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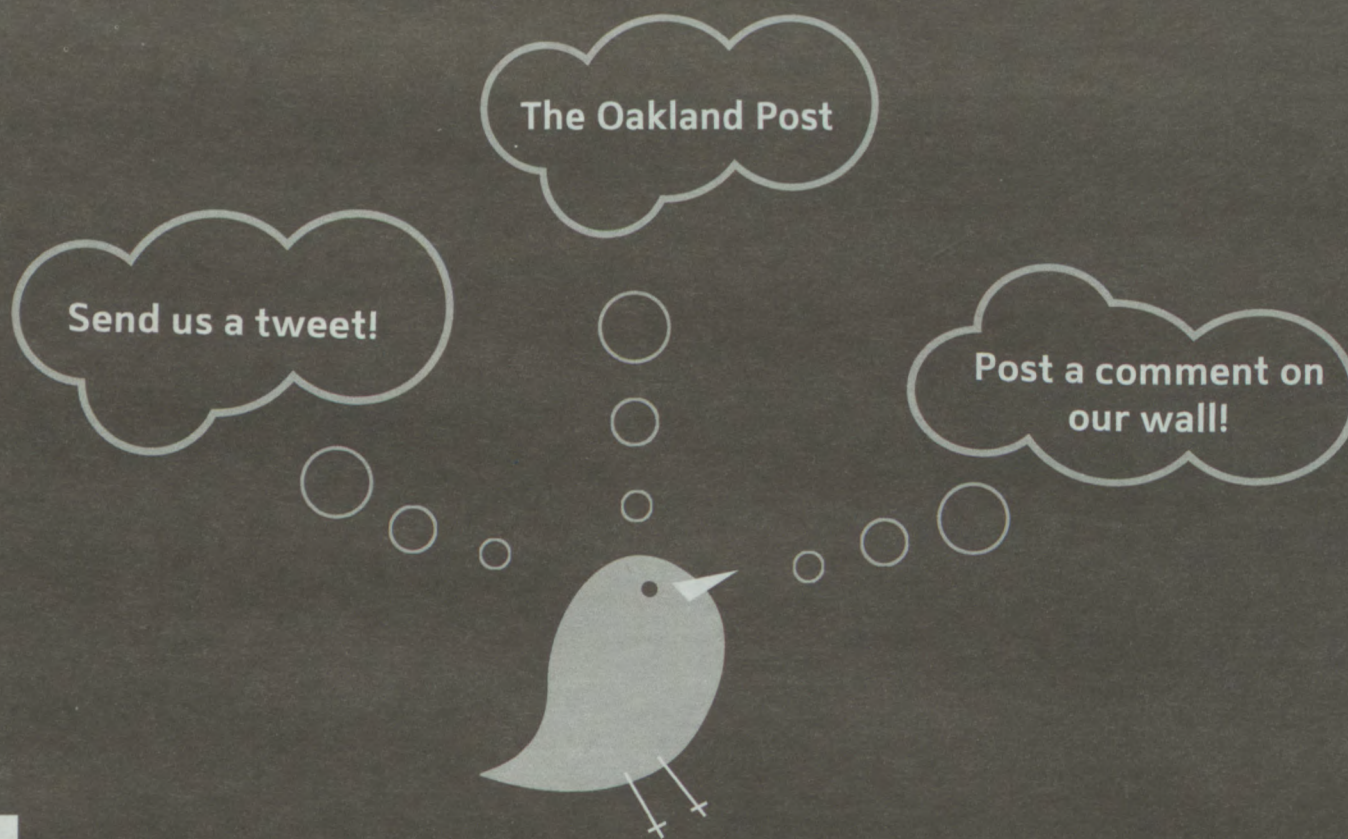
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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Separating fact from fiction

Why others' myths and misbeliefs are everyone's misfortune

The intended audience for this editorial will never read this. But you will, and we're holding you directly responsible.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "Where the press is free and every man is able to read, all is safe."

With all due respect to Jefferson, we disagree. Despite The Oakland Post's distribution around and across campus, free of charge, misconceptions about Oakland University are abundant.

Here are some common campus myths followed by the much-reported truth.

**Fiction:** Tuition goes up every year because OU is stockpiling the money to fund pet projects.

**Fact:** Undergraduate tuition went up 5.76 percent for the 2010-11 academic year primarily due to state budget cuts. Funding for the university comes from a number of sources: state appropriations, tuition, and private donations. In 2009, OU received 26 percent of its funding from the State of Michigan; the state provided 44 percent of its funding in 2002. We're not alone. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Michigan reduced student financial aid by \$135 million — over 61

percent — since 2008.

**Fiction:** You have no control over tuition rates; you are completely subject to the whims of OU and the state budget.

**Fact:** Being a member of OU student congress warrants you considerable influence. School administrators admit that OUSC lobbying is largely why tuition went up 9 percent in 2009, as opposed to the initially proposed 11 percent. Furthermore, Student Activities Fund Assessment Committee, an OUSC subcommittee, controls how the \$25-per-student-per-semester student activities fee is divvied up among student organizations.

**Fiction:** The only place to get Scantrons is at the OU bookstore, and you have to pay for them.

**Fact:** OUSC's office and Kresge Library's circulation desk gives them out for free.

**Fiction:** That building being constructed on the northwest corner of campus is an extension of the OU William Beaumont School of Medicine.

**Fact:** It will be the Human Health Building. It will house the School of Health Sciences and the School of Nursing; it has no connection with the School of Medicine.

**Fiction:** OU will forever be in a state of construction, with no end in sight, and no one even knows what's being built.

**Fact:** Our July 14 centerspread laid out each ongoing construction project, complete with photos, as well as how best to avoid each project as well as expected completion dates. Some of the projects include a High Temperature Hot Water system and geo-thermal pumps.

**Fiction:** When founder Matilda Wilson donated land to the university in 1957, she did so under the condition that OU could not have contact sports.

**Fact:** There is no such clause.

You may think: "But this is just a small university; I'll be here for four years, and I'll move on. It isn't imperative that I know everything about the place."

Maybe so, but habits formed now endure for a lifetime, and we'd hate to see you be counted alongside the 18 percent of Americans who, according to Pew Research Center, incorrectly believe President Barack Obama is a Muslim.

When nearly one in five U.S. citizens is misinformed, the rest — including you — suffer.

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Cartoon by John O'Neill



# Inequality in the locker room

Mistreatment of Inez Sainz shows that women are still treated poorly on the job

It's tough being a female, especially in the workroom.

It's difficult to say that any field is perfectly — even decently — equal when it comes to gender.

Although some workrooms have improved in this area, a majority of jobs are still gender segregated.

Many would say nurses and librarians are generally female, and engineers, auto mechanics, and sports reporters are male. The few exceptions, especially female sport journalists, must undoubtedly receive a few double takes.

Inez Sainz, reporter for Mexico's TV Azteca, was on the field of a New York Jets practice Saturday, Sept. 11, to do a story on quarterback Mark Sanchez. What she received was a little more than some good quotes.

A Jets coach tossed some footballs at her during practice, and the players called out to her when she was in the locker room, though there are no confirmed reports of any touching or anything of that nature.

Some said that Sainz, clad in a rather tight white blouse and skin-tight jeans, deserved the taunts and attention. But what she was wearing shouldn't matter. She shouldn't have been harassed at all.



**Kaitlyn Chornoby**  
Campus Editor

Yes, it may have been a poor decision to don an outfit considered to be sexy, but she wasn't there to be eye candy. She was there to do her job.

And her job she did; she conducted interviews and gathered the content and video clips she was expected to get.

Sainz is just one example of discrimination against females that has occurred in sports reporting, and she won't be the last. As a female journalist, it's rather concerning to see this kind of discrimination continually make a comeback.

- In 2008, Erin Andrews was sexually assaulted on the sidelines by the head coach of the Tennessee Volunteers football team.

- Heather Nichols was even more seriously assaulted by an MMA fighter in 2009.

- Again in 2009, Elena Extebarrieta was reporting on a soccer game when a fan came up behind

her and made suggestive gestures in her direction.

The problem with all of these cases is that the reporters either laughed it off or took no action to discourage it.

While I admire their persistence and dedication to their jobs, I can't help but wonder whether female reporters are actually encouraging this type of discrimination.

Nichols' producer had to step in to ask the fighter to stop after Nichols had to endure nearly a minute of the two being pressed together while being filmed.

You can't blame a woman for getting raped, some people argue. Using the same reasoning, can you blame a female reporter for being harassed on the job?

There should be lines that aren't crossed, whether a reporter is in a snow suit or a bikini.

This behavior is not okay. It would be ignorant to say that women sports journalists aren't hired with emphasis on their looks. Producers have a certain demographic to please, and I doubt an audience dominated by testosterone would want to see less appealing women on screen.

I'm not trying to change that, because it would be a hopeless endeavor. What I'm saying is

that female journalists are more than that.

Females are just as capable of collecting information for a story. They are just as proficient at asking questions on pressing matters. Perhaps pushing women into locker rooms is questionable — but then again, if men can be there, why can't women? — but there should be no question of the quality of material females can produce, even in sports.

We do not live in a world where women are equal to men. Feminism and all that "empowered" jazz is wonderful, but the truth is that women are paid less and viewed differently in the work room, especially a male-driven workroom.

**Some said that (sports reporter Inez) Sainz, clad in a rather tight white blouse and skin-tight jeans, deserved the taunts and attention. But what she was wearing shouldn't matter. She shouldn't have been harassed at all.**

Data collected by the government shows that women working full-time jobs earn 77 cents for every dollar men earn, and while both gender's earnings increased

in 2009, that's still a difference of \$10,849 from male to female. The disparity in wages has remained around 75 percent since 1990.

Women should be able to chase their dreams of being in whatever field they want.

I will have the opportunity in a few weeks to cover a few sports games, and I want to be there to interview and gather information as a journalist.

Some people may find it strange that I'm there trying to do a story. Maybe some players will, wrongly, assume that I don't know the rules of the game. But it doesn't matter what they think.

I'm not in this field to look hot. Reporters who wear sexy clothing and flaunt themselves like Sainz give a bad reputation to those journalists who genuinely have an interest in producing a serious sports story.

Whether she's saying this now to look professional or not, I do give her credit for saying she wouldn't press any sort of legal charge against the NFL. She was quoted in an interview as saying that she never felt as though she was attacked and was purely focused on her interview.

And that's really how journalism should be.

## CORRECTIONS CORNER

- Last week's campus story "Welcome Week ends big" wrongly reported the name of Sigma Pi's president. His name is Ryan Rott.

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

### LAST WEEK'S POLL

Should the identity of The Grizz, OU's mascot, be kept a secret?

yes - 36 no - 21

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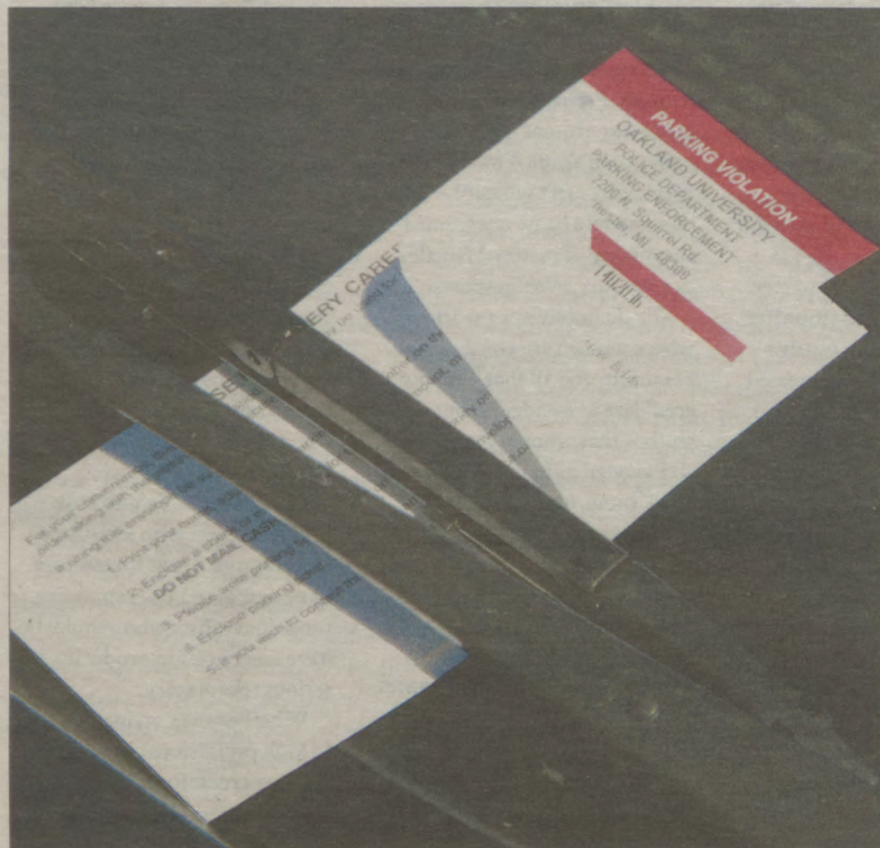
How many parking tickets have you received at Oakland University?

none 1-2 3 or more



## Parking tickets on the rise

Bear Bus and Bike Share transportation available to avoid fines



By **NICHOLE SEGUIN**  
Features Editor

As Oakland University construction continues with ongoing projects, parking has made its way as the main problem on campus for some students.

Over the summer, various parking lots were created in an effort to ease some of the anticipated congestion. Parking lots P-11 and P-37 had turf added to make more spaces and specific Bear Bus routes that were designed to transport students to and from buildings. Oakland University Police Department officers were strategically placed at the Adams entrance, as well as a second stop sign on Meadow Brook Road to direct traffic.

"The police directing traffic actually made getting into campus a lot easier," Gabrielle Schulte, a junior majoring in communications, said. "I thought it was very helpful and definitely allowed more students to get into the campus quicker."

Emails were sent to students before the start of fall semester advising they get to school an hour early to find parking. Some students were looking forward to getting to class at a time that worked more to their advantage.

"The fact that in order to find a parking spot you must arrive at least an hour early is ridiculous," said Jennifer Payter, a junior majoring in health science. "Trying to leave campus is a nightmare as well, when the classes all get out around the same time. I sat in traffic in the circle for 25 minutes just trying to leave the campus. Then you combine all of the construction outside of campus and in the surrounding areas? I live 15-20 minutes away, but I need an hour to get to class."

With the parking lots filling faster, the OUPD has been giving out many more tickets, according to OUPD Lt. Melvin Gilroy.

"From Sept. 1 until Sept. 12, we wrote 387 parking tickets and many of them are flagrant," Gilroy said. "Fifty people parked on the newly sodded grass in P-1 and 218 of those 318 tickets were issued for parking in a

non-designated parking area. That's over 50 percent of the citations."

According to Gilroy, the number-one parking violation is parking the handicapped parking spots. OUPD will tow the cars of repeat offenders.

"We issued 22 tickets to people that were wrongly parked in handicapped spaces so far this year," Gilroy said. "The people that park in those spots or use other people's permits are not only violating the law, but are creating problems for the people that actually need them. If you don't have enough moral character to stay out of those spots, then we don't have any sympathy once so ever."

Tickets for parking in a handicapped spot are \$50 for each offence, and double to \$100 when someone gets caught using a family member's permit. All other parking violations are \$20.

Despite the new parking spaces, none of the turf from P-11 and P-37 had been used, according to data collected by OUPD for the week of Tuesday, Sept. 7. The data also indicates that the busiest time to park on campus is between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, while the easiest time to park is on Tuesday and Thursday, any time during the day. There are also around 550 spots available in the parking structure located by Pawley Hall.

Parking should be less of a headache now that construction on Squirrel Rd. is in its final stages, less campus congestion is hoped, for according to vice president for finance and administration and treasurer for the board of trustees John Beaghan.

"With Squirrel Road reopening, students can now access campus from all directions without construction concerns," Beaghan said. "This will greatly ease the Adams Road traffic as well as University Drive."

Some students are looking forward to an easier entrance into the campus and the possibility of a better chance at finding a parking spot now that they can enter through the main entrance again.



MIKE SANDULA/The Oakland Post

Top: Many students returned to their illegally parked cars to find a ticket from OUPD.  
Bottom: Unable to find open spots, students began to park in undesignated areas.

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## PARKING

"There wasn't anyone on Squirrel today when I was on it," said Andrea Kornlyo, a sophomore majoring in English. "I could tell it was repaved though, because the roads were less bumpy. It made getting to campus much easier. I plan on using it now to avoid the campus speed limit, and I can pull in to the parking lot right in where I need to park."

Although parking lot problems may seem to arise from not being able to find an available space, some people like Gilroy believe that the problem is really about walking.

"What we have is not a parking problem, it's a walking problem," Gilroy said. "There are enough parking spaces on campus to accommodate every car, it's just a matter of wanting to walk to your classes from them. There isn't anywhere on campus that is

more than a 10-15 minute walk."

Sponsored by Oakland University Student Congress, the Division of Student Affairs, University Housing and Campus Recreation is another method to ease the walking distance for students. The OU Bike Share program started in fall 2009 and continues to this year with at least 60 new bikes on campus. These bikes allow students to get to class faster, and the bikes are available at various bike racks across campus.

"I occasionally ride the bike-share bikes," said Kevin Swift, a senior majoring in information technology. "Although they're only one gear and it's really hard to peddle up a hill. I like that all bikes are now the same and easily identified as a bike share bike. It makes more sense that way."

To help students with longer walking distances, the Bear Bus service, which was originally intended to give OU students with valid school IDs transportation to various places around Rochester, was ex-

tended to get students to areas closer to the main part of campus during the week. One of the buses goes from P-11 to O'Dowd Hall, and the other one goes from P-37 and P-35 to Dodge and Elliot Halls.

Director of University Housing, Jim Zentmeyer, said approximately 280 students used the Bear Bus this past weekend. He said the bus has seen a growing number of riders from the start of the semester, with expected dips during nice weather.

Zentmeyer said they expect the numbers to increase during the winter months.

"The Bear Bus is a nice offer, but I think having the service during the week is overkill now that we have the bike share bikes and we're capable of walking," Swift said. "The OU campus isn't that big to walk through. Just get up 20 minutes earlier to get to class on time."

— Kaitlyn Chornoby and Jen Bucciarelli contributed to this report.

## Students express anti-Obama sentiments

By JEN BUCCIARELLI and DAUD YAR

Assistant Campus Editor and Copy Editor

Students were protesting on campus yesterday afternoon when LaRouche Political Action Committee supporters were passing out information to students in the area between North and South Foundation halls.

The LaRouche PAC had individuals who were informing passing students that President Obama should be impeached.

The group declined to comment to The Oakland Post.

Shortly after the supporters set up at 11 a.m., a spontaneous group of student protesters gathered, wearing Photoshopped images of President Obama with a halo above his head.

The student protesters were advised to stand 30 feet away as the group distributed flyers to anyone who stopped at the booth.

Doug Kowalski, an OU senior majoring in history, was one of the more animated student protesters yesterday.

"They (LaRouche PAC) had multiple pictures of Obama with a Hitler mustache on, which is what we were protesting," Kowalski said. "We're not protesting them or what they were saying, we're only protesting the way they were going about it."

Matthew Hatfield, an OU senior communications major, said it is a good idea to listen to activists, such as those on campus, but



KEVIN ROMANCHIK/ The Oakland Post

A spontaneous group of protesters gathered to oppose the LaRouche PAC on campus.

more important for students to form their own opinions.

OU freshman Kermit Knuppenburg, who was among the group of student protesters, held his hands up to form peace signs while saying, "Obama is not Hitler."

"We're just here to represent peace," Knuppenburg said, and mentioned that he found it offensive that while walking into class he was presented with a picture of the president in a Hitler mustache.

"They were spewing hateful things and the police asked them to leave," Kowalski said.

Jordan Taylor, an OU sophomore who was approached by the LaRouche support-

ers, said the group was accepting donations of up to \$250 toward their movement.

According to what Taylor was told, some of the basis for the group's reasoning is that Obama's health care reform is a plan to eliminate the "weakest link on the totem pole," he said.

He also said that while he was approached by one of the advocates to join their cause, the group was also recruiting members for an upcoming international webcast this month.

The LaRouche activist group left campus around 4 p.m. at the request of the Oakland University Police Department, according to Kowalski.

## CAMPUS TICKETS ISSUED

SEPTEMBER 2 - 16

**58** parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

**32** expired parking meter

**11** fire lane parking violations

**26** handicap violations

**501** non-designated area

**47** permit parking only

**36** parking prohibited

**7** time limit violations

**718** total tickets given out

**\$15,140**

approximate amount collected by OUPD from Sept. 2 to 16



## police files

### Property vandalism

On Monday, Sept. 13, a student reported that she found dried egg remains on the back door and window of her vehicle parked outside the University Student Apartments. The student planned to wash the vehicle and notify OUPD if there were paint damages, but there are currently no suspects.

### Suspicious circumstances

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, there was a notification of suspicious circumstance in the men's restroom and changing room of the Meadow Brook Theatre on the first floor. The student that reported the suspicious circumstance noted that the shower had recently been used and that the doors, which are typically locked, were unlocked. There were no reports of damage.

### Hamlin Hall roommate debacle

On Friday, Sept. 17, a student notified the campus police department that the student's roommate has allegedly been making comments online about the current tension and conflict between the two roommates. Concerned about the situation, the student notified police and the assistant director of housing, but there have been no threats reported at this time.

### Auburn Hills Fire Dept. in P5

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the Auburn Hills Fire Department assisted two individuals who seemed to be experiencing vehicle trouble. An OUPD officer was informed that the two motorists were using the jumper cables incorrectly so assistance was provided. There was no damage reported and the motorists did not wish to make a report.

— Compiled by Jen Bucciarelli,  
Assistant Campus Editor

# New initiatives in debate

By JAKE THIELEN

Staff Reporter

At Monday's Oakland University Student Congress meeting, OU registrar Steve Shablin spoke regarding the progress of combined registration.

Shablin asked OUSC members about their experiences with the registration system and what they had heard from other students around campus. Some legislators reported hearing mixed reactions from other students regarding the changes made last year, while others offered their own opinions.

"Personally, I really liked it after I was able to figure out my whole schedule," said student body president Brandon Gustafson. "I was able to not only wait for fall classes, but winter classes at the same time, and then kind of mold my schedule more effectively."

During the discussion, Shablin also gave the dates for next year's registration.

"The first day of registration for summer 2011 will be Monday, Feb. 8, 2011," Shablin said. "For fall 2011 and winter 2012, we will begin registration on Monday, March 21 of 2011."

Shablin said that registration will begin at 6 a.m. on those days as opposed to midnight in previous years so that the time will be closer to when campus offices open at 8 a.m.

"Starting later in the morning will give us time, at 8 o'clock, to immediately address any issues related to registration, if necessary," Shablin said.

Shablin addressed concerns about the server crashes that have plagued SAIL in the past.

"I think (the server issue) has been resolved," Shablin said. "Our computing center did implement some improvements in the database server."

Shablin said that expanding the registration schedule from one day to two days for each class level has also helped minimize server issues.

In addition, Shablin discussed an idea of adding a waiting list for full classes.

"If the course has a limit of 20, the students after 20 would be put on a wait list," Shablin said. "If the section opens up, meaning one of the students drops and now it's sitting at 19 enrollment, you would get an e-mail to say that you have 'x' hours, 24 hours

or whatever, to say now the course is open, go in and register. If you don't register, then it will move to the next student on the wait list."

### Voter registration

Legislative affairs director Nessma Bashi said that she is looking for volunteers to help OUSC's campaign to register students to vote in this fall's elections.

"We are going to be tabling in the dorms Wednesday and Friday from 4 until 7 p.m., and then we're going to be doing some canvassing, so hitting the dorms again on Tuesday and Thursday starting at 9:30 p.m.," Bashi said. "We really want to get out there and mobilize the student body."

The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 4.

### Ride share program

Student services director Brett McIsaac said that he has been speaking to the creator of OU's book swap site, University of Michigan-Dearborn student Jeremy White, about adding a ride share section to the website.

Legislator Matthew Parks said that he supported the idea.

"I don't really feel comfortable just ripping a phone number off (the bulletin board advertisements) and calling it," Parks said. "Especially if it was backed by OUSC or Oakland on that website, I'd feel a lot more legit than looking on Craigslist for a ride."

McIsaac addressed some safety concerns that the program would create, including the possibility of non-students trying to register.

"When you insert your e-mail, it automatically inserts the '@oakland.edu' and you insert the front one, so if you didn't have an oakland.edu e-mail, you wouldn't be able to register with the site," McIsaac said.

### Upcoming events

OUSC is still looking for volunteers for the Rec Fest on Friday, Sept. 24. Students interested in volunteering should contact the Student Program Board, located in the basement of the OC.

OUSC will be hosting its first golf outing to benefit Oakland University's Center for Biomedical Research on Monday, Oct. 11. The event will be held at the Katke-Cousins golf course with a shotgun start time of 11 a.m.

Tickets are \$55 for students with an Oakland I.D. and \$100 for other adults. That price includes 18 holes of golf, a cart and lunch. Students must sign up at the CSA window by Oct. 1.

### Campus changes

Student vice president Amy Ring said that the Subway in the Pioneer Court in the Oakland Center will now be open in the morning to serve breakfast and coffee.

Ring also said that new toilet seat covers have been ordered, and they will be installed in the bathrooms in the Oakland Center.

### New SPB chair

Jermaine Conaway was approved as the new student program board chair. Conaway will take over for Jonathan Jenkins, who resigned last week. Conaway, who has three years of previous experience in the student program board, including a year as the golden events chair, will hold the position until Jenkins' original term ends on Dec. 1. After that, other students can apply for the position.

"I'm really looking forward to working on Congress and working with all of you guys now," Conaway said. "I have a whole new group of people to work with, instead of just the e-board for SPB. I have OUSC now too."

### New committee members

Darrell Boyd, Stephanie Hamilton, Carleen Jarbo, Danny Kakish and Shakita Billy were approved as members of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

Steve Cox and Parks were approved as members of the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship Committee chair James Kaminski said that the committee will be looking to expand its role beyond just awarding prizes in an essay contest, as had been done in previous years.

Kaminski said that the Scholarship Committee plans to make better use of its allotted \$1,000 budget.

"Last year we actually used about \$500 of it, and we put a lot of effort into that just in the last semester," Kaminski said.

"What we're going to be doing is planning out this semester, and focusing on next semester as well, to really not only do something along the lines of an essay, but new and fresh ideas," Kaminski said.



# OU Film Makers' Guild returns

By ANNIE STODOLA  
Local Editor

As a response to a lack of resources for student filmmakers, students at Oakland University created the OU Film Makers' Guild.

After noting that the university's and Student Video Production's equipment had explicit guidelines about equipment use, students formed the Film Makers' Guild as a means for students to make their own films.

"The main purpose of the Film Makers' Guild is to effectively network people and resources together for the pro-

duction of a film," Greg Bastien, current president of the organization, said.

When Ryan D'Silva inquired into the Film Makers' Guild last year, he found that the club was no longer active. Seeing a need for the club on campus, he gathered the previous members and reactivated the organization. After a year of serving as the club's president, D'Silva turned over the organization to Bastien.

"I was looking to join as a member into their club, but what I found was a dangling pair of reins," Bastien said.

As a group, the guild holds both film screenings and film

festivals. The guild has created 12 films so far, two of which are from this year so far.

Currently, they have a contact list of over 100 students who have expressed an interest in the organization.

Bastien also said he thinks the interest in the film guild has increased as more and more people have gotten involved with film, whether through class projects, with friends or something as simple as using a camera on a cell phone.

D'Silva said he is optimistic that not only will the club remain active, but also that it will continue to help students outside of the film studies major.

"My hope for the club in the future is for it to remain as the production end to the film studies program at Oakland, as well as continue to serve students with majors across the board who share a love for film by uniting them and allowing them to make their film ambitions come to fruition," D'Silva said.

Bastien shares D'Silva's hopes for the coming year, expressing that the club means a lot to both him and other students.

"I believe strongly in film," Bastien said. "I want to be a part of film, I want it to support me and my lifestyle, and I believe I have a message to say."

## Greek recruitment begins on campus

By JEN BUCCIARELLI  
Assistant Campus Editor

Students interested in joining any of the sororities or fraternities on campus will be participating in different activities and events this week as they acclimate themselves with current members.

This past weekend, Oakland's sorority members held orientation in the Gold Rooms of the OC while the several fraternities represented themselves at a Greek Life Recruitment Fair in Fireside Lounge.

John Bowker, advisor for Phi Sigma Kappa, said the group has plans to participate in several more events this year, such as the upcoming blood drive that will be held in the Oakland Center on Tuesday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Danielle McBride, president of Sigma Gamma Rho, said she expects roughly 10 new participants this year as the registration process is slightly different from other sororities on campus.

For the four Pan-Hellenic sororities at OU, Christopher Jensen, assistant director of student activities and Greek life, said there have been roughly 150 female students that have registered to join, and expects around 60 to 70 students for the fraternities.

## MBH hosts African dinner

By RYAN HEGEDUS  
Senior Reporter

On Sept. 23, Meadow Brook Hall will be hosting "A Walk on the Wild Side," an adventurous culinary experience highlighting African cuisine.

The theme for the fifth annual wild game dinner, which will benefit the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall, was chosen because of the Wilson family's excursions to Africa over 75 years ago.

"Alfred and Matilda Wilson, accompanied by their daughter Frances Dodge, experienced their own 'walk on the wild side' during a six-month long European tour in 1934 that included visits to South Africa including Durban, Cape Town and Kenya," said Shannon O'Berski, Meadow Brook Hall's marketing and communications manager.

"An exhibit staged in The Hall's Fountain Room (lower level) features items collected from their trip and includes information on the history of safaris and how the meaning has changed over the centuries," she said.

Starting at 7 p.m., a silent auction will take place throughout the 81-year old mansion, showcasing items like hunting and fishing trips, sports memorabilia, and jewelry. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served during the auction.

The highlight of the night will be the gourmet "wild" meal, showcasing some of Africa's exotic culinary offerings.

Distinctive African dishes like sweet potato and peanut soup with braised wildebeest, guinea hen, West African Spanish Mackerel and curried lentils highlight the menu.

"There is a lot of work that goes into implementing all special events but we get a lot of support from our committee," O'Berski said. "The ingredients are not (readily available), and that's where we rely on our chef to determine the menu and what is available to him."

For any guests who prefer less exotic dining options, there will be a "mild" menu, with no wildebeest and pan-roasted chicken in place of guinea hen.

In addition to the items already on display in the Hall, there will be uniquely African-themed items exhibited, like original family photos from the Wilsons' 1934 African trip, Alfred Wilson's pith helmet, trip itineraries, ticket stubs, and tour pamphlets.

Tickets for "Walk on the Wild Side" are \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Reservations are required.

For more information about "Walk on the Wild Side," contact Meadow Brook Hall at 248-364-6263 or visit their website, [www.meadowbrookhall.com](http://www.meadowbrookhall.com)

## Campus Briefs

### Macomb keys given to OU

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, the university will receive the keys to the off-campus addition located in Macomb County. The event will take place at 10 a.m. at the building where guests will be welcomed along with OU officials and community leaders.

Gebran Anton and Stuart Frankel donated the Towne Square II building. OU plans to use the building to help bring academic opportunities to the students of Macomb County.

— Jake Thielen, Staff Reporter

### Red Cross blood drive

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive in the Oakland Center's Oakland room on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To make an appointment for a donation, visit the Center for Student Activities website. Walk-ins are also welcome. A photo ID or a Red Cross donor card is required at the time of donation.

The blood drive is being hosted by the Theta Chi fraternity with help from the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

— Jen Bucciarelli,  
Assistant Campus Editor

### Flag Football

The Intramural Flag Football registration deadline is Sept. 28 by 4 p.m. in the Recreation and Athletics Center. A \$25 per team fee is due at registration, refundable at the conclusion of the season with no forfeits. A captains meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 30 in the Pioneer Room of the RAC.

For more information, contact Dan Bettmann, intramural clubs and sports coordinator.

— Wanda Krotzer, Staff Intern



# Orgs work together to promote a green campus

By JAMIE GASPER  
Staff Reporter

Going green to better the planet doesn't seem like something that can be done alone, but OU offers multiple student organizations that strive to better the environment.

## Environmental Coalition

The Environmental Coalition is the representative group for all of the eco groups on campus. The smaller groups joining together to form the coalition include the environmental society, S.O.P.E. and Urban Farming of OU.

These groups concentrate on the issues of recycling, waste reduction, and energy efficiency on campus. The coalition was formed for the smaller groups to work together on larger projects that could be better accomplished as a team.

One initiative they're working on as a collective group is Greening the Graduation. Its goals include recycling current gowns, and in the future, ordering gowns made of

recycled plastic. The group also is looking to give students the option of e-vites instead of the traditional paper invitations. This project is still in the planning process.

The economic Conditions & Presidential Election will take place on Oct 13, from 5-6 p.m. in Elliot Hall Auditorium. A free dinner will be served for those who attend.

## Environmental Society

The environmental society became a student organization in the spring of 2009, and has since done endless volunteer work with the community.

"Environmental Science covers a broad spectrum of environmental issues, from health inspections at restaurants, to farming and stewardship, also research and consulting," ESAOU president Jenny McCardell said. "Our interest is in every type of environment—indoor and outdoor."

The ESAOU's goal is to provide networking opportunities for students who want to pursue a career in Environmental Science through various volunteer activities, con-

ferences, workshops, and environmental initiatives they plan throughout the school year.

McCardell said the group has volunteered several times with The Greening of Detroit this summer.

One event the Environmental Society proudly participates in is the Adopt-a-Stream event called the Clinton River Clean-up in Auburn Hills at Riverside Park on Sept. 18. They're partnering with The Golden Key International Honour Society for this event.

## S.O.P.E.

Sustaining Our Planet Earth's goal is to green the campus while providing the opportunity for students to take action on the things they want to change.

S.O.P.E. is on numerous campuses throughout the country, and each year they have expectations and goals they hope to achieve, although each one customizes the goals to fit their campus.

"Last year, the S.O.P.E.'s planned the

first environmental conference, which included a Native American speaker, people from the Clinton River Water foundation, and energy resource manager Jim Liedel," S.O.P.E. supervisor Candice Yono said.

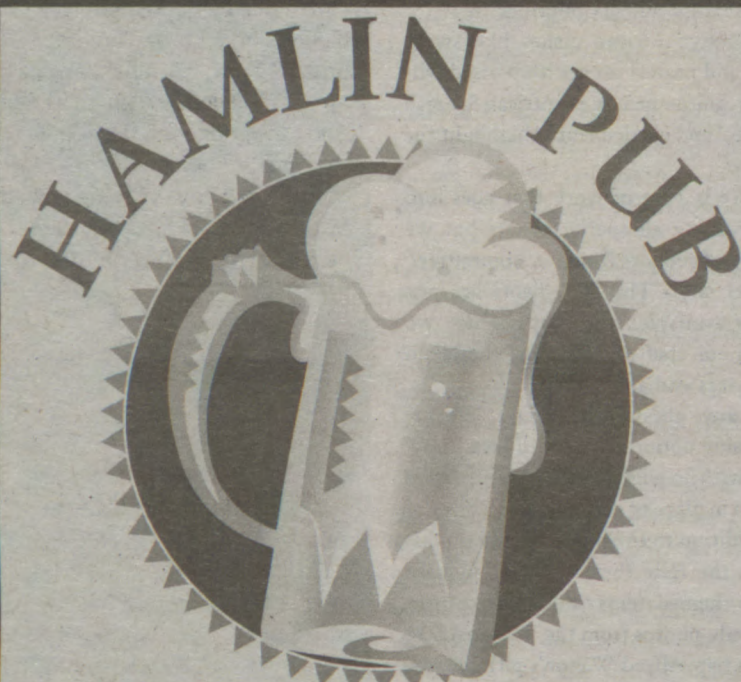
S.O.P.E. stresses that the student body and community need to realize that clean water, fertile land, and energy sources will not be around forever.

S.O.P.E. believes in achieving sustainability, to keep the environment in balance, and preserve resources.

"We're always aiming to learn more about how college students can lead more sustainable lifestyles," eco-interest leader Shannon Coughlin said.

This past year, S.O.P.E. contributed to Rec Fest and helped during move-in by setting up two dumpsters, and worked to separate and break down boxes and styrofoam for recycling. S.O.P.E. also sponsors Reduce Reuse Recycle, an event full of arts and crafts made from recycled materials.

For more information on green orgs, visit [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com)



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# Returning to the court

## Brittany Carnago back in action after a serious injury

By RYAN HEGEDUS

Senior Reporter

Last season ended before it began for junior center Brittany Carnago.

Carnago, a stalwart for the Oakland University women's basketball team, went up for a rebound just two minutes into the team's final exhibition game against Western Ontario — something she did 174 times her sophomore season — but when she came down, she did not make it back to the other end of the court.

Carnago landed awkwardly and crumbled to the floor in pain with a torn ACL in her left knee.

"When it happened, I went 'Holy cow, that's bad,' because I know her. She twists or bangs something and gets right back up," head coach Becky Francis, said. "The fact that she screamed and was rolling around, I knew she was done."

The 6-foot-4 center started 32 games her sophomore season, averaging 9.6 points, 5.3 rebounds, 2.7 blocks, and 2.1 assists per game on her way to earning an All-Summit League honorable mention. She also recorded the first triple-double in the Summit League since 2006 (14 points, 11 blocks, 10 rebounds against Centenary) and set the Oakland women's basketball single-season record in blocks with 89.

### A welcomed return

Now, returning as a redshirt junior, Carnago hopes to return to the form she had before the injury. Coach Francis is also thrilled to have her center back, admitting the loss of Carnago was a major obstacle for the Golden Grizzlies last season.

"Now that last season is over, we can all admit that it was devastating," Francis said. "We all tried to pretend that 'oh, it doesn't matter, we can still win it,' that's what you have to do as a coach. But if I felt devastated, I'm assuming the other players felt the same way. We did finally rebound, finishing in second (in the Summit League) and having a phenomenal year, but it took a lot of

convincing early on."

The lack of Carnago's intimidating presence in the post was immediately felt, as the Grizzlies lost to the University of Detroit in their very next game. The Titans shot 46 percent from the field and outrebounded OU, 42-36.

"It really affected the rotations defensively because she's such a shot blocker. The way we were teaching defense, everyone had to trust that Britt was going to be in the paint," said Francis. "We were working denials real hard, forcing the ball handler to go backdoor, and then we got totally exposed in the Detroit home opener."

The sudden hole in Oakland's starting lineup forced the Grizzlies to adjust on the fly — and play a much smaller lineup.

While she was likely to earn significant playing time anyway, possibly even start, sophomore Bethany Watterworth was thrust into the starting lineup as a freshman once Carnago went down.

Watterworth, a 5-foot-11 recruit from Lake Orion, was thrust into the center position for the Grizzlies and went on to have an incredible season. She averaged 13.6 points, 5.8 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game on the way to being named to the All-Summit League second team.

It took some time and adjustment, but Carnago was eventually looked to as a vocal teammate during practices and games, as well as another coach on the bench.

"It was quite the struggle, but once I came to accept it and got over the fact that I'd be out for the entire season, I just took it as more of a learning perspective that I could sit on the bench and learn from the coaches and players," Carnago said. "I learned a lot about handling the ups and downs of a game, fighting through turnovers, tendencies of the girls on my team, things like that."

### Coming back strong

Now that the St. Clair native is 100 percent healthy, Carnago isn't sure whether there is a team in the conference that can stop the frontcourt duo.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Junior center Brittany Carnago missed all of last season after tearing her ACL in an exhibition game. Now, Carnago is back with a clean bill of health and high expectations.

"I think we're going to be quite the threat this year," Carnago said. "She's great at scoring, such a good offensive threat, and defensively, she can shut girls down. We play really well together, so I think we can definitely complement each other and I can get her the ball when she's posting up inside and vice versa."

The frontcourt duo will also have the benefit of a strong supporting cast. Oakland returns starting guards Sharise Calhoun and Victoria Lipscomb as well.

With rehab behind her and team workouts set to begin two weeks earlier than in previous seasons, Carnago returns to the court with a newfound perspective gained from the season off.

"I say that I'm not going to be tentative, and I don't plan on being, but I'm sure I'll be a little iffy in my mind," Carnago said.

"That's another thing I've learned, too — you can't hold back during games because you never know when it's going to be taken away."



# Grizzlies' soccer comes up empty against Butler

By **TOM BARRY**  
Staff Reporter

It took just twenty-four seconds to establish what kind of game would be played on Saturday as the Oakland men's soccer team was called for a foul against Butler. Both teams played with great aggressiveness, with numerous whistles stopping the game repeatedly. In the end, the No. 21 Bulldogs showed a little more assertiveness as they defeated the Golden Grizzlies 1-0 at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

While the game was marred with many fouls against both teams, it created great scoring opportunities for each side. Until 56:51 in the second half, every quality shot was saved, blocked, sent wide of the post or over the crossbar. That ended when Oakland (1-5-1) failed to clear the ball from its own end. Butler forward Austin Oldham intercepted the bad clearing attempt and found teammate Julian Cardona on a breakaway. Cardona quickly kicked the ball in the net for his second goal of the season.

"Our team is an aggressive, defense-minded team and we're never going to back down from any challenge," Oakland head coach Eric Pogue said. "Sometimes, they result in fouls, but I think it's just from guys playing with a lot of passion, a lot of energy, a lot of enthusiasm."

"I just think we just ratcheted it up today with the big crowd and the intensity of the game, but if we're leading the game in fouls, that's not a bad stat in my mind," Pogue said.

Oakland had numerous chances to get on the scoreboard, but they were all for naught. Within the last 10 minutes, forward Leshorn Woods-Henry was blocked twice, missed wide left, and had a shot saved by Butler goalkeeper Fabian Knopfler.

Also, in that time span midfielder Jake Przybycien and forward Makesi Lewis had chances blocked by the Bulldog defense. The Grizzlies nearly



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post  
Junior goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt has been the stalwart of the Grizzlies' defense, allowing more than two goals only twice this season.

found the net again when midfielder Johnny Dreshaj's header missed to the left and Sean Magee saw his free kick barely miss over the crossbar.

"The guys came out with a lot of energy today and we're just struggling to find the back of the net," Pogue said. "We're defending really well right now, (but) we're not creating enough chances to give ourselves an opportunity to win games."

"We've got good midfield play, we're doing some good things in the attack," Pogue said. "We're just not getting enough balls on goal to give ourselves a chance to win games and I just think that's the one missing ingredient we need."

Butler added pressure of its own during the last minutes with hopes of getting another score but the tenacious Grizzly defense was able to help goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt, who finished with a save on two shots on net. The defense forced two shots to miss left of the goal and blocked two others.

The season has thus far proven to be very different for the two teams.

Butler (5-0-0) entered the game having won its first four games, including two victories to win the

Wildcat Invitational in Lexington, Ky. Oakland had lost its last three games, including its previous game at Michigan which was decided by a last-minute goal. The all-time series between the Grizzlies and Bulldogs is now even at 2-2 following Saturday's game, the first meeting between the two schools in just under 10 years.

Now on a four-game losing streak, the Grizzlies will look to recollect themselves as they prepare for a three-game road trip that begins on Friday with the conference opener against IPFW in Fort Wayne, Ind.

"My goal is to get these guys prepared for playing an opponent that isn't in the rankings but is just as capable of beating us on any given day," Pogue said. "It's just letting guys know that these are the most important games on our schedule moving forward."

This was Oakland's third game against a ranked opponent in five matches. The Grizzlies played back-to-back games against No. 14 teams earlier this season, upsetting Drake and losing to UC Irvine. Oakland still has two games remaining with ranked opponents, hosting No. 1 Akron and traveling to No. 9 Ohio State.

## COLUMN

### Instant replay does more to hurt sports than help

See the play, make the call. That should be the process for sports officiating.

Instead, the process officials go by is see the play, take a guess, and then rely on technology to correct a mistake. The problem is technology has replaced common sense.



**Ross Maghielse**  
Sports Editor

Everyone saw Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson catch that touchdown pass against the Chicago Bears in Week 1. Just like everyone saw Tom Brady fumble that football in

the 2002 AFC divisional playoffs. People who follow Oakland University basketball saw a player from Bradley use way more than the allotted 0.9 seconds of game clock to take four steps and a two-handed full-court shot to beat the Golden Grizzlies at the buzzer in a postseason game in 2009.

Instant replay was available in all of these cases. Yet, the wrong decision was made in all three calls — along with many others.

Officials ruled Johnson "did not complete the process" of his catch. Brady and the New England Patriots were saved by Rule 3, Section 21, Article 2, Note 2 of the NFL rule book. In the Oakland vs. Bradley game officials opted not to use instant replay to make the call because it would have been too difficult to find "indisputable evidence" to overturn it (even though that indisputable evidence can be seen on YouTube).

Technicalities should not decide sporting events. People should.

What instant replay has allowed officials to do is out-think their own common sense. It also has shown the ability to bring games to a screeching halt. We didn't have five-hour football games or the final two minutes of a basketball game lasting 20 before this decade. But now, we have instant replay in the Little League World Series. Little league, as in children with size 4 shoes and bubble gum with jokes on the wrapper.

My idea to improve the quality of officiating: get better officials.

Get umpires who know that when a pitcher has a perfect game and two outs in the ninth inning, if a play at first base is even remotely close, it's an out. Get referees who know it is physically impossible to take four steps (or travel as the rules call it) and shoot a basketball in 0.9 seconds. Get football officials who understand the difference between making a catch and setting the ball on the ground and dropping it.

Virtually every other profession in the world requires people to do their jobs without the benefit of hindsight. Sports officiating should be no different.



## The Sporting Blitz

A roundup of athletic events at Oakland University.

### Volleyball sweeps WIU

Oakland got strong performances from junior Ashley Nevelle and freshman Audrey Wilson as the Golden Grizzlies swept Western Illinois (5-6, 2-2), 3-0 (25-18, 25-23, 25-17), in Summit League volleyball action last Saturday at Waste Management Court.

Nevelle finished with 33 assists in just three sets and Wilson sparked the offense with 12 kills in 29 attacks. Junior Jenna Lange led the defense with a team-high five blocks.

The Lethernecks made a late charge and tied the third set, 10-10, before the Grizzlies picked up their attack and went up 16-10 before winning the third set 25-17.

### Women's golf downs Detroit

Junior Liz Ecker shot a one-under-par round of 71 and finished with a school-record overall score of 146 (+2) as Oakland defeated in-state rival University of Detroit in match play, 625-651.

Sophomore Alanna Gerber finished with a total score of 150 and sophomore Mara Kovac posted finished third overall with a score of 156.

### Lynch receives Summit League weekly honor

Oakland University women's soccer player Sarah Lynch was named as Summit League Offensive Player of the Week, announced by the league office Monday. Lynch has scored a goal in back-to-back games for the Golden Grizzlies and also provided an assist in Oakland's 3-2 win over UMass.

She is tied for the team lead with four goals this season and also leads the team with 11 total points on the season.

### Coach Kornoelje honored

Shawn Kornoelje, associate head coach for the Oakland University men's and women's swimming and diving teams, was awarded a share of the Jimi Flowers Coach of the Year Award.

The award is given by USA Swimming to recognize coaches who make efforts to include swimmers with disabilities into USA

Swimming programs. Kornoelje has been a coach at OU for the past five seasons has been involved with the U.S. paralympic swim program for over 12 years.

### Women's soccer wins again

The Golden Grizzlies picked up their second straight win with a 3-2 triumph over Massachusetts last Sunday at the OU Soccer Field. Sophomore Nicole DeLuca broke a 2-2 tie with a goal in the 83rd minute to give Oakland the win.

Oakland got on the board first with a goal from Dani Haelewyn in the ninth minute. After UMass rallied to tie the game, 1-1, the Grizzlies went ahead again when Sarah Lynch took a nice feed from Shannon Doyle for a goal and a 2-1 lead.

With score once again tied and the clock expiring, DeLuca found an opening and put the game away.

The three goals come as a welcomed sign for the Grizzlies, who had a scoreless streak of four-straight games earlier this season.

Now, Oakland has scored 10 goals in its last three games. Oakland is now 3-4-1 on the season and will look to improve upon its 0-3 road record when it resumes play Friday at Butler.

After the match with the Bulldogs, the Grizzlies will start their conference season with back-to-back homes games against North Dakota State and South Dakota State, respectively.

### Upcoming events

Friday, Sept. 24

Men's soccer at IPFW 7 p.m.

Women's soccer at Butler 4 p.m.

Volleyball vs. UMKC 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25

Softball vs. Concordia 10 a.m.

Softball vs. Mott Community College 4 p.m.

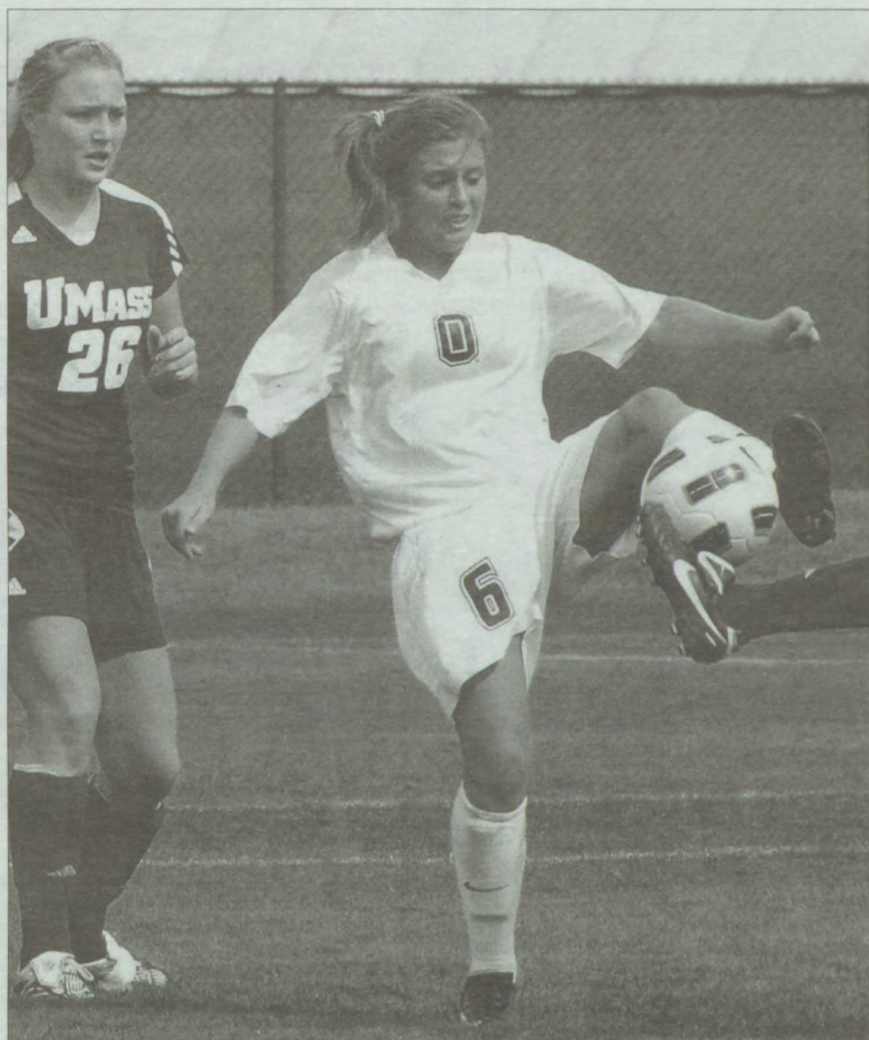
Men's golf at DePaul all day

Monday, Sept. 27

Women's golf at Ball State (first day of tournament)

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Women's golf at Ball State (second day of tournament)



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Senior Dani Haelewyn scored a goal in the Grizzlies' 3-2 win over Massachusetts last Sunday. Oakland has won back-to-back games at home.

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# A LAP AROUND THE R

Written by Mike Espejo  
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The connection between a healthy mind and a healthy body is simple. Stay physically fit and your mind will reap the benefits. Between classes, work, and whatever else fills one's week, there should always be time for some sort of prolonged physical activity. For a college campus, the Recreation Center is the nerve center for all things fitness.



## PUMP IT UP

The Rec Center wants students to use their facilities.

"Your membership is included in your tuition, so we really want to encourage students to come use what's available to them," said Greg Jordan, director of campus recreation. "The only things a student would have to pay for are specialty classes, personal training or massage, locker rentals, or a deposit for intramural sports."

Students get free admission to Oakland University's Rec Center after showing their Grizz ID, and can leave and return as many times per day as they please.

Inside, the four-lane indoor track circles above the basketball court. The court is open for free play unless a scheduled event is taking place.

Downstairs in the gym area are over 100 pieces of state-of-the-art exercise equipment.

There are over 50 cardio machines, including stationary bikes, treadmills, and ellipticals — many of them only one year old. The room is also filled with an array of weight-lifting equipment to target any muscle of the body at any intensity.

"We like to say we have something for everyone," said Jordan.

The Rec Center recognizes that not all students are at the same fitness level or experience. The help desk offers fitness advice and answers questions anyone may have about how different equipment works.

For those looking for a way to workout with a friend, the Rec Center has two pingpong tables and three racquetball/squash rooms. The rooms can be reserved for up to one hour.

Easy to spot in their red sweatshirts, the Rec Center employees greet you at the front desk, help you with workout advice, and rent out equipment like basketballs and racquetball racquets.

## FITNESS CLASSES

If you're looking to get fit, but need a little more guidance — or you're just looking for something a bit more fun than running in place on a treadmill — there are an array of fitness and specialty classes available at the Rec Center.

Group fitness classes meet regularly on different days of the week. Most are free of charge, but some specialty classes require a one-time semester fee of \$25.

James Kleiner, OU student and yoga enthusiast, says that he comes at least three times a week for the Vinyasa yoga class.

"You would usually pay \$15 a session at a normal yoga studio, so it's really a great deal to come here," Kleiner said. "I love that I can come here before or after classes. And with yoga comes strength, flexibility and a sort of mental clarity."

Free fitness classes include different intensity cycling classes, pilates and a new class called Drums Alive that involves participants beating halved exercise balls with drum sticks.

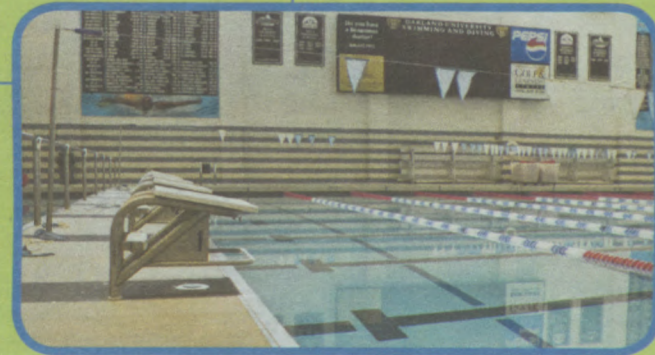
"It's going to get very loud in there during that class," said a Rec Center employee.



# REC CENTER

## MORE INFO

For a complete list of available classes and intramural sports, or to apply for a job, visit [www.oakland.edu/campusrec](http://www.oakland.edu/campusrec)



## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

## GOING FOR A DIP

The Olympic-size swimming pool is the main feature of the Aquatics Center at the Rec.

While lane configurations will differ depending on what activities are taking place, members can choose between a long course lane — 50 meters — or short course lanes — 25 meters.

"Most of the Rec Center staff is students, except for those positions that need special certification or training," said Greg Boylan, facility operations coordinator. "We have to hire specialists for positions like the fitness class teachers and lifeguards, who are mostly hired from high schools."

In fact, the Rec Center is the number one student employer on campus, with over 110 students on staff.

Playing sports for the University can be quite intimidating, as well as time-consuming. For the casual athlete just looking for some friendly competition, the Rec Center organizes intramural sports programs throughout the year.

"Intramural sport participation has increased 80 percent since last year," Jordan said. "And now that we have lights on the fields, intramural soccer and flag football games can go late into the night."

Intramural sports offered include everything from softball to Wii bowling.

For some intramural sports, a refundable deposit may be required in order to encourage teams and athletes to maintain their participation in the sport.

"It's not fair for the other team to show up and not have an opponent," said Jordan. "But our forfeit rate for intramural sports is thankfully declining thanks to the use of deposits."

## BEYOND THE CENTER

While the Rec Center offers an enormous amount of workout opportunities inside the building itself, it is far more than just a gym and a track.

Outside by the upper playing fields is a scenic 18-hole disc golf course that is open year-round. The course, which opened last fall, even sees traffic in the winter months.

"We'd see players out there even during the worst snowstorms," Jordan said. "Disc golf players tend to be very passionate about their sport."

A list of walking and running routes that loop through Oakland's campus can be found on the Rec Center's Web site. The shortest route is two miles on paved sidewalk, while the other, longer paths include trails through woods.



## Softball team announces new head coach

By ROSS MAGHIELSE  
Sports Editor

Last week, Oakland University hired LaDonia Hughes as its new head softball coach.

Hughes replaces interim coach Jane Zimmerman, who took over after former head coach Glenn MacDonald retired at the start of last season.

"We feel very fortunate to bring a quality individual to Oakland that has an understanding and commitment to our mission and core values," Huth said in a statement released by the university. "LaDonia's wealth of professional playing experience and proven success in the Summit League makes this an exciting time for our softball program."

The job is Hughes' first as a head coach, but she comes to Oakland with a strong familiarity with the Summit League. Hughes spent the past four years as an assistant coach at Western Illinois. Prior to her coaching career, Hughes spent six seasons playing in the National Professional Fastpitch Association (NPF).

"The position at Oakland opened up and I applied for it because I wanted to have the chance to be a head coach, and I feel that my familiarity with the Summit League and my hands-on experience working at WIU makes for a good fit," Hughes said. "Right now, I've got to adjust to the recruiting process and get to know the area a little bit more so I can bring in quality players from Michigan and other surrounding states."

Being the third head coach in the past two seasons, Hughes understands the importance of creating an atmosphere of stability within the softball program.

"It's very important to get in and set a tone for the team," Hughes said. "You have to establish a set of rules and goals to achieve so that the team knows what you're setting out to do and what's expected of them."

Her first priority at Oakland will be to unify the team.

"I want to establish a cohesive unit that focuses on the team as a whole," Hughes said. "When you have a cohesive unit with open communication and function as a unit, anything is possible, and we're setting high standards."

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## Local Briefs

### Authorities search for missing bank chief

MOUNT CLEMENS — Macomb County authorities say they've been searching along a river for David Widlak.

The 62-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident is president and chief executive of Community Central Bank Corp. Inc. Widlak was last seen at the bank's administrative offices. His car was in the parking lot when a maintenance worker found the offices in disarray Monday morning. If you have information, call the Macomb County Sheriff's Department at 586-307-9358

— Annie Stodola, Local Editor

### Bill aims to stop welfare use at casinos

LANSING — Legislation aimed at preventing Michigan welfare recipients from withdrawing taxpayer money from ATM machines while at casinos has passed unanimously in the Senate.

Michigan uses a debit or "bridge" card to deliver food and cash benefits to public assistance recipients.

Many automatic teller machines accept the card to withdraw cash benefits.

Republican Sen. Bill Hardiman of Kentwood wants the state to block access at casinos. He says most people would agree that gambling with taxpayer dollars "isn't an appropriate use."

— Associated Press Report

### Local breweries recognized nationally

DENVER, Co. — The 2010 Great American Beer Festival honored breweries around the country this past weekend.

Seven breweries from Michigan were honored, including metro Detroit's Bastone Brewery in Royal Oak, Kuhnenn Brewing Co. in Warren and Big Rock Chop House & Brewery in Birmingham.

The festival assembles professionals to judge more than 1900 beers from 400 breweries.

— Annie Stodola, Local Editor

### Man urinates on police station, walks in

ROYAL OAK — Authorities said a man urinated on the side of the Royal Oak police station, and then walked inside one afternoon last week. Lt. Gordon Young said that "after urinating, the suspect entered the station in an attempt to file a police report on an undisclosed matter."

Witnesses informed the police at the front desk of the man's activities while outside.

Deputy City Attorney Mark Liss said the man was issued a citation and likely will serve no jail time but pay a fine and court costs of \$250.

— Associated Press Report

# Local Germans celebrate heritage with Oktoberfest

By AMY ECKARDT  
Staff Reporter

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the world-famous Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany. What started in 1810 as a celebration of a royal marriage has turned into one of the world's largest beer-drinking festivals.

The Oktoberfest typically starts the third week in September and runs until the first Sunday in October. During that time, hundreds of thousands of patrons participate in Oktoberfest activities.

The celebration has become so popular that reservations are needed to attend the German beer garden tents that are featured throughout the town of Munich.

The event has also spread to other areas of the world, including several local celebrations of Oktoberfest in the metro Detroit area.

For the past 40 years, the German American Marksmanship Club, which is Deutsch-Amerikanischer Schützenverein (DASV) in German, has held a one day celebration in honor of the original festival.

The DASV is an organization committed to preserving the German culture. The majority of the members of the DASV hail from Germany or are of German heritage.

The club consolidates three weeks of celebration into one evening of traditional German food, drinks, dancing and attire. This year's celebration took place on Sept. 17.

Some ladies wore the traditional German attire, called the dirndl, which consists of a bodice/blouse, full-length skirt and apron. The colorful attire has been popular in southern Germany since the 1870s.

Gentlemen who opted for traditional dress wore Lederhosen, which are shorts that are typically made of leather and have attached suspenders. A few also wore an Oktoberfest hat decorated with special pins picked by the owner.

A large part of any German celebration is the food.

The kitchen at the DASV served all the favorites of the traditional German menu: Sauerkraut, potato salad



AMY ECKARDT/The Oakland Post

A couple in traditional dress at last weekend's Oktoberfest at the German American Marksmanship Club. The couple was among the attendees at the annual celebration of German heritage.

(oil and vinegar-based) bratwurst, knockwurst, salt sticks, landjagers and, of course, torts and cakes.

Peter Hoffmann, a member of the DASV since 1967 and a well-practiced chef when it comes to German cooking, has primarily done all the cooking for the DASV since their restaurant closed in 1996.

Hoffmann and his brother Ted have largely been the driving force behind the DASV's cuisine, especially for Oktoberfest.

Hoffmann said that during the Oktoberfest this year, the club went through 120 lbs. of potatoes, 90 lbs. of sauerkraut, 20 dozen salt sticks, 200 lbs. of sausage, 30 lbs. of Landjagers, and about 400 rolls.

According to Hoffmann, there was no estimate of the amount of beer consumed during the festivities.

Hoffmann was born in Görlitz, Germany, and immigrated in 1964 to Michigan.

"Germans are like plants, they stick where they go," Hoffmann said.

Hoffmann said having the traditional Oktoberfest celebration each year is

important to him and to other Germans living in the area.

"I love having the Oktoberfest so that others can learn some of the German traditions," Hoffmann said, "Also having a beer and listening to the music once all the cooking is done."

Those who missed the DASV Oktoberfest activities can still attend other local Oktoberfest events.

Rochester Mills Brewing Co. is hosting its annual Oktoberfest celebration on Sept. 25 and 26. Along with classic German cuisine, the brewery will offer some of their seasonal brewery flavors such as Oktoberfest, Water Street Wheat, and Harvest Lite.

The Rochester Mills' Oktoberfest is more family-friendly. It includes carnival games, moon walks and even pony rides. Admission is \$5 for adults and all proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Oktoberfest at the Mills will feature traditional polka bands and other entertainment.

The Detroit Beer Co. on Broadway in downtown Detroit is also rolling out a special wheat beer just for the Oktoberfest season.



# Tea Party: A presence in Michigan

By DAUD YAR  
Copy Editor

The future of Michigan politics has become wildly uncertain as mid-term elections approach. This time around, social issues such as abortion and gay rights have taken a back seat to America's deficit problem with voters becoming more concerned with the fiscal positions of candidates.

The emergence of the "Tea Party," which has been endorsing candidates, donating to campaigns, holding rallies and speaking out against government policies, has been partly responsible for this shift.

Joshua Cline, an Oakland University sophomore and Chairman of the College Republicans at OU, said the Tea Party is concerned with two things: government intrusiveness and federal financial problems.

"They are ticked off at the federal deficit," Cline said. "The Tea Party in Michigan...is pissed off at the fiscal responsibility of the government."

The Michigan Tea Party initially filed 23 affidavits to formally put it on the No-

vember ballot, but allegations of breaking Federal Election Commission laws led to an investigation that ultimately barred all Tea Party candidates from the upcoming general election.

Even though the future looks grim for the local Tea Party, Gail Haines, state representative from District 43, said the Tea Party still has a presence in Michigan.

"I am very involved with my local tea party and they support me," Haines said. "I go to as many of their events as I can."

She said the Tea Party wants transparency, a stop to federal overspending, and common sense in government policy.

"The Tea Party is a lot stronger than most people think," Cline said.

Michigan is not the only state with a Tea Party presence. Other states around the country have embraced the Tea Party movement, voting favorably for candidates that it backs.

Dave Dulio, OU associate professor and chair of the political science department, said the Tea Party is influencing major elections with great success.

"The Tea Party has changed the dynamic of a general election contest dramatically."

— Dave Dulio,  
associate professor

"They (Tea Party) burst onto the national scene probably during the health care debate (in 2009)," Dulio said.

In one U.S. Senate Republican primary earlier this year, Joe Miller, a relatively unknown attorney with no experience in office, beat the Alaskan incumbent Lisa Murkowski. The Tea Party Express Political Action Committee spent \$600,000 dollars on advertisements endorsing Miller.

"They are getting people excited, raising money and winning elections," Dulio said. "The Tea Party has changed the dynamic of a general election contest dramatically."

Another Tea Party victory in a Delaware primary has received a lot of attention in the media. Endorsed by the Tea Party Express, Christine O'Donnell narrowly beat Mike Castle, former Delaware Governor and former U.S. representative, by six

points. O'Donnell is the eighth Tea Party-backed candidate to best a Republican establishment candidate in the primaries.

Cline said the Republicans need to be careful because if they do not align with Tea Party principles, there will be a third party.

Micheal Gazdik, junior majoring in political science and secretary of the College Democrats at OU, said the Tea Party is not helping their cause by knocking out Republicans that could have had a legitimate shot of winning elections.

"With all the anger toward Congressional incumbents...one would think the (Tea Party) would back a candidate that can garner moderate and independent support," he said. "The (Tea Party) candidates are too conservative to make a real move towards their respective positions in many states."

Dulio said the Tea Party is not one entity, but rather many different factions that are very different from each other. Still, Haines said the party is not to be ruled out.

"If they get more organized, I think other people running for office will have to lend them an ear," she said.

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## Credit card debt surpassed by student loans

By **RHIANNON ZIELINSKI and SARAH WOJCIK**

Senior Reporter and Staff Intern

For the first time in the United States, student loan debt has surpassed credit card debt. According to **Finaid.org**, total student loan debt reached \$850 billion outstanding in June, and in July the Federal Reserve reported that consumers owe about \$828 billion in revolving debt.

These student loans are a concern to many students at OU, where over \$85 million in federal loans was dispersed in the 2009-2010 school year. The average loan per student was \$8,400 last year, and generally increases each year.

Health sciences major Amanda Coffey uses student loans to pay for all of her tuition and estimates that she will owe about \$100,000 by the time she graduates. Her part-time job at Charlotte Russe doesn't come close to paying for her courses.

"It basically just covers gas and food," Coffey said. "I don't make enough to pay for anything else."

Jennifer Van Vliet, an English major, is in a similar situation. Her full tuition scholarship ran out after four years and now she is faced with paying for college on her own.

She isn't surprised that student loan debt has exceeded credit card debt.

"I do think it's an interesting new trend that has happened in the United States," she said. "On one side, it's actually almost a positive thing because credit card interest is a lot higher than student loan interest is, and also a lot less reliable. The interest on student loan debt tends to stay the same whereas credit card debt doesn't."

Economics professor Ronald Tracy attributes the trend to tuition costs rising faster than inflation, especially for private and for-profit universities, and expects the debt to continue rising.

"Why wouldn't it?" Tracy said. "A college education is worth \$1 million more in income than a high school degree. Therefore it's a good investment. Unfortunately, the federal government is investigating the for-profit schools because they feel that the students may not be getting what they paid for. This is the fastest growing segment of the post-high school market."

Tracy believes that many students are borrowing more than they need for school, contributing to their financial aid total.

"Although students work more today than ever, studies have shown that most of

what they earn goes to support their lifestyle," he said, and not their education.

Despite increased saving due to the economic recession and unemployment, we may still not be saving enough. Tracy estimates that the average U.S. consumer saves only about 6 percent of their income.

"This, by the way, is one reason unemployment has not improved a bit faster," he said. "We are the most consumption driven economy in the world. Therefore it is not surprising that student debt is also growing. Students are a reflection of society."

The interest rate for Federal student loans ranges from 4.5-6.8 percent, and repayment generally begins after graduation. However, there are many ways to defer payment, including public service and continued education.

Van Vliet is in the final stages of interviewing for a job through AmeriCorps which would provide her with an education grant to help pay off some of her loans.

"I will hopefully be working in a conservation corps," she said. "That will entail living out in the backcountry of Arizona for 3-4 week periods at a time, building trails and fuel reduction and fire prevention."

The maximum time to repay a student

loan is 25 years, but borrowers can select a repayment schedule to best suit their financial situation.

"If a borrower is unemployed, has an economic hardship, is serving on active duty in the military or can't meet the loan repayment obligation, the borrower can receive time periods of deferment or forbearance that allow loan repayment to be postponed," said Cindy Hermesen, Director of Financial Aid.

Receiving a deferment or forbearance is not automatic, and borrowers must contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center in order to discuss the different options. One of the best ways to avoid a situation like that is to limit spending and borrowing from the very beginning.

"Live at home or in the dorm," Tracy said. "If you must have a car, almost a necessity at OU, a six-year-old car with no payments is a much better choice. If you work, try and save some of the money so that you can begin paying off your student loans as soon as you graduate."

For more information about your financial aid options, contact Financial Aid department in person at 120 North Foundation Hall or by phone at 248-370-2550.

## Students gather food, clothes for Pakistan flood relief effort

By **JAKE THIELEN**

Staff Reporter

The flooding in Pakistan has affected millions of people, but has received less media coverage than other recent disasters like the earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Katrina.

One Oakland University student is doing her best to change that.

Former student body vice president Saman Waquad has been using social media to spread the word that Pakistan is still in need of monetary aid and supplies.

This year's flooding is the worst flooding in Pakistan's recorded history. According to Reuters, the floods have killed more than 1,750 people and affected another 20 million people, which is more than a tenth of the country's population.

Waquad said that the media coverage in the U.S. has been slow to pick up on how big of a disaster the flooding is.

"The media coverage has been very poor, so unfortunately, two months later, a lot of people in the U.S. don't even know about the floods," Waquad said. "When there is media coverage, or talk about the issue, it turns political."

Waquad said that her mother and some of her extended

family members still live in Pakistan. Though none of them have been directly affected by the flooding, she still is active on Twitter and Facebook trying to help those who are in need.

"I've been using social media a lot, Twitter more so, to inform people about the devastation of the floods and different ways in which they can help," Waquad said. "On Facebook I've tried to share as much info as possible on the floods and ongoing relief efforts. Twitter's also been used to connect disaster relief needs with resources on the ground through text messages and tweets."

In addition to using social media, Waquad has tried to spread awareness through campus events.

"I teamed up with Alexa Van Vliet from the GSA about a month ago to help fundraise for relief efforts," Waquad said. "We are planning an all-day benefit event in partnership with WXOU and others on Sept. 30 to be held in the food court along the same lines as Haitipalooza."

"Students will also be able to donate money at the cash registers in Pioneer Food Court starting next week. They will get a paper flag in return on which they can put their

name, and all these flags will go on display."

Waquad and Van Vliet have also been running a clothes drive in Vandenberg throughout September.

"We've had a recent wave of generous donations from a woman in Troy who has been collecting clothes and shoes from both her neighborhood and her mosque," Van Vliet said. "I am amazed at the success of the drive."

While the clothes drive has been successful, Waquad and Van Vliet are looking to expand it.

"The upcoming fundraising will focus more on food donations in addition to spare change," Van Vliet said.

Waquad and Van Vliet plan to start a food and water drive in the OC and residence halls that will run from Wednesday, Sept. 22, until Friday, Oct. 1.

"People need to see this from a human perspective," Waquad said. "The thousands of children at risk of dying from water-borne diseases or millions of people struggling to get food, clean water and shelter are not terrorists. They need the world to step in and help lift them up."

For more information on how to donate to the relief effort, visit [www.state.gov/p/sca/ci/pk/flood/index.htm](http://www.state.gov/p/sca/ci/pk/flood/index.htm)



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 1913 — A coal mine explosion in Dawson, New Mexico killed 263.  
 1949 — The Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb successfully.  
 1980 — The Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into war.

### 1 United States

A former referee involved in Italy's controversial elimination from the 2002 World Cup has been charged in New York City with smuggling heroin. Federal prosecutors said Byron Moreno of Ecuador was caught at Kennedy airport with bags of the drugs taped to his body. Moreno is previously known for upsetting Italian fans in 2002 when he sent off Francesco Totti, leading to a 2-1 loss against South Korea in the second round of the World Cup.

### 2 Vatican City

Italian financial police seized \$30 million from the Vatican bank on Tuesday and placed the chairman and another official of the Institute for Religious Works under investigation for alleged links to violations of Italy's anti-laundering law. The Vatican says it is "perplexed and surprised" by the money-laundering probe and in a statement said that it had been working for some time to make its finances more transparent and expresses full trust in the head of bank and the director-general.

### 3 Japan

Paris Hilton was detained at a Tokyo airport on Tuesday on her way to a news conference to promote her fashion line. On Monday she pled guilty to a misdemeanor drug charge in Los Angeles, which prompted the questioning. Japan's Kyodo news agency said that after questioning, Hilton was asked to stay at a hotel in the airport as the immigration procedures would continue the next day. It is not known whether she will be allowed into the country.

### 4 Brazil

Police in Brazil say they have caught an Italian man who managed to accumulate \$259,000 in traffic fines and other penalties linked to his van. Engineer Roberto Cintio, 62, was arrested at his office after a 10-day investigation. Most of the fines were for speeding, caught by radar cameras without being stopped by police. Other fines were for parking, not paying vehicle property taxes and other infractions. A police statement said Cintio likely evaded police by using false IDs.

### 5 South Africa

South African police were called in to clear unoccupied shacks from a Cape Town nature reserve on Tuesday and met resistance from nearby slum residents. Police spokeswoman Tanya Lesch said they threw rocks and set fires, and police fired live ammunition, water cannon and rubber bullets. The confrontation left 15 police officers and three civilians injured. City spokeswoman Kylie Hatton said the city wants to clear 54 other shacks that are home to as many as 200 people, but needs a court order.

### 6 Israel

Israeli archaeologists excavated a lavish, private theater box in a 400-seat facility at King Herod's winter palace in the Judean Desert. Archaeologists at Jerusalem's Hebrew University say the room provides further evidence of Herod's taste for extravagance. The theater featured paintings by Roman artists of windows overlooking a river and a seascape with a large sailboat. Herod was the Jewish proxy ruler of the Holy land from 37 to 4 B.C.

— Compiled by Rhiannon Zielinski  
 from AP Reports

## WORLD IN NUMBERS

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Median income (in thousands of dollars) for a high school graduate in the U.S.

47

Median income (in thousands of dollars) for someone with a Bachelor's degree

63

Median income (in thousands of dollars) for someone with a Master's degree in the U.S.





## Guatemala travels OU alum gives aid to village farms

By AMY ECKARDT  
Staff Reporter

This past May, Oakland University alum Jarret Schlaff traveled to Guatemala to take part in a humanities program that gave others the gift of growth. Schlaff graduated in 2010 with a degree in public policy and public administration and a minor in business with concentration in environmental studies.

Schlaff, who was the former student service director of OU Student Congress, applied for a position in the farmer service and solidarity project, which he heard about through a colleague at OUSC. The primary mission of the nonprofit project was to travel to some of the most destitute areas of the world to teach villagers about farming and what steps to take so they could thrive as a profitable farm.

Out of applicants from all over the nation, Schlaff was selected to be part of the irrigation group. He was selected, he believes, due to his experiences in his studies and his involvement with Urban Farming at OU.

### Small village history

The central camp of the group was in the village of Sepa Cai in the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala, which is 200 miles north of Guatemala City. The people in this region of Guatemala spoke the Ixil language of Q'eqchi'. Schlaff, who speaks French and a moderate amount

of Spanish, said, "(one of the hardest parts was) trying to get over the language barrier. I speak with my hands, so that helped."

Luckily for the students, a translator from the area traveled with them to make the communication between groups easier. Also with the group was an ambassador from the CONIC group, which is an organization that works with the South American government to vie for farmers' rights.

The group was fortunate enough to sleep in an old church that provided them with a roof and a concrete floor. The windows of the church were open for a week and a half, and they lived with bugs. Schlaff said the conditions were not as bad as he expected.

Four students from all across the nation took the trip together, funding the majority of the expenses out of their own pockets, and Schlaff received a \$400 travel grant from OU.

The village of Sepa Cai consisted of Mayan campesino farmers who would earn their livings from the land. The villagers in this region had so little and had trouble turning a profit for their families.

The majority of the villagers were rent farmers, meaning they must pay rent for the land since they do not own it. Because of these circumstances, some villagers were homeless.

"(We) went to each individual

community to show them composting, the correct way to look at crops and that would be our contribution to the community," Schlaff said. The project also provided the communities with seeds to help them profit from these new techniques they had learned.

Aside from helping teach the community proper farming techniques, the group also helped construct new stoves in the tiny huts the villagers lived in.

The living conditions may have been rough, according to Schlaff, but the local cuisine was trying as well: the group mainly adhered to a diet of rice, beans and tortillas for the length of their stay. At one village, Schlaff said he tried armadillo and actually enjoyed it.

### A scary reality

The mission group had a handful of experiences while in Guatemala, not including the local armadillo cuisine.

According to Schlaff, the weather was humid and rained almost every day and night, which eminently led to difficult conditions considering there was a six-hour truck ride back to Guatemala City.

On the way back to Guatemala City to catch their departing flight, the tire on their transportation truck started to go flat so the driver had stopped in the local village of Tucuru to fill the tire. As they drove back on the treacherous mountainside roads,



Left: Jarret Schlaff worked with kids from the Sepa Cai village in Alta Verapaz, Guatemala. Middle: In the village of Sepa Cai, the farmers earn their livings from the land. Right: In this region of Guatemala, the residents speak the Ixil language of Q'eqchi'.

Photos courtesy of Jarret Schlaff

the driver stopped briefly again to offer a ride to a friend walking on the road.

"Just as we came around the corner, the entire mountain came down before us," Schlaff said. "There were boulders as big as me."

According to Schlaff, about 15 of the locals started to dig out their vehicle y picking at the small rocks and pulling the larger boulders with rope. It took them over an hour to dig themselves out.

A landslide was not the only natural disaster the group faced while in Guatemala. A volcanic eruption outside Guatemala City tampered with their plans for flying home.

"We had no communication with the outside world," Schlaff said. "We had no idea what had happened."

The volcano and an approaching tropical storm grounded all planes out and into Guatemala so it was either wait a week for the storm to pass, or find an alternative.

While staying in a local hostel, the group met a man who also was on a mission in Guatemala

helping farmers thrive. This gentleman suggested they take a bus to the neighboring country El Salvador and fly out from there.

Schlaff said a big part of his trip was interacting with the villagers. He played soccer with the children nightly and spent extra time with dedicated villagers who were eager to learn what Schlaff and the others had to teach. He was so grateful of the experience he taught others in the valley his new techniques, and the villagers gave Schlaff a prized machete and sheath, which out of respect, Schlaff took.

### Future plans

Eventually, Schlaff would like to pursue his masters in environmental policy, but for now he is working to make Michigan a safer and more sanitary environment, and is currently working with the DNRE as a by-product synergy coordinator.

If you might be interested in a mission trip similar to Schlaff's or have further inquiries, visit [farmersfightback.wordpress.com/guatemala](http://farmersfightback.wordpress.com/guatemala)





BRETT SOCIA/The Oakland Post

A common place for people to get tattoos or piercings is at Vicious Ink Tattoos, located in Rochester Hills, Mich.

# Totally taboo tattoos

## Body art boasts a different style of artistic expression

By JAMIE GASPER  
Staff Reporter

In an era where most forms of identification come through expression, one colorful technique has started to resurface.

The word tattoo comes from the Tahitian word *tattau*, which means "to mark."

According to a Smithsonian museum article, tattoos have been around since 2000 B.C. where they were first found on mummies in Egypt. They were drawn on the body as protective symbols, marking out political and religious groups or through self-expression.

Today's tattoos, although more common, still hold the same attention-grabbing allure.

"No matter where I go, people read my tattoo all the time," Julia Lepidi, a broadcasting major, said. "A few words stick out from the top of my shirt, and they see that and ask what the rest of it says, and it's people I don't even know."

Lepidi has a tattoo on her lower neck/upper back with the phrase "an eye for

an eye makes the whole world blind."

In 2000, National Geographic found that 15 percent of Americans, which is approximately 40 million people, had at least one tattoo. In 2003, a Harris Poll found that the number had increased by one percent. By 2006, 36 percent of those ages 18 to 25, and 40 percent of those ages 26 to 40, had at least one tattoo.

"In the years that I've been tattooing, you definitely see more and more young people each year," Mark Edwards, a tattoo artist at Rock Star Tattoo in Roseville, said. "The amount of people that we generate in general has definitely gone up."

The rise of the tattoo industry poses the question of what draws so many millions of Americans to the art of tattoos.

"I think part of the reason I was drawn to tattoos is that it is a form of art, and it separates you from people," Justine Roy, a sophomore, said. "My entire life I have always liked being different, kind of out



there. That's just who I am. Tattoos were a way for me to become more different and unique."

Of those asked, it was nearly unanimous that it was a form of self-expression, a way to stand out, and a way to commit to something.

"I'm creative with ideas, but I am not artistic in any way, so I like to get tattoos to show off other's creativity. In some way, their art becomes my art," Lepidi said.

With many other forms of art to choose from, tattooing still attracts artists.

"For me, honestly it was the cash," Kevin Lepire, a tattoo artist at Rock Star Tattoo in Roseville, said. "Tattooing is one of the

more promising jobs for an artist out there now a day. It was a way for me to pursue art and make a decent living."

According to a 2010 Pew Research Center study, 23 percent of the 2,100 people interviewed had tattoos, leaving 73 percent of people without tattoos.

While tattoos can be costly, the prices are determined by the size of the tattoo, detail of the image and the time it takes for them to be completed, Lepire said.

"On average most places charge one hundred dollars per hour, and its 50 percent commission and the rest is the shop fee," Lepire said.

— Nichole Seguin contributed to this report.

*Editor's note: Tattoos have become more popular and widespread, but have they become more accepted, not only in society, but in the work place as well? The last installment in the tattoo saga, which comes out in the Oct. 6 issue of The Oakland Post, will look at how the acceptance varies from place to place.*

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## professor profiles

Weekly spotlight on OU professors

**Christine Stover**  
Adjunct instructor of  
communication and WXOU  
advisor

Christine Stover is a student whose life is dominated by taking class and spending a great deal of time at the campus radio station, 88.3 WXOU. Don't worry though, this is still a professor profile.



An adjunct instructor of communication, Stover serves as the advisor to WXOU and is taking classes to complete her Ph.D in media studies at Wayne State University. She is studying ways in which news media communicates with disasters and is focusing on health crises because of their prevalence.

Stover née Cronauer completed her undergraduate degree in communication at Oakland University, but didn't always plan on going into teaching. She said she wanted to go into radio broadcasting so she could meet a rock star, marry him and "live happily ever after."

Needless to say, Dave Matthews never showed up to elope and she decided to become an academic during her junior year and went on to receive a master's degree in broadcast with a focus on law and policy from Central Michigan University.

She was involved with WXOU during her undergraduate years and picked up right where she left off when she returned to Oakland as an instructor. She was also active with OUTV.

"It's been a great experience because I like working with student on a one-on-one basis," Stover, who has won awards for her advising, said of WXOU. "Every year it gets a little better than the year before."

Starting fresh out of high school at the age of 23, she said young instructors may be a rarity in academia, but are more common in "relatively newer fields that attract a lot of younger people" like communication.

Currently she is overseeing the creation of an audio lab that will allow students in radio classes to get hands-on experience. She said it officially opens in winter at 105 Vandenberg Hall.

This semester, she is teaching two COM 285 Intro to Broadcasting classes and COM 301 Persuasion. As for her Dave Matthews obsession? She has only been to three shows.

— Kay Nguyen, Editor-in-Chief





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Rory Albanese (top left) has been part of the "The Daily Show" for 10 years and works with Adam Lowitt (top right) and Wyatt Cenac (below) at the mock news show.

## Comedy crew to hit OU

### "Daily Show" staffers to perform at Meadow Brook Festival

By RYAN D'SILVA  
Contributing Reporter

Comedians and cast members from "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" are gearing up for a stand-up set at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Emmy award-winning producer, Adam Lowitt, sat down with The Oakland Post to discuss the upcoming show on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 8 p.m.

In addition to Lowitt, the event will feature two more Daily Show correspondents, Wyatt Cenac and Rob Riggle, as well as executive producer and writer Rory Albanese.

"The Daily Show" has won several Emmy and Peabody awards for its reality-based, comedic news program highlighting news, current events, sports and entertainment.

**The Oakland Post: Are you guys doing a cross-country tour?**

Lowitt: No, we're not doing like a day-to-day road gig, we're just sort of going out. You know every couple of weeks we might go out and do a show on the weekends. I think we were going to do a couple of shows from now until the spring, but nothing's really set in stone yet.

**OP: What should people expect to see at the show?**

Lowitt: Some jokes, some laugh-'em-ups, maybe some yucks, probably a few giggles, the occasional cackle. I don't know, it will be really, really fun. I believe this is one of the first

shows we've done outside of New York.

**OP: Has "The Daily Show and Friends" done other shows?**

Lowitt: Well we did a big show in Central Park, which was really fun. We did the summer stage, which was awesome because I don't think Oliver is coming to Michigan, but Oliver did it and Lewis Black headlined, so it was like 6,000 people.



**OP: What do you credit the success of the show to?**

Lowitt: I don't know. I think it's all Jon (Stewart), and I mean that because that guy works like a maniac and he's just so good at his job that it makes everyone

else work really hard. I think that that's it. I think that his work ethic streams from the top down, and everyone else works really, really hard. We know what works for the show and as for why we keep winning I have no idea but I think I know why we have a really good show.

**OP: Any surprises in store for the upcoming performance at Meadow Brook?**

Lowitt: If there are, I don't know about them, and I'm not being coy, I really don't know. Maybe KISS will play.

Tickets for "The Daily Show and Friends" are available at [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com) and [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com). Pavilion tickets start at \$19.50. Lawn seats, with a voucher, will only cost \$10. There is a parking fee of \$10 per car.



## records & reels



### WALL STREET // 136 mins // PG-13

"Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," is the sequel to the 1987 film by Oliver Stone. Money Never Sleeps takes place in the present. Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas) is released from prison and thrown back into the world he used to run. Seeking to repair the relationship with his daughter, Gekko forms an alliance with her young fiancé, Jacob (Shia LaBeouf). While Jacob starts to see Gekko as a father figure, he soon realizes that Gekko is after much more than redemption from the people around him.

### WAITING FOR "SUPERMAN" // 102 mins // PG

In his documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," director Davis Guggenheim shines light on the education system of the United States that was once considered to be preeminent and one of the best in the world. "Waiting for 'Superman'" follows five children and their struggles with a system that once promised to leave no child behind.



### YOU AGAIN // 105 mins // PG

Successful PR executive Marni, played by Kristin Bell ("Get Him to the Greek" and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall"), flies home to attend her older brother's wedding. When she gets home, Marni soon realizes that her brother is marrying her high school nemesis, who seems to have forgotten all the terrible things she put Marni through. The conflict doesn't stop, when Marni's mother runs into her own high school nemesis who turns out to be the bride's aunt.

### MAROON 5 // "Hands All Over"

Pop based group and 2005 Grammy award winners are releasing their third studio album, "Hands All Over." The group continues the pop-funk style with more songs about dealing with relationships; ranging from letting someone go to winning them over. Their sounds have a hint of Stevie Wonder and 80s dance music.



### THIEVERY CORPORATION // "It Takes A Thief"

From the late 1990s, the musicians of Thievery Corporation have been an underground legend, but now are releasing their first "best of" album. Incorporating styles from Brazilian and Middle Eastern to jazz. Their sound is recognized in films like "Garden State" and television shows such as "True Blood."

— Compiled by Kevin Romanchik

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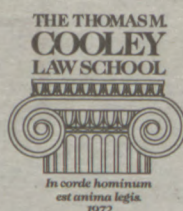
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## Trying to save the fall TV season

By RORY McCARTY and DAN FENNER

Mouthing Off Editor and Senior Editor

**DAN:** Prime time television is a travesty, Rory.

**RORY:** Damn straight, Dan. You and I could come up with more original garbage than this garbage.

**DAN:** Half of it is reality TV and the other half is unreality TV. And the third half is unrealistic shows pretending to be reality shows.

**RORY:** Well, let's look at the fall lineup. For a start, we've got "The Whole Truth," "Body of Proof" and the sixteenth iteration of "Law & Order." Those are shows about a lawyer, a doctor, and a cop, respectively.

**DAN:** This is probably just because all television executives have an unresolved occupational crisis stemming from lost childhood dreams and parental disappointment when they opted to pursue writing and acting over med school.

**RORY:** But Dan, it's about the audience! People never EVER grow tired of shows about cops. They could make shows about police, lawyers and doctors year after year and still sell enough Geico commercials to buy a fleet of yachts. And then have a yacht fight just for fun.

You only need to throw a slight twist into each show to keep the viewing public from getting wise. "It's a lawyer show, but it's also about an independent woman! It's a police show, but they talk to ghosts to solve their murders! It's a doctor show, but one of the doctors is John Stamos somehow."

**DAN:** Rory, I think we need to be looking at the bigger picture here. These shows are gold mines — sure things, right? What if we just roll them all together?

Try this. Geena Davis plays a smart, independent single mother who works as a beat cop in the daytime. She shoots suspects dead, uses her clairvoyance to get a confession out of their ghost, uses her paramedic abilities to bring them back to life, and then becomes a night lawyer to prosecute them. And John Stamos is the judge.

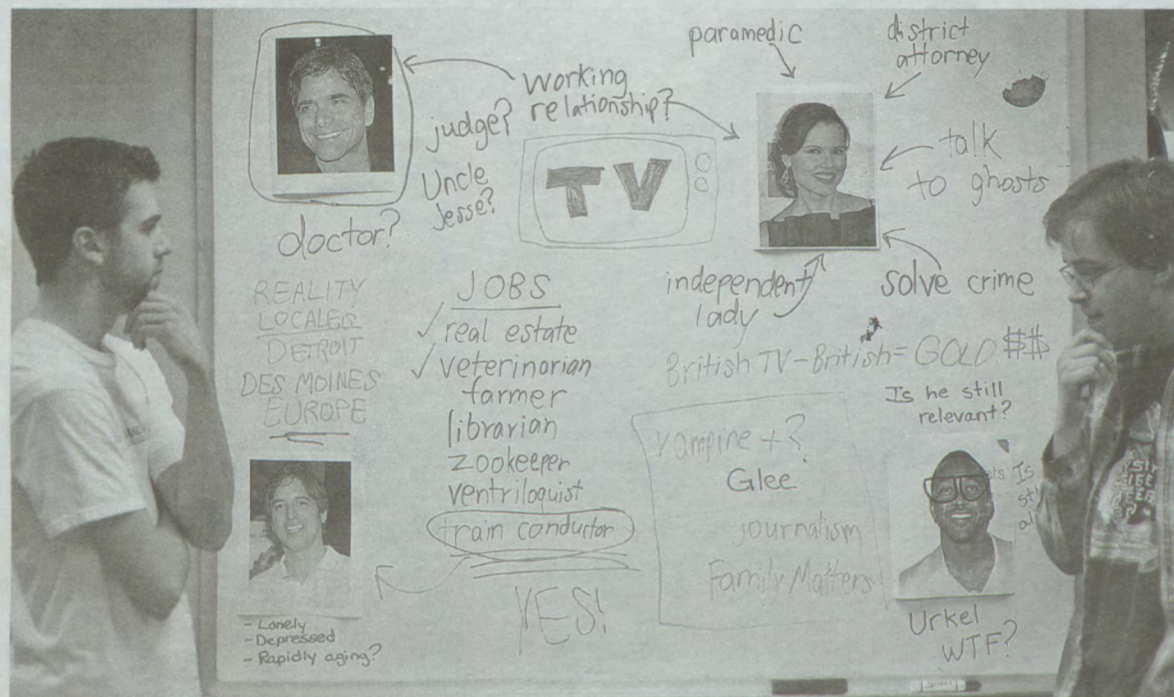
**RORY:** You're going somewhere brilliant with this, Dan. But why stop there? Imagine: the singing high school stylings of the "Glee" kids mixed with, say, the vampires from "True Blood."

Most TV viewers are tired of watching whiny, pale twenty-somethings. I've basically lived that already. The whole vampire obsession has grown tired. But singing, sexy vampires? Delicious.

**DAN:** We're on fire with this, Rory. How about we go for broke? Let's go ahead and merge all dramas on CBS into one. When it comes right down to it, they're all basically the same exact show with different actors. Am I supposed to be surprised when each episode's mystery wraps up all tidily in exactly 60 minutes?

**RORY:** Brilliant idea just now. What if we take the aging reporters of "60 Minutes," and make them into vampires? Investigative journalism is about to get a lot more interesting. Plus: Vampire Andy Rooney complains about the shoddy craftsmanship in modern coffins.

**DAN:** Rory, take another Adderall and look at this. Have you seen "Detroit 1-8-7?" Another homicide show, but the hook this time is that it takes place in a city that isn't New York. I think they've got the wrong idea, though. Detroit should really have its own reality show; all the in-



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Editors Dan Fenner (left) and Rory McCarty (right) brainstorm how to save TV. Three of these diagnoses will actually make TV sicker.

gredients are there already to make the next Jersey Shore. You want to watch a dysfunctional group of people bicker about nothing of importance? Sit through a Detroit City Council meeting.

**RORY:** I would take it a step further. I see Detroit's administration as the next "Arrested Development." We've had a mayor who refuses to take responsibility, a police chief who desperately wants to get his own reality show, and a head of the public school board who can't read.

**DAN:** Here's something that never fails: (1) Take a British TV show. (2) Rip it off wholesale. (3) Scrub out any hints of foreign influence. (4) Make yourself a money hat.

This process has been proven to work with "The Office," "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" and "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" It seems to work even better when the show's name asks a rhetorical question.

**RORY:** It's a scientifically documented fact that a group of Americans can watch an episode of "Top Gear" in focus testing and enjoy it, but the instant someone refers to a cookie as a biscuit, chairs are thrown, windows are smashed and hysterical irrationality breaks out.

**DAN:** Wait, wait, wait. Let's back up. We need to be looking for inspiration outside of the box. There's a show now based on some guy's Twitter feed. William Shatner is acting out someone's tweets! Anything we come up with can't be stupider than that.

**RORY:** How about a show based on the instruction manual for my stereo? The first half is pretty slow, but then — twist! — the rest of the show is in Spanish! Where did that come from?

**DAN:** Let's go further off the beaten path. Sure, "Nip/Tuck" gave us plastic surgeons and "C.S.I." brought the world of sexy forensics detective people into our living rooms, but give me something with a little more depth and

a little less severed body parts.

**RORY:** Severed hands are decidedly unsexy.

**DAN:** All right, lightning round. Throw out the first thing that comes into mind.

**RORY:** By day, Jeff Goldblum is a real estate agent trying to earn his next big commission. By night, he's a serial killer who hides his victims in the houses he sells. I call it, "Home Bodies."

**DAN:** "It's Raining Cats and Dogs." To help wounded animals in war zones, a team of veterinarians train as paratroopers.

**RORY:** A ventriloquist dummy comes to life and begins training to become a proctologist. The title: "Hey, Get Your Hand Out Of My Ass."

**DAN:** Who would possibly play the dummy? Who most resembles a block of wood? I vote for Sam Worthington.

**RORY:** The everyday life of a train conductor, played by Ray Romano, features his musings on life, the decline of rail transport and the meaninglessness of his existence. "My Life on Rails."

**DAN:** "Crossing the Aisle." Former presidential candidates John McCain and John Edwards end up sharing a one bedroom, half-bathroom, garden level apartment together. One's the straight-laced, grumpy old man, the other's the young, wild party animal. Can they get along in the city?

**RORY:** Quick, give me a location.

**DAN:** Pffft — Des Moines.

**RORY:** "The Real Housewives of Des Moines."

**DAN:** Oh! "Survivor: Des Moines!" The person who gets voted out must leave the cornfield.

**RORY:** Yeah, you're right. Maybe we should leave this to the professionals.

**DAN:** Let's just watch some reruns of American Idol.



# Guardian of Squirrel Rd.

## Destroyer or redeemer? Construction Barrel Man is a legend

By RORY McCARTY

Mouthing Off Editor/  
Truth Seeker

Underneath Oakland University's verdant campus lies a veritable treasure trove of unsolved mysteries: The cold war bomb shelter design of Varner Hall; the vanishing trees of Pioneer Drive; what was making that sewer-y smell in Vandenberg Hall.

But nothing captures the imagination of a student body like the strange tale of Construction Barrel Man.

Construction Barrel Man is a phenomenon seldom seen by human eyes. The towering figure, made almost entirely of construction barrels, has been spotted wherever road work is ongoing, something Michigan has had a healthy supply of.

In recent days, the infamous beast was spotted by students driving on southbound Squirrel Road, apparently overlooking traffic.

For Michigan residents who claim to have spotted Construction Barrel Man, questions abound: What is Construction Barrel Man? An escaped secret government project? A gentle giant of Michigan's naturally occurring motorways? Or is it all an elaborate fraud?

His face, as evidenced in these photographs, is a mask of inhuman rage. What could have so angered the god of traffic delays? Or does his expression belie a patronly feeling of love towards commuters? Some theorists suggest that Construction Barrel Man appears when road work is dangerous to ensure motorists safe passage.

The Construction Barrel Man faithful insist that he watches over us, as a protector.

"One time, CBM spoke to me," Antoine Lumbago, a survivor of an encounter with the great orange monster, said. "I saw him on the side of the road. Just staring into the distance. I got out of my car and pleaded with him 'What is it? What do you want from me?' He wouldn't look down at me. He just replied with this, 'Hooooooooonk. Hooooooooonk.' And that's when I knew... that's when I knew everything was gonna be alright."

Officially, Construction Barrel Man's existence has been denied by the Michigan department of transportation. My calls and emails asking, "Why did you create Construction Barrel Man?" and "Do you realize the wrath you've brought upon us?" went unanswered.

And yet, countless stories of encounters with the plastic colossus continue to flow in.

"Stories circulate about the origin of Construction Barrel Man," said Dr. Augustus Lamington, a paranormal research historian, which he assured me was a real thing.

According to Lamington, some say scientists were attempting to combine the DNA of a roadworker with an orange barrel, when the experiment went awry and the subject escaped. Others say he evolved from a regular orange barrel, tired of seeing motorists callously knock over the his caution-colored ilk.

Followers of Construction Barrel Man say that he is drawn to areas with heavy patches of road work. Theorists suggest that OU's recent spate of ongoing repairs has pulled Construction Barrel Man to campus.

It is impossible to discount his ominous message scrawled on a sign nearby, "ROAD OPEN:



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This grainy photo is the only evidence we have of Construction Barrel Man in his natural habitat. A trail of alleged Construction Barrel Man tracks have been seen all along Squirrel road.

Thank you for your patience." And yet in his right hand, Construction Barrel Man holds a "SLOW" caution sign.

What could this message mean? Some students have suggested that this is a warning not to tamper in the domain of things paved and poured, lest we fall into disrepair ourselves.

And what of his "SLOW" sign?

Is it a weapon? A walking stick? Or another warning?

"He's watching us, always," student and CBM Watcher Club member Dolores Sisypus said. "He's out there, looking at how people treat the roads and treat each other. He'll come and set things right, then disappear into the aether."

Indeed, construction Barrel Man

has achieved folk hero status in some areas. And yet, some naysayers claim that Construction Barrel Man is nothing more than a joke, compiled by a prankster.

Well, screw those people.

For now, the incredible Construction Barrel Man has left the OU area. One day he may reveal himself to the world, and no longer exist in the realm of mystery.