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TAKING A BREAK FOR MUSIC // Senior biochemistry major Scott Clanton, freshman communications major Rebekah Thomas and sophomore Alex Norris drew a crowd when they began playing music in the lower level of the Oakland Center. Tweet us your photos @theoaklandpost for your chance to be featured as photo of the week.
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Who do you want to win this year's Super Bowl?

- A** New York Giants
- B** New England Patriots
- C** I just watch for the commercials

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Should the government step in and regulate online content?

A) Yes

5 votes | 5%

B) No

89 votes | 90%

C) I don't care

5 votes | 5%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 2, 1968

A \$250,000 proposed project that would allow for Oakland to build running tracks, tennis courts and a baseball field was approved by the Michigan State Board of Trustees.

FEBRUARY 5 1979

It was announced that Oakland would increase the tuition price in the fall of 1979, stemming from insufficient state funds. The university was granted a five percent budget increase, half of what the university requested.

FEBRUARY 4, 1980

The Academic Planning and Policy Committee was evenly divided about a proposed medical school. While the science departments supported the school, the chemistry and nursing schools opposed it, fearing a loss of students.

BY THE NUMBERS

1959

first year of classes at Oakland University

5

number of OU presidents since its founding

570

number of students enrolled the first year at OU

19,379

number of student enrolled at in 2011

129

number of baccalaureate programs

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

OUSC should not have forgotten about elections

As journalists, we obviously hold deadlines in high regard.

So, when the Oakland University Student Congress announced they had failed to advertise the deadline for OU students to declare candidacy in the upcoming elections, we were chagrined.

Student Body President Benjamin Eveslage sent The Oakland Post an e-mail Jan. 25 explaining they "didn't realize" the deadline for students to submit their declarations of candidacy was nearing for legislators, the vice president and president.

Buried within this notification was the fact the deadline to apply was on Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. — a mere five days away.

The OUSC bylaws clearly state that candidates for the election must submit their names for the ballot eight weeks prior to the election date in March.

Yeah, as journalists, we should have been playing watchdog and caught the fact that the deadline date was approaching.

Even so, it is OUSC's ultimate responsibility as the student governing body to inform students of what is going on and to give everyone an equal chance to run.

OUSC is having no problem with forgetting to spend

We're not advocating for continuous election coverage like we see on a national level, but we do think students deserve more than a few days to make that kind of decision.

student money this year, however.

They receive \$86,301 in Student Activity Fees, which they spend on events, causes and their payroll.

That money is also supposed to be used for advertising.

Advertising for things like elections, that is.

After OUSC announced the nearly missed deadline, they voted to extend the period an entire week to Feb. 6 at 5 p.m.

Because, in a week, all 19,379 students at Oakland will have been well-informed of the election and some may even decide to run.

Last year, four teams of student candidates took the plunge into presidential candidacy, along with 29 legislator hopefuls.

With all of the sloppiness of the current administration and lack of notice, we don't

think everyone has been given a fair opportunity in this year's election.

Eveslage said he believes one week will be enough time for students (because they are now advertising on social media like Facebook and Twitter), but if there is a lack of applications for candidacy this year, we have to wonder if lack of advertising was to blame.

What's worse is they missed the deadline for something as important as the next student governing body — the next group of individuals to represent the voice of the students.

How can they forget something that important?

We're not advocating for continuous election coverage like we see on the national level, but we do think students deserve more than a few days to make that kind of decision.

Especially after last year's campaign drama, we don't think it's a good idea to rush into elections this time around.

Hopefully next year's administration doesn't make the same mistake.

We won't next time.

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Corrections Corner

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- Last week's staff editorial incorrectly said the Student Activity Fee is \$25, it is actually \$27.50.
- Chinese New Year was on Jan. 19, not Jan. 20.

Letters to the Editor

Writers must provide full name, class rank, phone number and field of study. Please limit letters to 250 words or less. Letters may be edited for content, length and grammar.

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EDITORIAL

Take a stand on controversial issues

Some of these debatable topics are a matter of life and death — bring on the war

It's that time of year again. Or, that is, it is that kind of year again: election year.

Enter cliché promises, flag-waving, red-herrings, bandwagons, the straw man, ad hominem, tu quoque and every other fallacy.

Not to mention a blender of bizarre claims, mud-slinging, sudden religious furor and the public's renewed interest in geography.

Amidst all the heartless chaos, another nemesis will arise out of its cage: controversial topics.

Controversial topics are notorious for stirring up tempers. Just mentioning topics like abortion, same-sex marriage or a religious view drops baking soda into a bottle of vinegar. Soon the room reeks and all that's left is a sizzle of the remaining reactions.

Such is often the end result of talking about such topics. Side "A," vinegar, will gush into side "B," baking soda and vice versa.

Many people have suggested leaving the discussion of these topics out, serving milk and cookies instead, keeping the vinegar and baking soda to the side.

Sophomore Nick Rolling, a communication major disagrees with both of these views, and offers an alternative.

Rolling is no stranger to controversial topics. He's president of Students for Life, where he has encountered numerous instances to discuss abortion. Raised in a Catholic home, he is dedicated to his faith and has been supporting the pro-life movement since he was young.

He believes such topics should be neither avoided nor should the methods of discussing them be abusive.

"I wouldn't say I deliberately try to stir things up or pick fights with people about views," Rolling said.

However, he said such topics must be brought to discussion.

The goal in the discussion of such topics, according to Rolling, should be about the differing viewpoints, not necessarily a debate.

"Winning arguments doesn't change anything. To change something you need to present your beliefs and give reasons why," Rolling said.



JORDAN GONZALEZ

senior reporter

"(Students for Life) isn't trying to bash people, we are trying to foster discussion. You win by letting people come and experience your message so they can think about it."

Rolling's idea isn't that of relativism.

"I don't believe that everyone's truth is right. I think

there is objective truth, but you don't have to wave it in other peoples face to make a point."

He recognizes some will be offended by even just hearing the other side of the story, and he believes is true will ruffle the feathers of many more.

"(Students for Life) wants to spread awareness of the dignity of human life," Rolling said, speaking for the organization. "Some people are offended by that. We have a strong stance, but we don't try to offend or hurt people as an organization."

Regardless of one's view on the abortion debate, or any other controversial debate, one thing should be made clear: it needs to be discussed. Life isn't all milk and cookies. Sometimes the bitterness of vinegar and the choking baking soda does us all a little good. Sometimes mixing is good.

For example, at the way the world handled Hitler's rise. They were so afraid to spark a fight they did virtually nothing at all, in the name of "peace."

While the world was sleeping in their beds, the Nazis were preparing the slaughter of 10 million Jews, gypsies, homosexuals and mentally handicapped. Plus, they were planning to take over the world.

Although truth may seem impossible to find, there always have and always will be facts. Seek the facts.

This year will be the same as always, filled with the usual clichés, insults and, well, lies. Let's just be honest.

Make it different this time. Take a stand. Find the facts. Bring on war. Release the nemesis of controversy. Yes, it might get ugly, war always is. After all, some of these topics are a matter of life and death.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fashion trends are not appropriate topics for the campus newspaper

Katherine LaCroix, Sophomore, Elementary Education

I'm not your so-called "A" student nor the complete incompetent failing student.

I am an average Oakland University student who attends 10 a.m. class everyday and grabs a copy of The Oakland Post every Wednesday.

I feel that your need to publish two whole pages designated to pea coats was absurd and senseless.

I would understand maybe an article about the fashion of pea coats and how OU students and staff choose to wear them, but not just a handful of pictures and three paragraphs about them.

Honestly, students are not con-

cerned about pea coats.

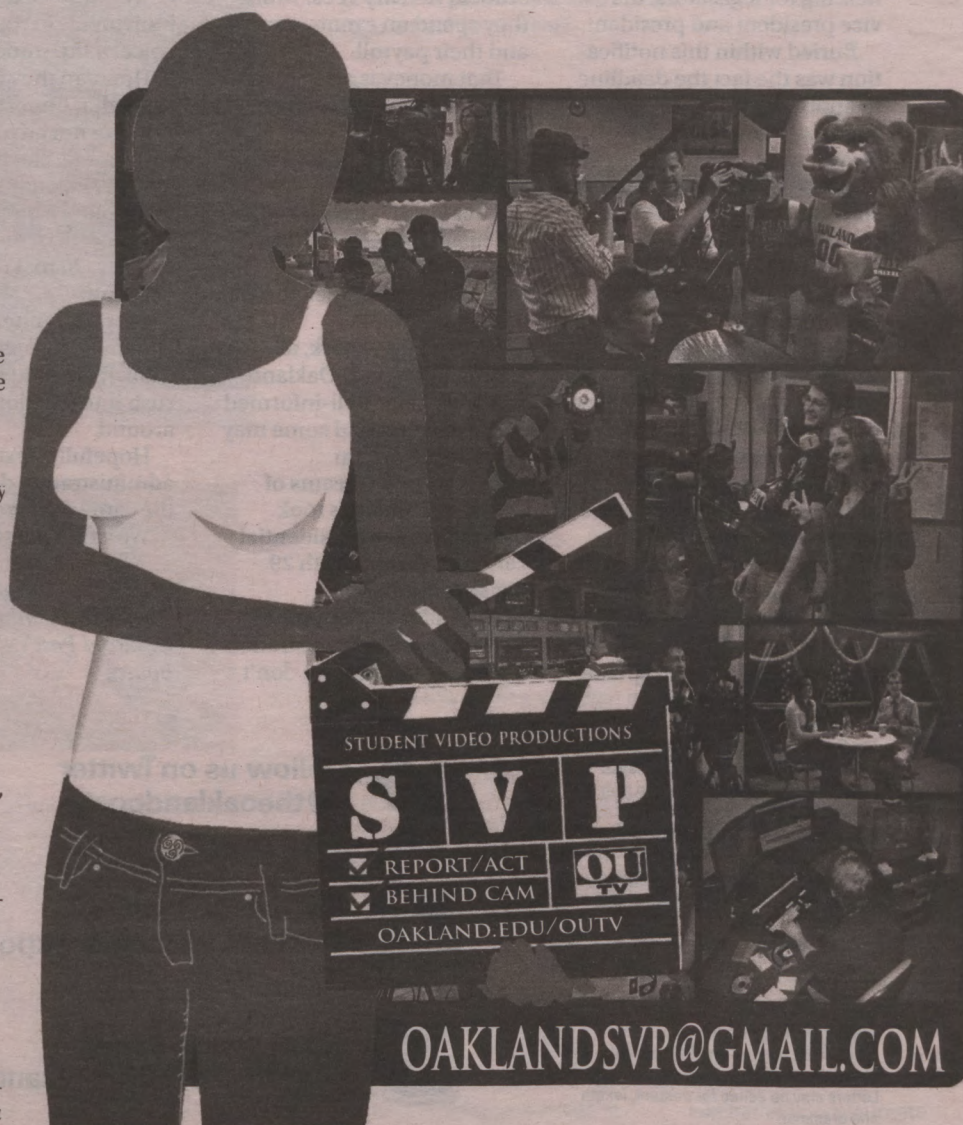
I feel that those two pages wasted on useless space should have been more directed to OU's homecoming.

There was not as much advertise about homecoming this year as there was last year, which is why I decided not to attend homecoming events.

If there was more talk about it throughout campus and announced in The Oakland Post, my mind probably would have been changed.

Needless to say, The Oakland Post needs to become more involved about the matters on-campus that students and staff truly want to read about, rather than fashion.

If I wanted to read about fashion, I would go buy Vogue magazine.



EDITORIAL

Please don't censor the Internet

Recent government-restricted SOPA and PIPA acts should never be passed

Oakland University students risk losing the ability to use popular social networking sites like Facebook, Youtube and Pinterest due to new house and senate bills that, if passed, will strengthen copyright laws.

In protest against the Stop Online Piracy Act and Protect IP Acts, many websites went black on Jan. 18.

According to the Washington Post, Google Inc. has collected over seven million signatures from people in the U.S. as part of their online petition to Congress against the SOPA and PIPA acts.

Google also blacked out its logo on their search engine and the user-created Internet encyclopedia, Wikipedia, among other sites, blacked out their entire U.S. website on Jan. 18.

Instead of seeing the content that a user was looking for, they were directed to a page that explained the bills and provided a link to help the user find their local representative.

According to a statement released from the Wikipedia Foundation, "162 million people experienced the Wikipedia blackout landing page ... more than eight million U.S. readers looked up their Congressional representatives through Wikipedia to protest the Stop Online



CHRIS LAURITSEN
senior reporter

Piracy Act and the Protect IP Act."

After the protest, 13 congressmen who were co-sponsoring the bill withdrew their support.

Under the SOPA act, which was introduced by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith on Oct. 26, 2011, the U.S. government would have the ability to more closely monitor the Internet.

The goal of the bill would be to crack down on web sites that are allowing their users to illegally obtain copyrighted materials, and intellectual property, which would contain sound recordings, videos of live music performances, and "trafficking in counterfeit labels, goods or services."

SOPA is directly aimed at various foreign and domestic web sites including "The Pirate Bay," a torrent website used for downloading. Besides torrent websites, SOPA would also impact popular social networking sites like Facebook and YouTube.

Under the bill, people would no longer have the right to post videos of concerts, clips of movies or any other piece of material that might be considered theft of intellectual property.

The proposed bill would require online websites and search engines like Google, to "withhold services from an infringing site or prevent users located in the United

States from accessing the infringing site."

SOPA would also focus its energy on eliminating sites that promote illegal medications and sites that distribute prescription drugs to people without a prescription.

According to opencongress.org, support for the bill has come from NBC Universal, Ford Motor Company, MCA Records, Walmart, Netflix, Disney and others.

The driving force for opposition of SOPA has been many online service providers including Google, Twitter and Facebook among others.

SOPA's detractors claim that the bill will allow the government to over censor the internet and will destroy what the Internet was created for: sharing information.

PIPA was introduced by Senator Patrick Leahy and outlines many of the same things that are in SOPA.

As of Jan. 20, both SOPA and PIPA have been indefinitely postponed.

In a press release issued after the decision had been made to postpone the voting on the bill, Smith said that the best way to diminish the amount of Internet pirating would be to re-address the issue.

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EDITORIAL

Here today, gone a year after graduation

University e-mail address should be around forever, not just for a short amount of time

What if I asked you what it meant to be a Grizzly forever?

I think of our wonderful athletic teams, the camaraderie and close-knit atmosphere of Rochester, and the excellent academic opportunities from our world-class faculty.

But after hearing word that one year after graduation I would lose my Oakland University e-mail address, I was shocked and appalled.

Whatever happened to forever?



SHAWN MINNIX
contributing reporter

In 2003, the e-mail servers at Oakland were overhauled, as the growing student population had rendered the old server obsolete.

The last straw was in October 2002, as a total system failure caused the loss of all e-mail inboxes.

Technology had advanced a great deal to this point, and some portions of the system had not been touched for nearly 20 years, including some of the file structures. It was definitely time for an upgrade,

and the state-appointed Board of Trustees voted for the overhaul in February 2003.

At that point in time, Michigan was still doing decent.

The financial crisis and subsequent perils of the auto industry had not happened yet. Unemployment was still low, and homes were selling.

Let's fast forward to 2012. The economic climate has taken a severe downturn. Families are struggling to survive. While the auto industry survived, the housing market still took an abrupt hit and led to many foreclosures.

Students attend college to gain an advantage in the competitive global marketplace, but eliminating alumni e-mail addresses one year after graduation seems ludicrous, even with a much greater emphasis on saving dollars and cost-cutting.

I believe that these e-mail accounts are extremely important to our alumni because of the economic malaise Michigan is in.

The networks we create through our years of matriculation have never been needed more than right now.

"I believe that these e-mail accounts are extremely important to our alumni because of the economic malaise Michigan is in."

Now while it is true that websites such as Yahoo! offer free e-mail accounts and it is possible to migrate important contacts, I always thought of my Oakland account as my main one. It was a sign that I had been accepted into a renowned university.

It was a sign that my dream of finishing my bachelor's degree was about to come true.

I had made it.

That feeling was worth much more than twelve months. It felt like forever.

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Historic \$21 million donation made to OU

Largest donation to help engineering and medical schools

By Jordan Gonzelaz
Senior Reporter

Oakland University's leadership and faculty expressed excitement over the long-term effects of the record-breaking \$21 million donation given to Oakland this past weekend, noting the growing bond between the surrounding community and the university.

The donation was made by long-time benefactor to OU, Stephan Sharf.

Sharf is a retired Chrysler executive and matched his retirement funds from the company with his own money to create OU scholarships available to Chrysler employees and their children.

In 2007 he has also received an honorary doctorate degree of science from the university.

President Gary Russi declared the gift will aid Southeastern Michigan as it transitions from the current economic struggles into a future of economic prosperity.

"This remarkable gift strategically targets two key areas of Oakland's academic mission — namely programs that will allow (OU) to help southeastern Michigan and the state as a whole transition into a thriving, knowledge-based economy," Russi said.

The two areas Russi referred to are the School of Engineering and Computer Science and the William Beaumont School of Medicine.

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Gary Russi,
Oakland University President

Both departments, along with the women's golf team, were granted \$14 million of the \$21 million gift.

The remaining \$7 million will be directed to campus operational and capital needs, according to Russi.

Russi said these departments will receive enhancements that will prepare students to become successful leaders in the 21st century through scholarships, research and "enriching" extra-curricular activities.

"Another factor that makes this gift so significant is the fact that countless students will benefit directly from it. We are tremendously fortunate and grateful that our donor took the best interests of our students to heart," Russi said.

He praised the hard work of the students, faculty and staff, who he said have made OU among the top universities in region. The gift, according to

Russi, is a testament to what they have accomplished and will accomplish.

"(The gift) is an investment in Oakland University's future," he said. "This kind of positive reinforcement that our mission is valued really makes an affirmative statement in the community and the state that Oakland University has an integral role in educating Michigan's future leaders."

Russ Cunningham, the coach of both the women's and men's golf teams, also noted the long-term results of the gift and echoed the fact that it strengthens a bond with the community.

"We are very grateful (for the gift). Anything we receive will help us in our goal of capturing our first conference championship," Cunningham said. "It is exciting for the university as a whole. It shows the overall enthusiasm in the community. It's a great time to be an OU student, staff member and alumni."

Eric Barritt, vice president of community engagement and university relations, believes that the reaction from the OU community is important to note.

"We are extremely grateful and humbled. (The gift) will benefit countless students and faculty through scholarships and research," Barritt said.

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RECENT BENEFACTORS OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY



MAGGIE ALLESEE Namely a donor to the Music, Theater and Dance department, Maggie Allesee has donated millions of dollars to Oakland University during her decades of philanthropy. She has established an endowed chair in

geriatrics and rehabilitation nursing in the School of Nursing, where she also serves on Board of Visitors. She also serves on the Board of Visitors for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble in the MTD department.

ANN NICHOLSON Former Board of Trustees member Ann Nicholson has made numerous donations to OU. She and her husband, James, are members of the Meadow Brook Society, which honors those who donated between \$500,000 and \$1 million. Nicholson has donated to the OU William Beaumont School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the School of Business Administration, the Honor's College, Kresge Library and the MTD department. The Ann V. Nicholson apartments are also named for her.



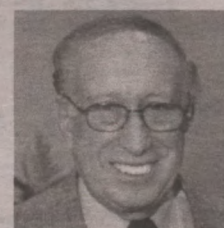
DENNIS AND CARLOTTA PAWLEY The husband and wife duo has made over \$7 million of donations to OU. Dennis has served on the board of trustees and the OU Foundation Board

of Directors. He also established the Pawley Lean Learning Institute, which strives to share concepts that improve efficiency in education and create leaders at the university and in the community. In 2004 Carlotta and Dennis Pawley Hall was named in honor of a \$4 million donation the



couple made to the School of Education and Human Services building.

STEPHAN SHARF A donor since 1981, Sharf has made the largest individual contribution — \$21 million — to the university in the history of the institution. His connection to the university began in the 70s when he served as the chairman at the Meadow Brook Music Festival. In 2000, one of his numerous his contributions helped to establish the R & S Sharf Golf Course, named for he and his wife Rita, located on OU's campus. In 2008 he made an anonymous \$4 million to the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.



Compiled by Sarah Hunton,
Campus Editor

BY THE NUMBERS

5,251,094

number of Titleist Pro V1 golf balls you could buy with \$21 million

10.5

number of times you could build the R & S Sharf Golf course

614,035

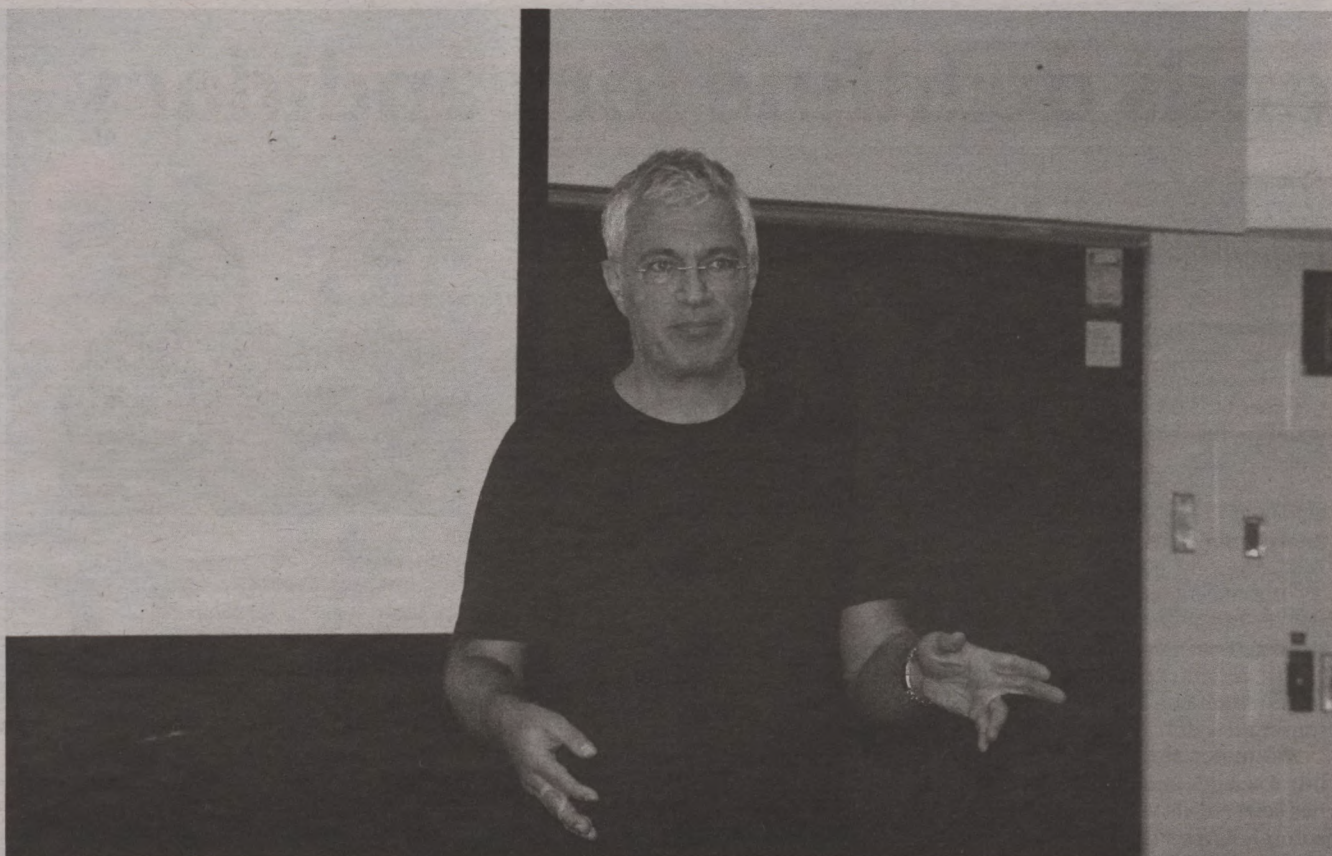
number of blood pressure cuffs you could buy with \$21 million

175,029

number of Texas Instruments graphing calculators you could buy with \$21 million

283,784

number Littmann Stethoscopes you could buy with \$21 million



LEX LEE/The Oakland Post

On Jan. 25, Louis Psihoyos held a discussion and Q&A at OU about "The Cove" and his environmental activism before a screening of the film.

Director, activist Louis Psihoyos visits campus

Director of Academy Award winning documentary "The Cove" speaks to students about filmmaking

By Jordan Gonzalez
Senior Reporter

Amid all the noise and chaos of planes, cars and man-made machines is the sound of millions of creatures.

The animals of the world have been singing their songs since the beginning of time, ranging from the soft chirp of a warbler to the ear-splitting scream of a puma; the click of a cricket to the moan of a whale.

According to environmentalists and scientists, that song is dying off daily due to continued extinctions.

On Jan. 25, Academy Award winning director and world famous photographer Louis Psihoyos visited Oakland University and spoke about the dangers of allowing that sound to die off. He is the founder and executive director of the Oceanic Preservation Society.

"These songs are dying because they are going extinct ... it's a science fiction nightmare," Psihoyos said.

He held the burning of fossil fuels, overfishing and hunting as culprits.

Psihoyos is no stranger to this topic. He directed the renowned and controversial film, "The Cove," which documents the slaughter of dolphins for food and the dangers of human consumption of dolphins due to their mercury poisoning in Japan. The film, which won an Academy Award for best documentary feature, used espionage tactics to expose what was happening in Japan.

The problem is two-fold, according to Psihoyos. The dolphins are in danger of extinction, and the Japanese citizen's health is in danger because of the dolphins' mercury content. He said that the success of the film was due to showing both sides of the problem.

"If you just push one message, you might not hit everybody with that message," he said. "The take home message is really powerful, if you're eating them."

"The Cove" is a major accomplishment for Psihoyos. He has had tremendous

success in the past as a photographer for National Geographic and other major magazines. However, he felt his work wasn't getting the message out.

"I have seen businessmen go through a story that took me a year and a half to do in 90 seconds. It's crushing when people don't spend the time with it," he said. "But a movie ... they are sort of like a captive audience. If you have them hooked, then you have a piece of their soul and you are changing them."

For Psihoyos, his movies are more than entertainment.

"Hollywood thinks of it as 'butts in seats,' I think of it as minds in seats," he said.

Psihoyos acknowledged the reality of his own carbon footprint he leaves every time he travels. However, he encouraged everyone to at least start somewhere to change. For him, it started with "The Cove," then it was installing solar panels at his house and driving an electric car.

Kyle Edwards, an assistant professor and the director of the cinema studies program believes Psihoyos sends an important lesson to students.

"I think that it is important for students to see that you can make films about issues that you're very passionate about and you can become successful doing that, as he has," Edwards said.

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POLICE FILES

Larcenies suspect arrested

On Thursday, Jan. 19, OUPD arrested a male subject believed to be involved in the Tuesday, Jan. 10 larcenies in Hamlin Hall. The male subject was at the Crossroads School in Southfield when he was arrested. After handcuffing and searching the subject, police transported him to the Oakland University police station. Upon arrival, police photographed and fingerprinted the subject. The subject was later interviewed about his visit to OU on Jan. 10. The subject described what occurred that evening and said that he did not steal anything. The subject was later released pending the police department obtaining a warrant.

Strange circumstances in Varner Hall involve OU staff

On Friday, Jan. 20 at 12:57 p.m., OUPD officers were dispatched to Varner Hall due to suspicious circumstances. A male student said that at approximately 12:30 p.m. he overheard a conversation between two male subjects about "fire-bombing" the university. The subjects were later identified as Oakland University employees. Once OUPD arrived at the subjects' place of employment, the first subject stated that the second subject did make "firebombing" comments but that they were completely innocent. The second subject said that his comments were taken out of context by the complainants and that he was talking about a video game not actually causing harm to the school. The case was determined non-criminal and is now closed.

Attempted break in investigated at Wilson Hall

On Monday, Jan. 23 at approximately 11 a.m., OUPD was dispatched to Wilson Hall for an attempted breaking and entering. A faculty member said that at 10:30 a.m. he went to the back door of the computer lab and noticed pry marks on the lock and what appeared to be handprints. The handprints were smeared and OUPD was unable to take fingerprints. There are no video cameras in this area that would have caught any activity.

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Staff Intern

OUSC extends deadline for candidacy

Due to an oversight of election notification, the deadline to apply has been extended to Feb. 5

By Kevin Graham
Staff Reporter

The deadline to submit candidacy forms for the upcoming Oakland University Student Congress elections has been extended to Monday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m.

According to OUSC bylaws, candidates for the election must submit their names for consideration on the ballot eight weeks prior to an election, held at the end of March.

Due to oversight, OUSC leadership did not realize that election notifications needed to be sent out.

OUSC President Benjamin Eveslage explained the source of the confusion.

"We were looking at the bylaws last week (Monday) and for the elections

commission we saw that it stated that the submission for the candidacy for legislators and president and vice president tickets were due eight weeks prior to the beginning of elections," Eveslage said.

He went on to say that a separate clause of the bylaws allows some flexibility in the date to declare candidacy by a vote of the elections commission.

"The elections commission, once they're formed, can vote and change the deadline," Eveslage said.

Lisa Vecchio has the role of elections commission chair as OUSC's administrative assistant.

The junior, double majoring in political science and philosophy, said she has selected six voting members of the commission.

Members were approved by the 23 members of the current legislature.

Commission members cannot run for any office or endorse a candidate for this election.

Commission members agreed to a one-week extension of the deadline for a declaration of candidacy.

Despite the delay, Eveslage is confident a one-week extension will be all that is needed. He is using social networking in order to ensure students know about the date change.

"We've already put banners and flyers up," he said. "We have Facebook ads out. We also have a Facebook event, and we've been posting periodically."

Eveslage said the Facebook ads have been targeted at all current OU students.

All 23 legislative positions are up for election. Students wishing to run for president and vice president must file a joint ticket with their running mate.



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OUSC President, Ben Eveslage, and Vice President, Elisa Malile, extended the OUSC deadline for candidacy applications.

For more information, visit oakland.edu/ousc/elections.

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The Palace to rub elbows with AMA for student internship opportunities

By Jordan Gonzalez
Senior Reporter

The collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association at Oakland University has established a relationship with the Palace of Auburn Hills via collaborations and fundraisers, following a meeting with the Palace on Jan. 19.

The members of the AMA were treated to dinner at the Caesars Windsor Club, where they met with Ryan Bertschman, director of group sales and premium events, to discuss internships, fundraisers and the business of sports at the venue.

Bertschman spoke about careers in the sports industry and how he achieved success in it. Following his discussion, he gave résumé tips and answered questions.

"It's a pretty big deal. We haven't really (had) an opportunity before to work with such a large organization," Christina Venditti, director of

PR and communications, said. "I think it shows the hard work we put out this year."

The first major part of the newly formed relationship was an internship opportunity offered to OU students.

The Palace is offering five to eight students an internship that deals with business and selling skills in the sports environment. The AMA will be promoting these internship opportunities as part of the bargain.

The internships are mainly office work, with some opportunities for students to work on game days. The internships are unpaid, but whichever student performs best will receive a paid summer internship.

"The current position is very flexible, only asking for about two four-hour shifts a week and (the Palace) is flexible with class schedules," said Stephanie Moore, president of the AMA. "It's a great experience especially since they hire internally and they often hire

interns full-time once they are graduated."

OU's AMA is also hosting a fundraiser for the Palace, selling discount tickets to four Pistons games. \$5 will be donated to the AMA per ticket sold.

The AMA is a national organization, founded in 1937 from the merging of the National Association of Marketing Teachers and the American Marketing Society.

Its goal is to teach, develop and inform marketing practices through providing resources and education, sharing knowledge and fostering connections. It currently holds 76 professional chapters and over 350 collegiate chapters.

The collegiate chapter at OU is considered a student organization and is involved in many different activities around campus.

"We participate in campus events, host and attend professional events, host fundraisers and perform community service," Moore said. "We also



Photo courtesy of the American Marketing Association

Director of group sales and premium events, Ryan Bertschman, spoke to students about careers in the sports industry and how to succeed.

attend professional development and networking opportunities that are off-campus, such as attending marketing conferences and AMA Detroit events."

Moore said that community service is vital to the AMA.

"We also perform at least one act of community service per month," she said. "We believe since we are a professional organization, it is our duty to give back to the com-

munity."

For more information on OU's AMA chapter, contact President Stephanie Moore at sjmoore@oakland.edu, or Christina Venditti at cfvenditti@oakland.edu.

For more information on the Pistons tickets, visit ticketmaster.com

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Oakland University Center for Autism Research and Support helps adults with autism interact with others their age and build self-esteem.

OUCARES Strikers bowl first game of the season

League for autistic adults meets every Saturday

By Rachel Ritzenthaler
Staff Intern

Oakland University Center for Autism Research and Support, has just launched their first bowling league in an effort to provide enjoyment to individuals with autism.

The team bowls at Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Members of OUCARES take part in providing activities that will help individuals with autism engage in social interaction and make friends.

"The most important aspect of the bowling league is the participants having fun and making friends," Kathy Sweeney, director of OUCARES, said. "(Public awareness) is important as well."

In general, OUCARES' mission is to improve quality of life for individuals and families affected by autism.

The league, called the OUCARES Strikers, had their first match this past Saturday and the season will run for nine weeks. The organization intends for the league to run year-round.

The league is coached by a professional bowler and is run in partnership with the Autism Society of Oakland County. A

conscious effort has been made to make the league financially reasonable for participants.

"It is important for individuals with autism from all age groups to have an outlet as well as different activities to participate in," Karin Chandler, OUCARES program director, said.

The bowling league is geared specifically toward young adults and gives those with autism a chance to interact with others from their age group and build self-esteem.

"Being a part of the league, they can accomplish something rather than feeling defeated and different," Chandler said.

Every OUCARES program tries to work with each individual and acknowledge his or her success.

They believe that providing an opportunity in a controlled, supportive environment is vital for individuals with autism.

"The bottom line is ... we want them to have fun," Chandler said.

To further recognize their accomplishments, OUCARES plans to organize a party at the bowling alley after the participants complete the season.

The bowling league is just one example of OUCARES' passion for autism aware-

ness. The organization provides 25 recreational programs that run year-round, including basketball, baseball, soccer and martial arts. They also run summer camps and film camps.

According to Sweeney, there is a lot more diversity among individuals with autism than most people think.

The organization as a whole wants to increase public awareness, and volunteers help them to do so.

In fact, they rely completely on OU student volunteers.

According to Chandler, communication students and members from the athletic community have been very enthusiastic about volunteering.

For more information about the OUCARES and the OUCARES Strikers go to oakland.edu/oucares or visit their Facebook page.

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WHAT IS IT

Oakland university Center for Autism Research and Support started their first ever adult autistic bowling league, Strikers, in order to build the self-esteem of adults with autism.

HOURS

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

New business lunch series

The Macomb-Oakland University Incubator will start its new lunch series, "Lunch and Launch," this Thursday, Feb. 2.

David Murray, director of social media for Moncur Associates, will be speaking at this first meeting which will take place in the Velocity building at 6633 Eighteen Mile Road in Sterling Heights.

For more information on the lunch series visit oakland.edu/macombouinc

How to stop worrying workshop

The Center for Student Activities and WXOU radio station is sponsoring "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living."

The workshop will take place on Feb. 2 and 9 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Lake Superior Room B of the Oakland Center. It will also be held Feb. 3 and 10 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the first floor in the Vandenberg lounge.

Organic farming discussion and luncheon open to students

The OU Student Organic Farm organization will be hosting "Celebrating Sustainability, Creativity and Community Engagement" on Feb. 6, in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

Workshops are held throughout the afternoon. Students will discuss how to use utilize OU's organic farm space located at Adams and Butler roads.

For more information, contact Danielle Bockart at 248-370-4969 or e-mail studentorganicfarmers@gmail.com.

Undergraduate summer program available to science students

The Eye Research Institute Summer Undergraduate Program in Eye Research is accepting applications from now until March 2 at 5 p.m.

Students who participate will explore the latest research methods in biochemistry, cell biology, physiology, molecular biology and neuroscience.

With the advantage of \$3,5000 research fellowships, the 12-week program runs May 14 to Aug. 3.

For more information about the summer institute information visit www.oakland.edu/eri

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Campus Editor



Students, alu homecoming

Every year for Homecoming, to cheer on the men's and wo variety of events. This year,

By Nichole Seguin / Editor-in-Chief



Students win at Casino Night

At Casino Night, which was dually sponsored by Program Board and University Housing, students opportunity to gamble—for free.

Throughout the night, students played various blackjack, collecting tokens that they could submit. This year, the theme was 'Red Dragon' which v through decorations and acts. The event was also

"It was a very fun night," said Erin Sobetska, a i accounting who attended the event last year as v dragons were amazing to see and were the highl



Students smash car with sledgehammer

Using a car that was donated by a company in Waterford, students were given the opportunity to smash a vehicle that was painted with the opponents information with a sledgehammer on Friday night.

To do so, students waited in line while others took their turn. They wore safety goggles for protection.

The car was smashed from 9 p.m. until midnight and on display for the rest of the weekend.



Women's basketball team steers past North Dakota State Bison

The Oakland University women's basketball team defeated the Bison 68-52 Saturday night.

Brittany Carnago, center for the team, tied the school record for the most shots blocked all-time with 22.

The Grizzlies held the lead for most of the game, holding a 30-20 lead at the end of the first half.

Second annual OUSC tailgate

Students, alumni and various VIP members from OU athletics were able to tailgate in two campus parking lots before the basketball games.

Guests were also allowed to bring alcohol again this year, something that was approved for the first time last year.

Despite the snow and cold weather conditions, many students remained outside for the event.



alumni celebrate ng weekend

During the weekend, many alumni return to campus and women's basketball teams through a year, many showed their Grizzly pride.

Photos by / Shannon Coughlin, Lex Lee, Nichole Seguin



Men's basketball team falls to North Dakota State

After a hard loss in against North Dakota State earlier in the season, the Golden Grizzlies were unable to come out of the homecoming matchup rematch on top, losing 78-75.

Oakland wasn't able to get a shot of with less than four seconds left in the game to send the match to overtime.

Senior guard Reggie Hamilton scored a game-high 37 points and went 13-of-25 from the field.

The Grizzlies were out rebounded by the Bison, 28 to 17 but committed less turnovers than NDSU.



o Night event

Sponsored by the Student... students were given the op-

and various games including... could submit for prize drawings... which was celebrated... it was also black tie optional... betski, a junior majoring in... year as well. "The Chinese... the highlight of the night."



A sparkling celebration

For the second year in a row, students honored the end of the Car Smash and Guard the Grizz rituals by having a ceremonial sparkler celebration.

Since fireworks are too expensive and dangerous, according to Jean Ann Miller, director for the center of student activities, students used boxes of sparklers instead.

"They're the grand finale of the event," she said.

Grizz Gang students cheer on crowd

Even though the men's basketball team fell to the Bison, the Grizz Gang student section was still a their cheerful best.

Instead of getting discouraged, the crowd grew louder as the seconds of the game passed on.

"It's just shows our school spirit and love for our Golden Grizzlies," Jean Ann Miller, director for the center of student activities, said.

"There's a strategy to it, I think. Being loud behind the basketball teams discourages the other team... just not in this case."





LEFT: Television and radio sports personality Mario Impemba hosted the induction ceremony and interviewed both coaches. RIGHT: Coach Pete Hovland is in his 33rd year at Oakland University.

GRIZZLY-SIZED HONOR

Tenured Oakland head coaches inducted into Hall of Honor

By Kevin Romanchik
Sports Editor

With 61 years of coaching combined, more than 770 career wins total and one grateful university, Pete Hovland and Greg Kampe were inducted into the Hollie L. Lepley Hall of Honor.

On Friday evening, select alumni, student athletes and many others met together to induct the men's and women's swimming head coach and men's basketball head coach.

"Oakland as a community has provided a pretty nice way of life and environment to grow, thrive and be successful," Hovland said. "It allows people to stay long enough to recruit some of these accolades."

Since his arrival in 1979, Hovland has become the most successful coach in OU history with four national titles in Division II and 15 top-three finishes in 18 years.

On Jan. 14, Hovland earned his

300th career victory with wins over both Cleveland State and Xavier.

Hovland's consistent success has allowed for OU to become not only a Summit League powerhouse with 12 championships, but also to grow into a dominant Mid-Major program with high expectations for the future.

That very success has resulted in student-athletes buying into his coaching mentality and wanting to be a part of what Hovland has built.

"If you can find a group of young people and convince them that there is something out there that is bigger and better, and that is worthwhile, it's very uplifting," Hovland said. "You'll find a lot of people that will buy into that and we've been lucky over the years to find that."

"We are always big on not just being a team but being a family," senior swimmer Scott Yarbrough said. "Hovland is always trying to bring everyone to their best ability instead of just worrying about wins and losses."

According to Yarbrough, one of the great traits about Hovland is his approach to recruiting that is different than the more prominent universities.

"(Hovland) sees past the times and recruits those people who can get better," Yarbrough said. "They may not be

the fastest in their first two years here, but by the time they graduate, they've become a significant member of the team."

Like Hovland, fellow Lepley Hall of Honor inductee and men's basketball coach Greg Kampe has taken Oakland from a top Division II team to an up-and-coming Division I Mid-Major program.

With 27 seasons under his belt, the five-time Summit League Coach of the Year Kampe has led the Golden Grizzlies to consecutive Summit League championships and NCAA tournament berths.

"I didn't do anything. Seriously," Kampe said. "There's no I. It's what we've done here as a group of coaches and athletes. It's always been about being together as an athletic program. If I've done anything right, I've hired good people."

Kampe has also coached OU to a 68-18 league-record over the past five seasons, putting the Grizzlies at the No. 1 spot over the other D-1 schools in the state of Michigan.

With previous offers to coach at Central Michigan and Dayton, Kampe has a simple reason why he decided to stay at Oakland.

"Oakland is just a place on a map,

with streets and buildings, but what makes Oakland special is the people," Kampe said. "Everybody asks 'why are you still there?' It's the special people from the top to the bottom."

Along with Hovland, Kampe recruits a certain type of player in a certain type of way.

"Most coaches when they are on a visit try to impress you and treat you extra nice," junior forward Drew Valentine said. "(Kampe) was real from the start and treated me as if I was already on the team."

While success on the court requires great athletes, Kampe requires them to be students first, and athletes second. Because of that, the Grizzlies have the state's highest graduation rate and are among the nation's elite in NCAA Academic Progress Reports, which measures a school's ability to graduate players.

"(Coach Kampe) keeps himself and the program to a high standard," Valentine said. "He doesn't go easy or baby anyone. That's what has kept him successful ... he preaches a well rounded athlete not only on the court but in the classroom."

Players come and go, but Hovland and Kampe's commitment to the university and the "we not I" philosophy has stayed the same.

"It's been an unbelievable ride to be part of," Kampe said. "Have we brought recognition to the university? Yeah, I think we've done a good job."

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Watterworth's five free-throws were the only Golden Grizzlies points for the first nine minutes of the second half. She finished the game with 25 points, seven rebounds and one block.

Second half spoils Carnago's record night

Women's basketball team falls to Summit League's top-seeded South Dakota State Jackrabbits

By Timothy Pontzer
Senior Reporter

It was a game of two halves as the Oakland University women's basketball team suffered their worst home loss of the season, dropping 61-51 against the South Dakota State Jackrabbits.

The Golden Grizzlies (10-10, 6-5 Summit League) came into Monday night's game having won five of their last six games, all coming within the month of January. Coupled with the team's impressive 7-2 record inside the O'rena, Oakland looked to hand the Jackrabbits only their second conference loss of the season.

Meanwhile, South Dakota State (15-7, 10-1 Summit League) came into the game holding the top spot in the Summit League conference.

Redshirt freshman guard Amy Carl-

ton surprisingly stepped up to lead the Grizzlies' initial charge, scoring the first five points of the game.

Oakland head coach Beckie Francis was very pleased with Carlton's play, highlighting her will on the court.

"What freshman takes the starting spot and scores the first five points in this kind of game," Francis said. "She is a hustle player, always getting her nose in there, she really is my replacement for Zakiya. She is my 'Rudy' story, she's a walk on, and the fact that she is starting like this and producing is incredible."

Zakiya Minifee was lost for the season after a lower leg injury in the game against IUPUI in early January. Minifee was previously the team's leading rebounder and one of the team's top scorers.

While Carlton helped to set the tone

early, it was senior center Brittany Carnago who stole the spotlight in the first half — and rightfully so. Carnago notched her 260th block of her career early in the game, setting a new school record. The previous record had been held by Brenda McLean, and had stood since 1985.

"It's pretty exciting," Carnago said. "It's quite the honor to be up there with such excellent players"

With walk-ons stepping up and records being broken, Oakland was able to ride a 7-0 run into halftime and take a 29-23 lead into the locker room. The run was capped by a buzzer beater lay up by Carnago.

While Oakland carried the momentum into halftime, the Golden Grizzlies came out flat in the second half. Out of the break the Jackrabbits reeled off a 12-2 run to retake the lead for good, attacking the Grizzlies with a barrage of three-pointers. SDSU went an impressive 7-12 from behind the arc in the second half, while Oakland matched with a dreadful 0-5 from the same distance.

"I thought what really hurt us was our defense," Watterworth said. "And we went cold there for a little while, and we didn't hit a shot which hurt us."

Finally, freshman forward Shelby Herrington hit a jumper to stop the

bleeding — but it was too little too late. SDSU took control of the game, shooting 46.7 percent in the second stanza, to Oakland's 28 percent.

Oakland gave up a season high 12 three-pointers to the Jackrabbits, who relied on shots from the outside to seal the victory.

Watterworth led the Grizzlies' attack with a game-high 25 points to go along with seven rebounds, which also tied for the game-high in that category.

Senior guard Sharise Calhoun was the only other Grizzly in double-figures, notching 11 points. Carnago chipped in seven.

South Dakota State sported a balanced attack with Jill Young having 15, Rachel Walters adding a career-high 12 off the bench and Ashley Eide contributing 10.

"We've done really well against (the top teams in the conference)" Francis said. "We have just a little bit more work to do and we're focusing on peaking in March."

The Grizzlies begin a two-game roadtrip with Western Illinois on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and then IUPUI on Feb. 6.

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THE SPORTING BLITZ

Compiled by Timothy Pontzer,
Senior Reporter

Oakland facing Illinois State in ESPN BracketBuster

On Monday night, ESPN announced that the Oakland University men's basketball team will square off with the Illinois State RedBirds on Feb. 18 as part of the annual 'BracketBuster' series.

Every year, ESPN puts together the 'BracketBuster' matchups as a showcase for mid-majors before March. Teams are paired with similar Ratings Percentage Index which is a metric used to rank teams based upon a certain team's wins and losses and its strength of schedule.

RPI is also brought about right before the NCAA tournament, as many 'bubble

teams' on the fringe of being selected for the tournament can either make it in or be left out based upon their ranking. These BracketBuster games can sometimes aid a team's profile and résumé before spots are handed out for the NCAA tournament. Illinois State currently has an RPI of 117 and Oakland is at 122.

Oakland (12-12) will have to travel over seven hours by bus to Normal, Ill. to take on the RedBirds.

Illinois State are currently 14-8 overall, sporting an impressive 11-2 record at home. The RedBirds hail from the Missouri Valley Conference, where they are 8-3 in the conference.

Oakland and Illinois State have met four times in the past, with the last game taking place in 2000. While the RedBirds hold a 3-1 all-time record over the Grizzlies, the one time that the Grizzlies prevailed was a memorable achievement.

Oakland recorded its first ever victory as a Division I program, with a 72-71 victory during the 1998-99 season.

Despite its name, at this time the ESPN matchup will not be televised. However, the game will be able to be heard locally on the radio on WDFN-AM (1130).

OU swimming and diving team wins big on Senior Day

The Oakland men's and women's swimming and diving team ended their season with a bang, beating IUPUI on Saturday afternoon in the OU Aquatic Center as part of the homecoming festivities.

The event was the final dual meet of the season, being marked as "Senior Day" in order to honor the veteran swimmers on the squad. Several seniors stepped up on their final day, winning events under the Oakland banner.

Senior Marcella Barretta won both the one-meter and three-meter diving events. Barretta's effort helped the OU women win with a final score of 142-96.

The Grizzlies had five different individual event winners in the women's swimming events. Senior Alyssa Vela won the 100 free-style, junior Alyssa Busch captured the 200 yard backstroke, sophomore Vanessa Balogh came in first in the 400-IM, sophomore Emily Ludema took the 200 yard butterfly.

For the men, senior Joe Rodgers led the men to a 119-86 victory behind his two victories. Rodgers won the 400 yard individual medley and the 200 yard backstroke.

Although the seniors competed in the last regular season event of their careers, they will still compete in their home pool one last time. The Summit League Championships will be hosted by OU on Feb. 15 to 18.

Jones wins three events at IPFW Quadrangular meet

On Saturday, the Grizzlies men's and women's track and field teams competed in the IPFW Quadrangular meet. The Golden Grizzlies took on athletes from IPFW, Detroit and Valparaiso.

Senior Micah Jones led the Oakland effort by winning the high jump, the triple jump, and the long jump. Junior Lia Jones won the one-mile run and Shaunte Roberts won the 60-meter dash.

Junior Anthony Sterzick led the way with a victory in the 800-meter run. OU notched top-three finishes from senior Ryan Balzer in the shot put and fellow senior Steven Marcinkowski in the one-mile run.

Oakland will continue with their season on Feb. 3 with a meet at Youngstown State.

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Gardening with history

Local nursery brings electricity and knowledge to the garden

By Sarah Hunton
Campus Editor

Located on 9.5 acres in Pontiac, Goldner Walsh Nursery is an eclectic mix of plants and locally made products. As the longest continually operating business in Pontiac, the nursery aims to bring customers back to nature.

Founded in 1953 by Al Goldner, the nursery is housed in an historic building, which has been a plant business since 1890. The business served as the flower provider for the high society of the 1900s and still offers the same flower cut services with a focus on domestically grown plants.

Today Goldner Walsh has a full-service landscape design and installation department, a nursery, greenhouses and a garden center. The staff helps every customer find a plant that will work with the space available.

For college students, owner Tim Travis recommends cacti. "They fit into a contemporary style, they're not fussy, they're very bold and super easy to grow," Travis said.

Goldner Walsh also specializes in terrariums (which are indoor plant collections). The staff will work with customers to create their own mix of plants and creates their own terrariums.

Some specialty plants that the business offers include tropical plants and carnivorous plants such as Venus Fly Traps and pitcher plants.

"The kids totally dig (the carnivorous plants)," Joel Miller, nursery manager and staff horticulturalist, said.

In addition to the plant services they offer, the nursery rents its historic space for special events. Goldner Walsh has space outside, as well as greenhouse space indoors. They also sell products made by Michigan businesses and

artists.

"I don't have a lot of everything," Travis said, "but I have a lot of cool stuff."

Travis really enjoys that the money from local businesses go towards the community.

"We generate so much new money locally," Travis said. "It just keeps circling."

The nursery also hosts many charity events and art openings. In the summer they sell produce, an effort to offer fresh fruits and vegetables and help local farmers.

Travis believes another aspect that makes Goldner Walsh special is the level of expertise that such a specialty business provides.

John Pollock is the head greenhouse tropical plant grower at Goldner Walsh. He is often frustrated with the non-plant specific information that is provided on plant packaging in larger chain retailers.

"The thing is," Pollock said,

"We're real plant people. That's who we are, we're not just a retailer ... we're driven by our passion."

Tim Travis, Goldner Walsh Owner.

"with smaller mom and pop places and local places, you get good information."

According to Travis, because Goldner Walsh is motivated by passion instead of profit, the prices at the local nursery are often cheaper than those at larger chain stores.

Goldner Walsh Nursery is located at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, Mich. For more information, check out their Facebook page at on.fb.me/guBJYL

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1. Goldner Walsh is housed in a historic building which has been a plant business since 1890. Goldner Walsh is the longest continually operating business in Pontiac.

2. Goldner Walsh has a full-service landscape design and installation department fitting every customer with a plant that fits their space. Owner, Tim Travis, recommends cacti for college students.

3. Goldner Walsh owner, Tim Travis. Goldner Walsh was founded by Al Goldner in 1953 and has been in business since 1890.

4. Goldner Walsh has a large tropical plant selection. Plants are often used as decorative houseplants and in floral arrangements

Comedy film festival at local theaters encourages audience interaction

Festival utilizes audience text votes for film awards

By Natalie Popovski
Staff Intern

On Jan. 29, Emagine Theatre of Rochester Hills hosted the Laugh Out Loud Short Film Festival.

The film festival allowed viewers to text their vote to choose which film won the Audience Choice Award. Once all of the films were over, instructions appeared on-screen telling the audience how to cast their votes.

Films in the festival also had the chance to win another award. A panel of six film industry professionals were on site to determine which film would

win the Best Short Film Award.

"Providing an audience for independent filmmakers' work is a main aspect of the festival," Joe Edick, director of the LOL Film Festival, said. "The film festival (gives) filmmakers a chance to have mainstream America see their film (in) the best film exhibition venues available. That's not always the case with traditional festivals."

Edick is the director of the LOL Film Festival and is also the president of Pelican Productions Inc. in Muskegon, Mich.

For the 2012 LOL Film Festival, there were 17 independent films created in six countries. Many of the short films being shown already have awards to their names.

The films being shown at this year's festival had a variety of plots and running time. The

films ranged from a 26 minute short about a morning talk show gone wrong to a one minute, 35 second animated short about a magical genie.

But festival goers can expect to spend the same amount of time at the festival as they would at a traditional movie. All of the short films are shown in just under two hours.

"(The audience will) get to see some really funny short comedies that they would otherwise never get to see," Edick said.

According to Edick, providing the audience with the film festival experience in a two hour block is one of his favorite aspects of the event.

The event opened on Jan. 27 and will only be in theatres for a limited time. The festival is not limited to just

Emagine Theaters though, it will be held in 27 venues across five states.

Although the festival will close its curtains on March 26, it is currently accepting films for the 2013 LOL Film Festival.

Edick understands the difficulties independent filmmaking can pose.

"It is very difficult to make a quality independent film," Edick said. "It is even more difficult for a filmmaker to make any profit with a film. It's about trying to get in a position to make a mainstream feature film."

For more information regarding the LOL film festival, visit www.lolsff.com

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More information

WHAT

The festival is said to be an "unusual" spin to the traditional film festival. LOL has strung together 17 films from six different countries for a running time of just under two hours.

WHEN

The LOL Film Festival is currently running at the Emagine Theatres of Rochester Hills, Canton, Novi and Royal Oak

WHERE

The festival will also be held in 27 venues across five states through March 26.

MORE INFORMATION

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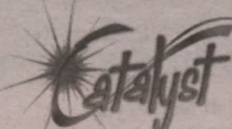
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Much Ado About Shakespeare

*Varner Studio
Theatre introduces
Shakespeare's 'Much
Ado About Nothing'*

By Clare La Torre
Life Editor

After eight long years, the antics of Shakespeare have returned to Oakland University. Starting Feb. 2, the department of music, theatre and dance will present nine performances of their rendition of the playwright's classic "Much Ado About Nothing."

The timeless play focuses on the "merry war" that breaks out at home after friends and family are reunited following the end of an armed war. The devilish Don John interrupts the back and forth bickering between Beatrice, played by Lauren Knox, and Benedict, played by Jake Wood.

"Performing Shakespeare brings so much joy because there my passion for acting is met with my love for language, poetry and wit," said Knox, senior acting major and self-proclaimed Shakespeare enthusiast.

Shakespeare's work can be daunting for some, intimidation only starting with the commonly confusing language. But with only four weeks to rehearse, both Knox and director Lynnae Lehfeldt said with confidence that the play has been modeled to appeal to the masses.

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How To Get Tickets

PRICE \$14 for general admission, \$8 for students. Order online at www.oakland.edu/tickets or call (248) 370-2030.

SPECIALS Thursday Feb. 9 performance will be a part of the Arts-After-Work series. Admission is set at a \$1 minimum donation.

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Photo courtesy of Gillian Ellis

Students Lauren Knox and Jake Wood star in the department of music, theatre and dance's rendition of "Much Ado About Nothing" — performances are set to start Feb. 2 and run through a two-week span.

SHAKESPEARE

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"Our 'Much Ado About Nothing' is going to be a fast-paced romp," Lehfeltdt said. "It's full of romance, comedy and drama. There will be singing and dancing, and it will be truly beautiful in every way."

"Performing Shakespeare brings so much joy because there my passion for acting is met with my love for language, poetry and wit."

Lauren Knox,
Acting major

The play has been cut down to two hours, including an intermission, and a few artistic liberties have been taken to ensure that all can enjoy its clever twists.

That aside, anyone who has read the play knows that it lacks a very important aspect of theater: stage directions.

But as Knox points out, this only leaves more room for artistic expression.

"There's such an opportunity to experiment and explore," she said.

Knox compares the play to a dance, a tango to be exact, commenting on Shakespeare's sonnet and well-timed interaction between characters.

"(There are) two forces both in opposition and compliment, constantly moving: slow, quick, quick, slow," she said. "With passion, both dark and light."

Knox encourages students to see the play for themselves, whether or not they're familiar with the piece.

"The lighting and sound make you feel like you really are in Italy," she said. "There may even be some acoustic guitar."

Performances will be held in the Varner Studio Theatre.

The show includes a performance scheduled for Feb. 9 as a part of Thursday's Arts-After-Work series, with admission for the night set at a \$1 minimum donation.

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Photo courtesy of Gillian Ellis

The play follows the complicated romance of Benedict, played by Wood (LEFT) and Beatrice, played by Knox (RIGHT).

Performance dates

Feb. 2
8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Feb. 3
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Feb. 4
8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Feb. 5
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Feb. 9
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Feb. 10
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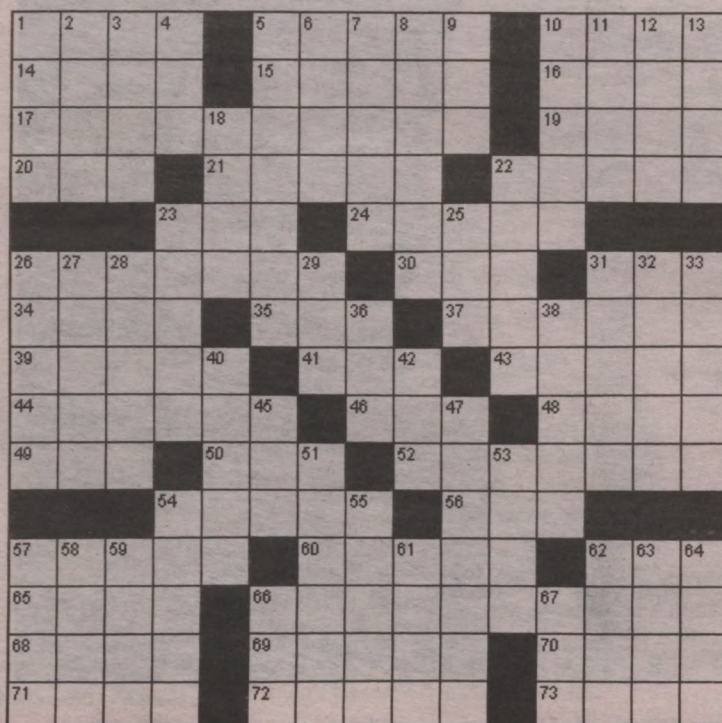
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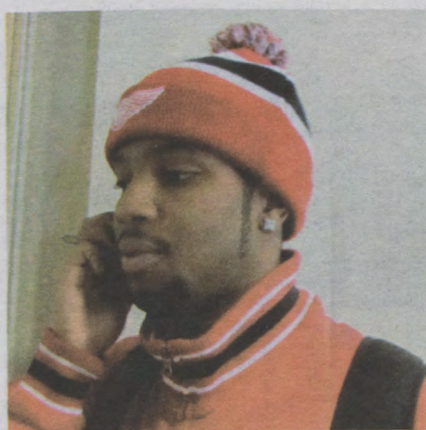
Across

1. Insect
5. Cut of pork
10. Source of illumination
14. Disoriented
15. Blazing
16. Musical instrument
17. Visual aspect
19. Halo
20. Tonality
21. Portable light
22. Freshwater mammal
23. Offspring
24. Snag
26. Surgical knife
30. Female deer
31. Tree
34. Worn in ancient Rome
35. Twitch
37. Proceed slowly
39. Become less intense
41. Cooking vessel
43. Wanderer

44. Ally
46. Paddle
48. Chess piece
49. Devotee
50. Male title
52. Adornment
54. Female sovereign ruler
56. Distant but within sight
57. Publish
60. Relating to the nose
62. Label
65. Palm fruit
66. Slow down
68. Prevaricator
69. Heron
70. Metallic element
71. Jittery
72. Scrawny
73. Cupola

Down

1. Intense criticism
2. Bound
3. Catch sight of
4. Consumed
5. Aristocrat
6. A great distance
7. Stable gear
8. Flower
9. Indicating maiden name
10. Reluctant
11. Adjoin
12. To a greater degree
13. Juicy fruit
18. At the summit
22. Body of water
23. Roofing material
25. Unit of weight for wool (British)
26. Rod carried as a symbol
27. Venomous snake
28. One more time
29. Part of the mouth
31. Let in
32. Angle
33. Fence of shrubs or bushes
36. Pigeon sound
38. Roused from sleep
40. Result
45. Perish
47. Copyright payment
51. Revoke
53. Part of a shoe
54. Pose a question
55. Mother-of-pearl
57. Not working
58. Spoken
59. Male deer
61. Outstanding tournament player
62. Root vegetable
63. Particle
64. DNA segment
66. Condensation
67. Relieve from



Caps on campus

Students keep warm with this year's trends in hats

By Stephanie Sokol
Staff Intern

Hats are just one way students across campus express themselves through fashion while staying warm.

Animal hats, baseball caps and brightly colored knit caps, in addition to berets and fedoras, are popular among the student body.

Personal preference plays a part, but there are some guidelines to follow.

For warmth, many students stick to faux fur and woolen hats. These provide the most insulation during chilly winter months. Aviator hats and knit caps are great for guys, while berets work well with many popular styles for young women.

"I like my knit hat because it keeps me warm in the winter while still looking good," Antonio Davis, a freshman,

said. "The hat's pattern is cool and it blocks out the wind."

They pay close attention to colors. Neutral shades are very versatile, pairing perfectly with a variety of coats and clothes. Or you can choose to go bold with bright shades to contrast and stand out in the crowd.

Embellishments like bows and flowers on women's hats add extra style and self-expression, while many young men use hats as a place to show appreciation for their favorite sports team.

"Baseball caps (are my favorite kind of hat)," sophomore Clay Spencer said. "They come in a lot of different colors and designs. I like wearing my Detroit hat because it represents my city and favorite team."

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Keeping warm from top to bottom With the unpredictable Michigan weather, students find many ways to keep warm during the cold months. Hats are just one of the most popular options that allow comfort and self-expression while still offering protection from unruly conditions. Some of the most popular trends on campus include knits, faux fur, sports team logos, animal caps and berets.

STEPHANIE SOKOL / The Oakland Post

Mouthing Off

SATIRE

Know your sport: The Super Bowl for dummies

By Brian Figurski
Multimedia Reporter

It's that time of year again – sitting around with loved ones, stuffing your palette with regrettable choices and screaming obscenities and commanding death to others.

Nope, not Christmas part zwei. It's Super Bowl season!

Last year, Super Bowl XLV infuriated your grandparents, trampling M*A*S*H and setting a new record.

This sporting event is no joke.

It's a grand moment of epic rivalries and rematches. The New York/Boston feud returns for the second time in four years.

If you don't know a damn thing about football, don't fret. Newbie to newbie, I'll provide the perfect play-book to your virgin Super Bowl party.

You don't need to have any entitlement to turn on the Super Bowl. Just learn at least three words to shout at the TV. My choice ones are all compound words that are unprintable, but the generic theory is to combine either a curse or a racial slur with an animal or item from a toolbox.

Your focus should not be the ruckus on the field. Your anger should be aimed towards the company you keep while they cheat their way through Texas Hold'Em Poker.

The NFL is a catalyst for your "sudden airborne illness" and stay home from work, rarely will people be intently watching each and every play. It's probably the only time more people care about the commercials.

I'm hoping for a 60 second extended cut of that JCPenney commercial with the middle-aged women howling like badgers at low, low prices.

Organizing your comrades is great, but famine will undoubtedly strike. Football enacts the male equivalent of pregnancy cravings, gouging on everything in sight. Sometimes it's items that aren't even edible.

I found myself teething on a remote controller the other day. Now my DVR keeps recording Monday Night RAW and I can't figure out how to get it to cease.

The evils of the food industry are exponential on this sacred Sunday, casting booming profits. Wings, fries, pizzas, pretzels, nachos (both standard and supreme) and potato chips

are aplenty and should be laid out in abundance at your gathering.

This is not a day for the health-conscious eater. Anyone bringing a Tofurkey burger should subsequently be punted in the pelvic bone and out the backdoor.

The group has always come together as a whole to tune into, or at least belittle, the halftime performer. Lady Gaga Sr.'s set this year should be no different, except in the fact it's not the Black Eyed Peas.

For a successful Super Bowl XL-71-nine-thousand-four, all you need to be aware of is that your television is tuned on to the bright green field.

Root for the Patriots, root for the Giants, it doesn't matter (it does matter, but that is for my own diluted reasons of seeing persons I personally know disheartened and broken. Go Patriots.)

Merry sportsmanship to you, viewers. Leave your groggy hangovers at the door come class on Monday.



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