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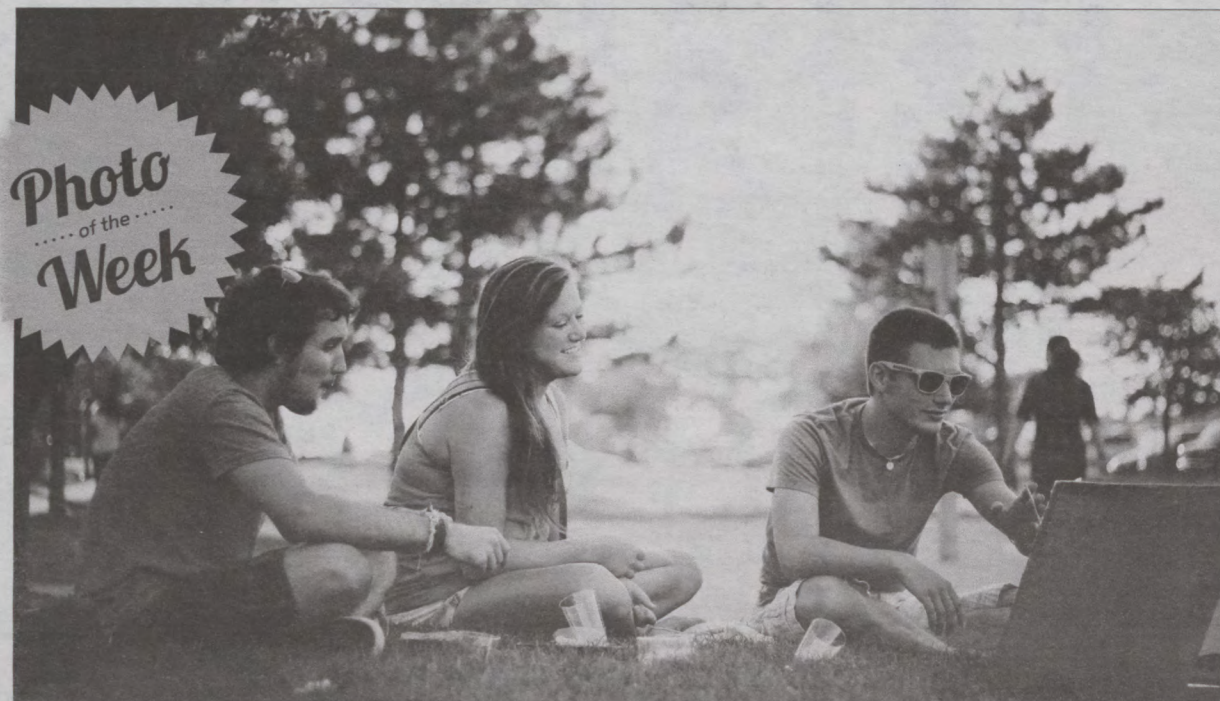
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Move focus to housing

As illustrated by the approximately 100 Oakland University students displaced last week from their promised on-campus housing spaces, the overcrowding of campus housing is an issue.

Instead of moving into dorms on campus as planned, they were assigned to an area hotel.

Since the start of the semester, OU Housing Director Jim Zentmeyer said fifteen students have moved from the temporary Homewood Suites hotel digs on University Drive to an on-campus location.

Zentmeyer and the staff of the OU housing department swiftly and effectively handled the situation, but on-campus housing is an issue.

The office saw a 16 percent increase in the number of housing contracts this year, but there hasn't been a 16 percent increase in the number of beds on campus.

New housing options must be created in order to create a real solution to a real, growing issue.

It's an issue that has been escalating. Oakland University experienced its 13th straight year of enrollment growth last fall as the student population reached an all-time high of 19,053 students.

As more students come to campus,

there has been a similar increase in the demand for housing. Oakland University's residence halls have had more than a 100 percent occupancy rate over the last five years.

New housing options must be created in order to create a real solution to a real, growing issue.

A November 2009 Oakland Post article by reporter Mike Sandula reported that Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, had a proposal prepared that would have doubled the amount of beds available on campus over the next three decades.

Bravo. But.

The proposal was never presented to the board of trustees because Snyder and the board agreed at the time that the Human Health Building should be the sole focus of attention ahead of beginning another construction project.

A solution should have been pursued immediately after plans for the Human Health Building were finalized.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the

building took place last April.

Zentmeyer said he has a plan ready that will add 440 beds to campus housing next year, which he hopes will be approved by the board of trustees. But it won't alleviate the problem in time for students seeking campus housing next fall and definitely won't help the students still currently living at the Auburn Hills Homewood Suites hotel.

The board may not want to absorb the debt incurred because of the high cost — Snyder's 2009 proposal had a projected cost of \$28 million — of constructing new housing options, but it will create the long-term solution needed to resolve the issue at hand.

As Oakland University strives to be a national university and shed its commuter school image, the board of trustees needs to remember that accommodating the influx of students is also of paramount importance.

Zentmeyer said in an interview with The Oakland Post that he has "trust and faith in the university to tell when it will be most beneficial to build" additional housing.

It's time to match student demand and begin the discussion on adding campus housing again.

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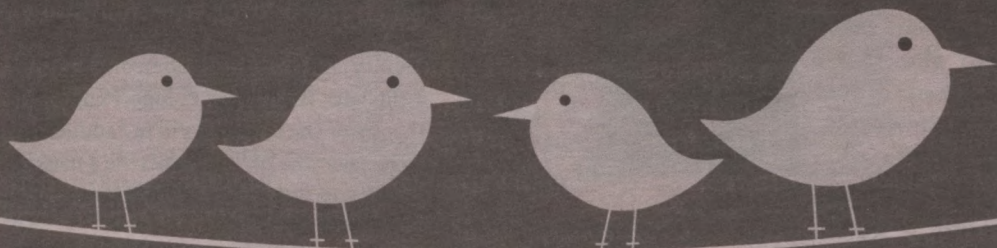
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Controlled substance laws "hazy"

I cast my vote for the 2008 presidential election as an absentee. That year, I voted for Nader and both Michigan ballot initiatives (medical marijuana and stem-cell research). I must be the liberal scum that's threatening "American values" ("U.S. values," more accurately, if you wish to respect Canada and Mexico — which I do).

I was among the 63 percent majority of Michiganders that approved the ballot initiative legalizing marijuana to treat the chronically ill in our state. This law permits licensed patients with illnesses like cancer, H.I.V. and multiple sclerosis — and their caregivers — to acquire or grow medicinal cannabis to ease the pain of those and other diseases. But political meddling has eroded civil liberties granted by what was a straight-forward law with a simple goal: to lessen suffering.

Recently, an appeals court interpreted the sale of medicinal marijuana at the Compassionate Apothecary, a Mount Pleasant dispensary which took a 20 percent share of the profits of marijuana which patients paid for, on the grounds it created a "public nuisance" in granting services to approved med-marijuana card holders.

The ruling that the apothecary was in violation of state controlled substances laws set a precedence which police across



Raymond Andre
Senior Reporter

the state have used as an impetus to raid and close it and numerous other dispensaries. The non-existence of transactions for marijuana leaves card holders in a paradoxical state where it is legal to have and use medical marijuana, but illegal to obtain it through commerce.

The controlled substances laws in the state of Michigan do not bar the sale of marijuana, just the transfer or delivery of the substance, and sale is not included in the Michigan medical marijuana legislation. Transfer and delivery are, however. This is a main point of confusion.

The medicine itself, the three appellate judge panel said, cannot be sold, though the law voters passed in 2008 granted that services provided by caregivers, dispensaries in this case, can be compensated. If not by cash, then what? Perhaps medical marijuana

cooperative programs are the solution, or a new model of licensed treatment facility with new legislation for allowable locations where patients could receive care.

Zoning rules might help to alleviate some of the rancor towards dispensaries, allowing them to be naturally incorporated into the society in ways that communities can independently approve. This would also allow those within the margin that did not approve the medical marijuana law their moral victory.

As of yet, lawmakers offer no suggestions to the confusion, only denigration to the sick simply for wanting to ease their pain.

Remember when I said I voted absentee? Well, my travel plans fell through that week.

There is a point to my satirical self-deprecation, though, and it is this: my civil disobedience — voting absentee by choice — it harmed no one.

But this civil-servant "civil disobedience" is denying thousands their legal right to medicine to treat symptoms such as chronic pain, nausea and seizures.

Michigan Attorney General William Schuette championed the recent appellate ruling. He, like most Michigan elected officials, does not like even the possibility of medical marijuana. He has stated this many

times, in many ways, throughout his political career. That is fine. But when two-thirds of a state votes something into law and you quibble and distort a debate, characterizing medical dispensaries as "pot shops" and "drug houses," that is irresponsible political grandstanding. It is sanctimony.

With this column, I almost assuredly refuse myself from future reporting upon the issue, but I think and hope that this address might be able to demonstrate the fact that your very human rights are being stripped away by cranky, aging hypocrites.

When this issue is published, Sept. 7, you can join the Michigan Medical Marijuana Association (<http://michiganmedicalmarijuana.org>) at the state Capitol in Lansing. We can show legislators that the rights voted into law by 63 percent of the state will not be violated.

You may also be interested in contacting your state representatives with your concerns over this obstruction of civil liberties, or send your regards to Mr. Schuette, whom can be reached in the following ways.

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Coffee brings about a sense of community

While college brings new opportunities, friends and independence, it also brings sleep deprivation. And while most of us cannot seem to schedule in sleep, we often turn to caffeine. As a die hard Starbucks addict, I am ashamed to admit that I will travel through rain, sleet, snow, even Hurricane Irene, to get my morning fix.

I am currently a regular at five different Starbucks locations at which the majority of the baristas knows me by name and order.

Similarly, many people share the same dependence on other "brand name" coffee companies including Caribou Coffee, Biggby and Dunkin Donuts. Their devotion to their coffee cannot be shifted by taste, atmosphere, or even price. Their coffee companies win their hearts as the most

delectable every time.

But, when did this coffee craze begin? What made my Starbucks coffee so special to me that I wouldn't dare cheat with another brew?

No longer can independent cafes stand a chance in succeeding with corporate companies at their necks. Coffee companies have designed their stores to give that same independent, café feel, while pleasing executives with huge corporate profits.

I have concluded that this trend of brand name coffee has been designed to make people feel as if they belong to something. That is what everyone searches for in the long run, is it not? People crave to feel as if they belong to a community, and while I do not know the names of most of my neighbors whom I've been living near for most of



Haley Jonna
Staff Reporter

my life, I do know the names of the people who serve my coffee, the man who sits in the same corner each day reading his paper, and the working mother who drags in her son each morning purchasing a caramel latte and a chocolate milk.

Business people, students, parents, people from different cultures and creeds all drink coffee. It's sort of a common religion that

bonds America together. Visiting the same café each day reminds me that in this fast paced world there is such a thing as community. Each time I see someone carrying a cup with the Starbucks logo, I know that he or she too shares in my addiction. Whenever the barista leaves me a message on my cup, it reminds me that I am apart of something.

Truly, the brand name coffee craze has become a tad bit absurd, and I do not take pride in being one who has fallen victim to their tactics. However, for those of you who have no clue what I'm talking about, visit a Starbucks — yes I'm playing favorites. You will soon realize your addiction developing, not to the coffee, but to the friendly environment and the homey feel. Corporate America, you got us again.

Student housing overload

Housing capacity comes up short, plans for new building drafted

By **NICHOLE SEGUIN**
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and Staff Reporter

When students leave home for the collegial atmosphere of a university dormitory, they don't expect to end up at a nearby hotel. But that's exactly what happened to approximately 25 male Oakland University students.

At the start of the school year, there was a 16 percent increase over last year's already overbooked occupancy, according to housing director Jim Zentmeyer.

Due to on-campus housing demands, a block of 30 rooms at Homestead Studio Suites — located on University Drive, down the street from the university — have been reserved for OU students displaced because of overcrowded residence halls. These students expressed a need to live on or close to campus because for various reasons, including location.

Zentmeyer said that OUs dorm population is usually comprised of more males. Conversely, the composite campus student population has more females. In 2010, there were 3,164 more females enrolled in the university than males, according to reports from the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

Currently the hotel rooms are booked for three weeks, but Zentmeyer said that he is confident that the students will be in the university by then, as students (mostly women) remove themselves from student housing at various times for different reasons.

"We will be bringing them back onto campus as quickly as space occurs," he said. "I'm confident that we will be able to handle the individuals that are in the Home-

stead location before then ... our aim is to have this taken care of in three weeks or less. If not, we will revisit that on a case by case basis to see what their desire is ... our department is firm to support those students."

Of the 100 students initially living in hotels, 15 have been placed on campus since Thursday.

The students who are staying in the hotels are not paying for the hotels directly. The costs are coming from the housing fee they've already paid over the summer.

Students have access to the regular amenities from the hotel and senior resident assistants are staying overnight with the students to make sure they're monitored. The Bear Bus is also available for transportation to the university.

In addition to the 25 students in the hotel, 60 more male students are currently on a wait list to get into housing. However, housing options for women who'd like to live on campus are more available due to vacancy on women's floors in the dorms.

"Oakland is a place where more and more people are being drawn to. With the growth of the new medical school, health and human services building and the engineering building, Oakland is making that a priority."

— Jim Zentmeyer,
Director of University Housing

Zentmeyer attributes the high increase in campus housing is due to an increased interest in the campus community.

"With the activity on campus, people want to live here and that's wonderful. We're moving toward that community-feel at OU," Zent-



BRYAN CULVER/The Oakland Post

Approximately 25 male students are currently living in hotel rooms at Homestead Studio Suites on University Dr. The students were put in the hotel after an unexpected increase in on-campus housing demand for the 2011-12 school year.

meyer said. "Oakland is a place where more and more people are being drawn to. With the growth of the new medical school, health and human services building and the engineering building, Oakland is making that a priority."

Though it usually costs upwards of \$300 to cancel a housing contract, the students on the wait list will not be charged if they decide they no longer want to live on campus.

The inaugural class of the William Beaumont School of Housing has hardly contributed to the issue. Only five medical school students chose to live on campus, and most of them are living in the George Matthews apartments.

Despite of the increase in students, single rooms were not an option again this year for students

who wished to live alone.

Christine Aranda, a transfer student, was upset when the room she applied for through Disability Support Services didn't work out.

"At first I was worried because I thought they were going to put me into a dorm room with four or five other people, but I was given an apartment instead," she said. "We all applied for a single room through the DSS office, and were enraged when we found out we were put into a three bedroom apartment ... we had anxiety attacks about it ... I know I personally had a whole week where I was freaking out and went to two therapy sessions rather than one that week. I ended up liking my suitemates, though."

Zentmeyer said he's drafted a plan — different from his 2009

proposal — for a new housing unit to go out to the board of trustees that he hopes would add 440 beds to the university for the 2012-13 year.

"We want to make sure that it runs parallel with everyone else's programs," he said. "We want to make sure there is a buy in from BOT and that everyone that ought to be a part of the project can be."

He explained that the housing costs for a new building are fiscally separate from the ones the school endures from new academic buildings.

"We (at university housing) are purely auxiliary," he said. "We do not see a single dollar from the government. The debt of a new residence hall is a debt the department will take on, as far as that's concerned."

New smoking ban in effect

By SARAH WOJCIK
Features Editor

Oakland University is implementing a new smoking ban in order to promote public health and comply with the Michigan Indoor Clean Air Act.

Smoking at OU has always been a controversial issue.

The debate boils down to a battle of wills: propagation of free will versus the general advocacy of health.

Addressing a health risk

According to Policy #475 of OU's Administrative Policies and Procedures, the university recognizes that tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke are significant health hazards, citing that, "tobacco smoke has been identified as a Group A carcinogen (cancer-causing agent) and studies have shown that there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke."

Oakland's previous policy established a distance of 25 feet from any campus building, however, the new policy extends the ban's limitations to 50 feet from campus buildings as well as within vehicles on OU property.

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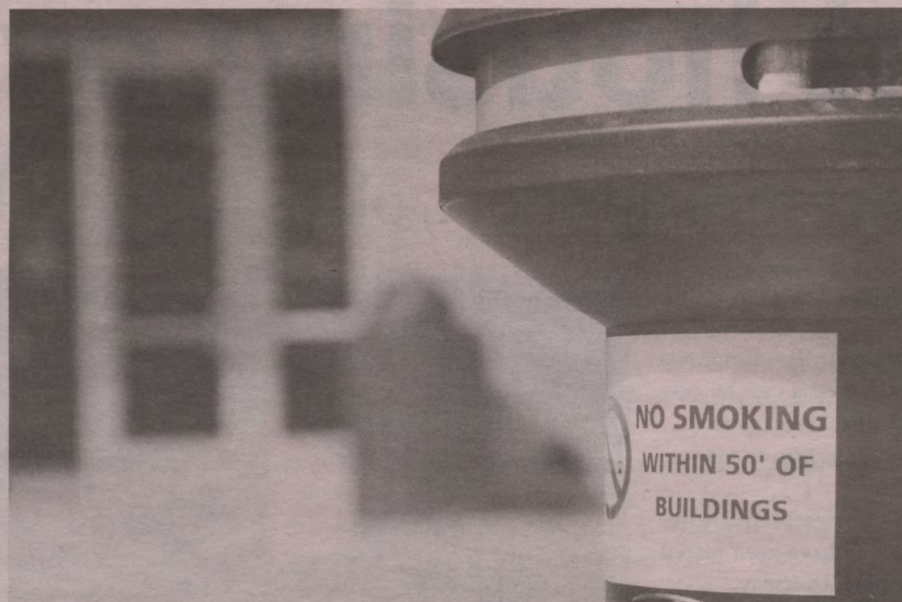
— University Policy #475

The only exceptions to the new policy, according to university policy, are specifically zoned locations, such as Meadow Brook Hall and both of the university's golf courses.

These areas are permitted to adopt separate smoking policies from the university, provided they are made in accordance with state law.

Revisions to the smoking ban were considered by a committee composed of many members of the campus community.

"The committee considered whether (25 feet) was really enough to ensure that students, faculty and staff who wish to, could



ANDREW CRAIG/ The Oakland Post

Smoking urns like this one, outside of the Oakland Center near Cafe O' Bears, help identify designated smoking areas and help keep campus clean.

avoid exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke," Cora Hanson, OU's environmental health and life safety manager, said. "Committee consensus was that extending the perimeter to 50 feet was a more effective way to achieve this."

Smoking areas will be marked by urns in which smokers may discard their butts. However, some who smoke have a problem with the placement of the urns.

One staff member, who wished to remain anonymous, mentioned that there are no urns located near seating locations, so littering becomes a factor.

Another staff member pointed out that since the urns have been moved further from the doors of buildings, shelter should also be provided for when inclement weather strikes.

A growing trend

However, many smokers and non-smokers agree that smoking a distance away from the entrances and exits of buildings is respectful of the community at large.

The revision of the smoking ban is a step that reinforces the policies already implemented at other universities, such as the University of Michigan.

As of July 1, the ban at U of M prohibits smoking anywhere on any of the univer-

sity's three campuses except on sidewalks adjacent to public roads on the campuses and in vehicles on campus, according to The Michigan Daily.

Smokers and non-smokers alike feel that students at OU should be allowed to smoke in their cars because it is their own personal space.

As for the likelihood of a campus-wide ban, Hanson said: "The committee continues to receive feedback on the current situation and is reviewing the possibility of a campus-wide ban."

Enforcing the smoking ban will be a group effort, although existing disciplinary policies may be used as appropriate.

According to Hanson, the policy states that "all employees share in the responsibility of adhering to this policy and should ask individuals smoking in violation of this act to refrain from smoking and, if the individual continues to smoke in violation of the policy, ask him or her to leave the public place."

Complaints involving smoking by a student may be made to the supervisor of the area or the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, 248-370-3352.

For assistance in interpreting the policy, contact the Office of Environmental Health and safety at 248-370-4196.

campus briefs

Rec Fest 2011

On Sept. 23 from 10 p.m. - midnight, the Rec Center will be hosting their annual food and fun night. The first 500 people will receive T-shirts.

There will also be a wing eating contest sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings, games, a Photobooth and various prizes.

OU Students with an ID are free, and \$5 for each guest.

Hispanic Celebration Month

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives is hosting Hispanic Celebration Month events from Sept. 12 - 29.

Events include an Independence Day Celebration, Zumba classes and salsa dance lessons

Artist Nora Chapa Mendoza will be presenting her artwork with additional work from with additional pieces by Peruvian artist Enrique Aramburu.

Mendoza will also be conducting a still life painting class for OU students. Students do not need previous experience to attend. To learn more, visit oakland.edu/hcm

Car Talk with OU SAE and Chrysler

OU's Society of Automotive Engineers will be in Hamlin Circle Sept. 9 from noon to 4 p.m.w, providing vehicle maintenance tips, tricks and information.

Representatives from Chrysler will be present to talk about their new vehicles and product lines.

Post Secret Live at OU

Frank Warren, founder of Post Secret, will be speaking a free event sponsored by OU Student Congress on Sept. 21 from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Students and guests who plan on attending the event need to get tickets from the CSA ticket window.

— Compiled by Megan Semeraz,
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Food Court introduces new food options

By JUSTIN COLMAN
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For the Oakland University freshman visiting the Pioneer food court to grab a quick lunch, nothing is out of the ordinary. Nothing is missing — nothing looks strange. Everything seems to be as it should. For returning OU students, they may notice changes, but they may not know the reason.

As fall semester began on Sept. 1, so did business for Papa John's and Chop'd & Wrap'd. The pizzeria and wrap restaurants, respectively, replace food court fixtures Famous Famiglia and Wild Greens. The Grizz Express replaces the Oakland bookstore extension as well.

Gerald Gatto, dining district manager of OU, said that for each restaurant, there were specific reasons for departure. The pizzeria Famiglia, Gatto said, did not hit home with Oakland students.

Better value, quality

"Famous Famiglia did not have any brand recognition to the students here at the university," Gatto said. "People could not associate with the restaurant and we needed a pizza that gave more value to students."

Gatto made mention of how Papa John's was a recognizable brand and could connect with students.

"Looking at Papa John's, they do a lot of advertising," Gatto said. "There are a lot of restaurants that a lot of people can be familiar with, and it was within the right value that we were looking for."

To define what is meant by "value," Gatto suggested both quality of food and customer satisfaction were paramount.

He compares an original slice of Famiglia pizza to the 8-inch personal pizza Papa



ANDREW CRAIG/The Oakland Post

Papa John's is one of three new arrivals in Oakland Center. Along with Chop'd & Wrap'd and Grizzly Express, it will offer new dining options to students.

John's serves at Pioneer food court. Gatto said that Famiglia's is only equivalent to a slice and a half of the Papa John's entire pizza.

"So, when you get a personal pizza," Gatto said. "You are getting more value in the product."

Gatto also made reference to how students could not relate to the garlic knots served by Famiglia. With the cheese sticks that Papa John's serves, he believes it will satisfy the customer's desires for a breadstick product.

Healthier options

On the other side of both the palate and the food court, Chop'd & Wrap'd replaces Wild Greens, but for different reasons.

"There was a (wrap and sandwich) program we had many years ago, and it went over very well," Gatto said. "We started to

hear, 'we don't have enough wrap, sandwich varieties in the food court.'"

Gatto said a wrap helps today's student eat healthy while on the go.

"It (the wrap) is portable so you can carry it to class and eat it in your hand," Gatto said. "Unlike a salad, where you need to sit down and eat it with a fork."

Chop'd & Wrap'd is an unfamiliar name because it was created by Oakland University's Executive Chef and Chartwells regional chef of the year John Miller.

Miller was informed by Gatto that he would be in charge of designing a restaurant in the food court that was similar to Wild Greens' structure. For inspiration, Miller looked to Lebanese restaurant, The Honey Tree.

"I saw that a lot of people were ordering salads and they were given the option of

wrapping them," Miller said. "So I encompassed all of our salads into which they could be wrapped or composed."

Chop'd & Wrap'd distinguishes itself from Subway by offering a wider variety of vegetables. Miller said that Chop'd & Wrap'd serves at least 20 different types of vegetables. Another way that Chop'd & Wrap'd separates itself from a standard sub or pita shop is that it provides students with more locally grown ingredients.

"Students looking for a healthy meal and who want to support the local economy should purchase from Chop'd & Wrap'd," Miller said.

On-the-go choices

For most of last year, the upper level of the Oakland bookstore was closed. Chartwells was approached by OU regarding the potential of turning the former bookstore extension into a quick food stop.

"Because the program is (open) from 11 to 11, and that is after the food court is closed, there's still something for students to eat," Gatto said. "It's not just a sandwich and a bagel. It's a whole salad, fresh food components, hummus and dip, and if you want something fun to eat — we have sliders and burritos."

When asked if he has seen a change in the Pioneer Food Court, Gatto agreed and said that he saw it in more than just one way.

"I don't think the students ten years ago were as educated as they are now on health, nutrition and exercise," Gatto said.

Along with a greater education, today's students also have more options from which to create a healthy, delectable and affordable diet.

For more information about Chartwells, visit oakland.edu/dining



New hires at OU

Tanis Hastmann
Assistant Professor, Health Sciences

- Ph.D. in Public Health and Nutrition
- Research in childhood obesity

Courses this year:

HS 302 — Community and Public Health, HS 201 — Health and Personal Occupational Environment

Work:

"I was looking for jobs in health sciences where I could do childhood obesity prevention in underserved populations. This one came across my desk and being near Detroit with all of the health issues that are going on in Detroit and having underserved populations to work with in the area, I was just really excited when I got called for the interview...I just love it here."

Personal:

"I started a women's hockey team during my bachelor's degree and I'm planning on joining the Detroit women's curling club in Ferndale."

She also recently won the women's golf club championship at OU — golfing is her passion.

— By Ali Armstrong,
Local Editor

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Pawley family donates to school of medicine

By **RAYMOND ANDRE**
Senior Reporter

Continuing their philanthropic commitment to Oakland University, Dennis and Carlotta Pawley bestowed a \$738,000 estate gift to the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine to support the school's livelihood.

Administrators see the donation as a statement of confidence in the medical school.

"Mr. and Mrs. Pawley's generosity demonstrates their commitment to the successful launch of the OUWB School of Medicine and optimism for our future," wrote Robert Folberg, dean of the inaugural class at the OUWB School, in an e-mail.

This gift is another in a history of charitable giving from the Pawleys to OU. University records acknowledge the Pawleys' tremendous contributions have helped establish the OU's School of Education and Human Services, The Pawley Lean In-

stitute — where Pawley had instructed students on cost-effective and productive business models — and the School of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

"This is just a remarkable tribute, all that they've done, that will help the OU William Beaumont School of Medicine thrive and become a distinct medical learning community," said Eric Barritt, Vice President of Community Engagement at OU.

According to Barritt, the donation will enable the school and its students with new possibilities.

"We're extremely excited for the things (the gift) can do for students, faculty, the school and for this community and this region," Barritt added.

Dean Folberg described the medical school as "innovative in many ways."

"The leadership of the school believes that our school creates a new paradigm for medical education that others may choose to emulate in the future," wrote Folberg.

This paradigm is what administrators have publicized as the school's vision: a

21st-century medical school that "will produce a physician with an ability to balance the art of science and medicine in a high-tech environment," according to the school's website.

Dennis Pawley has held many esteemed positions at OU, such as member and chair of the OU Board of Trustees. Pawley had served when the medical school was first being discussed between the university and Beaumont hospitals around early 2007 and helped in its foundation and planning.

The OUWB School of Medicine came to fruition through affiliated programs between OU and Beaumont hospitals. The dwindling number of medical professionals in the state is a reason cited by both organizations for the collaboration that became the medical school.

The school's first class of 50 students began their journey in O'Dowd Hall, Aug. 8, of this year.

The gift of the Pawley Family will not influence the OUWB class size, Folberg said, as enrollment in the school of medi-

cine is regulated by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education, a national medical school accreditation organization that sets standards for the structure of medical education programs.

The committee granted the school accreditation for a 50-student inaugural class and allowed for it to increase by a rate of 25 students per year over the next three years, until it tops off at 125 students.

"Being that this is the inaugural class of the school of medicine, philanthropy is absolutely critical," Barritt said.

The Pawley's generosity "is a special way of expressing confidence in the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine," Folberg wrote, "which may inspire others to support the school."

The Pawleys' unrestricted donation is an estate gift, meaning payment is deferred until the death of its donors. The nearly million-dollar gift will be used to finance operations of the first new medical school to be built in the Michigan in the last 47 years.

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Soccer opens under the lights

By **DAN ROCHON**

Staff Reporter

Despite an electric atmosphere in their first ever home night game under the lights, Oakland University men's soccer team could not overcome a late free kick conversion by the Northern Illinois Huskies and dropped a tight one, 2-1.

The party got started early with a pre-game tailgate, with plenty of food, music and give-a-ways that drew a crowd of close to 600 people; and the crowd was electric until the final minute ticked off the clock.

Senior forward Josh Bennett, for one, was excited about the crowd and could feel the difference in a night game.

"The atmosphere was awesome, way better than day games," he said. "There was a lot of great support from the students. Day games are usually about a third of that crowd."

NIU freshman forward Paul Hogan got the scoring started in the ninth minute of the game. Hogan tallied his second goal of the season, on pass that sailed over the heads of the Golden Grizzly defense, from sophomore midfielder Gael Riveria.

However, Oakland was quick to respond in the sixteenth minute on Bennett's first goal of the season.

Sophomore midfielder Andrew Barrett and senior forward Jake Przybycien assisted on the goal.

"It was a good set-up from defensive third, then Barrett passed it in to Przybycien, who head it to the net and I headed it in," Bennett said.

For much of the first half, the Golden Grizzlies carried the play, out-shooting the Huskies nine to six in the first half, but were unable to capitalize again.

However, the second half play was dominated by Northern Illinois, who out-shot Oakland, 7-2.

Oakland's solid defensive efforts and a great effort on the part of senior goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt helped to keep the Golden Grizzlies in the game, while the offense started generating scoring opportunities late in the game.

In the 85 minute of the game, Oakland was whistled on a questionable pass-back to the goalie call that drew the ire of the Oakland coaches, players and just about everyone in the crowd.



CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post

In their first night game, men's soccer opened under the lights against Northern Illinois University losing 2-1 on a controversial call. There were over 600 fans in attendance.

NIU was awarded a free kick from just inside the 18-yard box.

The free kick redirected off an Oakland defender and was buried into the net by Pat Sloan, giving NIU the 2-1 win.

However the tight loss did not spoil the fun for the Oakland students.

Senior Matt Stachelski was one of the diehard Grizzlies and avid soccer fans in at-

tendance Friday night.

"I enjoy the night soccer games," he said. "I think it's more convenient for everybody and it makes it more exciting to play under the lights. Hopefully even more people will come out and support."

Oakland will face Southern Methodist and Tulsa in the Hurricane Classic in Tulsa, Okla.

Verlander should be considered as AL MVP

COLUMN

Justin Verlander, pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, has been nothing but dominate this season and will most likely runaway with the Cy Young Award in the American League.

But he should be considered for another award: the AL Most Valuable Player award.

It is believed that because Verlander is a pitcher and not a field player that he should not qualify as the AL MVP. But lets examine the definition of a MVP.

The most valuable player is considered the most outstanding player in the league — a player whose team could not survive without them.



Michael Horan
Sports Editor

Verlander has the first part of the definition checked off his list.

His stats speak for themselves: Currently leading the league with 21 wins, a 2.34 ERA and 0.91 WHIP, leading in strikeouts with a 224, a no-hitter and almost another that was unfortunately broken up in the eighth inning.

On to the second part of the definition — without Verlander the Tigers would not be leading

the AL Central, and they wouldn't even be close to being in contention for the division.

Every time the Detroit Tigers need to stop a mini-losing streak or need a big win, Verlander is there. Every time he gives up a hit and it is thought he's about to crack, he comes right back with consecutive strikeouts to end the inning. Every time he is doubted, he proves every one wrong.

The other candidates for league MVP — the Boston Red Sox's Adrian Gonzalez and Jacoby Ellsbury, the New York Yankee's Curtis Granderson and Toronto's Jose Bautista — all have their flaws.

Gonzalez may be having a great year, but the Red Sox would not be hurting without him, consid-

ering Ellsbury is in the candidacy and teammate David Ortiz could be considered just as well.

Granderson is hitting the ball far and hard, but he isn't beating Bautista in home runs and Gonzalez has a better batting average than him — so statistically, he should be out of the running. He has the same thing going against him as Gonzalez does with the Yankee's stacked line-up.

Bautista is having another MVP-type year, but he plays for a Toronto team that isn't in contention.

Ellsbury is a tough one and should be very high up in the MVP voting, but like Gonzalez he has a team around him that is built to produce runs and they could very

well function without him as they did last year when he was out on an injury for most of the season.

The only way Verlander could fall out of contention is if he somehow lost all five remaining starts he's scheduled to have — which is next to impossible. Chances are high that he will win the five remaining and become the first pitcher to win 25 games since the Oakland Athletics' Bob Welch did in 1990, which would only solidify his candidacy.

Verlander is arguably the most important part of the Tigers and has the statistics to prove it.

Not only does he deserve the Cy Young award, but he also has a legitimate shot at becoming the AL Most Valuable Player.

Oakland wins Grizzly Invitational

By **SETH WALKER**
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University women's volleyball team treated fans to not one, but two victories, en route to winning the Golden Grizzlies Invitational.

Oakland defeated Central Michigan in five sets on Sept. 2 and then beat Wright State for the second time this season, in straight sets in their second game on Sept. 3.

Beating a team from the Mid-American Conference (MAC) like Central Michigan was important for the Grizzlies after previously losing to two other MAC teams, Toledo and Eastern Michigan earlier in the season in the Blue and Gold Invitational.

"I thought we matched up really well with them, which is good because the top of our league is very similar to their type of play," head coach Rob Beam said. "I felt really good about the match; I thought the home crowd environment was spectacular, and we're looking forward to continuing to build forward off of competitive wins like that."

Against Wright State, the Grizzlies put more emphasis on remaining sharp throughout the match on their way to winning in straight sets.

"We were really focused on not coming out flat because that was our problem in the past," junior Alli Kirk said, in reference to the team's preparation. "We did a lot of dancing actually, which helps everyone get pumped and it was a lot of fun."

Kirk's ability and effort diving to make the tough digs defensively enabled the team to maintain momentum throughout the match.

Overall, Beam was pleased with the team performance against the Wright State team, who they managed to beat for the second time this season.

"It was great to see our team come out very composed and steady in the third set and sustain a high level of play," he said.

Junior Meghan Bray, who last season lead Oakland in kills and kills per set, once again proved to be an offensive

force by recording 15 kills against Central and 11 kills against Wright State.

She also contributed defensively with a combined 18 digs on her way to being named to her second All-Tournament Team selection in as many weeks.

This marked the second straight week that Bray was named to an All-Tournament team after also receiving the same honors at the Blue-Gold Invitational two weekends ago in Toledo.

"We have a great bunch of girls, so to be chosen is a big honor," said Bray.

Sophomore Alissa Valentine was also named to the All-Tournament team after recording 79 assists and eight total blocks throughout the two matches.

"Alissa Valentine has really stepped up this year," junior Brittany Holbrook said. "She's setting the ball the right way, if not, she's very approachable in telling to go higher or lower and she's awesome to work with."

Though Holbrook was not named to the All-Tournament Team, she played an important part in helping OU secure the Golden Grizzlies Invitational.

In six matches this season, Holbrook has recorded 10 or more kills in four of them, including 12 against Central Michigan.

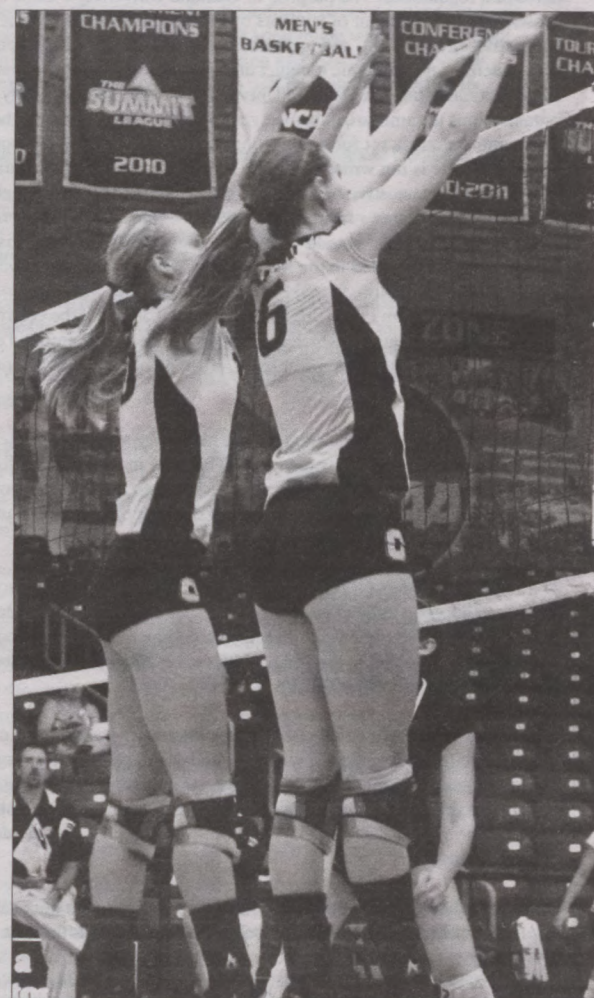
The elevation of her play has been very important as the team is using a new play scheme that utilizes the size of the team.

Being a 6-1 middle hitter, Holbrook is one of the main components of this lineup alongside fellow middle hitters, Jenna Lange and Katie Horling.

"I just try to go in with a mind set of being relaxed but confident and trusting my teammates and doing all of the little things," Holbrook explained.

The Golden Grizzlies, after winning the tournament, improved their record to 4-2 for the season.

The volleyball team will head to Iowa City, Iowa to take part in the Hawkeye Challenge against Loyola on Sept. 9, and Chicago State and Iowa on Sept. 10 before starting Summit League play.



CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post
Allison Bell and another OU player attempt to block a spike in the Golden Grizzly Invitational.

Jones, Hutton finish 1, 2 at Grizzly Open

By **GARRETT ELLIOTT**
Staff Intern

Oakland's Cross Country team displayed a strong start to the 2011 season at the Golden Grizzly open on Friday despite minor obstacles.

Seniors Lia Jones placed first and Brittini Hutton came in a close second place.

"The kids ran well considering the heat," head coach Paul Rice said. "The heat affects everybody differently, so you really can't take too much from today other than the fact we know where we're at. It's a good starting point and that's the goal of the first meet for every year."

On the women's side, which was a 4K race, Jones ran a 14:09

and Hutton ran a 14:36.

Hannah Scherer (15:23), Autumn Cleverley (15:48) and Cassie Peterson (15:49) also finished in the top 15 for the Golden Grizzlies.

Jones, an All-Summit League first team member last season became the seventh woman runner in school history to win a race.

"We got a great team this year, but we know we just don't have the depth," Rice said. "The girl's know that, so they've got to work hard this year and try to step into stops they may not be accustomed to. And that will take a whole season for them to learn that."

On the men's side, which was a 6K race, the Golden Grizzlies had four runners in the top 10.

Senior Kenny Wall ran a 19:15

to finish third overall and beat out teammate senior Brandon Griffin, who finished fourth by just 17 seconds.

The men's team was without senior Pat Cassidy, last year's Golden Grizzly Open winner, who has been red-shirted this season with an injury.

"We're missing some guys, but we've got a couple of good young guys that came in this year," Rice said. "We'll have a young core this year, but we have three seniors up top."

Rice has already begun recruiting for next season and understands both the men's and women's teams this season are younger than usual.

"The four seniors that we have

on the team this year need to really help solidify these young guys we've got this year," Rice said. "That's the focus for this year, getting those young guys really

comfortable and competing at a high-level."

The Golden Grizzlies will compete in Sept. 10 at the IPFW Invitational in Fort Wayne, Ind.



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Code of Academic and Non-Academic Student Conduct

Code of Student Conduct Purpose

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Jurisdiction

The University reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action to protect the mission of the university or the safety of its members. This may include taking disciplinary action against students whose behavior off university premises or between academic periods violates university ordinances and regulations, federal, state, or local laws; or which materially and adversely affects the individual's suitability as a member of the campus community.

Judicial Process

The Dean of Students Office administers the university judicial process and insures that student rights are protected. The judicial system provides for the timely and orderly investigation and adjudication of alleged nonacademic and academic conduct violations of community standards. All conduct records are maintained in the Dean of Students Office and protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA").

Nonacademic Conduct Regulations

If a student breaks a law that also violates university standards of conduct, the student may be held accountable by both external authorities and the university. The university may at its sole discretion elect to pursue disciplinary action against the student either before, during or after administrative, civil or criminal proceedings arising out of the same or other events and shall not be subject to challenge on the ground that external charges involving the same incident have been dismissed, reduced or are pending.

Sexual Assault

Oakland University is committed to providing a secure and hospitable environment for all students. In support of that commitment, the university makes the following statements with respect to sexual assaults:

1. Prevention of sexual assaults is an important part of the university's response to campus safety issues. Numerous educational programs to promote awareness of rape, acquaintance rape and other sex offenses are provided by the university.
2. If a sex offense occurs, students should follow these procedures:
 - A. Go to a safe place.
 - B. Contact the police immediately by dialing 911.
 - C. Seek medical examination and treatment.
 - D. Preserve evidence by abstaining from washing, changing clothes, douching or disturbing any evidence of an assault or struggle.
 - E. Seek counseling.

Victims are encouraged to report the sexual assault to the Police Department or a university staff member who will assist a victim in contacting the police if that is the victim's choice. The University will take the necessary steps to investigate and, as appropriate, resolve complaints.

Imminent Danger/Emergency Suspension

Sometimes, the nature of a reported incident may require immediate action be taken by the university to protect the members of the community. Such a situation occurs when the nature of the allegation brings into reasonable question the prudence of permitting the accused student to continue as a member of the university or residence halls community prior to a formal hearing. To protect the safety and well being of university students, faculty, staff or university property, the student may be temporarily suspended prior to formal adjudication of the case. In any such instance, the university will promptly implement its judicial procedures to address the conduct in question.

Academic Conduct Regulations

All members of the academic community at Oakland University are expected to practice and uphold standards of academic integrity and honesty. Academic integrity means representing oneself and one's work honestly. Misrepresentation is cheating since it means the student is claiming credit for ideas or works not actually his or her own and is thereby seeking a grade that is not actually earned. All academic misconduct allegations are forwarded to the Dean of Students Office and adhere to the student judicial system.

Following are some examples of academic dishonesty:

1. Cheating on assignments and examinations. This includes, but is not limited to, the following when not authorized by the instructor: the use of any assistance or materials such as books and/or notes, acquiring exams or any other academic materials, the use of any other sources in writing drafts, papers, preparing reports, solving problems, works completed for a past or concurrent course, completing homework or carrying out other assignments. No student shall copy from someone else's work or help someone else copy work or substitute another's work as one's own. No student shall engage in any behavior specifically prohibited by an instructor in the course syllabus or class discussion.

2. Plagiarizing the work of others. Plagiarism is using someone else's work or ideas without giving that person credit. By doing this, a student is, in effect, claiming credit for someone else's thinking. This can occur in drafts, papers and oral presentations. Whether the student has read or heard the information used, the student must document the source of information. When dealing with written sources, a clear distinction should be made between quotations, which reproduce information from the source word-for-word within quotation marks, and paraphrases, which digest the source of information and produce it in the student's own words. Both direct quotations and paraphrases must be documented. Even if a student rephrases, condenses or selects from another person's work, the ideas are still the other person's and failure to give credit constitutes misrepresentation of the student's actual work and plagiarism of another's ideas. Buying a paper or using information from the Internet without attribution and handing it in as one's own work is plagiarism.

3. Cheating on lab reports by falsifying data or submitting data not based on the student's own work.
4. Falsifying records or providing misinformation regarding one's credentials.

5. Unauthorized collaboration on assignments. This is unauthorized interaction with anyone in the fulfillment of academic requirements and applies to in-class or take-home coursework. Individual (unaided) work on exams, lab reports, homework, computer assignments and documentation of sources is expected unless the instructor specifically states in the syllabus or verbally that it is not necessary. Collaboration can also include calculating homework problems with another person, having another help to rewrite a paper, sharing information/sources with others and checking coursework with others.

6. Completion of original work. When an instructor assigns coursework, the instructor intends that work to be completed for his/her course only. Work students may have completed for a course taken in the past, or may be completing for a concurrent course, must not be submitted in both courses unless they receive permission to do so from both faculty members.

Student Organization Regulations

General student and Greek organization regulations are included in the Student Organization Handbook available in the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (CSA), 49 Oakland Center. Organization officers are provided a copy of this handbook at the time of student organization registration. Student organization violations are addressed through the CSA. All university ordinance violations are addressed by the Dean of Students Office and adhere to the student judicial system. All academic conduct violations will adhere to the Academic Conduct Regulations.

Hazing Policy

Of special concern to student organizations is the university hazing policy. Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation related to organizational membership that produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment or ridicule, or any activity that threatens or endangers the life or safety of an individual. All forms of hazing are strictly prohibited at Oakland University.

Student Organization Conduct

Any person who is aware of possible student or Greek organization nonacademic misconduct is requested to report the alleged violation to the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development. Such matters will adhere to the Student Organization Regulations. All academic conduct violations should be reported to the Dean of Students Office.

Judicial Procedures

Judicial procedures for addressing cases of nonacademic, academic or student organization misconduct vary slightly, but the following steps are included in each process. The term "dean of students" as used in this document shall mean "dean of students or other person designated by the vice president for student affairs to process and/or hear case(s)." The focus of the judicial process shall be to determine whether a student has violated campus standards or regulations. Deviations from prescribed judicial procedures shall not invalidate a decision or proceeding unless, in the opinion of the dean of students, significant prejudice to a student resulted from the deviation.

1. Complaint: A complaint of misconduct is usually written and includes specific allegations or charges. Any faculty, staff or student who is aware of possible student misconduct is requested to report the alleged violation to the dean of students.

2. Interview: Upon receipt of a complaint or report of alleged student misconduct, the accused student shall meet with the dean of students or assistant dean of students for an interview to determine if a university hearing is required. The accused student may have an adviser, who must be a member of the Oakland University community, present at the interview and shall be informed of the alleged violation and advised of his/her rights.

3. Notice: Upon determination of the need for a disciplinary hearing, the accused student will receive written notification. Written notice includes a statement of the alleged misconduct with sufficient particulars to enable the accused student to prepare his/her defense, the date, time and place of any hearing, and the names of witnesses who are scheduled to appear at the hearing. Normally, notice is provided at least 72 hours in advance of any hearing.

Hearing Types

The University Conduct Committee (UCC) and Academic Conduct Committee (ACC) are both comprised of five members, representing faculty, staff and students. Hearings of the UCC and ACC are tape recorded to provide a record in the event of an appeal.

The UCC includes two students and three faculty and staff selected by the Dean of Students Office. A faculty member or staff member will chair the UCC hearing. A non-voting representative of the Dean of Students Office will present an overview of the case.

The ACC includes faculty appointed by the University Senate Committee, two students selected by the Dean of Students office, and one staff representative of the Dean of Students Office. A faculty member selected by the University Senate Committee will chair the hearing.

The focus of inquiry in disciplinary hearings shall be to determine whether there has been a violation of campus standards or regulations and, if necessary, appropriate sanctions.

There are seven types of conduct hearings at the university depending on the nature of the infraction. Student nonacademic conduct cases will be addressed in either a University Conduct Committee Hearing or a University Conduct Administrative Hearing:

• University Conduct Committee

• University Conduct Administrative Hearing

Student academic conduct cases will be addressed in either an Academic Conduct Committee Hearing or an Academic Conduct Administrative Hearing:

• Academic Conduct Committee

• Academic Conduct Administrative Hearing

This hearing is used when the student accepts responsibility for the alleged violation. The dean of students may choose to hold an administrative hearing conducted by the chair of the Academic Conduct Committee. The dean of students, faculty member bringing the case, the student charged and his/her adviser will be present. The hearing is held to decide an appropriate sanction. Once the chair, dean of students, and faculty member bringing the case agree on a sanction, the case is concluded and all appeal rights are waived.

• Residence Hall Hearing

If the alleged violation is of a nonacademic nature, involves a residence hall student, occurred in the residence halls, and is not a major infraction, the matter will be heard through the Residence Hall Judicial System. The procedures for the Residence Hall Judicial System are included in the Residence Hall Handbook.

• Student Organization Conduct Hearing

Student or Greek organizations may choose a Student Organization Conduct Hearing. All serious matters of nonacademic misconduct can be referred to the University Conduct Committee (UCC) by the Center for Student Activities. These hearings will be closed to the public, unless the complainant and accused organization both agree to an open hearing. Open hearing requests require a 48-hour notice and final determination is made by the SOCC chair. The hearing is to determine responsibility for the allegations and decide sanction(s). All appeals are made to the dean of students or his/her designee.

• Student Organization Administrative Hearing

If the student or Greek organization fully accepts responsibility for the violation(s), an administrative hearing may be allowed. The hearing is conducted solely by the director or his/her designee. The hearing officer decides on the appropriate sanction and if the organization agrees with the sanction(s), the case is concluded and all appeal rights are waived. If there is no agreement on a sanction, the University Conduct Committee will hear the case.

Hearing Procedures

1. Written notice of the date, time and place of the hearing will be provided to the student 72 hours in advance of the hearing. The notice will include a statement of the alleged misconduct with sufficient particulars to enable the accused student to prepare his/her defense and the names of witnesses who are scheduled to appear at the hearing.
2. The accused student or his/her adviser shall notify the dean of students in writing at least 48 hours prior to a hearing of the name, address and phone number of witnesses he/she wishes to call and the context of their appearance. After the witness list is finalized, the accused student is responsible for asking them to appear at the hearing.
3. The chair will advise the accused student of his/her right not to make any responses or statements that may be incriminating and also will inform the student that any information or answer given may be used in a disciplinary hearing or a court of law.
4. Throughout the hearing, it is the responsibility of the chair to determine the appropriateness of all questions and comments. Any member of the hearing committee and advisers may make inquiries and comments when properly recognized by the chair.
5. The dean of students will make all decisions regarding postponement of a hearing prior to the hearing date. It is the responsibility of the chair to make all decisions regarding postponement or continuation of a hearing once in progress.
6. The chair has the authority to maintain the proper atmosphere throughout the hearing. Any person, including the accused student, who disrupts a hearing or who fails to adhere to the rulings of the chair, may be excluded or removed from the hearing.
7. The chair has the final decision as to the admissibility of any evidence, written statements, documentation or testimony. Irrelevant or unduly repetitious evidence may be excluded.
8. After considering all evidence, the conduct committee will deliberate in private, determine responsibility or innocence, and determine an appropriate sanction.

University Sanctions

If a student or an organization is found to be responsible for academic or nonacademic misconduct, the following sanctions may be imposed singly or in combination. The sanction(s) imposed will be commensurate with the offending conduct and may take into account the student's educational record and any previous conduct record. Additionally, sanctions may prevent the student from representing the university in some extracurricular activities.

1. Disciplinary Reprimand. A written reprimand that expresses university dissatisfaction with the student's conduct and clarifies expected behavior in the future.
2. Disciplinary Probation. Written notification that any further violations within the probationary period shall result in more severe disciplinary action. The probationary period will be for a specific period of time or until the completion of any specified requirements or conditions that are a part of the probation.
3. Deferred Disciplinary Suspension. The student remains enrolled; however, any violation of conduct regulations during the period of deferred suspension will, after a determination of responsibility, result in disciplinary suspension.
4. Disciplinary Suspension. A decision that removes the student from the university for a specified period of time, usually no more than two years. The suspension might be immediate or begin after the end of the semester. In either case, the student is eligible for consideration for re-enrollment at the end of the specified period. Courses completed at another college during the period of suspension will not be accepted as transfer credits.
5. Disciplinary Expulsion. A decision that removes the student permanently from the university. Normally, the penalty shall consist of the student being barred from the premises of the university.
6. Other Disciplinary Educational Sanctions. Sanctions designed to develop student behavior and may include, but are not limited to, restriction from engaging in any extracurricular activity such as running for or holding office in any student group or organization, limiting athletes from participation in sports-related activities, restricting students from serving on any university committees, or limiting student employment, service charges, holds on records, counseling or referral for a psychological/psychiatric evaluation, restriction or removal from on-campus housing, community service, and writing a paper.
7. Fines/fees. Established fines and fees may be imposed.
8. Revocation of Degree. A degree awarded from the university may be revoked for fraud, misrepresentation, or other violation of university standards in obtaining a degree, or for other serious violations committed by a student prior to graduation.
9. Withholding Degree. The university may withhold awarding a degree otherwise earned until the completion of the process set forth in this Student Code of Conduct, including completion of all sanc-

tions imposed, if any.

Disciplinary Findings

After the hearing, the student will be informed of the findings of the committee. The findings may include:

- A. Not responsible: No misconduct has been proven.
- B. Responsible: The student was proven responsible for the alleged misconduct by a preponderance of the evidence or accepted responsibility for the charges.

Expelled or Suspended Student Refund Policy

When a student is expelled or suspended from the university for disciplinary reasons (either academic or nonacademic), the date of the disciplinary violation will be used to determine whether the student is entitled to a tuition refund according to the current university tuition and fees refund schedule. Additionally, residence halls and apartment room and board charges will be prorated based on the student's room checkout date.

Appeal Procedures

There are only two grounds on which the decision of the Nonacademic and Academic Conduct Committees may be appealed:

1. Substantial new evidence, which was not available at the hearing and/or;
 2. Procedural error that significantly affected the outcome of the case.
- *New evidence cannot be considered if a student refused to attend a hearing.
*Severity of the sanctions imposed is not grounds for an appeal.

Nonacademic Conduct Right of Appeal

Appeals for the University Conduct Committee are processed through the vice president for student affairs. The vice president may affirm the decision and sanction, affirm the decision and modify the sanction, reverse the decision, or return the case to the conduct committee for further consideration or rehearing. The decision of the vice president is final. The vice president may designate another individual or group to recommend an appeal decision.

Academic Conduct Right of Appeal

After a hearing has ended, all students receive written notification of the findings and sanction(s). The decision of the Academic Conduct Committee shall be final, subject only to the student's right of appeal. The Steering Committee of the University Senate grants authority to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, or designee, to screen all appeal letters and determine merit.

Form of the Appeal

Students will normally have ten (10) working days from the date of the written notification to submit a written appeal stating the grounds for the appeal and the disposition the student seeks as a result of the appeal. If the appeal is based on new evidence, the letter should specify in detail what the new evidence is, how it affects the case, and why it was not presented at the hearing. New evidence in written form should be included with the letter of appeal. If the appeal is based on a procedural error, the letter should specify in detail what the error was and how it prevented a fair adjudication of the case. Appeals submitted by family members, attorneys, etc., will not be considered.

Acceptance of Rejection of the Appeal

All information submitted will be reviewed to determine whether there are grounds for an appeal. If the appeal is rejected, the student will be informed and the case will be closed. If the appeal is accepted the case will be reverted back to the Dean of Students Office for a rehearing with a newly constituted Academic Conduct Committee.

Student Rights

Oakland University students shall enjoy certain rights as members of the academic community in addition to those rights that they enjoy as citizens or residents of the United States and the state of Michigan. While the following is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all rights supported by the university, it does reflect principles that are essential to the maintenance of an environment that is conducive to the pursuit of learning and the development of students as scholars and citizens. Students have the right of free inquiry, expression and association, and students are expected to exercise their rights within the bounds of civility and community responsibility.

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- Students have the right to petition for change in either academic or non-academic regulations, procedures or practices.
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Re-enrollment Process

Students who have received a voluntary or administrative medical withdrawal due to a mental health condition may request re-enrollment.

The student must complete the following:

1. Submit to the Office of the Dean of Students, a Request for Re-enrollment form with supporting documentation. The supporting documentation must be completed by a qualified (licensed) mental health professional.
2. Once the completed request form and supporting documentation have been submitted, the student must schedule a meeting with the Dean of Students to review his/her request.

Questions regarding the judicial process or incidents of a disciplinary nature should be directed to the Dean of Students Office, 144 Oakland Center, (248) 370-3352

The complete Student Code of Conduct is available on-line at
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Renaissance festival attracts OU students

By **STEPHANIE PREWEDA**
Staff Intern

Oakland University students are turning back time at the Michigan Renaissance Festival.

This year marks the 32nd annual Michigan Renaissance Festival, complete with everything from jousting competitions, to the Queen of England, to the village "idiots."

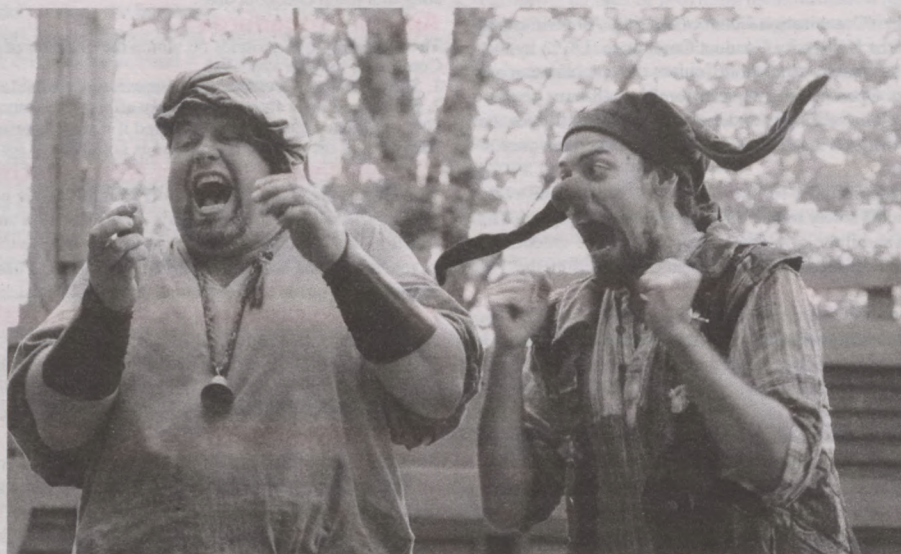
As soon as you pass through the stone archway that leads to the festival grounds, you are greeted by knights in shining armor and peasants.

The Renaissance Festival features a variety of festivities including themed weekends like the Royal Ale Fest and Harvest Huzzah and events like a chili cook off, a hot wing eating competition and wine tastings.

Some OU students and alumni have been participating and working at the Renaissance Festival for years.

Stefan Mantyk, OU alumni class of 2006, has been working at the festival for 13 years. Over the years, he has been developing his character 'Lester The Jester.'

He can be seen on stage as a comedian and juggler or walking around the grounds as a "professional idiot."



OU alumni Stefan Mantyk (right) playing in his act "One Step Further" where he plays Lester The Jester at the Renaissance Festival in Holly.

"It's the greatest job in the world," Mantyk said. "I get paid to be an idiot. As we are doing the show we will come up with new lines so it's a constantly evolving thing. For the most part at this point we have been doing 'One Step Further' for seven years now."

Visitors to the festival are often dressed in full Renaissance attire.

"I try to always dress up. I have a lot, too many costumes to count. I make a lot of my own items. I'll make a tunic, or pants, or leather armor," Alexandra Machado, freshman and psychology major, said.

"You have to boil the leather and stamp it it's really traditional."

Machado has been going to the festival for about five years, not only to visit, but she also works there. She works for petting zoo 'Carousel Acres,' which provides animals for the Renaissance Festival.

"The Renaissance Festival is really cool because it's a very interactive community," Machado said. "You show up dressed in costume and you won't be able tell who are hired actors and who aren't. It's fun because people jump in and dance to the music and talk in a different accent. You really can submerge yourself in a different character and this is the best place to do that."

With a variety of different themed weekends, from Wonders of the World to Italian Carnivale, the Michigan Renaissance Festival includes many different aspects of the Renaissance period.

"It's like a community of interesting people. It's fun to be apart of something in a time that isn't now, whether it be something that happened a long time ago or fantasy," Machado said.

The Michigan Renaissance Festival will be running every weekend through Oct. 2.

Discounted tickets for OU students are available at the CSA office.

Arts & Apples to highlight local artists

By **MEGAN SEMERAZ**
Assistant Campus Editor

Downtown Rochester will host the 46th annual Arts & Apples Festival and the 21st annual Spotlights Market a fine arts and gifts festival Sept. 9-11.

The Art & Apples Festival highlights over 290 artists, three food courts, live regional and local entertainment, activities for children and an apple pie contest.

According to Suzanne Wiggins, executive director for Paint Creek Center for the Arts, the festival is designed to offer art in an accessible way.

"It is just a very fun weekend ... there is a lot of great food, great music and a lot of great art," Wiggins said.

There is a wide variety of art

including textiles, painting, wood, glass, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, photography and more. Entry to the festival is free.

Spotlights Market, which is sometimes mistaken for part of the festival, will feature more than 125 artists from around the country.

One difference is the fact that Spotlights Market is held by the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild and directly benefits Meadow Brook Theatre, which is located right on Oakland University's campus.

From there, they use their proceeds to buy items the theatre needs, sponsor plays, help provide scholarships, provide meals for technical crew and create welcome baskets for out-of-town actors, among other things.

"The funds that we get are strictly from what the artisans pay for their booths," Flo

Beck, a past president of the guild said. Whatever monies there are, the proceeds go to the theatre. "We in the guild, this is one of the fundraisers we have...(the fundraiser is) able to give the theatre \$30,000-\$40,000 a year."

According to Beck, another difference between the two festivals can be the prices and the activities for children.

"Beside the fact we have great artists coming, it's something for everyone," Beck said. "Art & Apples goes on at the same time as this time. Many of their things are very lovely and high priced. We have something geared to anybody, and children too."

This year, there will be a tent of children's activities including jugglers, the Peanut Gallery Players and an area to create and decorate a mask.

"The children will be making masks out of foam and they will decorate them and put them on little sticks," Beck said.

There will also be a coloring contest that is based on the current Meadow Brook Theatre season.

"They will do the (coloring contest) throughout the three day show. Sunday, we will have a drawing, and the winner will get two tickets to one of the children's series, or to 'A Christmas Carol,'" Beck said.

Spotlights Market will also be selling homemade apple pies and apple cakes, which are local favorites, according to Suellen Parkes, co-chair of Spotlights.

"We are also going to have the Older Persons Commission, they will be selling their apple pies, which are world renowned, I

would say," Parkes said.

Parkes thinks the market is a good opportunity for students interested in art, and to ask the artists questions about they got their start in the field.

"I think it would be interesting for college students to go because they can talk to the artists and if they are in a field that is going to be any kind of art-related ... they are going to be able to see what is going on ... I found that students like to talk to them (the artists) about 'how did you get started?'" Parkes said.

Spotlights Market will be held downtown Rochester on Walnut and Fourth Streets and Arts & Apples will be located in the Rochester park.

For more information, visit artandapples.com and spotlightsmarket.com



NEWS BRIEFS

A look at significant current news events from around the globe:

1. United States

According to the Texas Forest Service, more than 1,000 homes were destroyed in the largest forest fire Bastrop County has seen since the 1990s.

The fire, which has killed at least four people, became more violent after winds from Tropical Storm Lee blew through the state.

Since it started, more than 180 fires have erupted across the state and have burned more than 45 square miles. About 1,200 firefighters battled the blazes along with departments from the local area including Utah, California, Arizona and Oregon.

The fires have forced the evacuation of thousands and many residents have lost everything they own.

The Obama administration is said to have approved several federal grants to help Texas recover from the outbreak.

2. Mexico

Federal police in Mexico have reported that they found a tunnel dug into a border storm drain that leads into the United States Thursday.

According to police, the tunnel is thought to have been used to smuggle people into the United States through a lateral tunnel

dug into a main drain. The U.S. side of the tunnel is covered by dirt.

Police have yet to confirm which substances the tunnel was used to transport.

3. Romania

A bunch of bats created a stir as they flew through a classroom full of students in Bucharest Tuesday.

The students, who were in the process of taking an exam, were spooked when the animals flew down from the ceiling.

Though there was no sign of Dracula, it was reported that the bats had probably flown in through an open window overnight.

Students proceeded to take their exams in another classroom to avoid disrupting the animals.

4. Nigeria

The city of Ibadan is recovering after more than 100 people were killed in deadly floods.

The waters, which washed away homes, also took the life of two children.

Officials said the dam gate was not able to contain the sudden rush of water.

According to The Red Cross, most homes that were destroyed simply washed away when the water rushed through because they were poorly constructed.

5. Argentina

A 6.4-magnitude earthquake hit Buenos

Aires Friday, causing people living in the capital to evacuate city buildings, but the effects weren't even noticed.

The quake, which hit 80 miles south east of Santiago del Estero, was centered nearly 400 miles below the surface and caused minimal underground effects.

According to reports, there were no reported damages or injuries.

6. India

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was critiqued by a top Indian politician Tuesday.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati said that Assange was either insane or being used as a tool of her opponents for releasing U.S. Embassy cables that describe her as corrupt.

The cables site that Mayawati had "charged potential candidates \$250,000 to run for Parliament on her party's ticket and was obsessed with becoming prime minister."

Mayawati argued against those accusations, saying they were "malicious, incorrect and obscene."

Assange responded to Mayawati's remark in a statement broadcast on at least two Indian news channels telling Mayawati to admit her error and apologize. He then invited her to come to collect him from house arrest if she failed to do so.

In addition to the candidate charges and

Parliament accusations, Mayawati is also criticized for showing excessive displays of wealth and power in a state that is full of poverty.

7. Philippines

What could possibly be one of the biggest caught crocodiles in the world may be lurking in the creeks of the southern Philippine region.

The 20-foot, one ton saltwater crocodile was caught over the weekend after a three-week hunt in the Bunawan township of Agusan del Sur.

Villagers have reported at least one deadly attack by the reptile, which weighs 2,370 pounds and is estimated to be at least 50 years old.

The animal is the biggest to be caught in the Philippines in recent years, and wildlife officials are trying to confirm if it was the largest catch in the world.

According to reports, the Guinness World Records record for the largest crocodile caught in captivity measured 17 feet and 11.75 inches.

The reptile was pulled by a rope by about 100 people from a creek and was then lifted from a crane onto a truck. After it was captured, villagers threw a fiesta to celebrate.

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Medical Brigades kicks off at OU

Students hope to provide medical assistance in Honduras

By **NICHOLE SEGUIN**
Managing Content Editor

While some students will spend their winter break opening Christmas presents and visiting family members, a group of Oakland University students will be busy providing medical assistance to people in South America.

Medical Brigades, which is a sub chapter of Global Brigades, is OU's first international community service project.

Started by Laura Collier, a senior majoring in biology, the group works to provide medical assistance to the less fortunate in various countries.

Though they weren't able to travel last year when the group initially started, Collier and organization members plan on going to Honduras for a week to provide medical and dental care to the residents in the country. They hope to bring 25-40 volunteers along with them.

"We're a movement of vol-

unteers just trying to motivate and empower our peers," Collier said. "We want to inspire them to be involved with global health ... global brigades is the world's largest student-lead global health organization."

Though the organization is currently focusing on the medical and dental aspects of the trip, Collier hopes to expand the chapters and bring environmental, water and finance help along with them in the upcoming years.

For now, they're working on making their presence known around campus and by volunteering in December.

"For global health, we did a global health awareness event," she said. "I made a global health video and 40 people showed up to the screening. I also went to a conference in San Francisco and met with students from Columbia, NYU ... it's so different at those chapters ... the different chapters have different experiences.

Collier said she created the organization because there weren't any hands-on medical organizations on campus.

"When I came to OU, I was really interested in global health, so I wanted to start this organization, because the only other one was the pre-medical society," Collier said. "I wanted to actually get my hands dirty and get involved ... I wanted to give undergraduate students the chance to travel and see poverty and see what these people are living in."

Nadya Sorych, vice president of medical brigades, got involved soon after Collier started the organization.

She recently went to a conference in Chicago that she said inspired her a lot.

"I'm majoring in biology and I want to go to medical school, so this is an amazing experience to get the medical experience from abroad," Sorych, a junior, said. "I'm also minoring in Spanish, so I get Spanish experience as well ...



Photo courtesy of Laura Collier
Nadya Sorych, left, and Laura Collier, right, of the OU chapter of Medical Brigades share a passion for global health.

Since this is our first trip and since it's been tough, I hope we can make it and get enough people. I hope people get a lot from it."

The cost of the trip is \$1,550 per person, which includes air fair.

To donate to the cause, visit www.empowered.org/medical-brigade

Students who would like to get involved should email Collier at lecolle@oakland.edu.

Social networking worth jeopardizing privacy?

By **KEVIN GRAHAM**
Staff Reporter

Services like Facebook and Twitter may have millions of users, but they don't have the best track record when it comes to privacy.

Facebook announced some new user protection features recently, and it might be a good time to talk about social media safeguards.

On Facebook, most of the privacy features are optional — everything is public by default.

The most obvious protection users can give themselves is to change their privacy settings to the "friends only" option, so that only the people they've accepted can see their posts.

You can do this by selecting the account menu and choosing "privacy settings."

Checking the privacy page regularly is

a convenient way to ensure your desired amount of privacy is in place, as features are constantly being added.

One announcement made by Facebook recently was the addition of in-line privacy controls similar to those offered by newcomer Google+.

Chris Cox, Facebook's vice president of product, explained the change in philosophy.

"The profile is getting some new tools that give you clearer, more consistent controls over how photos and posts get added to it, and who can see everything that lives there," he wrote in a post on Facebook's corporate blog.

Users are now able to control who can and cannot see the things they post before they are posted.

In addition to limiting posts to their friends, users can also choose to add or exclude specific people by selecting the

custom option.

What about those embarrassing pictures in the Big Bird costume that may not have been intended for the public, but a friend helpfully put it up and tagged for all the world to see?

Now tags can be approved before they become official. It is important to note, once again, that this is an optional feature within the privacy settings.

Also noteworthy is the fact that all "private" messages on Facebook are archived.

Some Oakland University students aren't necessarily happy with Facebook's current privacy controls.

Freshman Stephanie Boergert, a business major, thinks the website could be doing more.

"I feel like you can creep on people so easily," she said.

Sophomore Matthew Rich, a mechanical engineering major, feels social networks

could better lock things down.

"The option should be there for absolute privacy, for the user to choose," Rich said.

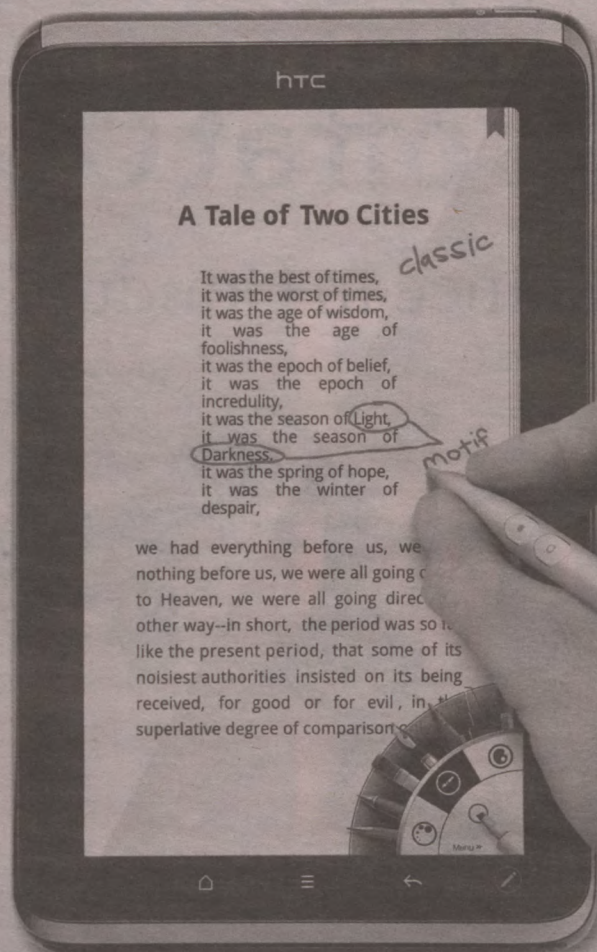
Due to the essence of Twitter, scandalous privacy slip-ups are not as large of a problem, but the options to guard profile are still present.

Like Facebook, everything on Twitter is public by default, but it also provides the option to protect tweets from unwanted viewers in the settings menu.

Doing this essentially turns Twitter into Facebook, letting only the people you approve see what you post.

It's less robust than Facebook however, in that the only way users can make sure messages go to specific people is via direct message.

Social media services can be very effective tools for communication, as long as users know how to control the flow of information.



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Education majors have helpful outlet

Organization offers education students real-world experience

By **STEPHANIE PREWEDA**
Staff Intern

Student Michigan Education Association of Oakland University is a student organization that helps elementary and secondary education majors prepare for their teaching careers and gives them a chance to explore varying and beneficial opportunities.

"We are geared towards helping students get their feet in the door with networking, resume tips, interview tips, career opportunities, etc.," Sarah Bruha, the president of SMEA, said.

To become an "active member," SMEA has a point system.

At the end of each school year, if members accumulate 12 or more points, they are considered an active member.

Active members receive a certificate stating their membership — a beneficial addition to their portfolios.

Points may be obtained by attending events, volunteering, and attending general meetings and SMEA-approved conferences.

Members are getting ready for several upcoming events.

Their first event this semester is the Walk for Autism, where they will be walking outside The Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m.

SMEA has been participating in this walk for over three years.

"We are geared towards helping students get their feet in the door with networking, resume tips, interview tips, career opportunities, etc."

— Sarah Bruha
President of SMEA

While memberships expire from year to year, SMEA is starting off its first recruitment event with an ice cream social, which will take place at Pawley Hall on Sept. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"We always hope to get new



SMEA members volunteer to earn points — 12 or more for an "active member" status. Members pause for a photo at Walk for Autism. Photos courtesy of Kathryn Fox

people and past members to join again," Kathryn Fox, the treasurer of SMEA said.

SMEA's main event is the Fall Networking Banquet, which is being held this on Fri., Nov. 4 this year.

The Fall Networking Banquet welcomes principles and teachers from local elementary and high schools to come to OU and speak with future educators.

"It's a great way to make connections with a variety of different schools and the different administration and teachers," Fox said.

Set up in a "speed-dating" style, students will get a chance to talk and ask questions to the teachers and principals one on one.

The banquet is an ideal opportunity for students to listen to teachers and principals speak about how they first started off. Students will be able to get a first

hand glimpse into the life of a teacher and learn from them for when they become educators.

Although similar to the Michigan Education Association, SMEA is a completely separate group. Although encouraged to join MEA, it is not required among SMEA members. SMEA gives students the benefit of networking specifically within OU.

The benefits of OU membership include listening to guest speakers, attending professional development workshops, building contacts for future career options and even volunteering for community-service.

If interested in becoming a member of SMEA, contact Sarah Bruha at skbruha@oakland.edu or Kathryn Fox at klfox@oakland.edu.

You can also visit their website for more information at www.stuorgs.oakland.edu/smea



Members conduct their semi-annual book sale, the group's major fundraiser.



Photos by KEVIN ROMANCHIK/ The Oakland Post

Andrew McMahon of Something Corporate and Jack's Mannequin performs at the Filmore in downtown Detroit on Aug. 30. Jack's Mannequin along with Guster, co-headlined the concert to promote their upcoming album "People and Things" set to release nationwide on Oct. 4 and will be available at most music retailers.

'Just keep your head above'

Andrew McMahon of Jack's Mannequin stays afloat amid personal conflicts

By KEVIN ROMANCHIK
Scene Editor

While the struggle of going through cancer treatment may send many off the deep end, Andrew McMahon of Something Corporate and Jack's Mannequin used his experiences to shape his musical and personal life.

Growing up, McMahon explained that he hung around his older brothers friends, who were always bringing home music from artists like Fleetwood Mac, Billie Joel, Elton John, among many others.

"I was like a sponge at an early age," McMahon said, when regards to music he was exposed to by family friends.

From 1998 to their hiatus in 2005, McMahon played fronted the widely popular band Something Corporate and had released three studio albums, along with two extended plays.

Even though McMahon regularly expresses no negativity towards members of Something Corporate, he was quick to say simply "no" when asked about the possibility of the release of any new material from the band.

Following the hiatus from Something Corporate, McMahon formed a side-project called Jack's Mannequin and their first record called "Everything in Transit", which was a departure lyrically from "North", Something Corporate's final release.

"To me, I always perceive 'North' as pretty somber record, I always perceive ('Everything in Transit') to some extent, to be the polar opposite of ('North')," he said. "I felt where I was standing, my desire to create ('Everything in Transit') was a knee jerk reaction to try to do something more fun."

Three months before the debut release of Jack's Mannequin, McMahon was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a cancer of the white blood cells, after being examined for what was thought to be laryngitis, on June 1, 2005.

Over the course of a few months, McMahon received many types of treatment and updated a blog to keep fans informed of his progress and the status of his condition.

The motivation to present his new endeavor to the masses became one of the driving factors to push him through both treatment and recovery.

"(Getting out to) support this first record, which to me was up to that point, the best thing I've ever created and it was something I really wanted people to hear," he said. "I became incredibly motivated to get well and get well fast and take it on the road and share it with people."

On August 23, 2005, "Everything in Transit" was released via Maverick Records. That same day, he received a stem cell transplant with his sister Katie McMahon serving as the donor.

McMahon said it was hard to keep music

in his mind, while dealing with cancer.

"When you encounter something like (cancer), the last thing you're thinking about is business," he said. "I think my real drive was to live my life, and more than anything, I wanted to stay with my family and friends and not die at 22-years-old."

A common theme throughout songs like "Dark Blue" and "Swim" McMahon draws and is influenced by the idea of swimming. Not in the sense of the activity, but as an act of survival.

"I've always looked at idea of swimming as a survival tool, in some of the moments where I needed help to keep my head above."

That positive outlook expressed in McMahon's lyrics carried through both "Everything In Transit", and his sophomore release "The Glass Passenger", but his upcoming album, "People and Things" which slated for release on Oct. 4, takes his music in a different direction.

"In a lot of ways, ('People and Things') is the most humble, focused and simple record." He said. "The whole goal was to get a batch of great songs and not to over think the production."

While previous albums have underlying theme of hope, the album's lyrics are more direct, with according to McMahon, a "tell-it-like it is" concept.

"('People and Things') certainly is not a depressing record, but it's a little darker with its language unlike the other record."

Outside of his musical endeavors, McMahon launched the Dear Jack foundation in July 2006, a totally volunteer driven non-profit charity, with an aim to raise funds for cancer research, which has seen a dramatic growth over the years.

Recently, the Dear Jack Foundation has become a proper non-profit organization, instead of existing within a parent organization, which is bringing advantages in the creation of new activities.

"We are looking in our communities to align ourselves with other different organizations that are doing great things to help young adults who are suffering from cancer and fund good research that will impact the young-adult age bracket that has seen little no increase in their survival rates in the past 30 years."

During his show at the Filmore Detroit on August 30, and in interviews, McMahon repeatedly expressed his affection for performing in Detroit.

"One of my favorite gigs I've ever played was the 2002 Warped Tour in Detroit," he said. "I certainly always look forwards to playing in Detroit."

With an overwhelming resume consisting of both a growing discography that has tones that masses can relate to, and a bright future for the Dear Jack Foundation, his experiences make lyrics like "Just find the horizon. I promise you it's not as far as you think" in "The Glass Passenger" are even more believable.

New season for local orchestras

Community classical music organizations gear up for fall

By SARAH HUNTON
Staff Reporter

This fall season, is primed with new offerings from local orchestra groups around the area.

The **Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra** is beginning the season with an opening gala at the Pine Lake Country Club on Saturday Sept. 17. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The Orchestra will be playing popular pieces such as "Memory" from the musical Cats, "Girl from Ipanema" and "Moon River."

Tickets for the gala, including both dinner and concert, are \$60.

On Sept. 30, the **Rochester Symphony Orchestra** will begin its 51st season at Stoney Creek High School with a program entitled "Symphonic Romance."

The concert begins at 8 p.m.

Guest artist, and Ann Arbor native, Gabriel Bolkosky will be performing Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D Major alongside the orchestra. The ensemble will conclude with Hanson's Romantic Symphony No. 2, Opus 30.

Rita May, a member of the Board of Directors for the orchestra believes that those who attend the concert will be pleased with their experience.

"(The audience) will be thoroughly enchanted," May said. "Not just by the orchestra, but in hearing Gabriel. He is such a wonderful performer."

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$25 for all others.

The resident symphony orchestra of Oakland University, the Oakland Symphony, is kicking-off their season on Oct. 10 with Leoš

Janáček's Sinfonietta in Varner Hall.

A small wind ensemble, featuring violinist Scott Conklin will be performing Joey Puckett's Southern Comforts. The piece was written for and dedicated to Conklin in 2008.

Dr. Gregory Cunningham, Associate Professor of Music at OU, is the music director of the orchestra. He believes that the most interesting tale behind the compositions has to do with the Puckett piece.

"The opportunity to have a piece specially written for someone and have that person come and help us bring a voice to that is probably the most interesting story (behind the pieces)," Cunningham said.

The concert will conclude with Sergi Rachmanioff's Symphonic

Dances, op. 45.

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for all others.

Every year, the **Macomb Symphony Orchestra** opens their season with an ethnic concert. The ensemble will begin the season with "Delightfully Danish," a collection of pieces by Danish composers. The concert will take place Oct. 14, 8 p.m. at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

The group will be performing Knudåge Riisager's Tolv med Posten, Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 2 The Four Temperaments and Niels Gade's Remembrance of Ossian.

"The Danish composers are not really terribly well known," Thom Cook, music director of the MSO said. "They're kind of off the beaten track and that's kind

of exciting, being able to explore some music that we haven't done before."

Tickets are \$15 for students and seniors and \$18 for all others.

Finally, a "Fantastic Fantasies" program will initiate **Warren Symphony's** 2011-12 season

The orchestra will be performing Joaquin Turina's Danzas Fantasticas, Ralph Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis and Hector Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique.

Cunningham is also the music director of the Warren symphony; he believes the orchestra adds a rich artistic factor to the community in which it sits.

"The Warren Symphony is a cultural asset of that community," he explained. "It's great orchestral music performed by an ensemble from that region."

Theatre students bring a Greek classic to Oakland

By STEPHANIE PREWEDA
Staff Intern

Oakland University's Theatre Program and the Department of Art and Art History teamed up this summer from June 20 to July 14 to take students from Theatre 482 and Studio Art 396 classes to Greece for the Classical Theatre Study in Greece program.

Participants were able to perform the very popular and ancient Greek classic tragedy, "Medea," originally written by Euripides and produced in 431 B.C.

Students performed on the island of Hydra and Spetses in the outdoor amphitheatre. Every student had a role in the play.

The program is a capstone class originally created by in the 70s by Arthur Beer, a professor at University of Detroit Mercy.

OU and Mercy's partnership began in 2001. The way the program is designed, theatre professors Karen Sheridan, Kerro Knox and Gregory Patterson have been taking students to Greece every other year since then.

Students stated it was a treat to have the chance to perform in a place, where theatre is deeply rooted in the culture.

The audience was packed with native

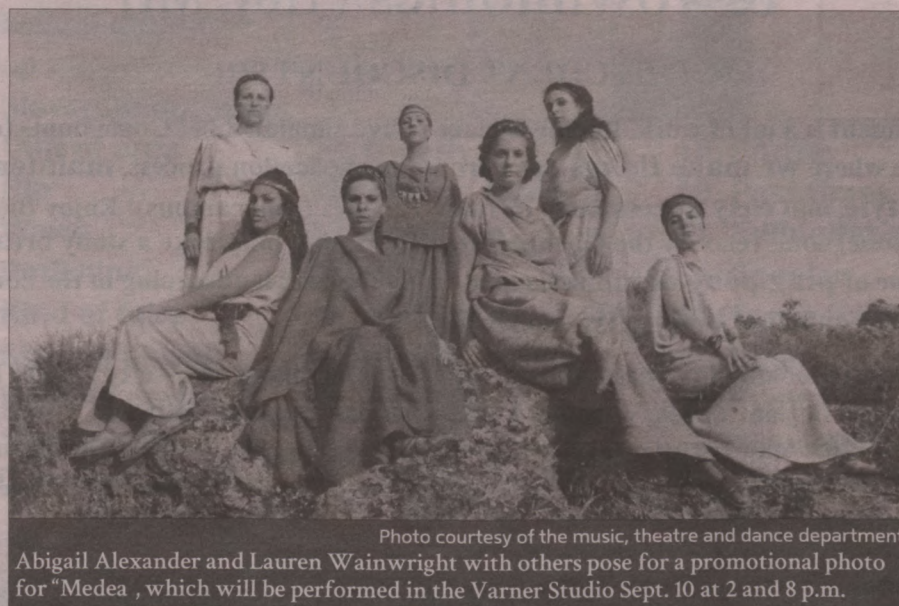


Photo courtesy of the music, theatre and dance department
Abigail Alexander and Lauren Wainwright with others pose for a promotional photo for "Medea," which will be performed in the Varner Studio Sept. 10 at 2 and 8 p.m.

Greeks from the island as well as tourists from around the world.

"It was just so amazing because we got to do the play in the place where it was written. It helped build up some of the dynamics of the show," Abigail Alexander, senior theatre major said.

Professors Andrea Eis and Knox performed on stage alongside students, while Sheridan directed.

This is the first year since 2001 that the colleges did not partner up through the program—it was also the first year Beer did not attend.

Since all performers were from OU, it was decided to bring the play to campus. "Medea" will be shown in the Varner Studio Theatre Sat., Sept. 10 starting at 2 and 8 p.m.

"I'm really excited for my fellow students to see what we did. Pretty much everything will be the same as it was in Greece," said Lauren Wainwright, senior Musical Theatre major.

Though the play was originally supposed to stay in Greece, students are excited to bring it back to the states.

"We had two performances in Greece and a lot of us wanted to do it again," Alexander said. "We had a lot of people, friends and family who were interested in what we were doing over there, and they all said they'd love to see it."

The performance is one hour running with no intermission, admittance is free.

All donations collected at the door will be accepted and put towards the student theatre organization "Actors and Techies," which is raising money to bring students to the American College Theatre Festival in Illinois this January.

Sheridan encourages involvement. "People need to take advantage of theatre because it's a live experience."

records & reels

fall preview

**COLDPLAY // "Mylo Xyloto"**

Some have been exposed to new Coldplay material this Summer with the release of the Every Teardrop is a Waterfall EP, along with live versions jammed out at their shows over the Summer. The feel-good vibe translates into danceable tunes and is a new twist for the group, as featured on songs such as "Hurts Like Heaven" and separate it from prior albums.

**BLINK-182 // "Neighborhoods"**

The sixth studio album from the veteran punk band is more a milestone, as it is the groups' first studio outfit since reuniting. Evident by lead single "Up All Night," side projects from Mark Hoppus and Tom DeLonge worm their way into the new material, along with drummer Travis Barker's hip-hop background seeping into his skin skills. The album has been self-described as 'ambitious' by blink-182, which is a reasonable and intriguing step forward for the group who are far from teenagers anymore.

**CONTAGION // Rated PG-13 / 105 min.**

This thriller tracks an epidemic of an unknown virus that becomes lethal within days as the medical world rapidly attempts to discover a cure. Imagery shows giant cities nearly emptied and dismal, with an all-star cast comprised of Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Laurence Fishburne and more to keep this fast-paced film pulsing as quickly as its visceral antagonist.

**50/50 // Rated R / 100 min.**

A tale of a healthy young man who has a coin toss' chance of living after being sporadically diagnosed with cancer. Lead Joseph Gordon-Levitt goes from heartthrob to chemo patient, a touching tale spruced up with the foul-mouthed humor and peculiar outlook provided by Seth Rogen. The story truly focuses on the individual relationships of the young victim and his coping with the situation, a familiar situation for far too many people in the world.

—Compiled by staff reporter Brian Figurski



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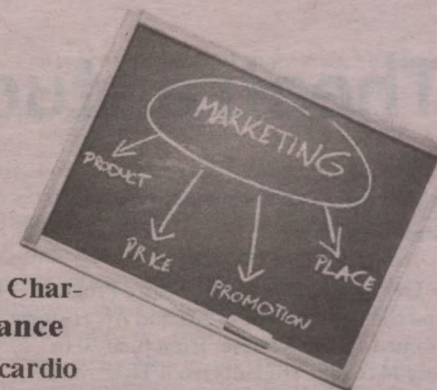
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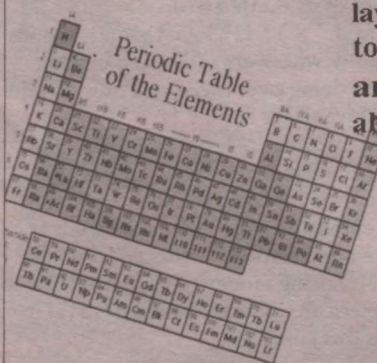
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The Weekly Crossword

Across

1. Ballroom dance
6. Fuss
9. Leading actor
13. Ablaze
14. Whelp
15. Physical energy
16. Large bird
17. Witness
18. Decorate
19. Act as president
21. Connected
23. Pig pen
24. Sodium Chloride
25. Seafarer
28. Indirect suggestion
30. Felt hat
35. Musical work
37. Close
39. Push back
40. Part of the neck
41. Complete range
43. Strain
44. Avarice
46. Roofing material
47. Leg joint
48. Three-dimensional sound effect
50. Tide
52. Make a mistake
53. Supplication
55. Drunkard
57. Poisonous organic compound

61. Withdrew

65. System of reasoning

66. Fish eggs

68. Nimble

69. Representative

70. Anger

71. Taut or rigid

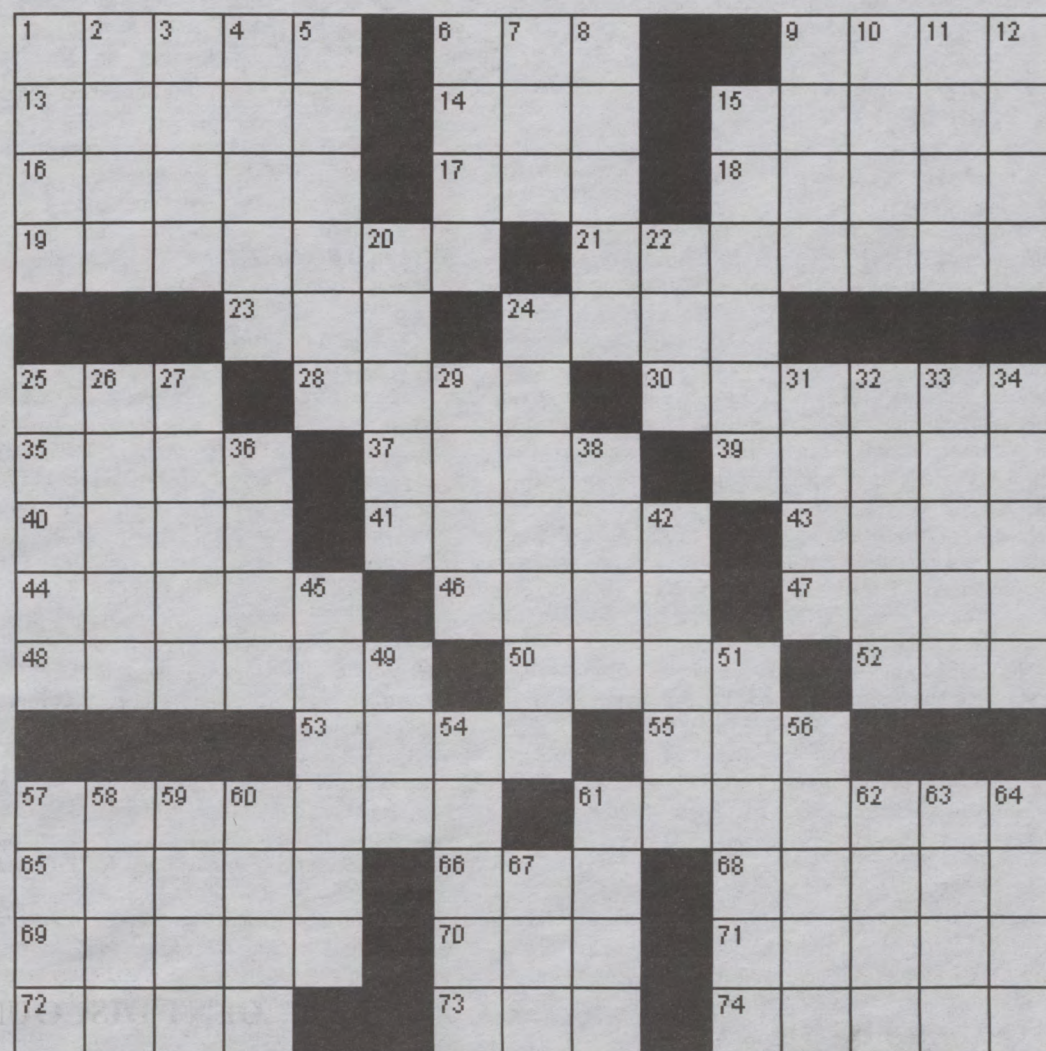
72. Walk through water

73. Snakelike fish

74. Command

Down

1. Bend out of shape
2. A great distance
3. Exist
4. Braid
5. Celestial point opposite the nadir
6. Part of a church
7. Owed and immediately payable
8. Musical drama
9. Pop
10. Slow running pace
11. Unit of area
12. Rip
15. Waver
20. Perishing
22. Kind of fairy
24. Staying power
25. Holding device
26. Separated
27. Currency of India



29. Orderly
31. Writing table
32. Speak up
33. Cite
34. Change
36. Oracle
38. Reign
42. Annoy persistently

45. Portray
49. Past times
51. Edible tuber
54. Spooky
56. Large feline
57. Talon
58. System of exercises for body and mind

59. Matured
60. The cube of three
61. Highland dance
62. Peel
63. Additional or different to this
64. Cervid animal
67. Metal-bearing mineral

The first Oakland student to bring in a completed copy of this crossword by Sept. 9 with correct answers will win a prize! Spelling errors will not be accepted.

Answers to the crossword will be available at www.oaklandpostonline.com on Friday.

Dancin' in the Hurricane rains

By **BRIAN FIGURSKI**
Staff Reporter

Come on, Irene. I swear what I mean. In this moment, you mean everything.

I can't help but hum this happy tune each time I've turned on the TV to hear about the latest natural disaster, named aptly after one of my favorite 80's tunes.

Wait, wasn't it 'Eileen'? That earthquake a few weeks back must've rattled my brain. Damn you, Dexys Midnight Runners.

Why is it I can't turn on the TV without hearing about this national 'tragedy'? My nightly sessions of ice cream and Chopped reruns are being interrupted with breaking news of gale force winds knocking over some patio furniture.

There was a lightning storm that passed through Rochester two weeks ago that hit a transformer and rendered me powerless. I had to go a whole 15 hours without power. Where the Hell is my CNN feature? At least give it a lower third crawl mention.

Hurricane Irene set some records, I guess. Irene is the first major hurricane of 2011, and the first hurricane to touch New Jersey since a drunk Snooki, er, 1903.

Soon after that landfall, Irene shouted, 'fooled you!' at the shivering Eastern coastline and downgraded into a terrifying tropical storm, flinging fruity flavored Starbursts everywhere.

It did tear the roof off a convenience store, so that's not entirely false.

Irene did do some damage, like greatly flooding the streets of Vermont, ruining the day for tens of syrup cooks, and, uh, that looks like that's about it.

The hurricane averted majority of the populous U.S. cities on the east coast. Washington D.C. was spared. Boston wasn't hit hard. New York City's curmudgeons

looking forward to buckets of rain ended up cursing at the skies, "Ey! What the 'ell!"

So why did CNN have to run a constant news feed on preparation for the oncoming assault rather than focus on some pressing matters, perhaps problems in Libya, or gossip from Kim Kardashian's wedding?

This is the point where I throw my hands up in the air, saying 'hey-oh,' because I really don't have the slightest clue.

The real journalists must have fled westward from the flying Starbursts.

There have been a handful of people who died due to the storm, via falling trees or rising flood waters, but nothing in excess to the everyday amount. I'm not undermining anyone's death, but statistically there are tens of thousands of deaths each day from causes natural, automobile disasters, or any wacky rectal experiments described on 1,000 Ways to Die.

It feels like a good week was put forth warning everyone in America about Hurricane Irene's path and promise of demise, and once the April showers drizzled onto the ground, another week was spent declaring the situation was over-exaggerated and way past its allotted amount of coverage.

I feel like I've written about this well-oiled hype machine before. Hmm, well at least no three-year-olds died.

Maybe it's one of those 'you had to be there' experiences to feel the fear of the situation. I'm living high, dry and mighty in Oakland County, Michigan, far from any glimpse of offbeat weather experience.

The news was trying to get the United States to nervously nibble on their fingernails in empathy for the potential victims in this normal, nearly yearly tropical event. They did their job, and now I have bleeding cuticles and I frighten children at work.

So thanks again, CNN, for all the pointless points of



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For reporter Brian Figurski, hurricane season is just another trip to the beach with a handful of Starbursts.

view you provide, only to claim err in the ways mere days later, pointing the finger at anyone else but yourselves for the deception on viewers. You are becoming well known for your glorification of standard occurrences.

I'm sure we'll run in to this problem again. Next time all I'll have to say is facepalm, and eat my stress away in delicious tropical Starbursts.

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