Alumni also played a large part in this year's event, as 40-50 came to either participate or observe. Lon Bone, a founding member of OU SAE, helped secure the new location for the event. According to Diedrich, the goal of the event is to create unity and a friendly atmosphere.

Four sororities also participated in a separate game of full-contact football in order to foster more Greek unity. Molczyk said the unity goes "out the window" for the game, though.

"It's a 25-year tradition, so roots run deep," said Molczyk, who has been involved with Theta Chi for four years. "I love the rivalry because it reminds me of a real college football game and all its hype."



4.0 professor profiles ✓ Weekly spotlight on OU professors

Annette Gilson
Assistant Professor of English



When assistant professor of English Annette Gilson is not teaching, she is busy writing novels.

Gilson has already published one fictional novel called "New Light" and currently is working on her next stories.

As for teaching, she loves her job and wants to make sure the students are having fun in her classes. "I really love to teach. I love standing in front of the classroom," Gilson said. "I want to make the students have a good time."

She attempts to relate much of the classroom material to her student's lives. "I like to surprise them," said Gilson. "I draw connections of their everyday lives."

Her idea of drawing connections could be as simple as using the lingo of young adults. Phrases such as "rock on" are frequently used in her classroom. To draw attention to main points in the material she's teaching, Gilson may stand on a chair screaming so that students remember those points.

"She really makes you passionate about the material," said sophomore Lauren Bruss. "She makes you really want to learn literature and she makes you understand. She's brilliant."

Gilson started teaching at Oakland University in 1999. She wanted to teach at OU because of the highly-engaged English department, and the idea that she would get to spend much of her time with students was appealing.

Gilson's love of English was sparked after reading a book on Greek mythology when she was in second grade.

She later earned her bachelor's degree in English with a minor in creative writing from Bard College. She continued on to receive her master's degree and Ph.D in English and Literature at Washington University in St. Louis.

Although Gilson was never officially a part of the creative writing program at WU she won prizes for her work.

Gilson is currently teaching ENG 111 which is Modern Literature and ENG 358, British and Postcolonial Literatures since 1900.

— Megan Semeraz, Contributing Reporter



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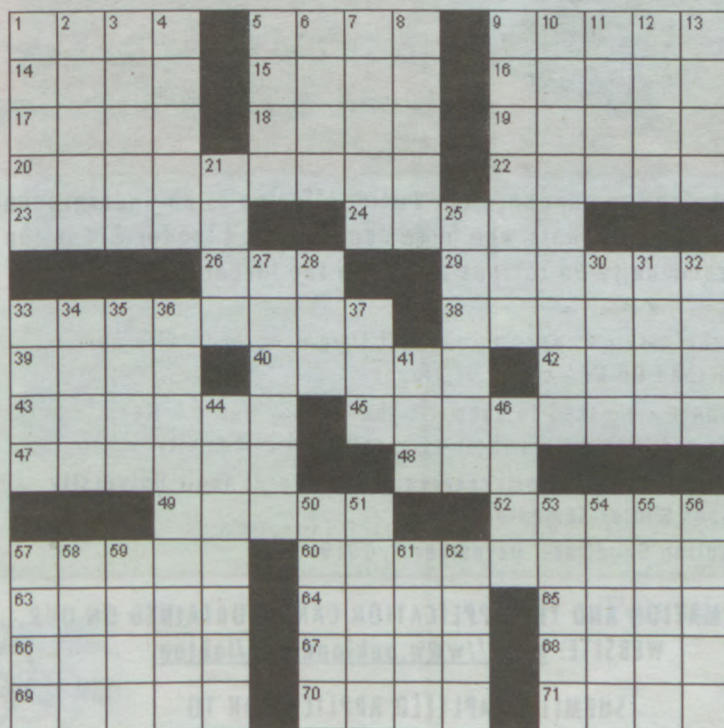


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18. Certain something
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23. Short-horned goat antelope
24. A unit of garlic
26. East southeast
29. Lease
33. Hoarded wealth
38. Ring of color around the nipple
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43. Dangerous
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50. Uttered
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55. Acclaim
56. Blabs
57. Break
58. Small mountain
59. Dwarf buffalo
61. Be inclined
62. Cancel

"Junglebox" goes outside the box



By MEGAN SEMERAZ
Contributing Reporter

The King of Pop Michael Jackson is an occasional guest that stops by to chat on-air with Captain Shaffer, host of "Captain Shaffer's Junglebox."

Well, not exactly, but the show does feature a series of different impersonations, including one of Michael Jackson.

The show's host Captain Shaffer, along with co-host Satan and guest Michael Jackson, are actually all voiced by OU senior Mike Dorenzo. Dorenzo, a communication major, started "Captain Shaffer's Junglebox" on WXOU about two years ago.

Satan came to be Captain Shaffer's co-host when he liked the sound of his voice on his voice changer and found it to be entertaining. "Technically it was just the best voice on my voice changer but I like getting under people's skin and making light of things."

Being a one-man act is what distinguishes Dorenzo.

"I think most people would be really surprised that it's just him doing the entire show by himself," WXOU general manager Andrew Grieve said. "You get the feeling that there are multiple people in the studio."

The show features a variety of talk and music. A lot of the time, music becomes the background noise while he speak. "I do have a lot of music in the background, like you're hanging out with your friends," Dorenzo said.

Much of what goes on air is



JASON WILLIS/The Oakland Post

Mike Dorenzo's show on WXOU can be heard Thursdays at 1 p.m.

freeform and spontaneous, as the show's content is planned only a few hours in advance. Funny and interesting news stories, current events and whatever else happens to be on his mind is up for discussion.

"It comes to me. My inner dialogue becomes my outer dialogue," Dorenzo said.

His favorite part of the show is that he can say pretty much anything he wants and it can be humorous. "As long as it has the appropriate sound effect, it's really funny," Dorenzo said.

Radio has always been an intriguing idea for Dorenzo. Since he was never in a band, a radio show was the next best thing.

When he came to Oakland University, he decided to try doing his own radio show at WXOU. Dorenzo soon became the fundraising director, but has since worked his way up to promotions director.

The show's fate and future is currently unknown, but "will probably die off after Oakland," Dorenzo said.

He hasn't totally ruled out a career in radio, and he would love to be able to do a night show or work behind the scenes at a radio station.

As for advice for someone who is thinking they may want to start their own WXOU show, Dorenzo said: "Don't be intimidated. Just come in, fill out the application and have fun. No one is good their first time, except me."

"Captain Shaffer's Junglebox" airs at a new time, every Thursday starting at 1 p.m. on 88.3 FM.

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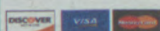
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Champions need chemicals to excel

Musburger has the right idea; make anabolic steroids mandatory by 2030

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I have seen the future, and it is full of angry, bulky, pimply men.

I was thrilled to hear play-by-play sports commentator Brent Musburger's comments about steroid use to University of Montana journalism students last week. His argument was that steroids get results. If professional sports players are going to keep using steroids regardless of whether or not it's allowed, why not just legalize it?

And what about the wrongfully-prosecuted accidental steroid users, who "never knowingly took steroids," whose only crime is not reading labels?

Does Rafael Palmiero deserve to have his career tarnished for a simple misunderstanding? To quote the man himself, "I thought they were antacids."

We spend so much time investigating steroid use just to see if our sports accomplishments are legitimate. What does it matter if Barry Bonds can hit a baseball at the speed of sound? The important thing is, he can. We should spend less time worrying about what Bonds pumps into his body, and more time worrying about the low-flying aircraft threatened by steroid fueled grand slams.

I can tell that Musburger is on to something here. This is where we're headed. I gassed up The Oakland Post time machine and took a trip to the year 2030 to find out how sports have changed after the 2022 legalization of anabolic steroids and steroid injections are mandatory in baseball.

Upon my arrival at Comerica Park, I noticed several changes to the traditional baseball diamond. First off, the field has bulletproof glass barriers erected around the perimeter to protect sports patrons from home runs.

Bats are made of vibranium alloy to better withstand the explosive force of a roid-fueled pitch meeting a roid-fueled swing. A charity organization has been cre-

ated to compensate the widows of players killed by bean balls.

New padded uniforms have been issued to players who develop man-breasts. Therapists are on staff during the game to counteract the effects of irrational chemical induced rage between innings.

I also noticed that in 2030 a hot dog and a can of Coke at Comerica Park costs \$30.75. So some things haven't changed.

I found the once disgraced Jose Canseco now proudly adorns the Wheaties box, and is recognized as a pioneer in the field of doping.

Pump up the jam

But baseball is not the only sport that has been changed by legal steroid use, as I quickly learned. Brett Favre texted me a picture of his shrunken testicles within minutes of my arrival in the future.

Hockey revolves almost entirely around fighting. The winner is usually the team with the fewest players ejected by referees, and penalty boxes can fit ten players with bulging biceps.

The Winter Olympics are in controversy over whether to disqualify figure skaters who smash the ice following a fifteen-foot triple Salchow.

Curling has exploded in popularity as the curling community embraced the shift to mandatory steroid usage. The curling lanes are four kilometers long, and new rules were created to govern scoring for pieces of shrapnel from shattered curling stones. Some leagues allow players to use snowmobiles to keep pace with the stones.

Speed swimmers must be shaved hourly to counteract out of control hair growth and maintain their aerodynamic sleekness. In track and field, runners' lanes have been widened to accommodate their massively muscular thighs, which also must be oiled before each heat to prevent chafing.

Basketball has transformed into the video game version of



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Steroids has been the Major League Baseball MVP from 2025 to 2030.

basketball, with players routinely leaping up into the rafters and performing 720 backflip slam dunks. To keep pace, video game basketball has become even more ridiculous. Pro tip: Rodney Stuckey's laser beam eyes technique in NBA Jam 2029 is the most useful move in the game.

Brand new sports have been developed as well. Equestrian dodgeball, the most violent sport I saw, was created when two college club sports lacking enough members merged. By 2030, it's become a Division I sport. A no-holds-barred, underground version has become a hotbed for gambling.

However, new diseases have been transmitted to humans, as steeds and riders sharing a supply of horse steroids occasionally swap needles.

School spirit

But just as Musburger said, steroids should have no place in high school sports. I mean, we've got to draw the line somewhere.

Steroids intermingling with out-of-control teenage hormones would result in sheer pandemonium.

Nonetheless, a new scandal has arisen over young athletes imitating their sports heroes, encouraged by team coaches to get the edge over the competition. Some school administrators have discussed legalizing steroids for grades seven and up.

Something we didn't anticipate is that the rampant acne you get in high school makes you more popular instead of a social pariah.

I should probably wrap this up. After my enlightening trip to the future, I took a quick jaunt back to 1996 to pick up a six-pack of Surge. But I probably stepped on a butterfly or some crap because now my left hand keeps disappearing and I've have had to type this whole article with my right.

While I still have a corporeal hand, let me use it to raise a toast to the future of professional sports. Violent, chemical-fueled sports.



Suggestions to improve Detroit

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10. Guns for Land Initiative: "Turn in your Glock, get a city block"
9. Sell the city to Mike Ilitch and rename it "Caesarland;" he already owns like 80 percent of Detroit, so what the hell
8. Take out a huge insurance policy on City Hall and wait for an arsonist to burn it down
7. Make a \$1000 bet on the Lions to lose every game next season, then get them to throw the games (it will look totally plausible)
6. Rename it "New Hollywood" and convert the Big 3 into movie studios
5. Cut the leaking roof off of Cobo Hall and make it into a coliseum; have Detroit City council fight to the death
4. Let Michael Bay actually blow up our unused buildings for his next blockbuster film
3. Make a Pure Detroit campaign, have Tim Allen talk about our verdant casinos and liquor stores
2. Have Kid Rock actually make his "Made in Detroit" clothing line in Detroit
1. Build a RoboCop to take back the streets; Use Mitch Albom for a base