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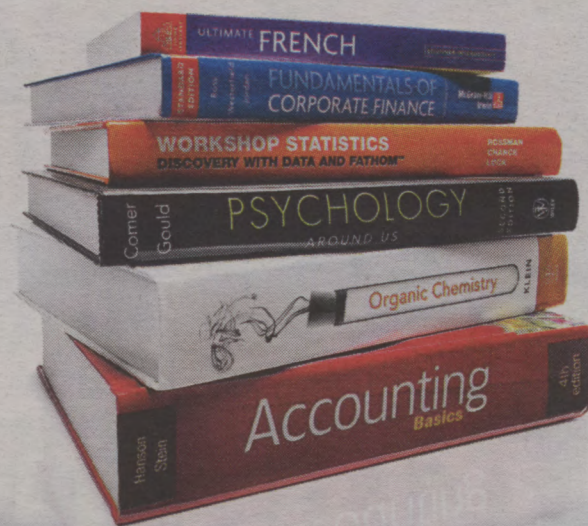
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STUDENT SWORDPLAY // Joshua Malnar, or "Omega", (left) lunges at Richard McClure (right), during a battle of Dagorhir, a club sport involving LARPing (Live Action Role Playing). More information on the sport can be found on their website, www.dagorhir.com. **DYLAN DULBERG** // *The Oakland Post*

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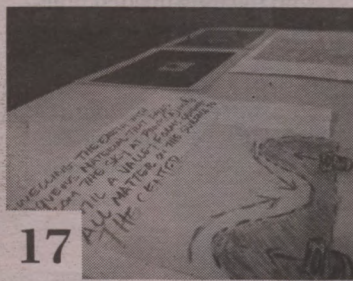
Students get their first look at the newest building on campus, the Human Health Building. The grand opening for the new facility was on Tuesday.



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TOUGH ROAD AHEAD

The men's and women's basketball teams face a tough schedule this season. The teams will travel across the country, facing marquee opponents.



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BRICK AND MORTAR

Two Oakland University professors collaborate to bring a modern art exhibit to Meadow Brook Hall. The gallery, which is in the carriage house, features six local artists.

POLL OF THE WEEK

What do you think is the biggest issue on campus currently?

- A** Chick-fil-A
- B** Student housing
- C** WXOU press row negotiations
- D** Oakland University has no issues

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

If the contract issues between the AAUP and Oakland University are not resolved, affecting the beginning of the semester, how would it affect you?

- A** I would demand a partial refund on my tuition for time lost
44 votes | 55%
- B** I honestly don't care
8 votes | 10%
- C** I would worry about graduating on time
10 votes | 12%
- D** I'd use the time off to catch up on my sleep
18 votes | 23%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 10, 1965

Forty-three students were awarded degrees at Oakland University's first summer commencement ceremony.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1969

A celebration of Rochester's integration as a village in 1869 kicks off with a "Hills-a-Poppin" historical pageant to commemorate the town's 100th anniversary.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1978

Dormitory code regulations may be violated as dorm rooms become "over-occupied" due to wrong figuring based on previous year's admittance.

BY THE NUMBERS

2031

the year OU will pay off money owed on the Oakland Center

30

average age of buildings on campus

170

student organizations

65

new degree programs created since 1995

1959

north and south foundation halls are completed

STAFF EDITORIAL

Now that AAUP contracts are resolved, let's work on housing

Welcome back, Grizzlies. We hope you're as happy to start the new school year as we are.

Fortunately for everyone, the American Association of University Professors and Oakland University managed to resolve differences and agree on a contract without resulting in a strike (see pages 8 and 9 for more information.)

Though we're glad the contracts were resolved (and selfishly a little sad because we missed out on some excellent journalism experience), Oakland still has a lot of work to do — and not just with the AAUP.

For the second consecutive year, the university has put 75 rooms at the Homestead Studio Suites hotel on reserve for overbooked housing students.

While we understand overbooking because some college students are known to be indecisive, it's clear students want to stay here and they're sure of it.

Oakland's five-year capital outlay plan for the fiscal year 2013 shows there has been a 35 percent increase in enrollment since 1998 and that Oakland has the lowest building square footage per student of any of the 15 public Michigan universities.

Though we're glad the AAUP contracts were resolved (and a little sad because we missed out on some excellent journalism experience), Oakland still has a lot of work to do. And not just with the AAUP.

Enrollment is expected to grow to 21,002 by 2016, according to the outlay plan. Because of this, more buildings should follow suit.

In 2009, a master plan was drafted by both University Housing and Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder. Drafted to expand on-campus residence until 2030, the plans start with a horseshoe-shaped facility near Vandenberg Hall and then expand to the upper playing fields. The entire project is expected to cost the university \$27.8 million, leaving Oakland with a total of 3,764 beds on campus.

Though the plans are not set in stone and constantly change, they adhere to the university's master plan to have 4,000 residential students living on campus by 2030.

Great.

However.

The ever-pertinent housing issue keeps being placed on the back burner.

Housing was briefly discussed at the March 28 Board of Trustees meeting, was supposed to be discussed at the cancelled June meeting and never saw the light of day at the Aug. 4 meeting.

University President Gary Russi told The Oakland Post that housing is a project the university wants to do immediately, but nothing has been initiated yet.

We understand that \$27.8 million is a lot of money, but it's nothing compared to the hefty price tags of the \$64.4 million Human Health Building and \$74.6 million OU Engineering Center.

Housing facilities operate on a different budget than educational buildings and once built, they're profit generators.

So what's the problem then?

We're not sure, either.

We're hoping this second round of displaced students will finally ignite these plans and the long needed building will finally surface.

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EDITORIAL

West Nile Virus: Epidemic or case for concern?

The skies grow cloudy; the air becomes thick. Breathing becomes troublesome. An aircraft has dropped chemicals in the air near your home, in attempt to save the population from a potentially fatal disease.

With 112 confirmed cases of the West Nile Virus as of Aug. 31 in the state of Michigan and three of those leading to death, we are facing an epidemic.

The Center for Disease Control defines outbreaks and epidemics as "more cases of a particular disease than expected in a given area, or among a specific group of people, over a particular period of time."

While we wouldn't expect an area to have anyone affected by West Nile, the number of cases isn't extremely high and usually only leads to flu-like symptoms, according to the Huffington Post. Most people affected by West Nile are age 70 and older, though there are exceptions, according to the CDC.

I'm not making light of the situation. Diseases that spread so easily and are potentially deadly are a serious issue. People should take caution when spending time outside by utilizing bug blocks like sprays and lotions.

But many areas, from Dallas, Texas to Sacramento



STEPHANIE SOKOL
multimedia reporter

County, Calif. and even local areas around the state seem to be taking it a little too far.

What started out as on-ground insecticides applied to swampy areas grew to a more widespread application that spreads into the air we breathe. More and more cities are performing aerial spraying and larviciding, which is the process of dropping chemicals from aircrafts in effort to exterminate the bugs.

According to the website www.fightthebite.net, part of the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District, the goal of these sprayings is "to quickly reduce the number of adult mosquitoes infected with West Nile Virus which can become a threat to public health," seeing as the risk factor for the virus has been increasing.

These treatment sprays are said by the FDA to be safe for most people. However, they explain that "for some people, short-term exposure at low levels may exacerbate existing respiratory conditions (e.g., asthma) or cause irritation of the eyes, skin, nose, throat or lungs. For these reasons, individuals should consider taking steps to minimize their exposure risk to sumithrin (the repellent chemical) if it is applied to control mosquitoes."

Physicians recommend to those with asthma and respiratory issues to leave the city they live in during the exterminations, as these sprays can lead to respiratory and breathing problems for young people and children.

If the sprayings were done infrequently, it might not be as much of an issue. But the treatments need to be done often to make a difference and stop the bugs from breeding, with precipitation cancelling out the efforts. How can the government suggest that families pack up and leave town so frequently?

It's up to the individuals to take charge of their own lives. Applying safe bug sprays in moderation, as well as keeping themselves and their children covered or inside when mosquitoes are prevalent are the best steps to take, rather than having the government cause harm to people.

Aerial spraying may be a future consideration, if more research is done on the subject and the problem continues to grow worse. But for now, the spraying needs to stop before it leads to another epidemic.

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Due to a housing overbooking, there are currently 31 students staying in the Homestead Studio Suites hotel down the road from campus.

Alternate dorm rooms

Housing overbooked for second year in a row

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

A year after Oakland University's dormitories were overbooked by 100 students, OU is again staring at the problem of an overpopulation of residents.

Oakland University has 31 students staying at Homestead Studio Suites on University Drive in Auburn Hills. Of that number, three are female, according to University Housing officials. Students began moving into the rooms Sept. 1.

Although residents in the hotel will continue to pay rates as if they were on campus, Director of University Housing Jim Zentmeyer said the additional cost to the housing department will be minimal.

The housing department is funded separately from the university, so no tuition dollars would be used to fund the hotel stays.

Robbie Williford, current OU Student Congress vice president and former president of the Residence Halls Association, said the university is doing everything it can to keep up with demand.

"In some of the buildings, they were double rooms and they made them triple. They tripled the (George T. Matthews) Apartments," he said. "In Hamlin, they

had a floor where there were just people from different countries that would come study here. They opened that up to all students."

Zentmeyer expects the housing situation to be very fluid leading up to student move-ins and throughout the semester.

"Even into the first day of classes, we still receive information from students who at the very last minute change their mind with regard to either attending classes or living on campus," he said. "We then re-utilize the space for a student that might be on paper in temporary housing today, but come the weekend may find themselves in permanent on-campus housing due to a cancellation that may have occurred between now and when we open."

Zentmeyer said the transition between the hotel to permanent on-campus residents depends on the students involved, but can often take place in as little as a day or two after a room becomes available.

Residents at the hotel will be under the supervision of two resident assistants available to aid the students.

Senior Michael Kazmierski, an economics major and RA on campus, said the housing department is doing its best

to keep the students in the hotel engaged in the campus community.

"(Students) don't want to feel removed from campus," he said. "That's why we have an RA over there. That's why we have housing staff over there, to kind of help integrate them into campus."

Katie Bumhoffer, a junior and current president of the RHA, said students' mood on move-in day was positive this year.

"I can honestly say the mood was great, everyone was excited to be at Oakland, and even those checking in for off-campus housing were in good spirits," she said.

OU has 2,100 beds available on campus, after accounting for non-revenue-generating resident assistant beds.

While she said the only thing that would ultimately fix overcrowding problems is more housing, Bumhoffer feels like University Housing still has a lot to offer.

"I have never been part of a more welcoming community and have come to refer to these halls as my true home," Bumhoffer said. "Clearly, there is a high demand for more living space on campus. With new residence halls, we would be able to offer what I consider to be one of the best college experiences to any student interested."

According to housing officials, a new proposal to expand housing facilities is expected to come before the Board of Trustees in October.

The proposal would add 450 beds.

POLICE BRIEFS

Underage drinking reported

On Sept. 1, at approximately 5:26 p.m., OUPD was advised that there was possible underage drinking at a fraternity house party located on Adams Road.

Police arrived at the fraternity house and requested that everyone present identification. Three students at the party were underage and all told police they had not been drinking.

The students voluntarily submitted to breathalyzer tests and two students' tests resulted in .000 blood alcohol content.

One student said he had not been drinking, but had used mouthwash a few minutes ago. After his test resulted in .011 blood alcohol content, he told police he had a beer a while ago before coming to the party.

Because OUPD was unable to determine whether the blood alcohol content was because of consuming alcohol or using mouthwash, police released the student and advised him of the university's policy on underage drinking.

Nuisance at golf course

While patrolling the east side of campus, OUPD was flagged down by a golf course employee who said there had been a skateboarder by the concession stand of the Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

Police searched the area but were unable to locate the skateboarder.

Suspicious letter sent to OU

On Aug. 23, an Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences came to OUPD to report an unusual letter that had been sent to OU.

According to the dean, a student worker opened the letter, found it unusual and then the dean brought it to OUPD to report the issue. The letter was written from a man in Connecticut and contained several questions about the university, including what amenities OU offered, whether there was a big lunch room, if OU receives a heavy volume of mail and if the school has plants.

The assistant dean told OUPD he did not feel threatened by the letter.

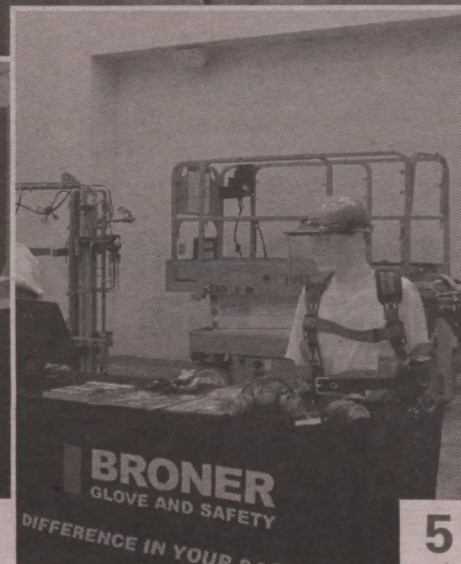
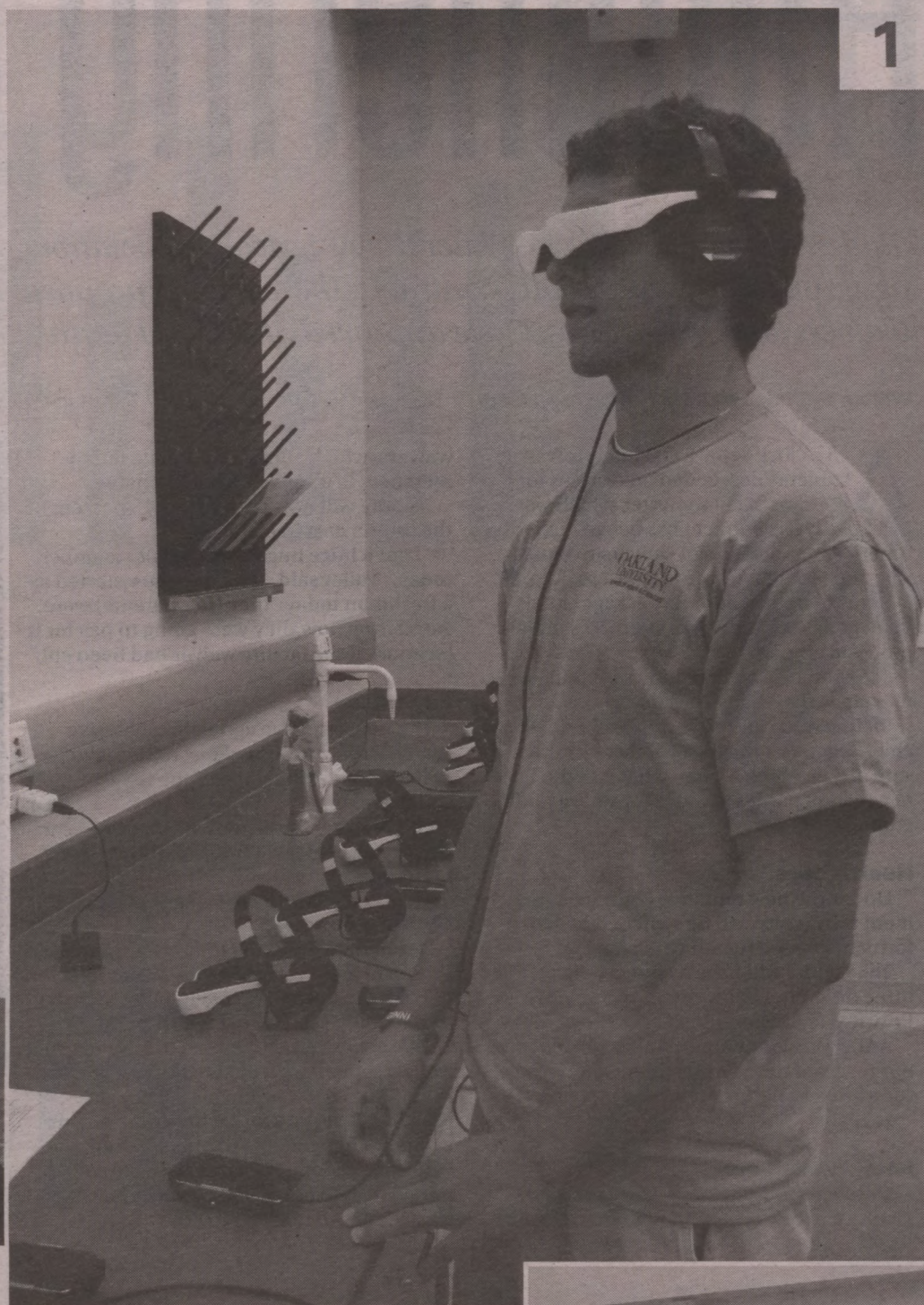
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Open for business

Students are able to get their first look into the new Human Health Building

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

1. Senior Derek Sulpizio watches a short informational video about the Occupational Safety and Health program. "It's really exciting to see the labs grow ... it means a lot for the program," Sulpizio said.
2. Nursing majors Madyson Millard, freshman and Victoria Ipina, junior, test out one of the new infant simulators.
3. Pre-Physical Therapy Club Treasurer Karina Beltramo explains the activities to an incoming freshman visiting the booth. Physical Therapy Center meets every Tuesday and Thursday.
4. Health Sciences Dean Dr. Kenneth Hightower addresses incoming freshmen in one of the 200-seat classrooms of the new Human Health Building.
5. The new OSH center is home to the only Fire Protection Lab in the Midwest, where students test suppression equipment.



Hammering out a deal

Students head back to class after the American Association of University Professors and Oakland University agree on a tentative faculty contract. The contract proposal includes changes in health care, faculty waivers and pay raises. Once approved, it will be effective through Aug. 2015.

Written by Chris Lauritsen // Managing Editor Designed by Nichole Seguin // Editor-in-Chief

At 5 o'clock Sept. 4, Oakland University students descended on campus for the start of fall semester, which was in jeopardy as contract talks between the American Association of University Professors and OU lingered until 3:30 a.m. Aug. 31.

Items in both economic packages held up negotiations for weeks after OU's initial proposal on Aug. 2.

"Bargaining over economics is often like this, since the discussions quickly become 'I want that, you can't have this,'" said AAUP's chief negotiator Michael Latcha. "The pressure of a deadline is often what gets the negotiating parties to move towards a middle ground."

Health care

Under the new tentative contract agreement the faculty will be switched to performance based health care plans.

The faculty will have a choice between three different health care providers: HAP, Priority Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

AAUP President Karen Miller said she has not received much negative reaction over the switch to performance-based health care plans.

Faculty Waivers

Unlike the original university proposal, faculty will be able to maintain their faculty

waivers, which allows immediate family members to attend OU free of charge.

Faculty will now have to pay 10 percent of the tuition cost in fees.

"I got a huge hug from a faculty member today," Miller said. "Her daughter started as a freshman today. They (her parents) were wondering how they were going to pay for it (school), if the faculty waiver had been cut."

Pay raises

The new tentative agreement will give yearly across-the-board pay raises, which Miller hopes will help with the issue of compression.

"I'm hoping by the end of this three year agreement there will be less compression," Miller said.

Moving forward

A statement made by Interim Senior Vice President and Provost Susan Awbrey expressed the university's excitement over the new tentative agreement with the AAUP.

"We are extremely pleased to have reached this agreement with our faculty," Awbrey said. "With a new academic year beginning next week, it's an exciting time on our campus. Our students will benefit from the valuable academic programs we are committed to delivering, and from the teaching excellence our faculty provides."



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Students were able to start classes on time Sept. 4 after the AAUP and OU were able to agree to a new tentative contract.

BARGAINING TIMELINE

AAUP negotiations began on June 5 and concluded on Aug. 31 at 3:30 a.m.

JUNE 5

AAUP and Oakland University begin contract negotiations; Oakland lets AAUP know what changes they want to see in the new contract.

JULY 23

Oakland tells AAUP that "paid leave is not appropriate for childbearing" and would prefer to "pay people who are working," calling the policies "reasonable." AAUP offers Oakland an initial economic proposal.

JUNE 14

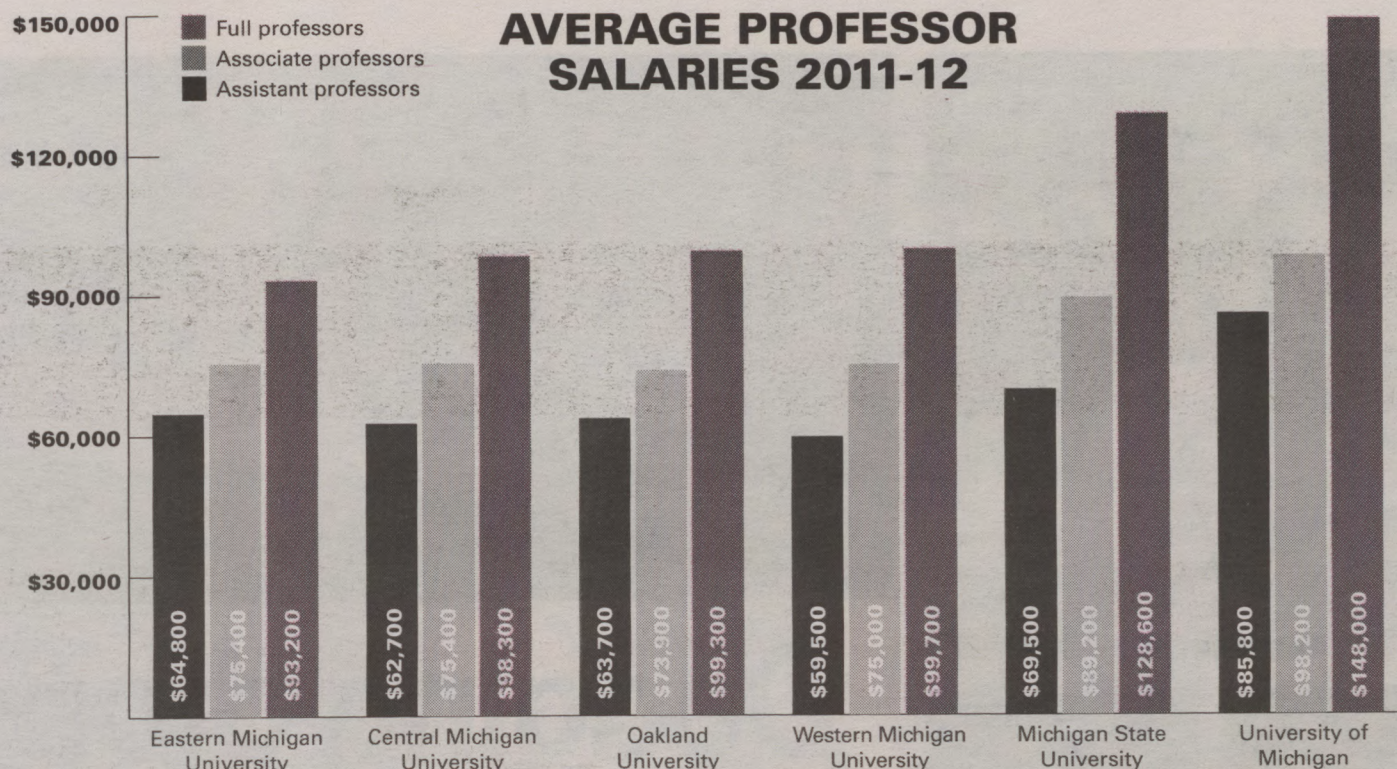
AAUP learns of Oakland's proposal for a post-tenure review, eliminating certain types of faculty from the bargaining unit and having the ability to employ unlimited numbers of non-tenure track, full-time faculty on short-term contracts.

AUGUST 1

AAUP signs several tentative agreements on moving language from the appendices to the body of the agreement, clarification of pregnancy and childbearing leaves including automatic delay-of-tenure review for most qualifying leaves, better and more comprehensive descriptions of FMLA leaves, simplification and clarification of time limits in the grievance procedure, and an improved and consistent fall calendar.

AUGUST 2

Oakland University submits an initial economic package to AAUP, which calls for significant financial cuts to every faculty member. This includes raises based on merit, no concept of across-the-board raises, tuition waiver cut in half and summer pay cut by 25 percent.



BY THE NUMBERS

\$39,274

minimum faculty salary in 2012-13

1.90%

across-the-board salary increase in 2013

\$12,000

maximum faculty pay per teaching summer school classes

\$260,000

provided by OU for research fellowships during the 2012-13 school year

\$1,124

pay per credit hour for a first time special lecturer

\$5,000

raise received when promoted from assistant to associate professor

KEY PLAYERS

AAUP



MICHAEL LATCHA Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Oakland AAUP chief negotiator. He had the final say on decisions when the team disagreed and is responsible for signing the new agreement



KAREN MILLER Chair of U.S. Public Policy, Diplomatic and Economic History and Oakland AAUP chapter president. Miller acted as the "mouth piece" for the faculty, keeping them up to date with negotiations

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ROBERT BOONIN A lawyer from Butzel Long's Ann Arbor office. Boonin deals with areas of labor, employment discrimination, public contract and education law. Boonin was the university's chief negotiator.



PEGGY COOKE Assistant Vice President in the Office of Academic Affairs. Cooke is responsible for overseeing the budget for the Division of Academic Affairs and all divisional non-faculty personnel matters.

AUGUST 8

After rejecting Oakland's first economic package offer on Aug. 6 and meeting with the state mediator, the AAUP receives a second economic proposal, with an amendment that gives small amounts of across-the-board raises in the first year, small merit increases in the next two years, acceptance of the AAUP proposal to redistribute chair pay and retraining members that leave for more than a year. The AAUP rejects the proposal.

AUGUST 10

AAUP offers OU an updated financial proposal, moving closer to OU's positions on many issues such as dental, vision and long-term disability language.

AUGUST 14

AAUP and Oakland fail to reach an agreement at the end of the day, the expiration date of the 2009 CBA. AAUP and Oakland agree to extend current CBA contract to Aug. 16.

AUGUST 16

No agreement was reached; both parties agree to extend CBA to Aug. 20.

AUGUST 20

OU and AAUP extend CBA to Aug. 23.

AUGUST 23

OU presents a 25-page economic package proposal, with less money than their previous proposal. AAUP rejects offer and both sides extend negotiations to Aug. 24.

AUGUST 24

AAUP presents economic package offer to OU. Oakland refuses the offer; both sides agree to extend CBA to Aug. 28.

AUGUST 28

OU and AAUP agree to extend CBA to Aug. 30.

AUGUST 31

The AAUP and Oakland reach a tentative agreement.



Dodging drops

Despite downpours, campus flooded with new students at welcome events

By Stephanie Preweda
Campus Editor

The New Student Convocation saw a downpour of activity at Oakland University, despite the rain.

This year was the first time OU held a day-long convocation for freshmen.

However, some students and group leaders showered in their OU pride and continued on with their day, besting the weather.

According to Jean Ann Miller, director of center for student activities, the tents were not set up for the rain, but they certainly proved useful.

"I think everybody is going with the flow, no pun intended," she said.

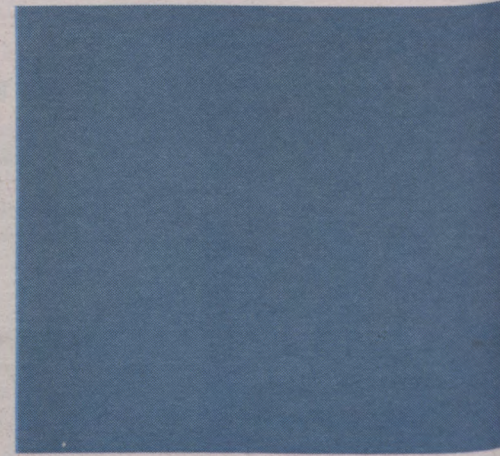
However, the weather did affect some events.

The annual Meadow Brook Walk has been postponed to Sept. 11, with tours departing at 8, 8:30 and 9 a.m.

"Because of the rain, we sent (freshmen) back to the resident halls to change," said Christiana Peach, junior, group leader and resident assistant.

In an attempt to stay dry, students could be found all over campus wearing plastic ponchos which were provided by OU in preparation for the day's storms.

After a bucket-full of events, group leaders were getting freshman dripping with excitement as they splash into the new academic year.



UPPER RIGHT CORNER Christiana Peach, group leader, points out different building to freshmen Terri Dawkins and Andrea Breaker. **UPPER LEFT CORNER** The fencing club practices different moves for the upcoming semester. **MIDDLE LEFT** Yahawa Ashaqua, president of the Muggle Quidditch League, at the student involvement fair. **LOWER LEFT CORNER** Students were found all over campus using umbrellas and wearing ponchos to keep dry. **LOWER MIDDLE** OU gave students plastic ponchos to protect them from the rain.



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MAIN PHOTO Despite the rain, group leaders and freshmen were touring campus and participating in events. **UPPER RIGHT** Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs, speaks in the O'Rena during the convocation and made her poncho part of her speech. **BOTTOM LEFT CORNER** Crowds of students, parents and faculty gathered in the O'Rena from 3-4 p.m. for the New Student Convocation. **BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER** Brad Barr, group leader, leads a group of freshman from Kresge to the new Human Health Building.

Sports

Teamwork runs deep

Cross-country teams set sights on the finish line

By Timothy Pontzer
Senior Reporter

Friday afternoon, the Golden Grizzly faithful gathered at the Upper Fields to watch one of Oakland's top threats to win a Summit League title this year.

Fans were not treated to an Oakland soccer game and did not witness the basketball or baseball team sweat through an offseason workout. Instead, the fans were there to see the men's and women's cross-country teams in the annual Golden Grizzly Invitational to kick off the season.

While those in attendance were able to catch a glimpse of some of Oakland's top runners, opponents were not as lucky as OU placed four men in the top 10 and five women in the top 15.

Golden Grizzly Invitational

"I'm very happy," said Head Coach Paul Rice said. "It was really warm today and we talked about being smart early on and finishing hard, and it looks everybody was able to do that."

Brittini Hutton, a senior, blazed through the women's 4K with a time of 14:33.7 to capture the top spot, while fellow senior, Jami Rodes, was close behind, clocking 14:47.8 to finish second.

In the men's 6K, George O'Connor, a freshman, won his first collegiate race with a time of 19:15.3 and red-shirt sophomore Nathan Ziolk tallied 19:22.1 to take second.

Stressing teamwork

While cross-country is a sport where individual successes are magnified, Oakland's squad is one where the team is the focus.

"That is one of the things about cross-country that people don't realize, it really is more of a team sport than an individual sport," Rice said. "The message we try to send to our athletes is that if there is ever a moment in a race where you need something to fight for, do it for your teammates, because they will be doing the same thing."



Photo courtesy of Jose Juarez

Brittini Hutton finished with a time of 14:33.7 in the women's 4K to capture the victory. Hutton, a senior, leads a team eyeing the Summit League title, which will be held at OU.

Rice preaches success as a team in everything he does with the program. While he sits down with each runner individually to go over a game plan and to help their individual times, he refuses to play favorites or even rank his athletes.

The Oakland cross-country team has no captains. Instead, Rice tells all members of the squad that they are on equal footing and are expected to be leaders. This team-first philosophy is the key for Rice to reach the ultimate goal of winning a league title.

"We have the ability, if we train hard

and stay healthy, we can definitely do it," Rice said. "We've got enough senior leadership to bring the young guys and young ladies along, and some freshman to help us as well, and that makes a great package."

With their eyes set on a Summit League Championship, Oakland does not have to look far as it will be held in its own backyard. In late October, all members of the Summit League will descend on Katke-Cousins Golf Course on campus, where Oakland is hosting the conference championships.

"We don't have to travel, which is huge," Hutton said. "We can bring out a lot of our home fans to cheer us on ... it's going to be awesome."

Coach Rice agreed with the benefit of a lack of travel and pointed out that the team will be able to train throughout the year on the championship course in workouts.

Experience pays off

Rice has been at the helm of the Oakland program since 1997, guiding the Golden Grizzlies to three Summit League championships and helping produce 27 all-conference runners.

The four-time Summit League Coach of the Year graduated from OU in 1993. While earning all-conference and all-region honors as a cross country runner, he served as the captain of the team for three years when they were still known as the Pioneers.

Rice's experience and passion for Oakland is evident to his runners, not only in the way shares his past, but also in the ways that he helps their own careers.

"Coach Rice believed in me, he made me say I could do it, and he gave me the confidence and strength I needed," Hutton said. "He is an amazing coach and I will forever be in his gratitude. He really cares about this program and he loves the athletes."

When talking to potential recruits for the team, Rice dips into fond memories of his alma mater.

"I hope they can appreciate the longevity that I've had here," Rice said. "I can say I watched this building go up, and was here for the Division II to Division I transition. I have a great pride for this school and it really is a thrill for me for to be the coach here."

This weekend, the cross country teams are traveling to Fort Wayne, Ind. for the IPFW Invitational. The teams will have four more meets between this weekend's event and the Summit League Championships on Oct. 27.

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Sports

Golden Grizzlies shutout competition at home

Oakland remains undefeated after 2 victories over Labor Day weekend

By Allen Jordan
Staff Intern

The Oakland University men's soccer team remained undefeated this season, completing a weekend sweep on a pair of wins over Labor Day weekend in front of a large turnout from the crowd at home.

During a Friday night doubleheader with the women's soccer team, the Golden Grizzlies defeated the Cleveland State University Vikings 1-0 in extra time.

During the first minute of extra time, Midfielder Johnny Dreshaj sealed the victory in walk-off fashion on a penalty kick.

Dreshaj, after missing a previous penalty kick attempt, continued to be aggressive and used the confidence Head Coach Eric Pogue displayed in the senior to nail the game winner.

"I've been taking penalty kicks my whole life, so it was cool that my coach and teammates had the confidence in me to take the shot," Dreshaj said after the victory.

OU continued its strong play on defense anchored by Goalkeeper Scott Messer Sunday afternoon to run their record to 3-0 and continue the season undefeated after downing the University of Vermont 1-0.

Early pressure by Vermont contributed to a slow start in the first half with only two shots attempted. The Golden Grizzlies made the necessary adjustments during halftime, coming out more aggressive in the second half with Senior Kyle Bethel scoring the game's only goal.

"They came out firing and we were lucky not to give away a few goals early," Pogue said. "It's nice to get the win, but the key now is to be able to put together two complete halves together to get the win."

Bethel, who scored his second goal of the year, along with his teammates didn't mind the pressure and aggressive nature that Vermont looked to put on Oakland.

"It was fun ... I enjoy that part of the game. Being able to knock guys around as long as it's clean, that part of the game I enjoy," Bethel said.

Messer, who completed his third straight shutout, stopped three shots and continued to praise the strong play of the team on defense after running his scoreless minutes streak to 270 minutes.



Photo courtesy of Jose Juarez

Oakland soccer remained undefeated after successfully shutting out Cleveland State and Vermont over Labor Day weekend. Oakland moves into 4th place with their 3-0 record.

"We are all working together trying to be as organized as we can and communicate as much as possible," Messer said on the joint effort.

Coach Pogue applauded the effort made by his team on the aggressive nature along with the team effort on defense thus far this season.

"There are a lot of young players we're trying right now. We continue to get good contributions from different guys. Every team presents a different challenge and

this team continues to persevere through tough times and work their way through it," Pogue said.

Up next for the Golden Grizzlies will be a visit to the Dick Dlesk Stadium in Morgantown, Va. Sunday Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. The next home game to take place at OU Soccer Field will be against Duquesne Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.

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Sports

Tough road ahead

Basketball teams schedule includes heavy traveling

By Timothy Pontzer
Senior Reporter

Fans eagerly awaiting the basketball season have reason for excitement as both the men's and women's teams have plenty of marquee matches this year.

The men's slate features five teams that made the 2012 NCAA tournament, including a trip up to East Lansing to face local powerhouse Michigan State Nov. 23.

"This schedule is one of the toughest we have ever had when you factor in travel and a lack of home games," said men's Head Coach Greg Kampe.

After two home exhibitions against Davenport College (Oct. 30) and Defiance College (Nov. 6), Oakland kicks off the season Nov. 9 against Albion at the O'Rena.

What follows is a grueling seven-game stretch that will see OU crisscross the country to play teams such as Louisiana, Boise State and Pittsburgh and rematches with foes from last season's schedule in Tennessee and Western Michigan.

In college basketball, teams usually sign contracts with non-conference squads to guarantee matchups. Due to its size, many times OU is forced to play away from home in order to get a chance against a big-name opponent. However, Kampe has shown the ability to bring top teams to Rochester, as seen with last season with Michigan visiting the Palace and the victory against Tennessee in a packed house at the O'Rena. While this season will certainly rack up a lot of frequent flyer miles for his team, Kampe hinted that it will pay off down the road.

"People are going to be upset because it is void of home games, but people have to understand where we are in the pecking order," Kampe said. "We had 18 home games last year and a school like us to have that many home games is an amazing feat, unfortunately you end up paying for that, but on next year's schedule we're going to have some really good teams at home."

While only 10 Division I opponents will play at Oakland this year, fans can tune in to ESPNU Dec. 19 to see senior Drew Valentine, lead the Golden Grizzlies into Morgantown, W. Va. to take



Oakland Post file photo

Both of Oakland's basketball teams will face fierce competition this season. Despite a lack of home games, both teams look to make their mark in the NCAA tournament

on the West Virginia Mountaineers in a nationally televised affair.

Oakland begins conference play when they travel to IUPUI Dec. 29.

While the men only have three regular-season games during November and December, the women's team will host 10 games during that time. Fans will want to get their tickets early as both Michigan State (Dec. 5) and Purdue (Dec. 16) pay a visit to OU.

"I know the fans are going to be excited, and the parents are definitely excited," said women's Head Coach Beckie Francis. "But I'm nervous, because it's a pretty hefty schedule."

Despite having two Big Ten teams come to the O'Rena, the most highly anticipated game of the season is when OU travels to perennial championship contender Connecticut Dec. 19. UConn has advanced to five straight

Final Fours and will be a heavy favorite against the Grizzlies, but Coach Francis sees it as more than just a game.

"We played them in 2006," Francis said. "I remember my seniors came up to me after that game and even though it was a loss, they said that atmosphere was one of the best experiences they ever had."

Having top teams on the schedule helps Francis' overall plan as she tries to move the program forward.

"It helps our recruiting, because I can say this is who were going to play and they did not pick you, and now you have a chance to go play them and beat them on our floor," Francis said.

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THE SPORTING BLITZ

Volleyball team shines in Golden Grizzlies Invitational

Oakland University hosted the Golden Grizzlies Invitational for volleyball over the weekend, a



Holbrook

competition the Oakland team dominated.

Despite beginning their season with three-straight losses in Kansas, Oakland managed to defeat Toledo, Eastern Illinois and

Iowa in sequence to capture the invitational win.

Senior Brittany Holbrook was named tournament MVP after recording 14 kills and four blocks.

Women's soccer defeats rival Detroit Mercy

The women's soccer team defeated Detroit Mercy Friday night in an overtime victory.

Forward Meghan Reynolds scored the first goal of the game at the 14 minute mark and the last goal five minutes into overtime.

Midfielder Julianne Boyle scored her first goal of the season and second of the night, putting Oakland up 2-0 in the first 15 minutes of play.

Detroit would go on to tie the game, sending it into overtime.

With the win, the Golden Grizzlies improved their record to 2-1-1.

Oakland hockey hosts annual golf fundraiser

Oakland Division I hockey is hosting their third annual golf fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 16 at The Myth Golf Course in Oakland, MI.

Tickets are \$100 for 18-holes, a cart and dinner, or \$30 for the dinner only.

Funds goes towards the hockey team's season budget.

Those interested should contact Adam Novack at alnovack@oakland.edu

— Compiled by Damien Dennis,
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Summer's grand finale

*Royal Oak hosts annual
festival celebrating arts,
music, local eateries*

By Allen Jordan
Staff Intern

Summer time has officially come to a close with the passing of Labor Day weekend and the beginning of the school year. With the Ford Arts, Beats and Eats festival taking place over the weekend in Royal Oak, the yearly event allows visitors a chance at summer indulgence.

"I have family in town from St. Louis here with me, it's been a great way to celebrate the holiday weekend," said Patricia Hill of Allen Park.

The Ford Arts, Beats and Eats festival takes place every Labor Day weekend, offering a mixture of Metro Detroit culture from art to clothing exhibits and even karaoke.

"I think what continues to bring people out here every year is that we try to keep it fresh," said Jon Witz, executive producer of the Ford Arts, Beats and Eats festival.

Witz said he feels an obligation to bring something new to the community, and along with other organizations, to display the best Detroit has to offer in entertainment and culture.

"Every year we try to add more fun and excitement working with over 60 non-profits dealing with admissions, all sales benefits organizations such as the American Red Cross and March of Dimes," Witz said.

The organizations involved have not only raised over \$325,000 on average for the last two years, but also look to provide a life experience for those facing difficult times.

On Saturday and Monday, these non-profit organizations participated in a program for over 400 children with autism to provide a day full of activities involving free parking, admissions, food and beverages for their families, according to the official press release.

Other events, such as the Zumbathon for the Karmanos Cancer Institute, a Deaf Arts Festival and a Radiothon for the Children's Miracle network all played a hand in providing an enjoyable experience for those in the community.

"We try to open our doors however we can to try and bring people out to help the community in any way necessary," Witz said. "Bringing people together from the Metro area is the best part of the whole event. In this region there is plenty of culture, along with the activities ... food, and art to continue to help get people to come out."

Organizations like Ford Motor Company continue to play a huge role in the success of this event every year, providing activities and opportunities to give back.

"Our intention was to reach out to those in the area and be a representative of what the Metro Detroit area stands for," said Wendy Carter, logistics director for all Ford displays at the Arts, Beats and Eats festival.

There were a variety of food choices from over 60 different establishments around the metro area.

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Ford's Arts, Beats and Eats in Royal Oak drew crowds from the Metro Detroit area with activities for all ages, booths with information on local businesses and several dozen food vendors.



DGE is one of three companies from Rochester highlighted by Inc. magazine. They were chosen because of their recent growth.

Local companies' growth recognized

Inc. magazine touts Rochester businesses

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

Despite the economic recession, 144 Michigan companies, including 89 from the Detroit area, have been named among the fastest growing companies by Inc., a magazine dedicated to entrepreneurs and business owners. The magazine celebrates 5,000 companies and includes Rochester Hills businesses DGE, TTI Global and Aleve Stores.

The 2012 list, featuring 25 industries across the United States, took into account the revenue increases over the past three years of U.S.-based, privately held, for profit and independent companies, according to a release by Inc. The minimum revenue requirement for companies to make the list in 2008 was \$100,000, but since 2011 the requirement has changed to \$2 million.

Local company DGE, ranked 49 in Detroit, an electrical engineering design and consulting services company, provide to OEMs and auto tier suppliers. Established in 1984, DGE began producing automotive parts, changing their path to the automotive electronics industry in 2004 in order to provide

specialty products and services.

"This step put them in the right direction towards success, as they made Inc.'s list of the Fastest Growing Companies three times in the past four years.

"It's important to focus on your strengths, proving to customers that you have a distinguished product they can't get anywhere else," said DGE's COO Stephan Tarnutzer.

According to Tarnutzer, making the list isn't necessarily the company's goal, but rather something to make them work harder and achieve more each year; the company's main goal is providing the products customers are looking for.

Technical Training Inc. Global, formed in 1976, originally focused on technology manuals and training programs. According to their website, the company moved to Rochester Hills in 1984 and has been expanding internationally ever since. Ranked 30 in Detroit, TTI now has offices in China, Japan, Thailand, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Venezuela, Europe and the Middle East.

The company applies to the list every year and is proud to receive acknowledgement for their rapid growth. According to TTI Global Marketing Manager Kevin Dever, companies wanting to make the list and become fast-grow-

ing should be customer-focused, innovative, trustworthy, adaptable and driven.

"(Growth) provides opportunities for the team to step outside their existing role and reach out and learn new things and develop additional career paths," Dever said. "Growth is good as long as you can still deliver on customer requirements effectively with the same level of quality."

Another company making the list, Aleve Stores, ranked 59 in Detroit, has a longer history. Originally formed as American Orthopedic Services in 1957, the company started out with prosthetics manufacturing and medical needs assistance.

Today, the company sells online in addition to in stores. The original store in Pontiac is still open today, with another one opening soon in Rochester.

Inc.'s list contains 5000 companies, 89 of which are located in the metro Detroit area, including the three Rochester companies.

Based on sales, number of employees and business success, the list encourages entrepreneurs to succeed and continue towards further company improvement.

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Celebrating an era with the DIA

By Rhea Reid
Staff Intern

This year, the Friends of African and African American Art will celebrate their 50 year anniversary as one of the Detroit Institute of Art's most important auxiliaries.

Initially, the gallery was intended only to display traditional art from Africa, but expanded to include African American art in the late 1980s. Valerie Mercer, curator and department head at the General Motors Center for African American art at the DIA expressed pride in the gallery.

"Other museums may have auxiliaries, but ours would have to be the oldest. The collection of African and African American art at the DIA is rich in history," Mercer said.

The painting, "The Summer of '62," the year the gallery was founded, is at the heart of the 1962 inspired event.

The event will feature dancing, with period music, cocktails and dinner. Guests are advised to attend dressed in formal '62 apparel.

"It's a matter of looking back into that time just for the fun of it," Mercer said.

The event celebrates 50 years of African and African American Art, and is open to the public.

Public Relations Director Pamela Marcila is optimistic with regards the turnout for the event.

"We hope to see a variety of people attend the special festivities held in honor of the FAANA," Marcila said. "Events like the FAANA's 50th celebration calls attention to museum collections at the DIA."

Special events also help to provide educational programs and purchase new art for the DIA's 100 plus galleries.

The FAANA 50th anniversary celebration will take place Saturday Sept. 15, from 7 to 11 p.m., in the DIA's Prentis Court.

Tickets cost \$150 and Patron tickets cost \$500 for two people. Proceeds will go toward funding various departments within the DIA.

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Brick & Mortar

Modern art takes a historic setting at Meadow Brook Hall

Written and Photographed by Jennier Holychuk // Staff Reporter

Meadow Brook Hall is well-known for its artistic involvement. This month, a group of Oakland University professors and a local artist converted this historic location into a venue for modern art in the exhibit "Brick & Mortar."

The exhibit, which is located in Meadow Brook's carriage house, opened Aug. 15 and will run through Sept. 15. It features original works of art from six local artists, five of which are OU professors. The exhibit opens to visitors daily at 11:30 a.m. and can also be viewed as a part of the Meadow Brook Hall tours.

According to Meadow Brook Hall curator Meredith Long, she had been trying to use the hall as a venue for original art exhibits for some time, but the opportunity had never quite presented itself. "We were really looking for innovative ways to use this historic museum house," she said.

The idea for "Brick & Mortar" came from Richard Haley, artist and OU art professor, and Cody Vanderkaay, assistant professor of art and director of the studio art program at OU. Both professors co-curate the exhibit and are displaying original pieces.

When Vanderkaay approached him with the idea to do an exhibit, Haley said they immediately began organizing artists.

"The people in the exhibit are people we happen to teach with, but we also all get together as a group once a month and critique each other's work," Haley said.

According to Haley, the exhibit is architecturally-based to follow the theme of Meadow Brook's 100th Anniversary Exhibition and features pieces such as Vanderkaay's over 10-foot-tall cinder block pillar and Haley's "transported dirt hole."

"I guess I was experimenting with the idea of being able to move a hole," Haley said.

Originally, Haley and Vanderkaay wanted to make this exhibit an ongoing project.

"We had this big lofty idea to pair Detroit artists with national artists and do eight shows a year," he said. "We wanted to export Detroit and import the rest of the nation."

According to Haley, that is still "the ultimate goal."

Long said she would like to see the space at Meadow Brook utilized in different ways and hopes to do more exhibits like "Brick & Mortar" in the future.

"There's not one way to tell a story," she said. "There are a hundred different ways."

There will be a closing event for the exhibit in the Meadow Brook Hall carriage house Sept. 15.

"We're having a closing instead of an opening," Long said. "All of the artists will be here, and it'll be a great time for them to discuss their work."

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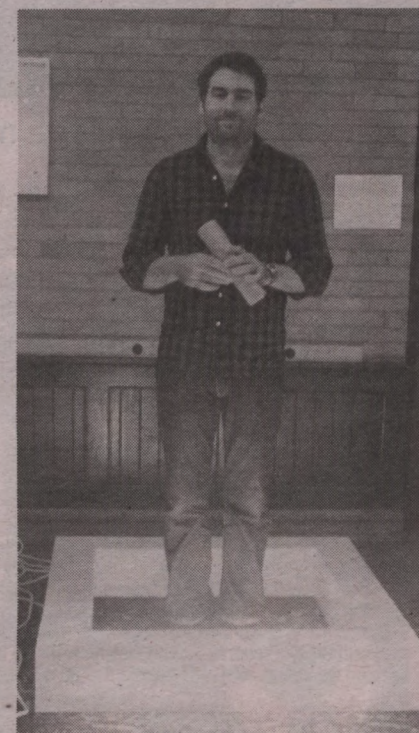


FAR LEFT Richard Haley's dirt circle photographs represent "scorched earth," he said. Meadow Brook Hall's "Brick & Mortar" exhibit is located in the carriage house and is open until Sept. 15.

BELOW Meadow Brook Hall curator Meredith Long oversees Brick & Mortar and is in charge of the preservation of the exhibit space. "It's difficult when you can't use most kinds of adhesive!" she said.



RIGHT Haley explained the idea of OU art instructor Corrie Baldauf's yellow squares. "The idea of this art is that you're supposed to stand in the square and 'become the art,'" he said. "You glow sort of yellow - it's like being on stage."



Getting wings



Photo courtesy of Jake Michels

Jake Michels (left) and David Gaunt (right) have been friends since they were young kids. Soon they will be competing in the Red Bull Flugtag competition in Chicago.

By Kevin Graham
Staff Reporter

Oakland University student Jake Michels could see his team's creation soar through the air, or, just as likely, fall straight into a pond on Sept. 8.

Michels, a sophomore majoring in physical therapy, has joined four students from Michigan State University to participate in the Red Bull Flugtag in Chicago.

The team has been together for two months and has been working on the design of their glider since late July.

"It's a bunch of self-taught pilots and we build a flying machine and we throw them off a 30 foot ledge into a body of water," Michels said. "Whoever goes the farthest wins."

In addition to distance, teams are also judged on their theme's creativity. Michels's team dubbed itself "Team Drachenflieger," or "dragonfly" in German. Their glider is stylized to look like the double-winged creature.

Michels was asked to participate by his friend David Gaunt. The pair has known each other since they were Boy Scouts. Both Michels and Gaunt are Eagle Scouts.

"We live in the same neighborhood and attended the same high school," Gaunt said. "Jake has helped a lot with publicity, fundraising, and has also been able to help in the construction."

Gaunt's description of the glider's design makes it sound like something that would make their scoutmaster proud.

"Our glider is constructed of 1X1 inch square aluminum tubing," he said. "We also used a Clark-Y airfoil profile (common in aviation) for the wing design. The craft is equipped with adjustable elevators on the tail, which will help to control the pitch of the craft. This will be crucial in pulling the nose of the craft upward when making its initial dive."

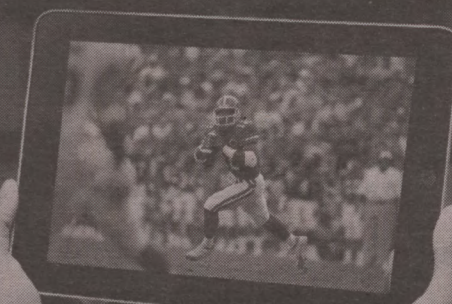
If the design is complicated, the materials used in the glider's construction are anything but.

"We made it out of square aluminum tubing and light weight balsa wood," Michels said. "We're wrapping the wings in a high density saran wrap."

Because the gliders used in the competition are designed for one time use, Michels does not really know what the craft will do on competition day.

"Just hope for the best," Michels said. "There's no real testing that goes into this."

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Mouthing Off

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Keeping up with pros and contracts

By Katie Williams
Senior Reporter/Spin Doctor

I have a well-trained poker face. I am a master of indifference. I wear nothing on my extremely professional sleeve. There is no smiling in journalism.

To be fair, there's no smirking, grimacing, screaming, crying or laughing either — objectivity is the core of the profession. I only have emotions when the news stops.

Sure, I can pretend to be completely detached, but I am more than an articulate robot. I must admit that sometimes I get sloppy and have feelings on the weekends. Then I feel guilty for having had them, and the realization that the guilt is another emotion hurdles me into a vicious

cycle that can only be cured by hours of streaming CNN. I know I'm ready to return to work when I can sit through "Anchorman" and find myself disgusted by Ron Burgundy's unprofessional nature.

If all else fails and I'm still trapped with Will Ferrell in a glass case of emotion, I watch Dan Rather and Connie Chung videos on YouTube until I'm numb. Yes, journalists are a fun bunch.

Even when you claim to have no interests, as a student journalist, conflicts of those same "non-interests" are inevitable. The ethical issues can be complicated.

Enter the recent contract negotiations between the American Association of University Professors and Oakland University.



Photo by DYLAN DULBERG / The Oakland Post

Senior Reporter/Spin Doctor Katie Williams sits back in a blanket and an armchair as she attempts to write a story for the - zzzz

As a student, I wanted nothing more than a timely resolution so I could start classes as scheduled. I'd eventually like to graduate; it is why I'm enrolled in the first place. As a journalist, I wanted nothing more than a strike so I could cover the picket lines. Conflict makes for great news, and I missed the last one.

It was exhausting. One of the reasons I chose journalism was so I

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could avoid taking sides. I'm notoriously indecisive.

It was a long week at The Post, and I remained divided on the issue for most of it. I'd had breakfast, lunch and dinner in the basement of the OC several days in a row. I found the time to give myself a small course in union law and simplify the arguments. I also watched my normally composed colleagues resort to delirious attempts at the cha-cha slide in wheelie chairs while we awaited a decision.

By Thursday night, we were fading fast and I was growing tired of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and lukewarm Diet Coke. If there were going to be any further extensions of the deadline, we might be driven to complete insanity, or worse, another poorly-choreographed line dance executed at the expense of the office furniture.

So I thank the AAUP and OU for coming to a tentative agreement; having to cover a strike might have pushed us all over the edge. The office wheelie chairs can only handle so much crazy per week.

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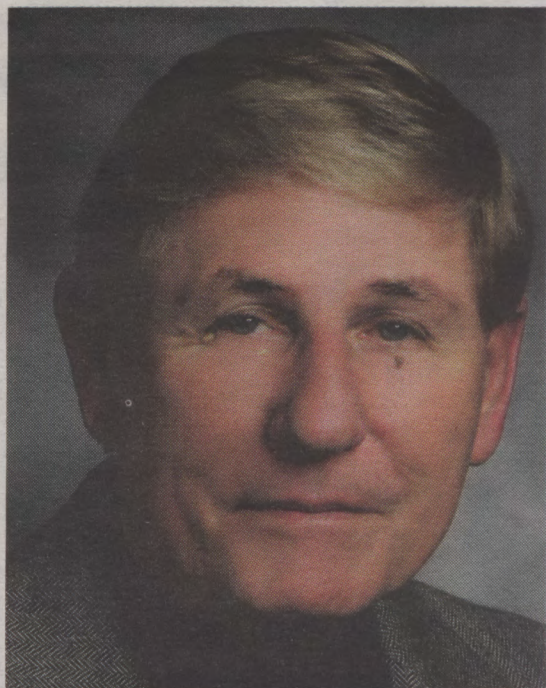
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