

## CIDER CRAZE

## Racing to the finish line

By **BRIAN FIGURSKI**  
Staff Reporter

Thousands of runners, including some from Oakland University, continually paced near Meadow Brook Hall on a chilly Sunday morning in eager anticipation to start the fourth annual Brooksie Way Half Marathon and 5K Run.

Nearly 4,200 runners readied themselves with constant ballistic stretches to warm up for the 40 degree sunless eight o'clock start time, while families and friends watched from the sidelines.

"Brooksie was very nice," alumni Matt Shipes said. "The weather was a bit cooler and it was a beautiful day."

The Brooksie Way course showcased the intense elevation changes throughout Rochester and Auburn Hills, ensuring the racers put forth a tenuous amount of training for the event.

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## Hirees face hurdles

By **MEGAN SEMERAZ**  
Assistant Campus Editor

Michigan's hard-hit economy has created a new job task for Oakland University President Gary Russi – personally approving and denying the school's new hires. The state budget cuts have forced the university to make changes and slow the hiring process to cut costs.

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KAY NGUYEN/The Oakland Post

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Embracing democracy

The announcement regarding Oakland University's hosting of a Republican presidential primary debate came suddenly during the summer doldrums of August.

Talk of the announcement quickly appeared on social media sites like Twitter and Facebook, but seemingly died down after a few hours.

There's no doubt that the debate will be a large event, since a national spotlight will shine on OU. But does it automatically associate the school with the Republican Party forever? It shouldn't.

Organizing efforts have now stepped into high gear, with the date of the event being just over one month away.

Because of this, talk of the debate is once again sweeping across campus as professors from a myriad of departments are working together to get students involved with the debate.

Last week, The Oakland Post's center feature was dedicated to information about student opportunities available.

However, there have been concerns raised by some campus community members about Oakland's perceived affiliation with the Republican party and this election's crop of candidates.

"I think that there's a lot of concern that the Republican primary debate signals OU's endorsement," said Jen Heisler, chair of the department of communication and journalism. "That's certainly not what it's about for us or our community."

Heisler said there are "folks who are uncomfortable with that" and confirmed there have been some objections raised regarding OU's involvement in an event hosted by a political party.

"It's an event that contributes to what is, in my opinion, the central piece of our democracy," said David Dulio, chair of the political science department. "No one is endorsing anybody — it's just a venue for an important event."

And we agree with Heisler and Dulio. A university is the environment that should allow community conversation on a variety of topics.

So far this year, a Republican primary debate was held at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire. Another is taking place at Dartmouth College next week — both of which are private schools.

OU is not alone, though. Iowa State University — a public university — was the venue for a recent debate put on by Fox

News, The Washington Examiner and the Republican Party of Iowa.

At the risk of sounding like a university administrator, we want to encourage students to embrace this opportunity.

According to Erin Sudrovech, associate director of alumni engagement, 180 students have applied to serve as volunteers during the debate put on by the Michigan Republican Party and CNBC.

It's a huge opportunity to learn. And isn't that what we're all here to do?

Students are fortunate enough to have a shot in taking part of this democratic process — a presidential election — and could have the chance to rub elbows with prominent newsmakers.

There are even some paid positions available. It's not too late to get involved.

Students can still apply for a limited time to be a volunteer at [www.grizzlink.oualumni.com/debatevolunteer](http://www.grizzlink.oualumni.com/debatevolunteer) or can look out for information regarding future chances at contributing to what Dulio said will be a historic campus event.

It doesn't stop at volunteering, though.

Engage in democracy and see this as a chance to contribute, whether it be through discussion or dissent.

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## CORRECTIONS CORNER

— In last week's center feature, it was incorrectly reported that Michelle Piskulich, associate provost and associate professor of political science was leading planning efforts for the Republican presidential debate. She is coordinating academic programming related to the debate. Executive Assistant to the President Karen Kukuk is in charge of the event.

— The name of the department of music, theatre and dance's first production is "Little Mary Sunshine."

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### Full-time friend needed

Think of your best friend. This is not just a friend, but the friend.

This is the friend you can come to so you can unleash the depths of your hard times onto them. A friend who carries that burden with them because that is their job.

They work while asking nothing in return. These are the friends that save lives, that spread hope and brighten your day.

Now imagine that this friend is only part-time. You may tell this friend anything, between the hours of 10 and 2.

For many, the coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality Center is a friend.

It is the coordinator's job to provide friendship, mentorship and responsibility to students of the LGBTQ community — students who need this relationship the most. Just as you want to be the friend for others as much as you can, the coordinator wishes to be there for students as much as she can.

The coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality Center should be a full-time position at Oakland University. Why should you care?

It's easy for you not to: You have your friends, your family, your confidence. But put yourself in someone else's shoes. Imagine that it's all gone. You have one half-shift opportunity for someone to care about you.

Don't you think the least we could do was make that opportunity full-time?

— Kyle Minton  
Senior, English

### Begin an investigation

Oakland University Trustee Chairman Henry Baskin, who is charged with criminal adultery (Trustee Henry Baskin faces adultery accusation, Sept. 21) will be subject to the same "preponderance of the evidence" standard by the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission as would an Oakland University student charged with a sexual offense.

As a recipient of federal financial assistance, Oakland University is subject to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and is therefore required to adopt the "preponderance of the evidence" standard as opposed to the higher "clear and convincing" standard.

In its "Dear Colleague" letter of April, 2011, the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, also instructs that "... schools should not wait for the conclusion of a criminal or criminal proceeding to begin their own Title IX investigation..."

I do not know Mr. Baskin personally and only wish him fairness in resolution of this matter.

However, as a junior at Oakland University, if I were to be charged with a sexual offense, the university must begin an investigation regardless of any criminal resolution.

Why should the standard for a trustee be any different? In the interest of fairness and consistency, Oakland University must begin an independent investigation of the criminal adultery charges against Board of Trustees Chairman Henry Baskin immediately.

— Joseph Corlett  
Junior, Writing and Rhetoric

### Kudos for article

I just wanted to share my appreciation towards Sarah Wojciks's for the article (A 'home away from home' for international students, Sept. 28) she did for the OU Post about our office, students and sharing more about the diversity which I think is very important.

I see many students on daily basis and mentor many of them but I was really impressed with her, her style, professionalism and the details she put into her story. She actually came to our event after she meet with me, talked to the students and really put together a very nice story.

Thank you for featuring us.

— Petra Knoche  
Assistant Director  
International Students and Scholars Office

### Response to editorial

I think you should include when the career fairs take place. You don't have to name the businesses.

Just include the date, time and place. You can also tell people what to bring, what majors it's for and maybe how to dress.

I like how the last issue of The Oakland Post didn't have one giant picture. I still think some of the pictures are too large. The Oakland Post can include more articles.

— Corinna Muntean  
Junior, Journalism and Communication minor

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## New Hire ERIC BARRITT



- Three days after Ronald Watson's memo about a hiring freeze was sent to university administrators, Eric Barritt was hired as OU's vice president for community engagement.
- Barritt's position was formally held by Susan Davies Goepp, who left the university to pursue other interests in early July, according to Ted Montgomery.
- According to Barritt, he mainly does three things in his day-to-day job: "Essentially (my job is) a threefold. One is the philanthropy for the entire university, so this office is responsible and I'm responsible for overseeing fundraising or philanthropy for Oakland University – whether it be student scholarships, research money for faculty, student programs, buildings or expansions of facilities here. We also oversee the OU alumni association ... I guess the third leg of my role is community engagement, getting OU positioned in the greater Southeast Michigan community – Oakland and Macomb county, especially as apart of a vibrant community – that the university is a resource to the community."
- The position that Barritt holds is so necessary to OU's success and ultimately survival, that it had to be filled, according to Montgomery. He said the position is very important now since state funding has been further cut.

— Written by Megan Semeraz,  
Assistant Campus Editor

# Hiring freeze not so rigid

## PAY FREEZE

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On June 24, an administrative memo with the subject "hiring freeze" was sent out via email to the top university officials stating changes in the hiring process. The memo was sent by Ronald Watson, assistant vice president of university human resources.

"Positions that fall within the hiring freeze that were posted or will be posted after the June 8, 2011 BOT (Board of Trustees) meeting will require Dr. Russi's review and approval," Watson said in the memo.

According to Ted Montgomery, media relations director, this isn't a full hiring freeze, but "a higher level of scrutiny" to ensure new hires make sense.

"Effective this past summer, (current positions) and new positions both need presidential approval," Montgomery said.

Watson said the process used to be that vice presidents were required to sign off on any openings.

When the funding situation at OU became a bigger issue, President Russi wanted to become part of the hiring process.

All vice presidents requesting an exception to the freeze are required to notify Dr. Russi about department vacancies.

This freeze does not affect faculty, or professor hires, according to Watson. That means many students might not even realize there is a freeze, since they're still meeting new faces.

The goal is to leave academics out of any

financial difficulties the school may be facing.

Karen Miller, chair of the history department and head of the association of university professors confirmed that they haven't been notified of a permanent hiring freeze.

This freeze would affect base funded positions – both general fund and auxiliary fund, and not grant funded or temporary or casual positions which are funded from controllable budgets, according to the memo.

Watson said that calling it a hiring freeze makes people more likely to look closer at the rationale behind the position they want filled.

When they look closer at the situation, they may find there are alternatives to hiring someone new.

"From the prospective of the individuals that have job openings ... it's (the hiring freeze) is requiring them to make sure before a position is just automatically filled that there's some scrutiny that's placed into it," Watson said. "It's just giving people an opportunity to make sure that when a position leaves, that they're (departments are) not just automatically filling the position ... they take a step back because there could be a possibility maybe putting the position somewhere else that maybe makes more sense."

A pay freeze was also enacted in the summer 2009, but has since been lifted.

"The majority of employees haven't gotten (pay) increases in two years. The non-bargaining employees got increases in July

and we're bargaining contracts right now," Watson said.

The pay freeze had no impact on individuals who were promoted within the university, but it did affect annual performance raises, Watson said.

**"Positions that fall within the hiring freeze that were posted or will be posted after the June 8, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting will require Dr. Russi's review and approval."**

— Ronald Watson, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources

As for President Russi, Montgomery said that he believes the president has been carefully selecting the new hires.

Those who want to hire someone have to make their case to prove there is real value to having the position at OU.

The president also asks questions when new hires are presented to him, and there have been instances where he has said "no" to filling a vacant position or creating a new position.

"I think there has been a few occasions, I don't know exact specifics, but John Beaghan has told me that he has denied a couple hires, but again – that's not faculty," Montgomery said.

Though there is a higher level of scrutiny for new hires, the jobs at OU that are vital to the school's success are likely to be filled, even during a freeze.

# Enrollment level reaches a record high

By ANDREW CRAIG  
Campus Editor

According to Eric Reikowski, media relations assistant for Oakland University, enrollment has hit a record high at 19,379.

OU President Gary Russi said the increased enrollment reaffirms the academic excellence of university programs.

Compared to October 2010,

the university now is home to an additional 326 students.

The new figure takes into account the many branches of academic programs, such as students attending the William Beaumont School of Medicine and the recently created Anton/Frankel Center in downtown Mt. Clemens.

Over the last five years, Oakland has seen enrollment get a

boost from 17,737 total students in the fall 2006 semester, for an increase of 1,642.

The large undergraduate class at OU has grown steadily in recent years, while total enrollment has been on the rise for each of the last 14 years.

According to the university's official student profile for fall 2011, 60.4% of current students are female, while 39.6% are

male. Essentially, females on campus outnumber their male counterparts by a nearly perfect 3:2 ratio.

For more information on enrollment history or statistics regarding the students that make up the OU community, students can contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at 512 Wilson Hall or visit the website at [oakland.edu/oira](http://oakland.edu/oira)



# Hotel becomes housing site

By **NICHOLE SEGUIN**  
Managing Content Editor

When Tony Munoz transferred to Oakland University, the last thing he expected to do was spend the semester living in an off-campus hotel.

However, due to the increase in male housing applicants for the 2011 school year, he, along with 100 other male OU students displaced at the beginning of the semester, were sent to live in the Extended Stay Homestead Suites on University Drive for what was supposed to be three weeks. Munoz will now take up residence in the hotel for the rest of the fall semester along with over 20 others.

Originally from Flint, Munoz moved to OU without knowing anyone on campus. He planned on using his experience on campus and in the dorms as a resource to make friends. That opportunity was limited, however, when he realized there wasn't any room for him in the dorms.

"The biggest thing I dislike is that I have to go all the way across campus for food," Munoz, a sophomore nursing major, said.

He also complained about the hotel atmosphere, saying that the halls are rarely ever active with students.

## Getting 'buggy'

Though he enjoyed living in the hotel at first, his frustrations increased when he woke up one morning with red bumps on his arms.

"All of the signs I had pointed to bed bugs," he said. "I had these bites on my arms and there were bugs on the box springs with my blood inside. The hotel moved me into another room and I haven't had any problems there."

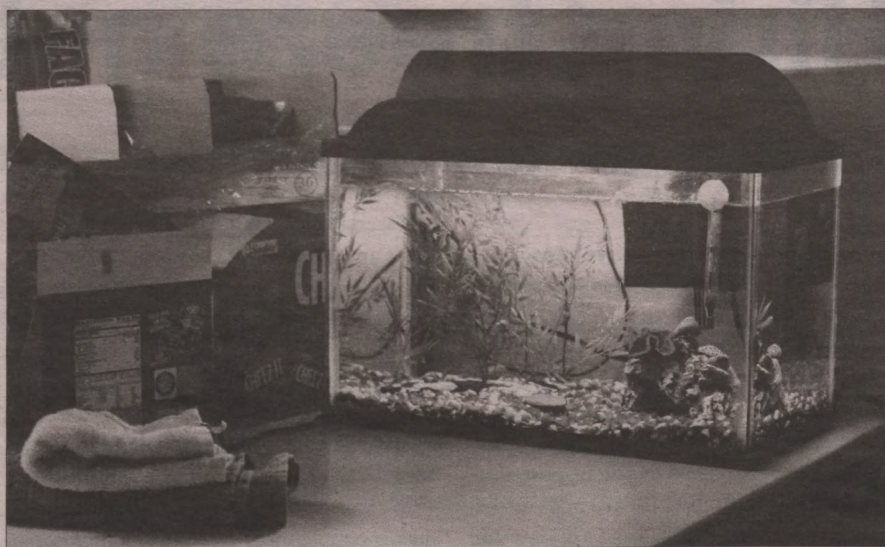
Munoz said the hotel confirmed the bites were in fact, from bed bugs, but they later declined to confirm these claims when interviewed by The Oakland Post. He has since been treated with medications.

"I was sick and after (the bites) happened, it made things 100 times worse," he said.

Because of Munoz's experiences, he is unsure whether or not he will apply to live on campus again next year.

This isn't Oakland's first experience with the bugs though. Over the summer, Frank Moss, OU maintenance manager, reported one incident of bed bugs in the University Student Apartments.

According to Moss, in his 34 years of working for the university, he can only re-



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Homestead residence assistant Owen O'Connor recently started his job at the Homestead facility. He made his room home-like by bringing his pet fish with him.

call four instances of the bugs on campus. Moss said they have always been handled according to policy.

"All of our custodians have been trained on how to identify signs of bedbugs when they're in rooms cleaning them over the summer, or when they're vacant," he said. "With everything that's been in the media, we've gotten lots of calls, but, except on rare occasions, they never turn out to be bedbugs ... if we get a call, we go check it out and if there's a possibility, we'll call an exterminator."

## Giving students a home

University Housing recently appointed a permanent residence assistant to live with the students in the hotel.

Owen O'Connor, a junior majoring in elementary education, has been working in the residence halls for years, though he was just appointed to his position as Homestead Resident last Monday.

Though he says there currently aren't any dorm room activities in the halls just yet, he's hoping to bring the on-campus environment to the off-campus location.

Living on the first floor of the hotel, O'Connor said it's difficult to interact with the students because they're scattered throughout the building instead of on the same floor.

"It's difficult to manage because they've all been everywhere, but they're all being really good so far," he said. "Housing has done a good job though."

She said a majority of students have been



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A handful of students are still living at the hotel and are anticipated to stay there for the duration of the fall semester.

moved into on-campus housing.

According to Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs, a new facility plan has been drafted and will soon be presented to the Board of Trustees that hopes to accommodate 450 students. It is projected to be a horseshoe-shaped building adjacent to Vandenberg Hall.

"(The new building) will be good to take pressure off the halls and to allow students to have single rooms. It will also give some (students) special living and learning environments," she said.

## Campus Briefs

### 100 Years of China's 1911 Revolution Presentation

On Oct. 10 from 12 - 1:30 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, there will be a presentation on the 100 years of China's 1911 revolution.

Speakers include Dr. Linda Benson, Dr. Melanie Chang and Dr. Shanyi Chen. The event is free and open to all OU students and faculty. Refreshments will be provided.

### National Depression Screening Day

The OU Counseling Center will be providing free screenings for depression in the Oakland Center across from food court from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Oct. 12. There will be a chance to review your answers to the screening with a professional.

### Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women

A discussion about Harriet Reisen's biography "Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women" will be led by project scholar and OU Associate Professor of English, Jeffrey Insko.

The discussion will take place in the Rochester Hills Public Library Multipurpose Room from 7 - 9 p.m. on October 12. Space is limited and registration is required to attend.

### Alcohol Awareness: Get The Facts!

An interactive workshop on alcohol myths, misconceptions and facts will take place from 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. in Hamlin Hall, room 401 on Oct. 25. Activities include a virtual bar, beer goggles, blood alcohol calculators and giveaways.

### History Comes Alive Lecture Series

On Oct. 19, the first presentation in the History Comes Alive series will discuss the industrial revolution. The discussion will be led by OU history professor Sean Farrell Moran.

The event takes place in the Gold Rooms in the OC from 7 - 9 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are requested.

— Compiled by Megan Semeraz,  
Assistant Campus Editor



# Students aim for workforce jump

By **HALEY JONNA**  
Staff Reporter

Oakland University offers many resources to help its students make the transition into the professional world.

On Oct. 1, students gathered in the Oakland Center for the Student to Professional Conference presented by the Student to Professional organization.

The conference focused on networking, salary negotiation and personal branding, as well as related skills through interactive workshops hosted by OU guest speakers.

Such breakout sessions focused on important topics like resume construction, conflict management and what to expect in the world outside of school.

This marks the second conference for senior communication majors Samantha Boyke.

"I had a great time last year, so I decided to come again. I hope to learn more for the future," she said.

Megan Siwa, president of the Student to

Professional organization and a junior at OU, played a major role in organizing the event.

"A lot of hard work went into making this a great experience," Siwa said. "We put this conference together hoping that we could help the students in the transition from student to professional."

One of the major perks of the conference was a chance to network and develop self-promotion skills. Many students were able to hand out resumes to professional representatives and some will be considered for job opportunities.

Students at Oakland University recognize that upon graduation, they will enter a tough job market where they will need an edge to stand out from everyone else.

Gina Chiadini, a senior elementary education major, fears the transition.

"I am nervous. It scares me that I won't find a job," Chiadini said. "But Oakland University has definitely prepared me with field placements and firsthand experience."

Additionally, OU has taken specific in-

terest in helping students prepare for the working world by providing opportunities inside and out of the classroom.

"I have had five to six internships as a result of Oakland University Career Link, last year's conference and the influence of professors who assure that you have what it takes to make it in the job market," Siwa said.

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— **Megan Siwa**  
President, Student to Professional

The event was filled with alumni from OU, most of whom donated their time as guest speakers.

Tiffany Yarnell graduated from OU in May 2011 as a management information systems major. Yarnell recently accepted a job

in her field and said that Oakland University helped to make that transition an easy one.

Stefen Welch, another OU alumnus, contributed his experiences to the conference.

"The relationships you gain at Oakland University are amazing. (OU) wants to see you succeed," Welch said.

All alumni speakers and event coordinators held one idea in common – networking is an invaluable resource of which students should take advantage.

"Stay involved on campus and in organizations in the outside community. You never know who you will meet," Siwa said.

The event left a positive impact on many students.

Each year the Student to Professional organization aims to draw a larger audience, and to improve the event by making it more interactive.

In doing so, the organization hopes to leave students feeling more comfortable and confident, now that they are more prepared for their futures.

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# A lesson in fashion etiquette

By **ASHLEY ALLISON**  
Staff Intern

The 2nd Annual Business Fashion Show: Do's and Don'ts of Business Casual Wear and the Pitfalls of Social Media, will be held on Oct. 5.

The AMA, the Financial Management Association and the Society for Applied Investing and Financial Education are have partnered to host the event.

The fashion show will focus on appropriate business and casual dress, versus last year's focus that, for the most part, concerned interview wear.

A panel of judges, which includes students and professors, will be present to discuss both befitting and ill-advised workplace attire.

All models for the event will

be a mixture of student volunteers, whose hair and make up will be styled by ESBI International Salon. Social media will also be among discussion.

AMA Vice President Erica Elliot said that social media can be a great tool. "But it can haunt you, cost you your job, or prevent you from getting one too," she said.

Career Services will also be providing a presentation on social media and its positive and negative effects.

"The purpose of the event is to help with professional development and teach students what to expect in the professional world after college," Elliot said. "I really hope it opens peoples minds to how the professional world works."

Sean Varicalli and Christina



Photo courtesy American Marketing Association

This year's AMA fashion show looks to build off of the success of last year's inaugural event by focusing less on interview tactics and more on appropriate dress.

Venditti from WXOU radio will be hosting the event, and the Vitality Dance Club will be performing. DJ Crashers will also be providing entertainment throughout the event.

"Expect witty jokes, a beautiful host and knowledge on how to dress appropriately," Venditti said. "Some professors are even offering extra credit to attend."

The event is open to everyone,

free of charge and food will be provided.

This year, the AMA fashion show will be located in Banquet Room A, upstairs at the Oakland Center, from 7-9 p.m.

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# OU hosts youth music workshops

By **KEVIN GRAHAM**  
Staff Reporter

The inaugural Oakland University Strings Day will take place Sat., Oct. 22 in Varner Hall, hosted by the Music, Theater and Dance Department.

The event, with a registration fee of \$35, is intended to give high school students interested in majoring in or taking music courses a chance to meet with OU's string playing faculty.

"I think the days that we have where we invite the students out are very important, because otherwise we're just a name to them and maybe a reputation," said violin and viola instructor Elizabeth Rowin. "They don't know anything about the actual people that they would be studying with. Maybe they really found this faculty person very funny, very insightful, and thought they played really well."

The activities began at 9:30 a.m. with a listening and formal analysis of the piece "Geminiani Concerto Grosso op. 3 No. 2 in g minor" led by Jenine Brown, instructor

of theory and music analysis. This session is intended to familiarize participants with a song a string orchestra might typically play.

Following this session, Alan MacNair, director of the Oakland Chamber Orchestra, will lead attendees in a rehearsal of the Geminiani music in preparation for a recital for their parents at the end of the day. Topics discussed will include bow technique and how to play in an ensemble.

This will be followed by a short faculty recital in Varner Hall, giving instructors the opportunity to show off their skills to potential students.

After the recital, visitors will have the opportunity to attend a master class with instructors for their instrument. They will also be able to perform a solo and receive an individual coaching session.

"(My) clinic will cover how to improvise music, basically centered around string techniques," said Miles Brown, associate professor of jazz and classical string bass. "Sometimes that can be a little different

than saxophone or trumpet, the standard improvisation instruments."

A question and answer session for parents will be hosted by associate professor of music education Joseph Shively discussing Oakland's program. Festivities will conclude with a recital from the high school students, a culmination of the day-long program. Brown believes these events help recruitment.

"I know a couple students that didn't necessarily know Oakland had a music program," he said. "Now they do."

Strings day is part of a series of events including percussion, woodwind, brass, voice and piano. The remainder of those events will take place in January 2012.

## Upcoming Workshops:

Jan. 7 — Woodwinds Day  
Jan. 14 — Voice Day  
Jan. 28 — Percussion Day  
Feb. 4 — Piano Day

## Police Files

### Firearm scare outside of West Vandenberg Hall

On Sept. 25, officers responded to a call regarding someone pointing an airsoft gun to passers-by on the seventh floor of West Vandenberg Hall. Since it was during the day, people below said they couldn't tell whether it was a real firearm or a "toy" gun. After searching students on the floor, the owner of the item in question was found and it was a toy "nerf" gun. The male student was unaware of the severity of his actions and wasn't charged.

### Laptop stolen at Kresge

On Sept. 28, officers were called to the third floor of the library for a report of larceny. A library employee stated a male student had borrowed a laptop from the circulation desk and was late in returning it. The male student told OUPD that he had returned it to the library and left it on the desk. The student was advised to check his car and home for the laptop and but it was not there. The male student claims that he did return it but OUPD placed laptop as a stolen item on Oct. 1.

### Underage student intoxicated

On Oct. 1, OUPD responded to a call from Van Wagoner housing staff about possible underage drinking. Housing staff saw a female student entering the building under the assistance of a male. The female student was stumbling, had troubling walking on her own and "smelled like alcohol." When officers arrived, the female student didn't come to the door. Concerned for the female student's welfare due to the lack of response, the officers entered the room to find the female student face down on her bed with a bucket of vomit near her head, along with a noticeable smell of alcohol. Auburn Hills Fire Department responded to the situation, but she declined medical transport. She was issued a citation for a minor in possession of alcohol.

— Compiled by Kevin Romanchik,  
Scene Editor

# Revised "I" grade policy more lenient on students

By **JUSTIN COLMAN**  
Copy Editor

Beginning in the fall semester of next year, Oakland University will be implementing changes to its incomplete grade policy.

The "I" grade, or an incomplete grade, is utilized in case of an emergency or accident that forces a student out of the class for an extended period of time. The I grade allows students to make up the rest of the course.

Though only temporary, the grade doesn't appear on the student's record. If they don't complete the course within the deadline, the I grade becomes a 0.0 grade.

The policy is being revised because the grading system had not been recently reviewed and because of significant changes in the academic environment, a revision was warranted.

The revisions being made to the policy focus on the deadlines that students have to complete the course.

According to the current policy, the student has eight weeks of the following semester in which the student registers for to finish the work. The student can initiate an extension, which has to be approved by the administrator.

Steven Shablin, the Oakland University registrar, said the revised policy will be more flexible for students and instructors.

"Now you can have up to a year, but the instructor may set a deadline," Shablin said.

Shablin said the policy also didn't clarify summer courses.

As for what constitutes for an incomplete grade being granted, the revised policy states, "It is used in the case of severe hardship beyond the control of a student that prevents comple-

tion of course requirements."

Examples would be if a student were injured or if there is a death in the family.

While there is still no clear definition as to what grants a student an I grade, it is up to the instructor whether to grant it.

Shablin said that "I" grades are granted if the incident is something that forces the student to be away from the class.

The "I" grade policy will also work for students that are unable to attend a class where an exam is involved.

"It (the application of the policy) could be something as simple as you being in an accident on the way to an exam," Tricia Westergaard, associate registrar, said.

"You can request an incomplete grade for that, and the instructor can say that you can make the exam up the following week."

Westgaard said that if a student requesting an "I" grade is attending the university on a scholarship or is receiving help from financial aid, they should seek the granter or financial aid office about the implications. Failing to do so can result in a negative consequence.

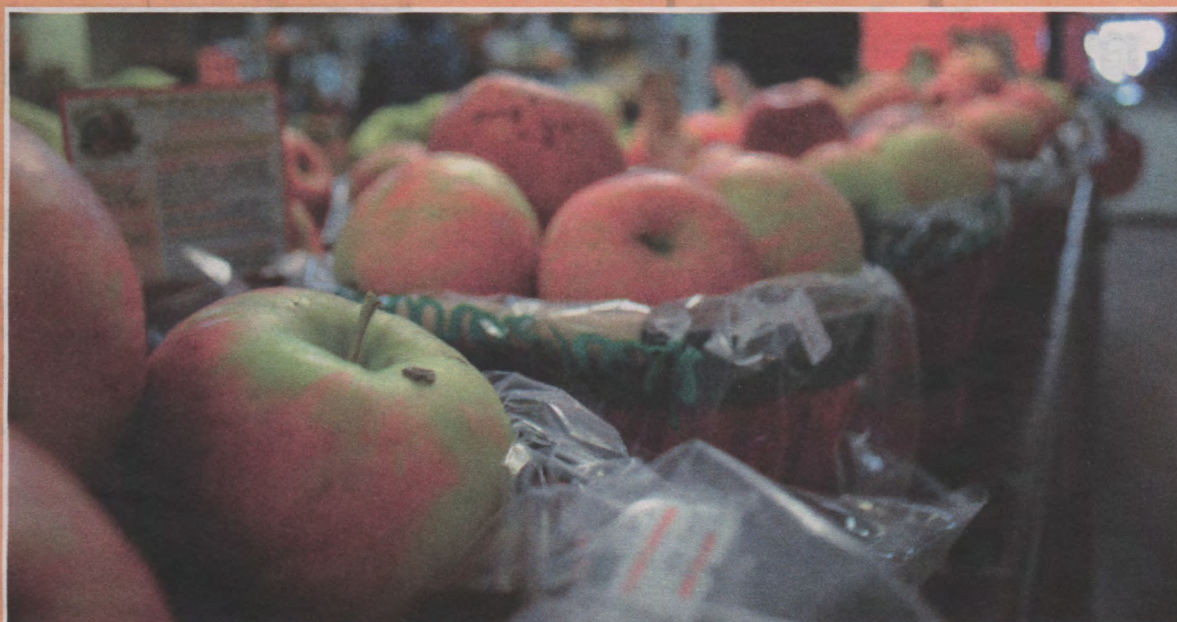
Students that request an incomplete grade are suggested to be attending the courses prior to requesting the "I" grade.

Failure to consistently attend courses will decrease the likelihood of being granted an I grade.

Students caught lying about their reasons for being granted an I grade are in violation of academic code of conduct can be punished by the academic conduct board.

For more information grade policy, visit the university registrar's office or consult an academic counselor.





Paula Red, McIntosh, Gala, Honey-crisp, Golden Delicious.

The names go on and on, but these are only five of the hundred varieties of apples one might find in their next glass of cider.

With the fall season upon us, local cider mills have stocked up on their best ciders, donuts, pies and spreads for everyone to enjoy as the leaves continue to change.

# A taste of autumn

## AREA CIDER MILLS OFFER CIDER, DONUTS AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

PHOTOS AND CONTENT BY BRITTANY HANEY, STAFF INTERN  
DESIGNED BY KAITLYN CHORNOBY, MANAGING VISUAL EDITOR

**Y**ates, a local mill only 20 minutes from the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills, has felt the season transition full-force.

"Everyone is anticipating that first day, and it just gradually gets busier as the weeks go by. In October it seems to be busy just about every day," Mike Titus, owner, said.

The history of Yates dates back to 1876, when a cider press was installed and powered by the Clinton-Kalamazoo River.

Now over a century later, the Clinton River still flows through the Yates dam powering the mill and cider press.

Acquiring apples from all across Michigan, Yates' mill

combines six different varieties of apples to give a distinct flavor to their cider.

Cider is not the only treat Yates has to offer, however. Freshly made donuts, with the traditional plain and cinnamon-sugar flavors are also available.

Apple pies, crisps, turnovers, jams and butters are made right at the mill and can be purchased upon request.

Yates also offers a new twist

on the old-fashioned cider by serving it in a slushy form over ice, or heating it up for a warm beverage on chillier days.

Cider is offered in multiple sizes from gallons, half-gallons, quarts and pints. Donuts are sold individually or by the dozen and half-dozen.

Also, when visiting Yates, make sure to stop at the petting farm and take a stroll near the Clinton River.

"Yates is one of the first cider mills I remember visiting. The people that work there always seems to be in a good mood and are very helpful. I love their quart size cider and you have to get the donuts when you visit Yates: there's no option."

— John Durkee,  
Biology Major





A local mill that offers a little more than the traditional cider and donuts, Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill provides events and attractions for all ages.

"Pick-your-own" orchards are available, with a variety of fruits and vegetables, such as strawberries, raspberries, peaches, cherries and pumpkins.

The farm also has U-cut

Christmas trees in the winter.

A family-owned business since 1946, Blake's Orchard has been passed down generations to its current owner, Peter Blake and his 12 siblings.

Along with fruits and vegetables, Blake's serves their very own handpicked and pressed apple cider with fresh plain, cinnamon and

powdered-sugar donuts.

Blake's also operates a three-story haunted barn, straw mountain, haunted hayride, petting zoo, pony rides and a corn maze, just to name a few.

The cider mill offers train rides, pony rides, animal petting farm, cornfield maze, straw maze, straw mountain and many other fall activities.

If driving to Yates mill isn't an option, a new Yates Outpost can be found at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, offering the same quality cider, donuts, jams and gifts you would find straight from the mill itself.

"Everything we do here, they can watch it being made. From the cider press to the donuts."

— Peter Blake,  
co-owner of Blake's Orchard

Franklin Cider Mill is another local mill in Bloomfield Hills specializing in cinnamon spice donuts made with their own Franklin Cider Mill donut mix.

The history of Franklin dates back to 1837, the same year Michigan was first established as a state, and part of the old distillery foundation can still be seen.

Also pressing fresh, non-pasteurized cider from hand-picked, Michigan apples, Franklin offers a wide variety of other apple treats, such as, pies, turnovers, dipped caramel apples, jams, scones and other flavors of homemade breads.

Pumpkins can be purchased for carving and Franklin Mill honey is also available.



## Franklin

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Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday: 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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Half-dozen donuts

**\$8.00**

## Yates

Open until the end of December

Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Half-gallon of cider  
Half-dozen donuts

**\$8.25**

## Blake's

Open through December

Monday - Sunday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fall festival: weekends 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Half-gallon of cider  
Half-dozen donuts

**\$9.00**



## Basketball adds transfer

By **MICHAEL HORAN**  
Sports Editor

The Oakland men's basketball program has added a transfer to the 2011 team from Providence College.

Duke Mondy, a 6-foot-3 guard, originally from Grand Rapids, has decided to transfer after two seasons with the Friars.

"I wanted to part ways and come closer to home," Mondy said. "I just really wanted to come back home."

Kampe believes Mondy will bring a presence with his size and ability.

"He's a big, very athletic point guard and he'll take Reggie (Hamilton's) place at the point next year," head coach Greg Kampe said. "Reggie and Val (Drew Valentine) are graduating, so that leaves just Ryan Bass as the only point guard in the program."

Kampe called the move "a recruiting need" and Mondy's experience helped the cause.

Mondy was recruited by the Grizzlies out of high school when he played for Grand Rapids Catholic Central, where he averaged 22 points, eight rebounds and three steals his senior year, but chose to join Providence instead.

"We're taking him as a transfer, he's from Grand Rapids; we recruited him out of high school and lost him to Providence," Kampe said. "He was a starter at Providence, I don't know much about his stats, I know he led the Big East in steals and he's a good player."

In his last season at Providence, Mondy



Kevin Romanchik/The Oakland Post

The men's basketball team made it to the NCAA Tournament last year losing 85-81 to Texas. Duke Mondy hopes to help Oakland advance further on in the tournament.

averaged 7.7 points and 2.1 steals per game and is ready to make an impact at Oakland.

"I bring a lot," Mondy said. "I'm an all-around player and I like to play a little defense. I can help with the tradition they already have, continue the tradition of winning and getting back to the NCAA Tournament and represent the school well."

After some off-court problems, he decided to part ways with Providence.

"He got himself in some trouble, but he

was exonerated of everything, his coaches got let go, so the new coaches came in and he decided to come home," Kampe said.

Due to transferring so late, Mondy will have to sit out this season, but Kampe has every intention on giving him an opportunity to play.

"We usually don't bring in transfers that we don't think can play," Kampe said. "We think he's very talented and he'll have a chance to play a lot for us."

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Sept. 29

Volleyball @  
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W, 3-1

Oct. 1

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Women's Soccer  
vs. IPFW  
W, 1-0

Volleyball @  
Cleveland State  
L, 3-1

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## Hamilton, Valentine begin recovery

By **MICHAEL HORAN**  
Sports Editor

After undergoing surgery, men's basketball point guard Reggie Hamilton and forward Drew Valentine are working back to get on the court before the season starts.

"They're both coming along nicely," Kampe said. "I know Reggie has started to run again and Valentine is shooting, not

in an all-out mode or full-speed mode, but I know he is in the gym shooting free throws and things like that, so we won't know for a couple weeks on Valentine, but Reggie should be go to go in about two weeks."

Hamilton had a precautionary lump removed from his chest in his hometown of Chicago about three weeks ago.

"It was successful, I'm not quite 100 percent yet, but I feel

blessed and I'm feeling great," Hamilton said. "I'll be back real soon. It doesn't take a lot to get me back into shape."

Valentine also had surgery to remove cartilage from his knee after going up for a dunk in a practice game.

According to Kampe, a significant piece of the cartilage, about the size of a quarter, tore away from his knee cap.

Valentine's other options

were to play on the knee or season-ending micro-fracture surgery which would have ended his career.

"It's going good. I'll be fully cleared on Thursday," Valentine said. "I've done a lot of rehab, strengthening my quads and hips, running in the pool, a lot of low impact things to keep myself in shape."

Oakland will host Spring Arbor on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.



# LAX set for return to nationals, WCL title

By **SETH WALKER**  
Staff Reporter

The Oakland women's lacrosse team is preparing for the upcoming 2011-12 season after a string of successful seasons. The Golden Grizzlies have won five straight division championships and three straight Western Collegiate Lacrosse League Division II championships.

Towbey Kassa, entering his sixth season as OU head coach, said that everyone in the organization have played a part in making the team successful.

"Working with the athletic department and the recreational department hands on has gained us a lot of success," Kassa said.

Last season, Oakland reached the Div. II Women's Collegiate Lacrosse League National Championships as the seventh seed in the nation.

The Grizzlies placed seventh in the tournament after losing to the national champions, Chapman University from California.

Kassa said that the run to nationals was very memorable considering how the team



Bob Knoska/The Oakland Post  
Lacrosse will open against Michigan and Michigan State this weekend at Oakland.

had to play a few games in bad weather and beat quality teams like Southern Methodist and Texas.

"The team really gelled well together," Kassa said, "We worked hard, we scheduled a very tough schedule."

The Grizzlies have the fall season coming up which functions very much like a pre-season in preparation for the spring season

which begins in early 2012. According to Lauren Pattah, sophomore goalie, the fall season helps the team bond together and practice playing routines.

"As a team, we practice multiple times a week right now for the fall season, in preparation for our spring season," Pattah said. "I personally work out on my own and do my own goalie routines to get my mind back

into lacrosse."

With women's lacrosse being a club sport, the players must pay their way to play. However, according to Pattah, being on the team is all about being able to play a college sport and calls being on the team "an amazing experience."

"I get to be part of such a tight knit group, travel around the world, see new things and meet new people," Pattah said.

The Grizzlies have set the bar high for their expectations in the 2012 season.

"We're not going to be settled winning a division championship or conference championship," Kassa said. "We're looking to get back to the nationals and gain that championship for the first time in program history."

Kassa said that this will be another chance for the team to grow the sport on campus and in the community with fast-paced, high-scoring games.

The team will play two games this weekend on Saturday one at 1 p.m. against Michigan and 5 p.m. against Michigan State.



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# Brooksie Way takes over OU

## BROOKSIE

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The runners took off eastbound from campus, weaving through streets and trails to downtown Rochester.

Active.com, a website dedicated to health and fitness, featured The Brooksie Way in a comprehensive list of 11 of the most scenic fall half marathons throughout the United States with the Rochester trails boasting a beautiful view.

"It was a beautiful run. It kind of distracted you from how many miles you have left," Colleen Denhof, OU senior of biomedical engineering said. "It went by a lot faster with all the trees around and running through Paint Creek Trail. Running is a big mental thing."

The second portion of the race going up to Dutton Road and leading back to Meadow Brook was substantially tougher, mainly uphill infused with fatigue of participants.

"The first half was downhill, and I hit my runners wall on Tienken, about seven miles into the race," Jackson Gilbert, a freshman majoring in political science said. "That second half nearly made me want to stop."

Gilbert, who came in seventh place overall at 1:21:10 and winner for the 16-19 age group, was also the quickest to finish out of current Oakland students.

"I'm pretty happy with that," Gilbert said of his pace. "I had been training so I figured I'd do pretty well, but I didn't think I would win the age group."

While the top runners focused on their quickest times, many participants were shaping up for the half marathon, by accomplishing the lengthy course was a victor in itself.

"Having a baby four-and-a-half months ago, I said I'm going to get back in shape and run the Brooksie Way again," Denhof, who ran a 1:47:05, said. "This was my goal, to run and be in shape enough to participate."

Shipes, who finished 1:52:46, is part of the Rochester-based run club Your Pace or Mine, whose main goal is helping to get people active.

The race also saw the first ever marriage proposal at the finish line this year. Runner Leah Scharl of Clarkston was surprised by her boyfriend of three years, Leo Foley, when he dropped to one knee and proposed at the finish line.

Scharl reached the finish line as the second place woman in the half marathon.

The Brooksie Way was created with the goal of bringing a sense of health and fitness to the general public, and the event has been a success with the increase in attendance with each year and sprouting of groups like YPOM.

"I joined for all the wrong reasons, over a bet I'd do a half marathon, but once I decided I'm going to do this that's where the change happened," Shipes said of his lifestyle.

For those interested in better health, run clubs are active year-round and The Brooksie Way will be returning next fall.



Courtesy of Run Michigan

Freshman Jackson Gilbert, who finished in seventh place, ran in the Brooksie Way half marathon Sunday. The event attracted over four thousand runners and the course took runners around OU's campus as well as through trails and streets in downtown Rochester.

## Local businesses question involvement with OU go card

By SARAH HUNTON  
Staff Reporter

The Oakland GO Card is receiving mixed reviews from participating local businesses.

The card, which provides discounts to students, staff, faculty and alumni of OU for businesses in Macomb and Oakland county, increases business for some companies and leaves others unsure of their involvement.

According to Linda Shallal, receptionist at Salon 35, located across from OU, the card has boosted business. She believes that overall, participation in the GO Card has been a good way to bring students to the salon.

"I think the kids see that we're close to the university so they just

walk across the street to see us," Shallal said. "It works very well for us."

Troy Farwell, the owner of Om Wellness located in Oxford, has had only one customer utilize the program and would like to receive more business from the card.

"I think it is a cool idea," Farwell said of the GO card. "The problem is, I think with a lot of these things, people are like 'oh nah, not another card.'"

Some business owners are uncertain of what the Student Alumni Association, who is in charge of organizing the GO Card program, has planned for them.

Chris Heeder, owner of Half-Day Café in Rochester Hills, didn't know that his business was still listed as a participant in the pro-

gram. He would also like to see more business come in as a result of the card.

"If we do something like this, we want it to be a big deal," Heeder said. "We'd like to have people to take advantage of it."

Dr. Chris Samy, the Medical Director at the Rochester Hills Medical Center, has been disappointed with the way communication between she and the sponsors of the card has been handled.

The card can be picked up at the Oakland Center Welcome Center, the Center for Student Activities, the Residence Halls Office, the Financial Aid Office, Kresge Library, and the Student Recreation Center as well as various locations at OU-Macomb campuses.

The Student Alumni Association is

currently creating new GO Cards for the 2012 year.

The GO Card also has an accompanying app for iPhone and Android users. Vidappe developed an application that alerts users in real-time when they are in the proximity of a participating

business.

"We are aware of the app and think that it's, you know, really a neat enhancement," Laura Mutz of SAA said.

A list of participating businesses can be found at [www.oakland.edu/gocard](http://www.oakland.edu/gocard)



# Longboarding gains speed

## Long campus hikes shortened by growing longboarding trend

By **KAITLYN CHORNOBY**  
Managing Visual Editor

Several different methods of transportation have evolved over the decades, but few have developed a loyal group of followers like the growing trend on campus: longboarding.

Although longboarding is a new sight on campus, the sport has an extensive history.

Longboards evolved from shorter-deck skateboards, and were used initially for surfers in Hawaii to imitate the motion of waves while on dry land.

Skaters would crouch on the board and run their hand, sheathed by a 'slide glove,' along the ground to emulate touching a wave. This technique is seen today by recreational and professional skaters who perform tricks by touching the ground on either side of the board.

Many students on Oakland's campus have taken the sport farther than a pastime and used their equipment to alleviate the stress of parking close to their classes.

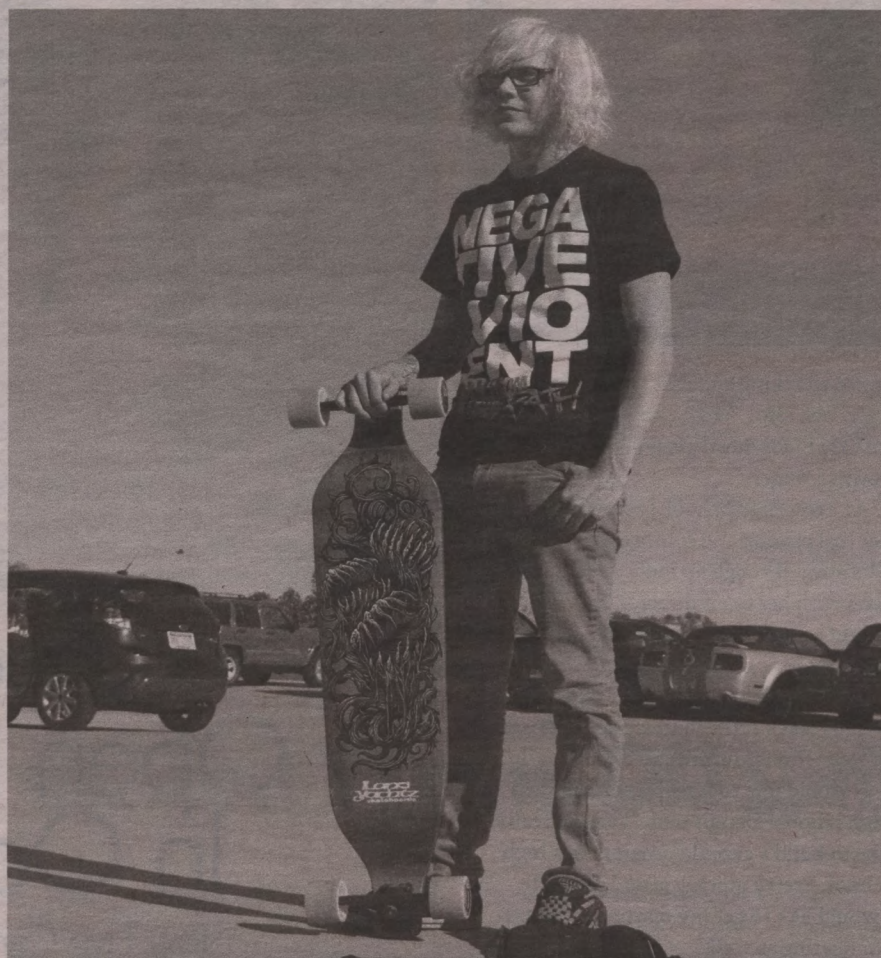
"I purposely park far away to have an excuse to longboard to class," Ethan Paschall, a psychology major and art history minor, said. "I think grabbing a spot far away and longboarding is faster than people who drive around to find a spot."

Paschall said he longboards to all of his classes on campus.

Paschall, who picked up the art of longboarding this year, said he wanted to skate but wasn't interested in doing the tricks skateboarders are known for. He said he enjoys cruising around and gaining speed — something harder to obtain on a skateboard.

"I thought (the boards) were sweet, so I bought one and now I love it," Paschall said.

Paschall joins a group of friends who participate in group longboarding sessions around campus, including undecided freshman Rachael Mannix and O2O student Collin Wheeler. Although they are not an official organization on campus yet, each member expressed interest in becoming



Ethan Paschall, a senior majoring in psychology, longboards daily on OU's campus. KAITLYN CHORNOBY/The Oakland Post

known campus-wide.

Jesse Mannix, an environmental science and ecology major, is also a familiar face during the group skates, organized via a Facebook group called Oakland University Longboarding.

Mannix's specific board has been owned and rode by two professional longboarders and features carbon-infused wood, which allows for deck flexibility while guaranteeing the board will not break.

Mannix has covered the eight-mile trip around Mackinac Island on her longboard and said she enjoys traveling long distances. Mannix noted that she avoids skating through large crowds, since stopping is an

endeavor, especially when travelling at fast speeds.

Mannix commented that boards tend to ride better after they have been "broken in," which gives reason to why many dedicated riders attempt to purchase boards that have been used before. Her board also features an exclusive graphic.

Many of the students who ride on campus still use the first board they purchased. Even though some boards are flexible, all styles feature noticeable longevity.

"They last a long time," Mannix said. "It's really just depends when you get sick of it and want to buy a new one."

Solo riders like Fadi Sallan, a mechanical

engineering major, picked up longboarding without any history of skateboarding and said he enjoys downhill skating in scarcely populated areas.

Sallan, who owns an Arbor Pintail, said that he has about a year of experience but prefers to ride at night due to lack of traffic. He has traveled the entire distance around Stoney Creek and long distances through Ann Arbor.

Sallan said that he knows about the group on campus but has not had time to join them for a session yet.

"I'm really glad to see so many people getting into it," Sallan said. "Group rides are always more fun."

Although admitting he has become passionate about the sport over the past year, Sallan discourages using a longboard to get around campus.

"Carrying a heavy backpack and worrying about pedestrians can be hazardous and will slow you down," Sallan said. "Unless you are experienced, your ability to stop is greatly hindered. It's sort of a hassle carrying (the board) around indoors and through crowds."

He also said that beginner skaters should be prepared to fall. Sallan said he has fallen several times around campus and is thankful to not have been injured.

Many of the participants of the group skate wear protective gear, including helmets, in anticipation they might fall. Major injuries are common among pursuers of the sport, so even experienced riders are rarely seen without gear.

The OU longboarding group suggests beginners frequent [www.silverfishlongboarding.com](http://www.silverfishlongboarding.com), where they can find tips on picking up the board as well as interact with more experienced riders via its forums.

For more information on joining group rides on campus, search for 'Oakland University Longboarding' on Facebook.

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# Music student zealous about conducting choirs

By EMMA CLAUCHERTY  
Staff Reporter

The little blonde girl is barely visible on the side of the rugby field, but as she belts out the national anthem, her presence is heard and made known. At the last home rugby game, senior Bridget Dennis sang the pre-game national anthem.

Dennis, a vocal education major, has been singing for 15 years and began her career at the age of six, playing Molly in the musical "Annie."

"My family is really musical," she said. "We sing all the time. My dad played drums. We always had music in our house. Doing theater was definitely a gateway for me (to spend time with the family)."

Dennis has participated in the musicals "Annie," "The Music Man," "Carousel," "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "Hair" as well as several others.

Dennis loves theater performance, but another genre of vocal performance has become her focus. Chorale singing has been her favorite since middle school.

"There is a community in a choir. You're all making music at the same time. You are all working towards a goal. Nobody is better than anybody else," Dennis said. "There is some chorale music that is so beautiful and breath-taking. I love it."

Dennis has been a member of eight different choirs since she began singing. Currently, she is a member of The Oakland Chorale, OU's most advanced choir.

"For chorale, we usually have two concerts a year: one in November and then one in April," Dennis said. "We are going to Central Michigan University Halloween weekend. We are singing Handel's "Messiah" with the Wharton symphony over Christmas break. We are going on a tour of New York this May as well."

Dennis also takes private voice lessons with Barb Blande to work on her solo repertoire, which is required for her major.

"Bridget is a 'bright spot' in my day," Blande said. "Her excellent grades are evidence of the hard work and positive attitude that she applies to everything she does."

Dennis said she likes solo and chorale performing equally.

"With solo performing, there is more pressure involved. It makes it a little more



Photo courtesy of Bridgette Dennis  
Bridget Dennis, a vocal education major, has been singing for 15 years.

nerve wracking and that takes a lot to get over," she said. "With chorale singing, there isn't that individual glory. It's not all about you as a singer."

At Troy High School, Dennis discovered her real passion and future career in music education through an independent study class with her choir director, in which she taught a choir a song and conducted it at a concert.

Along with her regular course load, Dennis takes extra conducting lessons to prepare for her future career.

"I would like to start by teaching at a high school," Dennis said. "I would really like to build a chorale program in a high school. Pretty quickly after I graduate, I would like to get my masters in choral conducting as well."

Conducting has become Dennis's favorite aspect of the chorale performance.

"I think I prefer conducting a choir to preforming myself," Dennis said. "To be able to stand back and say, 'these people are here making beautiful music because I led them to it.' It brings out the teacher in me that feels the pride for the students and to see them succeed."

Even though her focus is on teaching, Dennis would like to continue performing now and after she graduates. She wouldn't mind singing the national anthem for another Oakland sporting event either.

"It's fun to sing the national anthem at events because I'm used to singing in front of my teacher and other voice students all the time," Dennis said. "To sing in front of other kids from school is really awesome."

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"Multiplicity, Connection and Divergence: African Art from the John F. Korachis Collection" will be on display until Nov. 10 in the OU Art Gallery from Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The gallery includes personal statements from various OU professors of different disciplines and professions to create a unique edge to each piece.

## African art exhibit opens OU gallery season

By ISABELLA SHAYA  
Staff Intern

The Oakland University Art Gallery is currently showing "Multiplicity, Connection and Divergence: African Art from the John F. Korachis Collection" so students, faculty and guests have opportunities to experience a distinct form of art and culture.

The collection can be viewed now through Nov. 10, Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

The exhibit gets its unique edge with personal statements, one presented with each piece.

Andrea Eis, curator of the exhibit asked members of the OU community, professors included, to talk about a piece of art through the eyes of their own discipline.

These reflections are all different, depending on how the piece was interpreted by each person.

"From neuroscience, to history, to sociology, each discipline offers a new way of seeing the works of art," said Annette Gilson, associate professor of English.

While writing her statement, Gilson imagined the personal feeling of the African animal.

"I imagined putting on the headdress and feeling the weight of it changing how I moved, and I pictured changing the way I walked," Gilson said. "I tried to imagine the things that were important to an antelope, how connecting with those things could open up my human view of the world."

Lizabeth A. Barclay, professor of management, chose to write a statement on Ibeji, Twin Statuettes.

"I selected an object that spoke to me," Barclay said. "My statement for the show captures my reasoning and inspiration."

Through writing about their own personal observations, the professors were also

able to attain experience and knowledge.

"The professors who wrote labels for the artworks responded based on what they knew in their own fields of study," Andrea Eis, associate professor of art and chairperson for the department, said. "But to do that, they had to take the time to really look at the art, to appreciate its qualities, to connect with it, to think about what it meant."

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Eis hopes that this connection will pass on to the viewers when they read each professors' remarks.

"(The professors) had a richer experience,

and gained a deeper awareness of the art. I hope this approach encourages exhibition viewers to do that as well, and to gain an appreciation of the African artists who created such compelling and powerful art."

Eis also took pleasure in other aspects of constructing the collection.

"I also really enjoyed designing the visual aspects of the exhibition itself, placing the pieces, creating a flow around the gallery to encourage people to look closely at the art," Eis said. "Choosing colors for the gallery walls to alter the feeling of the space, make it feel a little warmer."

OU's Art Gallery offers exhibits year-round. Upcoming events include "Senior Thesis in Studio Art Exhibition I," from Dec. 2-18, "Idealizing the Imaginary: Invention and Illusion in Contemporary Painting," from Jan. 14 through April 1, and "Senior Thesis in Studio Art Exhibition II" from April 13 through May 13.



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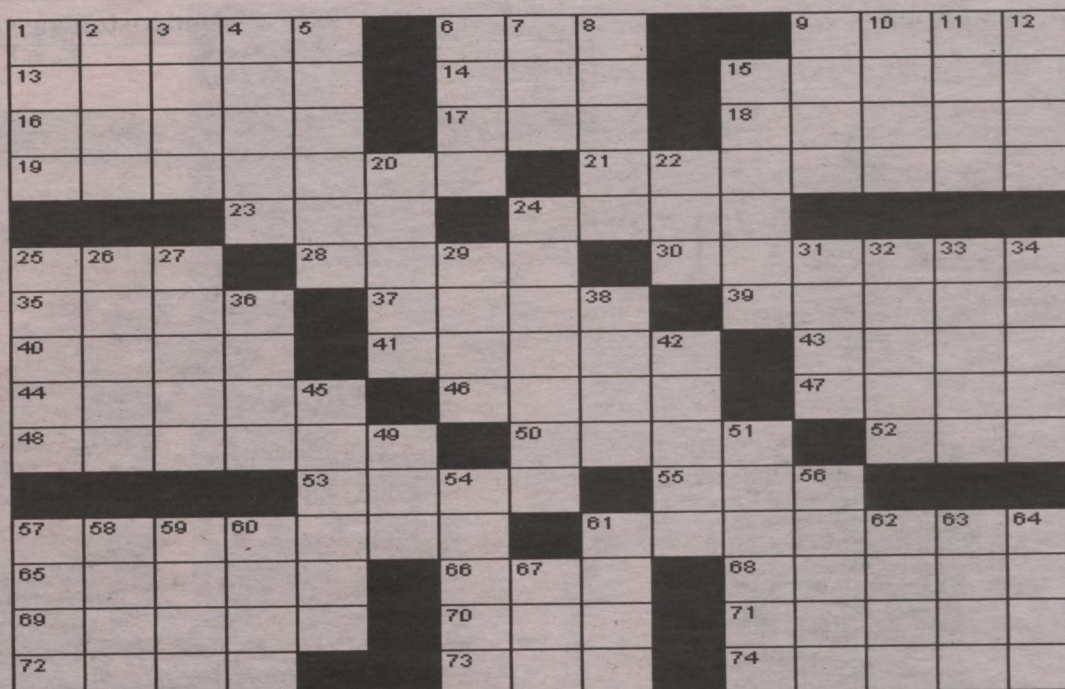
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9. Carry
13. Decorate
14. Make a mistake
15. Conspiracy
16. Deluge
17. Understand
18. Fragrance
19. Storm
21. Water flask
23. Consume
24. Similar
25. Fuss
28. Used to control a horse
30. Back fin
35. Troublesome child
37. Desiccated
39. Mother-of-pearl
40. Alleviate
41. Boundary
43. Heroic tale
44. Awry
46. Mentally healthy
47. Arithmetic operation
48. Maestro
50. Portable shelter
52. Domestic animal companion
53. Olfactory organ

55. Belonging to us

57. Treachery
61. Shaped like a ring
65. Be of use to
66. Allow
68. Thrust
69. Tennis stroke
70. Argument in favor
71. Large black bird
72. Woody plant
73. Amateur radio operator
74. Awake

## Down

1. A flat float
2. Not working
3. Disastrous destiny
4. Fumble
5. Make attractive or lovable
6. Waistcoat
7. Mineral
8. Break forcefully
9. A pastry with fruit filling
10. Musical instrument
11. Domesticated
12. Panache
15. Large artillery gun
20. Move stealthily
22. Assistance
24. Enliven
25. At right angles to the
- length of a ship
26. Literary genre
27. Desert haven
29. Part of the eye
31. Type of file
32. Skin covering the top of the head
33. Debate
34. To the lowest degree



36. Trial
38. Eat dinner
42. Shaped to fit a mortise
45. Infirm with age
49. Pole
51. Vast treeless plain
54. Imaginary being
56. Relating to farming or country life

57. Yore
58. At any time
59. Uncommon
60. Basketball team
61. Particle
62. Exist
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## Magic on stage for young kids

By **STEPHANIE PREWEDA**  
Staff Intern

Using magic as a resource, Rochester couple hopes to make learning fun — but still informative — for young kids.

Proving this point is the Wizard's Apprentice, an educational magic show geared towards grade school-aged kids to motivate strong reading skills by the husband and wife duo, Tim and Robin Balster, who have been performing together for 23 years.

Written by Tim Balster, the show tells the story of a wizard's apprentice, Harriet Peabody. With the help and guidance of Willard the Wizard of Wisdom, and through magic, Harriet unveils the key to a successful life: superior reading skills. With the help of the Dewey Decimal system, and the right spells, knowledge is victorious over the Wizard, Lotar.

"The message (we try to instill) is the importance of developing good reading skills," he said. "We wanted to do a show that had educational content for kids."

The show also teaches kids about the Dewey Decimal system, which is used in libraries to categorize books by classification.

The couple hopes this addition will encourage kids to use the library to find specific books instead of always resorting to the Internet or asking for help.

"It's got a little bit of an educational aspect to it, but it also has wonderfully colorful magic," Robin said.

The goal is to provide reading education to kindergarten through fifth graders for eight years.

The show will be at the Meadow Brook Theatre Saturday, Oct. 22, with two performances — one at 10 a.m. and then again at 1 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office for \$15.

For more information about The Wizard's Apprentice visit:  
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## Top 10 things we'd like to see happen at the GOP debate

By STEVE WISEMAN

Contributing Reporter/Aisle Straddler

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Michele Bachmann shows up with Sarah Palin hair.

9

Herman Cain brings pizza to his starving college students.

8

Rick Perry convinces the Board of Trustees to overturn the campus gun ban.

7

Candidates square off in either a Dagorhir or Quidditch match.

6

The Michigan GOP adopts Clawzz as its mascot. Grizz is not happy.

5

Ron Paul and Newt Gingrich pre-announce their candidacies for the 2020 election

4

Jimmy McMillian creates the 'Tuition is too Damn High!' party.

3

Mitt Romney points to his hand and says, "I am from here."

2

Rick Santorum asks that you don't Google him to find more information.

1

Sarah Palin declares candidacy while taking care of the campus deer population.

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