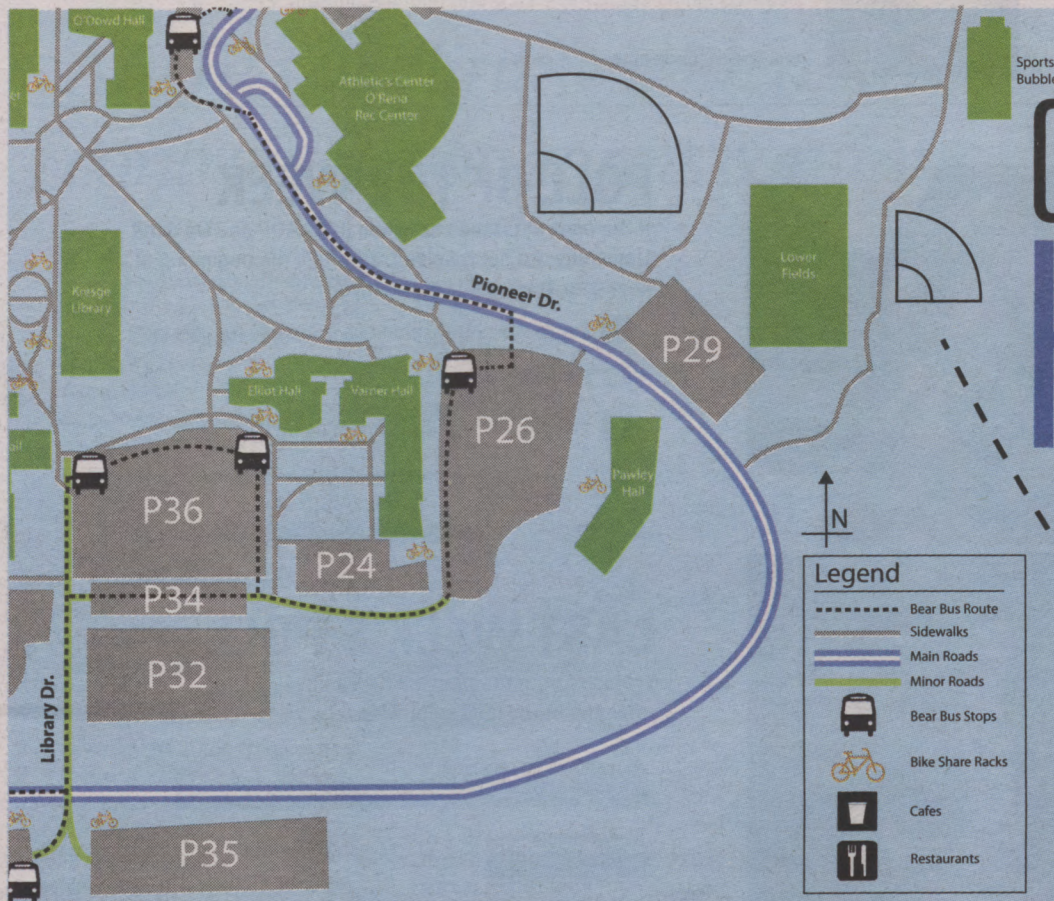


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POLL OF THE WEEK

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** Demand a partial refund on my tuition for time lost
- B** I honestly don't care
- C** I would worry about graduating on time
- D** I'd use the time off to catch up on my sleep

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What are your thoughts on the removal/retaining of Oakland's Chick-fil-A?

A) It should be removed.

179 votes | 53%

B) We should keep it.

65 votes | 19%

C) I don't care either way.

17 votes | 5%

D) Since when was fast food political?

76 votes | 23%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Aug. 2, 1963

Kresge Library, which had acquired an average of 10,000 books a year, hit the 40,000 mark.

August 6, 1965

OU student Sharon Snyder was the first runner-up in the Miss Michigan contest after winning Miss Oakland University the previous spring.

Aug. 28, 1978

The purchase of a \$1.6 million computer was approved by OU's Board of Trustees. The Honeywell 68/DPS-1 computer was OU's largest equipment purchase at the time.



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19 // A WALK TO REMEMBER

The fifth annual Brooksie Way half marathon was created by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to promote healthy living and to remember his fallen son.



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24 // CHICK-FIL-A IN JEOPARDY

Fall out from Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy's comment on same-sex marriage continues. Oakland debates whether to keep the state's only location on campus.

6 // WXOU, OU CONTINUE EFFORTS

The university and the student radio station, 88.3 FM WXOU, continue talks over where the sports broadcasters should be placed in the O'Rena for the men's basketball games.

22 & 23 // FALL FASHION

A fashion show at the historic Meadow Brook Hall features clothing from 10 retailers from the Village of Rochester Hills. The show debuted upcoming fall fashion trends.

BY THE NUMBERS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

571

Full and part-time faculty

16

Departments

4%

Five-year growth in student enrollment

6,036

Students enrolled in the college in the winter 2012 semester

28

Graduate programs

STAFF EDITORIAL

AAUP, OU flirting with a strike as contract negotiations continue

On Sept. 4, Oakland University should be alive with the sounds of the first day of school, students rushing to the first day of class, battling over parking spots and faculty handing out class syllabi. Sept. 4 should not be a day full of picket lines and questions about when school will begin.

The current agreement between the American Association of University Professors and OU is up for renewal, as it is every three years. The last time the contract needed renewal in 2009, there was a 9-day faculty strike. We are terrified we are headed down the same path.

Contract negotiations between the two sides were moving along well before Aug. 2, when OU brought forward their economic package. Within the package, the university proposed a zero percent across the board raise for the next three years, a switch to a performance-based health care plan and cuts in faculty benefits.

Though they have been negotiating since June, a decision has yet to be made and we're fearing the worst as both parties are currently divided on crucial issues.

The current propositions Oakland's negotiators have

Since OU is in the lowest 17th percentile in the nation in terms of salary, according to the U.S. Department of Education, the university should be catering to the professors, not working against them.

on the table are sabotaging the school's efforts to expand the university into a nationally recognized institution—a goal they're striving to achieve.

Currently, Oakland has notable benefits which are more admirable than the salary. That's why faculty come here.

If Oakland chooses to eliminate key faculty benefits, they are also choosing to eliminate the ability to attract higher quality professors.

Since OU is in the lowest 17th percentile in the nation in terms of salary, according to the U.S. Department of Education, the university should be catering to the professors, not working against them.

If the proposed cuts in benefits are passed, it is going to hinder the university's

ability attract and retain not only quality faculty, but students as well.

At any university, the faculty are what make the school what it is. As much as the students are the reason for an institution to exist, the faculty and accreditation of their research and programs are why students pick one university over another.

Especially when student enrollment is at an all time high (last year saw the largest enrollment in OU's history), Oakland really needs to consider all of its options, and not risk alienating the incoming freshman class with a strike.

As Sept. 4 draws near, we hope that it will be filled with the joys of the first day of school, not the abomination of yet another faculty strike, but that's looking less and less likely.

Until then, we will be here, covering the story and anxiously awaiting word that an agreement has finally been made.

We're looking forward to the start of the semester. Hopefully it will start on time.

The staff editorial is written weekly by members of The Oakland Post's editorial board.

Corrections Corner

The percentages in the Aug. 8 issue tuition chart should have read: 2003: 8.47%, 2004: 9.91%, 2005: 8.50%, 2006: 9.53%, 2007: 7.97%, 2008: 13.98%, 2009: 6.29%, 2010: 9.03%, 2012: 7.02%. The Oakland Post corrects all errors of fact. If you know of an error, please email editor@oaklandpostonline.com or call 248.370.2537. You can also write us at 61 Oakland Center Rochester, MI 48309.

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COLUMN

Get involved at Oakland — or else

When I came to Oakland University as a freshman, I didn't really have much of a direction. I didn't have goals or aspirations as a student, other than academics. I didn't get involved right away and certainly missed out on many opportunities to learn and grow because of it. But over the last few, very short years, I've learned getting involved is everything in a college student's life. So with this, I encourage you to get involved.

But where do you start, you ask? I've got answers.

Go into the Center for Student Ac-



ROBBIE WILLIFORD
columnist

tivities and talk to a lady named Jean Ann Miller. She's one of the sweetest ladies you'll ever meet and knows everything there is to know about getting involved and about Oakland in general.

You don't know where to go from there?

Check out GrizzOrgs. You can access this from the SAIL portal online. It has a general list of student organizations that might fit your likings. Maybe you want to get involved in Greek life, or campus entertainment or even student government. GrizzOrgs has you covered. Maybe you want to get involved in the residence halls where you live, or with athletics,

or the recreation center. GrizzOrgs can tell you how. Maybe you want to join a student organization that is centered around dancing, singing, politics, social awareness, human rights, the medical field, gaming, radio or writing. GrizzOrgs has that.

Can't find one you're looking for? Create one. OU is an expanding atmosphere that welcomes new organizations and people.

College, for most, is only four years long. Those years go by faster than you'll ever begin to imagine. One minute you'll be going to your first class as an undergraduate and then, next thing you know, you're fitting yourself for a cap and gown. Take it

from me: someone who didn't get involved very early and who is now wondering where all the time went. I wish I got involved sooner.

This is your time. Savor it. Spend it doing things that you love doing, with people that you love being around. Give yourself the opportunity to grow and learn, even outside of the classroom. Get involved because you don't want to be a senior and start wondering what things would be like had you joined something or gotten involved.

You won't regret it. I promise.

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EDITORIAL

Stuck between a cluck and a hard place

The Chick-fil-A controversy hits home

If I eat the chicken sandwich, I'm a homophobe. If I don't, I'm anti-religious. Either way, I guess I'm a bigot.

If you're from the future and 2012 was "a long time ago" for you, please take a moment to re-read that paragraph. I hope you live in saner times.

This all started in 2010 when Chick-Fil-A's Win-Shape Foundation, along with founder S. Truett Cathy, began making contributions to organizations that opposed gay marriage. In the past two years, according to Forbes,

\$1.9 million was donated to "anti-gay marriage groups."

That's over 70,000 chicken sandwiches.

And I sit on the border between the two sides, staring at the empty grey plastic of my cafeteria tray. Whose side am I on? Even if I decide I want a burger or submarine sandwich instead, have I still made a choice?

Things only got worse between then and now, but came to a head in July when current Chick-Fil-A president Dan Cathy went on television speaking out against gay marriage. Specifically, he said same-sex marriage "is inviting God's judgment upon the nation."

Some people staged boycotts. Boycotts make sense if you don't agree with a company's politics. You make sure they have less money to contribute to causes you don't like, and also none of that



BRIAN JOHNSTON
copy editor

money is yours.

Other people staged a day of support, showing up in droves to eat chicken sandwiches. They believed Chick-Fil-A had every right to donate to whomever they wished, or they supported the causes the money went toward.

Even the Muppets took a side, as the Jim Henson Company ceased its partnership with Chick-Fil-A and made a donation to GLAAD. It's not easy being green, I'm told.

Now cities like Boston are attempting to pass legislation to keep the chicken sandwiches at bay. Mayor Thomas M. Menino said to the Boston Herald, "you can't have a business in the city of Boston that discriminates against the population."

Since Oakland University has the only Chick-fil-A in Michigan, the battleground has found its way to our doorstep. A greasy line has been drawn in the deep-fried sand. Waffle fries line the bunkers and lemonade cups are the bugles to rally the troops. The battlefield is stained with sauce and ketchup.

I sit on the border between the two sides, staring at the empty grey plastic of my cafeteria tray. Whose side am I on? Even if I decide I want a burger or submarine sandwich instead, have I still made a choice?

I can feel all eyes on me the minute I step into the food court — and this time it's not just because I'm fat. Everyone wants to know what side I'm on. If I pass by Chick-fil-A, I'm just another typical college liberal, denying a company the ability to make a living because I disagree with them. But if I put one of those sandwiches on my tray,

I'm some sort of conservative Bible-thumper, thinking my chicken sandwich grants me the authority to tell others they can't marry.

This isn't the first time my lunch has had such a profound political impact. I remember distinctly choosing McDonald's over Burger King, because I prefer the democratically-elected Mayor McCheese over a self-appointed monarch. After his inability to apprehend the Hamburglar, however, I lost faith in his leadership.

I've thought about compromises to the situation. For instance, what if I only ate half a chicken sandwich, and shared the other half with another man? But that wouldn't make either side happy, and it'd just lead to an awkward conversation with my wife.

As the fall semester grows nearer, and with Chick-Fil-A getting ready to re-open on campus, I've been asking myself many questions. Will my purchase or lack thereof make that big of a difference? Will I be viewed as less of a person depending on the presence or absence of a little white-and-red box from my tray? Is it too late to apply for a popcorn-vending license on campus?

Because it's detached from the rest of the food court, is Café O'Bear a "safe zone" on campus — a culinary Switzerland, harboring conscientious objectors with coffee and pastries? By that logic, the Suzanne O. Frankie Café must be Nepal, watching from afar and hoping not to be dragged into the conflict.

Whatever your take is on same-sex marriage, try not to judge other people too harshly. Maybe they just like or dislike chicken.

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EDITORIAL

Click it or suffer from the repercussions

Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper announced charges against Royal Oak resident Anthony Prainito for involvement in a vehicle accident that injured Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and two other people.

Prainito has been charged with three counts of Moving Violation Causing Serious Impairment of a Bodily Function.

According to the Auburn Hills Police, all four people were injured in the crash. Three of the four people involved were not wearing their safety belts during the moment of the accident, including Patterson.

While the charges against Prainito are accurate, nothing has been said about how the severity of the injuries could have been avoided if everyone was wearing their safety belt.

According to a report on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, wearing a safety belt reduces serious injuries and fatalities in crashes by 50 percent.

Even though the only person involved in the crash that wore a safety belt was injured, it could have been a lot worse. For the other three who were not wearing safety belts, they can be thankful for not being killed.

Safety belts are made for a reason: to protect you from any car-related accidents. If these safety belts are made to protect you and the steps required to fasten and secure your safety belt are quick and easy, why aren't you doing that?

There is no excuse for a person not to wear a seatbelt, unless they are not physically capable of wearing one.

The Michigan State Police enforce a primary safety belt law in which the driver and all front seat passengers must wear their safety belts while driving. Why? Because they want to maximize safety and promote safe driving.

Seems pretty simple.

Think about it for a moment. Safety belts can reduce injuries and death by 50 percent and there are laws that enforce wearing safety belts. Now consider this: there's a guy being charged for injuring two people who refused to abide the law and put themselves at risk.

It seems rather unfair Prainito is being charged for injuries that were beyond his control. Yes, Prainito did cause the accident, which caused the injuries. That by all means is a violation of Michigan Vehicle Code 257.601d, Moving Violation Causing Serious Impairment of a Bodily Function.

But in this case, it should be the people who refused to wear their safety belts that are responsible for their own injuries, and not the driver that caused the accident. The safety belts could have reduced the severity of the injuries and their law would be enforced.

Yet somehow, Prainito is being held responsible for two other people's negligence of the law.

I've been in car accidents before, so I understand just how ugly they can be. But both times I've been involved in a car accident, I always wore my safety belt. Why? Because it's common sense to wear one when in the car — or at least, I thought it was common sense.



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Acting dean of CAS named

Search for permanent dean will begin in the fall



Tamara Jhashi was named acting dean of Oakland University. The announcement was made via email by interim provost, Susan Awbrey.

By Natalie Popovski
Assistant Campus Editor

On Aug. 24, Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Susan Awbrey announced that Tamara Jhashi has been named the acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"It was a difficult decision given that a number of very talented individuals applied for the position," Awbrey said in an email sent to the CAS. "I am pleased to announce that Dr. Tamara Jhashi has been selected as acting dean of the College."

According to the Oakland University website, Jhashi received her doctorate from Indiana University and began her career at OU in 1997.

She has since worked several roles including associate professor of art history and four years as associate provost, according to OU's website.

"Dr. Jhashi brings numerous strengths to the position," Awbrey said. "She has excellent administrative experience as associate provost."

Jhashi also has experience with the types of responsibilities required of a dean, and is a strong advocate for the

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Susan Awbrey,
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

CAS, according to Awbrey.

"Dr. Jhashi has excellent communication skills and is dedicated to working with the chairs to bring the college (CAS) together during this transition period," Awbrey said.

According to Awbrey, Jhashi has worked across disciplines within the CAS and throughout the university, and she has a keen understanding of liberal arts and sciences.

After announcing his retirement, former CAS Dean Ron Sudol stepped down from the position Aug. 14.

Sudol had worked as dean for seven years and began his career at OU in 1977.

According to Awbrey, there was an internal search to find an acting dean, and a review committee consisting of

the Executive Committee of the Assembly and one additional faculty appointee was put together to help with the selection process.

"Faculty members within the school or college are asked to nominate candidates or apply for the position," Awbrey said. "The Office of Academic Human Resources handles the application process. The Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives reviews the advertisement and candidate pools."

She said the review committee helped determine criteria for the interim or acting dean position, evaluated applicant materials, reviewed the candidates and met with her to discuss the candidates and provide their hiring recommendations.

Robert Stewart, associate dean of the CAS, said the final decision as to who will fill this position was to be determined by both Awbrey and OU President Gary Russi.

A national search to find a permanent dean for the CAS will begin in the fall semester, according to Awbrey.

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AAUP, OU negotiations continue

By Christopher Lauritsen
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With the beginning of the school year looming Sept. 4, The American Association of University Professors and Oakland University have extended the 2009 faculty contracts for a sixth time, after both sides failed to reach an agreement by the Aug. 28 deadline.

The two sides have agreed to extend the current contract until Thursday at midnight.

According to AAUP President Karen Miller, the university's bargaining team presented a revised economic proposition to the AAUP's bargaining team during negotiations Tuesday.

"(Our) team got a proposal and is working on their counterproposal," Miller said.

She said the AAUP hopes to get their proposal sent to the university sometime on Wednesday.

The key issues of contention between the two sides continue to be faculty benefits, including tuition waivers, health care and faculty pay.

Currently, the university has proposed cutting the faculty tuition waiver, which allows faculty members and their immediate family to attend OU free of charge.

They have also proposed switching faculty to a performance-based health care plan, which penalizes people in poor health by requiring them to pay higher deductibles, and instituting a zero percent pay raise during the next three years.

According to Miller, the AAUP's bargaining team has completely cleared their calendars for the next week and are prepared to negotiate every day until an agreement is reached.

The AAUP will hold a general membership meeting Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. to update members on the status of the negotiations and allow them to voice any options or questions.

Miller said the AAUP is still hopeful a deal will get done before the start of the school year.

AAUP's bargaining team and Oakland University's bargaining team have agreed not to speak with the media during negotiations.

Campus

Kresge library goes completely 24/7

Library extends hours of operation for second time in 2 years

By Stephanie Preweda
Campus Editor

If you wanted to go to the library at three in the morning on a Saturday, now's your chance.

Kresge Library has extended its hours of operation and is now open 24 hours, seven days a week.

This is the second extension to the hours of operation the library has seen in the past two years. Last year, Kresge was open 24 hours, Monday through Friday.

However, the library's Suzanne O. Frankie Café will not share Kresge's hours.

According to Frank Lepkowski, associate dean for Kresge Library, the café's hours are set by Chartwells.

"We continually lobby them (Chartwells) for later hours, as it seems like students tend to want them later," he said. "It's a work in progress."

These new hours coincide with the academic year and have special dates which it will be closed due to the holidays.

Last year's hours expansion was due to continuous efforts by the OU Student Congress.

"Based on that success, we've approved a subsequent request to move to a 24/7 operation at the library," said Gary Russi, university president. "Any time we're able to make additional funding available for resources that will help OU students succeed, we're both obligated and pleased to do that."

When Kresge switched to staying open 24 hours Monday through Friday, they accumulated 30,000 night visitors throughout the entire year.

Funding for the extended hours will come from the president's office.

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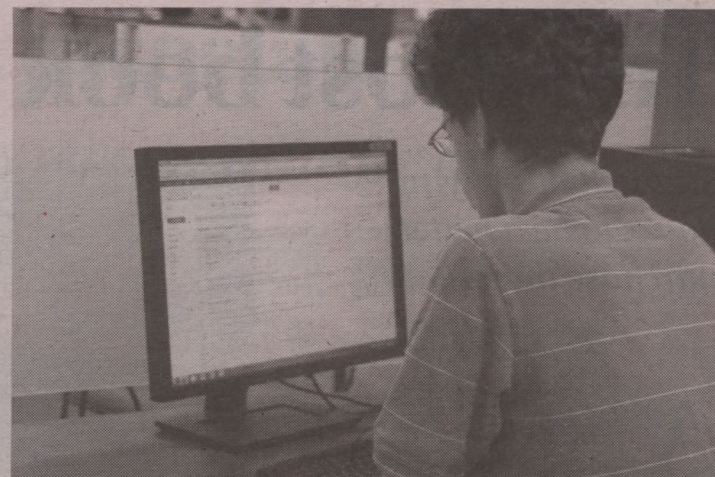
Gary Russi,
University President

According to Lepkowski, there is a \$15,000 increase in employee wages from when the library switched its hours last year. Currently, the library spends a total of \$110,000 on wages.

"It's created a need for more student workers, for sure," he said.

Currently, there are 60-65 students working during the fall and winter academic year.

Mark Fisher, an elementary education major, said he is looking forward to the increase in hours because of his busy sched-



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With extended hours, students like Thomas Bryant, a senior and computer science major, can go to Kresge Library at any time to study.

ule. Because he works multiple jobs, he said the increase would give him the opportunity to spend more time in the library, especially on the weekends.

"The weekend is an excellent time for many students to study, especially those with Monday through Friday work days," Fisher said.

From midnight until 7 a.m., only students with an Oakland ID will be allowed in the library

to ensure security.

"We have a very close working relationship with Oakland University Police Department, they do frequent walk throughs," Lepkowski said.

The library has been open 24/7 since August.

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By Misha Mayhand
Multimedia Reporter

A recent study proved buying and then selling your textbooks back at the end of the semester is more beneficial to students than renting textbooks.

According to Jeff Sherwood, CEO of website BIGWORDS.com, price comparison buying and selling books online is much less expensive than renting them, despite the increased interest in textbook rental among students.

A recent textbook study performed by BIGWORDS.com determined that buying and selling books instead of renting them saved students an average of 95 percent toward the cost of books.

This equates to more than \$1,000 per school year. The study was based on sales and rental data from January, and was compared to buyback data from April and May.

OU freshman Brandi Gailliard said her first experience buying books was hectic.

"I thought I could fund it with my financial aid, but then I figured out financial aid won't come soon enough, so I had to pay out of pocket," Gailliard said. Her books totalled \$654.23 this semester.

Taylor Girvan, a sophomore nursing major, said she bought all of her books last year and only rented one.

"I found out that it's entirely cheaper to rent. I don't have to keep the books lying around gathering dust and not have anyone to sell them to," Girvan said. "In my opinion, it's better to rent and save money ahead of time."

Girvan spent nearly \$500 on books for one semester last year.

"It broke my bank pretty bad," Girvan said.

So far, she has spent \$140 on books this year.

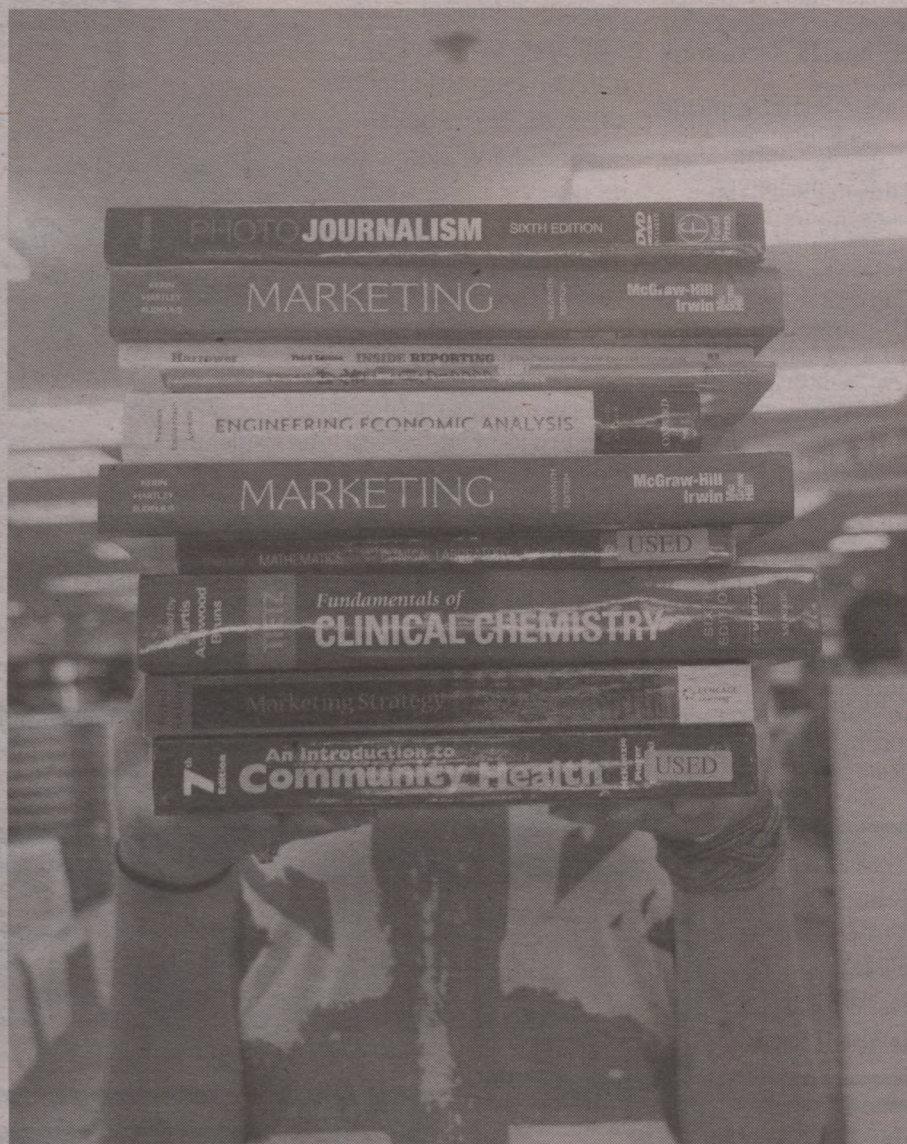
Meghan Plovie, manager of the bookstore Neebo, which is across the street from OU, thinks renting is more convenient for students at OU.

"For instance, a book that's \$43 to buy and \$11 to rent, renting would obviously be more beneficial in this case," Plovie said.

According to Plovie, it's a tricky business.

"If your rental is 50 percent or less than your buying price, then students should definitely want to rent," Plovie said.

Plovie discussed an example of students needing to purchase books for a



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Spanish class that required online-access codes.

"It's a loose-leaf book, so it isn't actually worth anything," Plovie said. "You can't really sell it back and another issue is the access code. Once you use the code, you can't anymore."

She said in cases like these, if you are not keeping a book, it is always better to rent.

"We have the best price promise, so if we don't have the best price, then we will match the price at the campus Barnes &

Noble," Plovie said.

According to Plovie, it is always good to come early to get your books, whether new, used or renting.

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WHERE TO BUY

BARNES AND NOBLE

Located in the basement of the Oakland Center on the north side of the building.

NEEBO

Formerly known as "Textbook Outlets," the bookstore is located on Walton and Squirrel.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

New faculty workshop on getting started with class

Oakland University will hold the new full-time faculty workshop "Getting Started: What Every New Faculty Wished They Had Learned Before Classes Began" Aug. 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Gold Rooms A, B and C of the Oakland Center. New faculty members are encouraged to attend to be welcomed to the community.

For more information, contact the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at 248-370-2466.

Mandatory International Student Orientation for all new international students

The Oakland Center will be hosting a two-day event for the International Student Orientation from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 28-29. All new international students must attend.

For more information, contact Sara Webb at 248-370-4653, or email her at gold@oakland.edu.

Weekly meetings start for OUWB Student Government

The Oakland University William Beaumont Medical Student Government will begin holding their weekly Tuesday meetings beginning Aug. 28. This week's meeting will be held in Lake Superior Room B in the Oakland Center from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. All students are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Saad Sahi at slsahi@oakland.edu.

Pediatric Interest Group host welcome meeting to discuss upcoming plans for the year

The Pediatric Interest Group will host their welcome meeting Aug. 28 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in room 202B of O'Dowd Hall. During this meeting, members will discuss their plans for the year and students can sign up for volunteer opportunities.

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Working together to earn an associate degree

New Oakland to Macomb program offers reverse transfer credits

By Stephanie Preweda
and Katie Williams

Campus Editor, Senior Reporter

Macomb Community College and Oakland University have teamed up to allow credits to transfer more freely between the two schools.



Leigh, OU
director of
budgets at
Macomb

According to Tish Wirth, public relations coordinator at Macomb Community College, the formal signing of the agreement was Aug. 14.

The reverse transfer agreement allows students who have earned credits at OU to apply them toward the completion of

an associate degree from MCC.

According to the MCC newsletter, the agreement enables students who have obtained a minimum of 30 credits at MCC and a minimum of 35 credits at OU to apply for an associate degree.

At the end of the fall semester, OU will provide MCC with a list of concurrently enrolled or previously transferred students that may be eligible.

"This new reverse transfer agreement underscores Macomb's focus on helping students successfully complete their degrees," said James O. Sawyer, vice president and provost of MCC in a press release.

In 2006, MCC and OU established M2O, the state's first joint admission, concurrent enrollment program.

"THIS NEW REVERSE TRANSFER AGREEMENT UNDERSCORES MACOMB'S FOCUS ON HELPING STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THEIR DEGREES."

James O. Sawyer,
Vice President and
Provost of MCC

The program was developed in an attempt to ease the process of transferring from a community college to a university, to offer flexibility in scheduling, coordinated advising and financial aid and to assist students in timely completion of their degrees.

"Research shows that transfer

students who earn their associate degree are much more likely to persist and successfully complete their bachelor's degree," Sawyer said. "In addition, the reverse transfer process provides students with an educational credential that is useful to employment while en route to their bachelor's degree."

OU already offers select courses in Macomb County: Macomb University Center, the Macomb Intermediate School District in Clinton Township and the Oakland University Anton/Frankel Center in Mount Clemens.

OU officials at the Macomb University Center said the program is a positive development.

"The benefit for students is that they can pursue a bachelor's degree while obtaining the associate degree," Julianne

Leigh, OU director of budget at the Macomb University Center, said.

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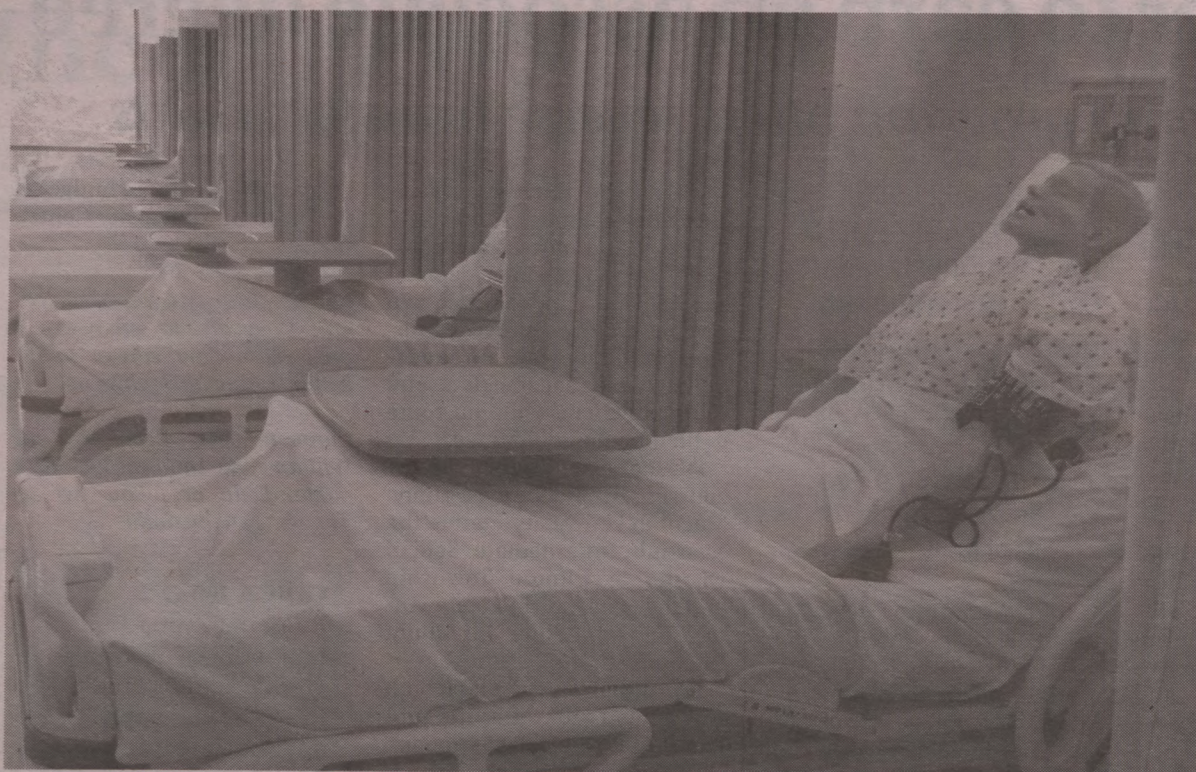
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LEFT: One unique factor of the Human Health Building is the full length windows in each room. **TOP:** The building includes three 50-seat classrooms, three 80-seat classrooms, one distance-learning classroom, a 200-seat auditorium and two 100-seat classrooms. **BOTTOM:** Restored wetlands, plaza area and reflection garden have been designed to create a serene environment.

The finishing touches

Construction team works to finish moving into the new building for the grand opening on Sept. 21

**By Stephanie Sokol
and Misha Mayhand**
Multimedia Reporters

The construction team is working to finish the move into the new Human Health Building, scheduled for completion Sept. 21. Home to both nursing and physical therapy, the new, eco-friendly facility provides more resources for students.

"Health science and physical therapy are big programs in high demand," said Colette O'Connor, officer of development. "For schools to grow, they need space and facility for students. In such a growing field that provides high employment, there is a clear urgency of educating the students."

Costs for the building and equipment were estimated at more than \$60 million, according to Gary Moore, associate dean of nursing and Cheryl McPherson, assistant dean of finance.

Among these are technologies and facilities to provide nursing, health science and physical therapy students

with more space for studies, according to O'Connor. The building consists of three 50-seat classrooms, three 80-seat classrooms, one distance-learning room, a 200-seat auditorium and two 100-seat classrooms.

"The new Human Health Building allows us more room for simulated clinical experiences, which prepares students for actual work with people," Moore said. "It also gives us the opportunity for our students to interact with members of other disciplines. With other students in the same building, the two groups can meet. Interdisciplinary collaboration, inter-professional collaboration — it's a lot of opportunity."

Although it is not a substitution for the real experience, the use of robotic mannequins found in mock hospital rooms that behave in a similar manner to real patients will help prepare students for the real world of nursing according to O'Connor.

"With a realistic hospital environment and simulator operator behind

a glass window, the students will be better prepared in the clinical setting," O'Connor said. "In this way, they can test on simulators before interacting with a human life."

In addition to a variety of resources for students, the building is also environmentally friendly and being applied for Platinum LEAD. This means the Human Health Building will be one of the few buildings in the country and the first in Michigan to be made entirely from recycled material with naturally sourced heating and cooling systems, according to Moore.

Cork floors, a solar paneled roof and underground pipes that maintain temperature throughout the building are just a part of its environmental attributes.

The outside will provide a place for students to meet and relax. With the reflection garden in the central area and wetlands connecting with Beer Lake, this is an all-around natural, green, peaceful building, according to O'Connor.

An open house will be held in the building Sept. 4 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. for students to get their first experience of the new facility.

"Everybody is really excited about the possibilities (of the new building)," O'Connor said. "Facilities will be closer. Nursing and physical therapy students will have more opportunities to work together, providing cross-pollination and collaboration. It's a win-win for the faculty and community."

QUICK FACTS

WHO Human Health Building

WHAT Home to nursing and physical therapy students

WHEN To be completed Sept. 21

WHERE Located on the north-west side of campus to the right of Parking Lot 1

Updated Bear Bus program to start up in September

By Katie Williams
Senior Reporter

This semester, Oakland University Housing and Oakland University Student Congress will unveil an updated Bear Bus program with two new shuttles and expanded routes. The new shuttles will begin operating mid-September.

In addition to the two existing vans, the Bear Bus program will now have two 2012 Ford Starcraft Allstar shuttles that seat 16 to 20 passengers. The shuttles have wheelchair lifts that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, features not previously available with the program's vans.

"It's all about allowing all of our students to have equal access," said Sandra Alef, assistant director of residence life and university housing. "I don't ever want one of my students to go without for any reason."

Design and branding

Members of housing and university communications and marketing collaborated to design the vinyl wraps for the shuttles, a process that took about two months, according to senior designer of the project Frank Fisher.

Fisher said the communications and marketing department wanted the shuttles to have an energetic feel.

"We (the housing and communications and marketing departments) wanted a dynamic, bigger-than-life look," he said.

The wraps feature images of the Grizz, the OU logo and the university's web address. Fisher feels the expansion of the Bear Bus program will strengthen OU's branding.

"Vehicle graphics, at the very least, are moving billboards," he said. "The added advantage is a vehicle is three-dimensional, like a package on wheels."

Additional routes running

through Rochester and Auburn Hills have also been created.

"The shuttles are sure to create additional positive exposure for the university," said Kelly Garnett, assistant director of housing enrollment and marketing.

Serving the students

Amera Fattah, director of student services for Student Congress, has served as a liaison between OUSC and the housing department, relaying students' transportation concerns.

According to Fattah, students have been seeking a more affordable place to buy groceries and necessities. To appease these concerns, the Bear Bus will now make weekly trips to the Walmart and Meijer located at Adams Road and M-59.

The program will be continuously adjusted according to student needs and demands, according to Fattah.

"The Bear Bus will be taking



Dylan Dulberg/The Oakland Post

Two all-new buses will be added to the Bear Bus program. The buses received new designs, and the program will incorporate new routes.

you everywhere you need to go," Fattah said. "It's a safe way to do it, as well as efficient."

In addition to making it faster to get around campus, the changes in transportation will also relieve some of the traffic congestion and help OU decrease its carbon footprint according to both Fattah and Alef.

"I've been adamant about the

initiative because I think it will greatly help the students and the entire OU community," Fattah said. "It's feasible to accommodate all of the student's needs with this program."

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Cranes lifting equipment aid filming, "tent village" houses monitors used for examining shots and large tankers filled with water drench the set.

'Black Sky' looms over campus

Parking lots transform into Hollywood movie set

By Mark McMillan
Local Editor

For the last week, parking lots P37 and P35 on the west side of Oakland University have been ravaged by heavy rain, extreme winds and explosions. More than 100 people scurried around the two parking lots, communicating heavily by two-way radio and screaming to be heard above the chaos.

OU has not been hit by a storm. The weather last week has been warm and dry. A tempest of another sort descended on campus — one that comes with a Hollywood feature film being shot in Oakland County.

The film, a New Line Cinema production being distributed by Warner Bros., is called "Black Sky." It will be one of the only major Hollywood motion pictures featuring natural, devastating tornadoes since the late 90s.

The film stars Richard Armitage ("Thorin Oakenshield" from the upcoming "Hobbit" trilogy) and Sarah Wayne Callies ("Lori" from "The Walking Dead") as an educator and a meteorologist, as well as Nathan Kress (TV's "iCarly") as their son. The film also stars Matt Walsh ("Ted," "The Upright Citizen's Brigade")

as a storm chaser and Jeremy Sumpter ("Friday Night Lights," "Peter Pan") as his cameraman.

The film was written by Simon Beaufoy (Oscar-winning screenplay writer for "Slumdog Millionaire") and is directed by Steven Quale ("Final Destination 5").

In between takes, the film's producer Todd Garner ("Knight and Day" and the upcoming "Here Comes the Boom") expressed his appreciation for OU's campus.

"It's a great place to shoot and it's really beautiful here," Garner said. "The beauty of it plays perfectly for our movie because we wanted our movie to be about kind of what the whole Midwest goes through every year, especially now with global warming and how it's getting worse and worse."

According to Garner, the two parking lots and surrounding area fit the needs of the film in terms of space, crew and equipment.

"This location was chosen because we needed a lot of flexibility in terms of being able to do this in a real street ... and a parking lot ... seeing this, the way the hill is, being able to put the 'church' there, it just has a lot of good land," Garner said.

Coordination for shooting even the shortest scene was a massive undertaking

for the shots filmed at OU. A dozen cranes called 'Condors' were used for filming. They held cameras, rain machine veins and giant sun-blocking squares, called 'Diffusions,' 80 feet into the air.

Crew members were at hand to operate giant fans capable of generating 100 mph gusts of wind, throwing leaves in front of them for greater effect while other crew members continuously sprayed Pioneer Drive with water — often all for one 15-second shot.

During filming, custom made 'weather chaser' vehicles made from stripped-down Dodge trucks and outfitted with high-tech equipment and 'gull-wing' doors could be found on the set. According to the film's publicist, Tammy Sandler, the two vehicles are not props and can be driven on the highway.

Other aspects of the film that deal with more dangerous situations will be done digitally, including the destruction of the 'used car lot,' which includes a building set up in P37 featuring a gorilla holding a sign that reads 'Radomski Auto Sales.'

"Doing something like this, it's a lot of destruction," Garner said. "We won't destroy it (the used car lot building) practically. We'll destroy it digitally."

"Black Sky" has been shooting at other locations in Oakland County, including Oakview Middle School. All shooting for the film has been and will be done in Michigan and is scheduled to wrap Sept. 27. There is no official release date for the film, but Sandler expects the release sometime in 2013.

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POLICE FILES

Property damage in P5

On July 27 at approximately 3:30 a.m., OUPD met with a male student in P5 who said his mattress had been damaged. The student said he transported the mattress to OU on top of his vehicle and parked in P5 earlier at approximately 11:30 p.m.

The student said he returned to his vehicle at 3:20 a.m. and found the mattress on the ground. He believed it had been taken off his vehicle and run over with a car.

Police noticed damage to the mattress including gouges and black streak marks, and the mattress was bent and could no longer stay flat.

Police reviewed security footage, but were unable to find any information.

Non-student arrested

On Aug. 12, OU police officers were on patrol near Walton Boulevard and Adams Road when they observed a vehicle with a large crack across the front windshield.

After initiating a traffic stop, police identified the driver and discovered he had six warrants out of Oakland County for misdemeanor traffic offenses.

After confirming all warrants, the driver was then arrested, handcuffed and taken to OUPD. There, the driver was fingerprinted and photographed.

OU police officers later met with Bloomfield Hills police officers to transfer the suspect to their custody.

The scene was cleared without further incident.

Larceny near Ann V. Nicholson Student Apartments

OUPD received a larceny complaint Aug. 18 at approximately 5:15 p.m. A female student met with police at OUPD and told police that her bicycle had been stolen between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Aug. 17.

The victim said she left her bicycle locked to a light pole near the Ann V. Nicholson Student Apartments. Upon returning, the student said she noticed her bicycle was missing but the lock was still attached to the light pole.

The victim said no one knew her combination and the lock was not cut.

Compiled by Natalie Popovski
Assistant Campus Editor



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The Pioneer Food Court, located in the Oakland Center, is home to Michigan's only Chick-fil-A restaurant. The franchise location is owned and operated by Chartwells, and was put in the Oakland Center in 2002 as an alternative to the other food court restaurants. Chartwells is leaving it up to students to decide if the location should stay or if it should be removed.

Michigan's only Chick-fil-A may go away

Discussions whether to keep the restaurant begin

By Mark McMillan
Local Editor

Last July, Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy incited the nation with his comments on marriage.

Since then, several universities nationwide have taken issue with Chick-fil-A restaurants remaining on their campuses.

In August, Oakland University representatives followed suit by conducting a meeting about the fate of the only Chick-fil-A in Michigan, located in OU's Pioneer Food Court in the Oakland Center.

The meeting consisted of representatives from Chartwells, faculty, administration, the GSA, the OC and student affairs.

According to Jo Reger, associate professor of sociology and director of the Women and Gender Studies program at OU, the meeting had been planned for a month.

"The faculty there wanted to voice their opinion," Reger said. "We really don't feel like the organization that works against the civil rights of students, staff and faculty should be al-

lowed on campus."

According to Reger, the meeting was important to inform university leaders about the potential quagmire the restaurant might bring when school begins.

"I think it gave the local Chartwells people a chance to sit down face to face with a lot of concerned people at the university," Reger said. "Nothing's been decided at this point."

Prior to the meeting, Dalton Connally, an assistant professor of social work, received many complaints from the public about the restaurant.

"I got email requests from the community, students and faculty and staff to get Chick-fil-A removed because it's not congruent with our values, our anti-discrimination stance," Connally said.

OU's anti-discrimination policy not only protects gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals but also condemns the discrimination against any group of people regardless of race, gender or religion.

Timothy Larrabee, associate professor of education, pushed for the university to create an anti-discrimination policy.

"I think the ultimate outcome will be that Chick-fil-A will go away."

Timothy Larrabee,
Associate Professor of Education

The policy was adopted by OU after four years of insistence by Larrabee and other faculty members.

"Ultimately, it's the university's responsibility to stand behind their word," Larrabee said. "Viewpoints should be heard. At the same time, standards of fair treatment need to be upheld. That's not up for debate ... to hold this up for discussion is wrong; it's damaging to the university."

According to Reger, the administration has the ultimate say in the matter, but they are choosing to let Chartwells determine whether the Chick-fil-A stays or goes. Chartwells then decided the students should determine the outcome.

Connally believes students should feel safe on campus and wondering where to get their food and whether it is morally and ethically right should not be on their radar.

According to Leo Oriet, a business management student and president of the College Republicans of OU, the issue is not one of civil rights, but of free speech.

"An individual openly spoke out against gay-rights," Oriet said. "That individual just so happens to be the Chief Executive of Chick-fil-A. Naturally, the company was dragged into the debate though Chick-fil-A does not have an official stance on the issue."

Another meeting of OU representatives will take place later this week, an event with which Larrabee is hopeful about the result.

"We're hoping this will go smoothly," Larrabee said. "I think the ultimate outcome will be that Chick-fil-A will go away."

Oriet is doubtful the restaurant will be removed and believes the student debate will not cause any disruption.

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Roads
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Oakland's Hidden gems

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Saints and Sinners Statue

Located in the fountain in front of Kresge Library, the Saints and Sinners Statue was Oakland's first major exterior sculpture, arriving on campus in April 1976. Designed over a period of 30 years by sculptor Marshall Fredericks, the 10-foot bronze statues symbolize "good, evil, temptation, knowledge of good and evil, a saint of the church, a mother and child and a warrior saint."



1.

Grizzly Oaks Frisbee Golf

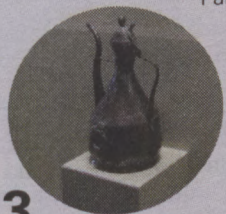
Big time gap in your schedule? Spend some time playing disc golf at Grizzly Oaks Frisbee Golf. Sponsored by OU Student Congress and Campus Recreation, the course is located on the Main Campus of OU near P11 on Pioneer. Have a game of Frisbee golf on a challenging 18-par course through a scenic, wooded area on campus.



2.

OU Art Gallery

Part of the Department of Art and Art History for over 40 years, the OU Art Gallery presents six exhibits from September to May. The exhibits have been reviewed by national journals including "Art in America" and "Sculpture Magazine." In addition to lectures, the gallery hosts performances, tours and special events. The gallery is currently displaying the Doctor Berton Collection of Ethnographic Art.



3.

Lower and Upper Pioneer Fields

Looking to play a club sport? Want to watch a Friday night rugby game? Head to the Pioneer Fields.

The Lower and Upper Fields are home to three natural turfs. These fields are used for soccer, lacrosse and rugby, with Field 2 lit for nighttime games. Near the Lower Fields, there is an athletics bubble for used for indoor sports, including camps and indoor soccer. Additional features of the Upper Fields include Cricket Pitch and a practice disc golf hole.



4.

Belgian Barn

Many buildings on campus were part of the Meadow Brook Estate, including the Belgian Barn. Housed as a carpentry shop after renovations in the early 1970s, the barn was almost demolished. A student committee in the 70s suggested it be converted into offices or a commuter hotel, charging just 50 cents a night. The antique building, with its horse logo and brown silo, is currently used for storage and office space.



5.

Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education

Part of the School of Education and Human Services at OU, the Lowry Center offers toddler, young preschool, preschool and pre-kindergarten programs, using the "newest innovative equipment, materials, and practices to cultivate the development of young children." Experiences and programs are designed based on the children's interests, with focus on problem solving to promote logical thinking.



6.

**BY THE
NUMBERS**

52

number of Bike Share
bike racks

50

number of buildings
on campus

44

number of parking
lots on campus

9

number of Bear Bus stops
throughout campus

Sports

Valentine: Make the most of your time

Basketball player offers advice for incoming freshman athletes

By Allen Jordan
Staff Intern

A student athlete's campus experience can sometimes be a year-long process, and for incoming freshman athletes, the transition into full-time student athlete can be tough.

"(The) advice I give to the new guys is to make the most of your time in all aspects," said Drew Valentine, senior forward for the Oakland University men's basketball team.

Veteran leadership

Valentine, one of the top scorers from last year's team and one of two seniors on this year's team, said college has been an amazing time in his life. He also said part of the role he takes as one of the leaders on the team, is sharing stories of trials and tribulations he endured at OU.

"Not only has there been success on the court winning over 20 games every year (and) going to the NCAA tournament twice, but I've also been able to make the academic all-Summit League team along with the chance to establish many meaningful relationships as well," Valentine, a communications major, said. "Work hard and keep in mind to make the most of this opportunity given."

Valentine plans to use this opportunity at Oakland to play professionally, joining OU alum Keith Benson and Reggie Hamilton with aspirations of one day coaching a Division I basketball team.

"Some of the things to tell incoming guys is that there comes a great chance to play in the NCAA Tournament every year including playing in a top notch non-conference schedule along with the chance to play professionally," Valentine said. "There are awesome teammates who share a brotherhood amongst one another"

Campus life

The benefits of attending Oakland do not apply just to incoming athletes but to incoming students as well.

"Campus is clean and easy to get around," Valentine said. "OU is big enough to see new faces every day. At



Oakland Post file photo

Forward Drew Valentine is focused on taking a leadership role this upcoming season, as he is one of two returning seniors this year. Valentine hopes to someday coach Division I college basketball after playing at the professional level.

the same time, there is a maximum walk of 10 minutes to class every day. I also love the support we get from the students and community at games."

"I just don't like how negative people are about this school. It is an awesome place where I've been able to live my dreams out," Valentine said. "Other people should seize the opportunity versus complain."

Scott MacDonald, assistant athletic director for athletic communication, said the department utilizes their website to promote the university's student

athletes and intercollegiate athletics.

"We design web guides, keep stats (and) write feature stories to celebrate the many accomplishments of these talented student-athletes," MacDonald said. "We also have student services that sets up academic hours for our student-athletes and tutors in some cases."

Moving ahead

Seven players are returning from last year's team, including four starters. Valentine is one of those starters.

"I think the guys will thrive," Valentine said. "They're all good guys ... there is a culture at OU of hard work on and off the court, so there should be no problem to fit right in. The academic support here with the coaching staff helps to push players to be good, responsible students."

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WXOU, athletics deadlocked after talks

Broadcasting location in flux

By Katie Williams
Senior Reporter

On Tuesday, Aug. 28 representatives from the Athletic's Department, WXOU student radio station, the Oakland University Student Congress, and the university administration met to discuss potential solutions to the issue of the radio station's current broadcast location.

"We just want to move forward, find a solution and make sure that in the future there's a better working relationship," OUSC President Samantha Wolf said.

Tensions began when WXOU was moved from its usual courtside location at the operations table to the top level

of the O'Rena last year.

According to the Athletic's Department, the station was moved as a result of university growth. Starting this season, all media outlets — university and otherwise — will also be moved off of press row.

"This year, we will move to extract the media off of the operations table ... The (Oakland) Post will be moved, The Detroit News will be moved, The Oakland Press will be moved," Athletic's Director Tracy Huth said. "They're not going to be happy with it, but we don't have a choice."

Sean Varicalli, WXOU General Manager, has been displeased with the station's current location.

"We gave our reasons as to why we don't want to be up there, and we feel that they are appropriate and accurate and factual and we feel that we can work together on something

and figure out some sort of agreement," Varicalli said.

Huth blames the issues on a lack of communication.

"All I keep hearing is about this working relationship and whatever the issues are ... it would be helpful for me, as the Athletic's Director, to know what these issues are. No one's ever told me," Huth said.

The group also discussed previous incidents of miscommunication. Huth denied any knowledge of the issue.

"There might be some small communication issues and email exchanges, maybe even misunderstandings that have occurred ... but otherwise, I think that the relationship has been fantastic," Christine Stover, WXOU's faculty adviser, said. "The seating issue is our primary concern."

Three potential solutions were proposed. The options are leaving current contested

broadcast location as is, building a press row behind the operations table and a potential Pepsi sponsorship that would fund two seats near the operations table.

Building a press row behind the operations table would remove approximately 12 permanent seats.

"The press row behind the operations table is the number one option (as) it would be ideal for everyone," said Dean of Students and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Glenn McIntosh.

The location issue remains unresolved, but the group agreed to meet again mid-September. The Oakland Post will provide more information as it becomes available.

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TRACY HUTH The Athletic's Director is at the helm of the situation. With the accusation of there being a lack of communication, he is working to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.



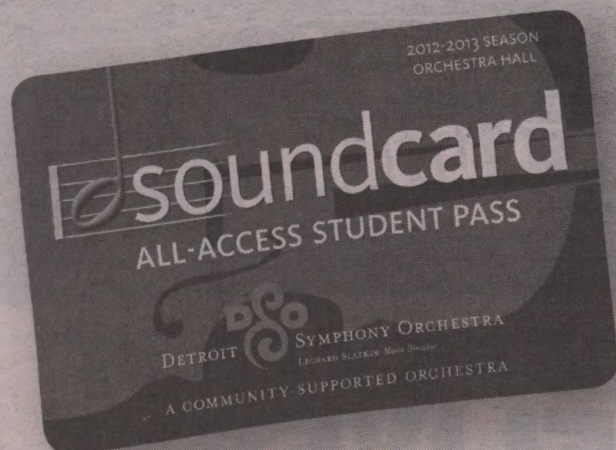
MARY BETH SNYDER The Vice President of Student Affairs is acting as a mediator between all parties during these discussions at the request of university president Gary Russi.



SEAN VARICALLI The WXOU General Manager is fighting for a better broadcasting location for the college station of the year's sports broadcasters that were moved from press row last year.


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Sports

Oakland Volleyball has rough start to season

Oakland falls 0-3 at Kansas State Invitational

By Damien Dennis
Sports Editor

The Oakland Golden Grizzlies volleyball fell 0-3 to start their season as they traveled to Manhattan, Kansas for the Kansas State Invitational over the weekend.

Losing 3-0 in all of their matches, Oakland competed against Oregon State on Friday followed by #22 Kansas State and UC Irvine on Saturday.

Oregon State defeated the Golden Grizzlies in three straight sets with scores of 18-25, 15-25 and 19-25. Alli Kirk had 15 digs and Alissa Valentine 22 assists in the loss.

On Saturday, Oakland faced the ranked Kansas State Wildcats, losing in three straight sets as well to the tournament hosts. With set scores of 25-18, 25-13 and 25-19; Oakland managed to match ferocity to start the match, but fell short as the match continued.

Later in the evening, Oakland fell to UCI in three straight sets as well, with scores of 25-17, 25-22 and 27-25.

"Losing matches can be, when used correctly, a tremendous help to a team," said Head Coach Rob Beam. "We have a much clearer idea of what we need to do to play at a high level and our team will be extremely motivated during training."

Beam said that he feels the teams serve and serve receive games need to be improved upon in relation to their opponents.

"We are going to train those areas and I expect a significant improvement this coming weekend," Beam said.

Despite the slow start to Oakland's season, the Golden Grizzlies shined in other ways as Meghan Bray became the school's all-time career leader in kills. With 28 on the day, Bray now stands at 1,118 career kills in her three-year career at Oakland.

"Our expectations for the 2012 team were and continue to be high," Beam said. "This team has the talent to contend for a Summit League Championship and playing in a Top 100 event like the one at K-State serves as strong preparation for that level of play."

Oakland was the underdog heading into the tournament.

"When you go into a tournament knowing you're going to be opening up your season playing a Pac-12 and Big-12 school, adrenaline is obviously pump-



Photograph courtesy of Jose Juarez

Brittany Holbrook shared a team high of six kills in Oakland's loss to Oregon State.

ing," senior middle hitter Brittany Holbrook said.

Holbrook shared a team high of six kills in Oakland's loss to Oregon State along with Bray and Amanda Baker.

Oakland will host the Golden Grizzlies Invitational this weekend. Toledo, Eastern Illinois and Iowa will all travel to the Athletics Center O'Rena for play. The Golden Grizzlies will play three games, one against each team, with the first starting on Friday against Toledo at 7 p.m.

"We have all of the tools and potential to be great, but the focus this week is utilizing those tools for game time for a consistent amount of time, playing hard to the best of our ability, competitively," Holbrook said.

There is history between Oakland, Toledo and Iowa from last season.

"We lost to both teams in close matches around this time last year," Holbrook said. "They absolutely have their work cut out for them when they step in the O'Rena this weekend."

Oakland also faces Central Michigan on Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

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Local

A walk to remember

Half marathon promotes healthy living, commemorates fallen son

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

The roads close off to incoming traffic at 7:15 a.m. Music plays and people line up at the starting line. Excitement is in the air as runners and walkers arrive to pick up their racing bib and prepare for the race.

On Sept. 30, the fifth annual Brooksie Way Half Marathon will provide a challenging trek through Rochester, starting and ending on OU's campus at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

"We think (having Brooksie Way) is a great health and wellness initiative for OU and Oakland County," said Campus Recreation Director Greg Jordan.

Brooksie Way gets its start

After 2008, when no major marathons were held in Oakland County, members of the Auburn Hills City Committee, including County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, met to create and plan a race as part of Oakland County's "quality of life events."

The race was a success, attracting 4,000 participants and making Brooksie Way the largest first time run event in Michigan's history, according to Race Director Deborah Kiertzer.

Why Oakland?

Oakland's campus provided a sufficient start and end point, with parking and adequate land for a large volume of attendees, according to Jordan. With participants from across the country, 6,000 runners are expected this year.

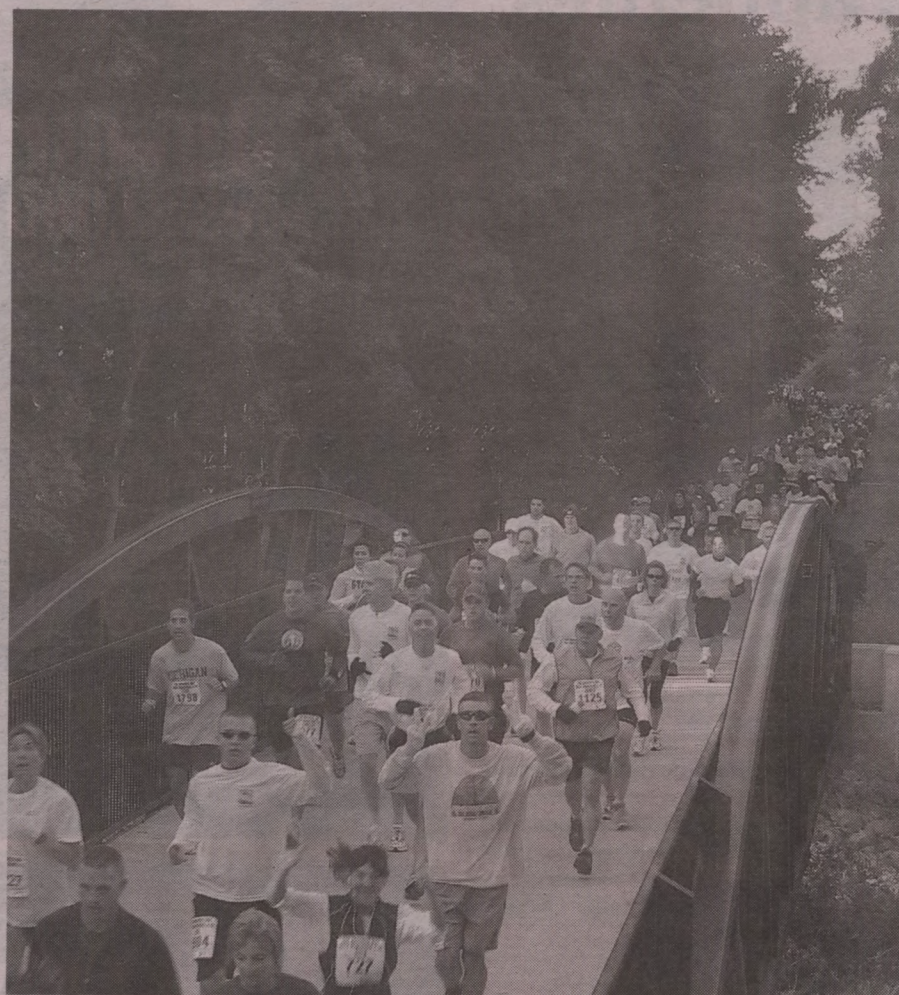
"The race promotes the county and showcases Oakland University," Patterson said. "It's reaching the status where people know about it."

Funds raised go toward mini-grants, available for purchase by Oakland County businesses, for use towards fitness and wellness initiatives. So far, over 70 grants have been purchased by Oakland County organizations.

In addition to raising money, the race also commemorates Patterson's son, Brooks Stuart Patterson, who died in a snowmobile accident during the planning of a race he was preparing to run in.

Events remember a fallen son

Part of the tribute for Patterson includes the Fitness Expo. Held during the two days preceding the race, the event



Photos courtesy of Deb Kiertzer

Participants in the Brooksie Way Half Marathon will start and finish their trek on the campus of Oakland University, where the previous five events have been held.

aims to promote healthy, quality lifestyles.

The expo is free to attend and will feature 50 to 60 vendors. They will be selling products including running apparel, shoes and medical services, as well as a Pasta Party and racer bib pick-up on both days.

Signing up to participate

Groups and participants interested in racing can sign up for the Half Marathon, 5K or 1-mile race at the event website.

Signing up earlier saves money with lower costs and a chance for OU affiliates to receive discounts. A registration form on OU's website provides current students and alumni with reduced costs of \$3 off the 5K and \$4 off the half marathon.

Those who don't want to race can still attend the event. Many volunteers are needed to pass out water and provide race side entertainment, according to Kiertzer.



Runners make their way through the wooded trails around Oakland University's campus.

Following the competitions, post-race entertainment includes vendors, food and a celebration until 1 p.m.

"The event is wonderful," Kiertzer said. "It's a great quality of life, fun, family event. With the different race choices and opportunities to volunteer, there's something for everyone at Brooksie Way."

LOCAL POLICE BRIEFS

Intoxicated driver taken into custody in Troy

A 24-year-old Sterling Heights man was arrested after failing a sobriety test. On Aug. 22, the incident occurred at the intersection of Dequindre and Wattles. According to the report, the driver stated he and his passenger had been smoking marijuana in the vehicle just prior to being pulled over. The passenger fled the vehicle on foot after police began questioning him. He is facing possible charges of "hinder and obstruct a police officer."

Assault and sale of narcotics in Rochester Hills

A 17-year-old Shelby Township male was assaulted by two males while he was attempting to purchase mushrooms. On Aug. 23, the assault happened in the 3300 block of Hessel near Milton. The two males were identified as approximately 30 years old and Hispanic. They took the victim's knife and used it to cause non-life threatening injuries and then fled the area. The victim was transported to Troy Beaumont Hospital for cut wounds on his arms and blunt force trauma to his back. A knife, mushrooms and a scale were found in the area. The assailants are still at large.

Homicide reported in Pontiac

The Oakland County Sheriff's office responded to a fight and shots fired in the 30 block of Tacoma Ct. on Aug. 25. While approaching the scene, police stopped a vehicle leaving the area at a high speed. Deputies were then approached by a witness who stated that her fiancé was shot and the suspect was in the stopped vehicle. Police administered CPR to the 31-year-old gunshot victim until EMS arrived and transported him to McLaren Oakland Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The suspected handgun was found hidden by the suspect's 17-year-old girlfriend. Police also recovered three guns that were stolen from the girlfriend's Saginaw home.

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Local

Weekend festival is a feast for eyes, appetites



Photo courtesy of Ford Arts, Beats and Eats

Featuring 140 art booths, national recording artists and more than 50 restaurants, Arts, Beats and Eats has become one of the largest festivals in the Metro Detroit area.

Ford to host 15th annual Arts, Beats & Eats in Downtown Royal Oak

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

Food, music, arts and community events will fill the streets of downtown Royal Oak for the 15th annual Ford Arts, Beats & Eats, presented by Citizens Bank, Aug. 31 to Sept. 3.

Founded by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson as part of a series of quality of life events, Arts, Beats & Eats, returns for a third year to Royal Oak.

"The event revolves around both entertainment and the community," said Jon Witz, festival producer for Ford Arts, Beats & Eats. I am energized by the new music and food offerings this year."

The Arts

With more than 140 booth spaces, artists from around the country will sell artwork in the Juried Fine Arts Show.

The first annual Deaf Arts Festival will provide the work of hearing-impaired artists including hip-hop artist Sean Forbes of Detroit, who will perform Friday night at the Michigan Lottery National Stage.

The Beats

Musical performances will include national recording artists R.E.O. Speedwagon, G. Love & Special Sauce, Theory

of a Deadman, The Guess Who and Sean Forbes.

Singers selected from bar competitions throughout Metro Detroit will compete daily from 1 to 5 p.m. in the second annual "Detroit's Got Talent" Karaoke Contest, for a prize of \$1,000.

The Eats

This year's festival will feature more than fifty restaurants, caterers and food-related attractions.

An area of the festival known as BBQ Alley will be catered by local eateries including Lockhart's BBQ and R.U.B. BBQ.

New restaurants included in this year's festival are Mitchell's Fish Market, Bastone Brewery, BD's Mongolian Grill, Happy's Pizza and Polish Village Café. A Family and Community

Partnering with Local Charities

A big part of the festival focuses on community betterment, according to Witz. Partnership with the Autism Alliance of Michigan and Autism Speaks, as well as a telethon benefitting Children's Miracle Network, a 5K marathon and Zumbathon are just some of the events aimed at raising money for local charities.

"Year after year, Ford Arts, Beats & Eats continues to demonstrate that it is among the premier summer events in Michigan," said Patterson in a Ford Arts, Beats & Eats press release. "What's often overlooked is that the festival raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities and has numerous community collaborations."

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Not a bad apple in the bunch

Oakland University goes to Arts and Apples festival

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

Tents of art, performances by local musicians and an array of homemade apple pies will transform Rochester Park into an artistic festival as Paint Creek Center for the Arts hosts the 47th annual Arts and Apples Festival Sept. 7 to 9.

Starting out as one tent and a few Rochester area artists, the fine art fair has grown to over 290 participants displaying and selling their work.

Photographer and Rochester Hills resident James Parker, who sells his work in many art shows, is attending Arts and Apples

for his sixth year in a row and considers it a fall tradition.

"I like Arts and Apples because it's nice to sell close to home and support the local community," Parker said. "It's had a long history as one of the better shows in Michigan, with a lot of great artists participating. The best part, though, is the pie."

Apples have always played a part in the festival. Cider and donuts from Romeo's Westview Orchard, as well as an apple pie and dessert contest give the festival a fall feel.

Oakland University will play a big part in the festival this year, according to Ellen Hughes, Marketing Director of Paint Creek Center of the Arts.

WXOU will broadcast live on Saturday and Sunday, while the OU Vitality Dance team will perform both new and old



Photos courtesy of Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Arts and Apples is a three day festival that draws people from around the metro Detroit area. This year, Oakland University will play an important part of the festivities. WXOU and the OU vitality dance team will perform live.

dance routines.

"We decided to participate in Arts and Apples because it's a great way to get involved in the community," said Ashley Allsion, junior and OU Vitality dancer. "There are a lot of other organizations from OU that will be attending also so it is a great way to have a good OU presence

at the festival. We all love to perform and are glad to have the opportunity."

WXOU will make their first appearance at the festival this year.

"This is WXOU's first year being a part of the festival and we couldn't be more excited," said WXOU station manager

Sean Varicalli. "We will be there Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by the acoustic stage. We expect a great turnout and we're just really excited to be at such a well established event."

For more information on the festival or to volunteer visit www.artandapples.com.

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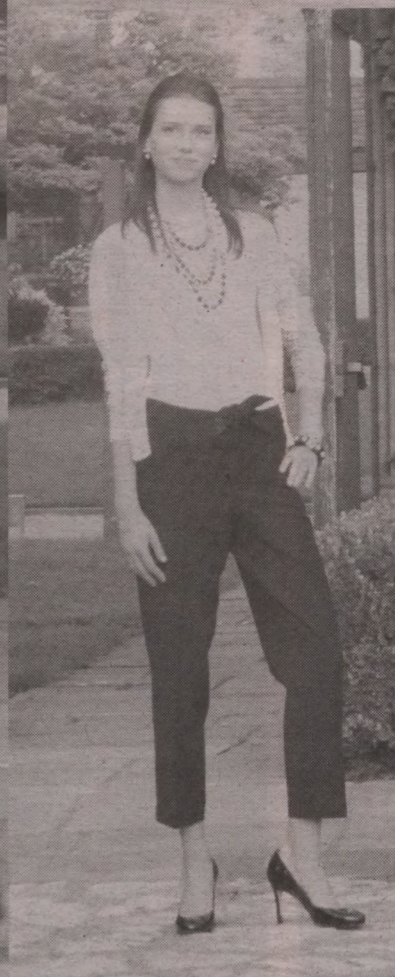
Meadow Brook falls into fashion

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

A night of fashion, makeovers and hors d'oeuvres provided a preview of fall fashion in the Meadow Brook Hall garden Thursday Sept. 23.

The show featured clothing from 10 retailers of the Village of Rochester Hills, said Shelleen McHale, director of marketing, La Femme Fashion show, named after the pink Dodge car designed for women brought out an array of pastels, patterns and jackets that can be worn into fall for a fashionable season transition.

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Meadow Brook falls into fashion

FALL FASHION

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Skirts and dresses were plentiful at the show, with a combination of short and long lengths. Casually dressy styles will also be popular for fall, with retailers pairing everything blazers and classy cardigans with jeans and flats.

"My favorite part of the fashion show was walking the runway and modeling the Buckle outfit," OU junior and model Brittany Osmialowski said. "I love the burnt orange color, it's great for fall. And the sequins just make an outfit pop."

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'Silent Conversations'

Art professor chosen to display photography in Paris

By Katie Williams
Senior Reporter

When asked to describe the efforts behind her recent photography exhibition in Paris, Associate Professor of Art and Art History Andrea Eis, does not hesitate.

"I feel like I've been having a dialogue with the past," Eis said.

The featured photographs combine images of ancient



Andrea Eis,
Associate
Professor of Art
and Art History

sculptures and texts from classical literature.

Eis has long been fascinated with both Greek culture and photography. She earned a bachelor's degree in Classics and Archeology from Beloit College in Wisconsin; a bachelor's degree of Fine Arts in Film, Photography and Video from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and a Master's of Fine Arts in Photography from the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Her extensive studies have convinced Eis that the past and present are not very different, and certain universal emotions transcend both time and culture.

Eis' "dialogue" and artwork have

transcended too.

Her photographs were selected for a solo exhibition entitled "Silent Conversations" on display at the Grace Teshima Gallery in Paris from Aug. 9-14.

Eis has been featured internationally before, having displayed works in Hungary, China and Greece in addition to displays across the U.S.

Having been a professor at the university for 28 years and serving as the Art Department Chair for six years, Eis is also a regular artist with the Oakland University Art Gallery and the Anton Art Center where she will be featured next month.

"Each exhibition is special and has a different tone to it," she said. "This one was definitely a highlight."

The gallery is located inside Teshima's home in the historically artistic neighborhood of Montmartre. As owner and operator, the American, Grace Teshima is known for hosting contemporary artists.

There were uncertainties for both Teshima and Eis prior to the exhibition. The women had not met but were connected through another artist.

"I had shown her (Teshima) an image online, but she didn't really have a sense of what it was going to be like in her gallery," Eis said.

Teshima was ultimately pleased with the result.

"Saying 'yes' (to Eis) resulted in one of the most amazing shows that I've ever had," Teshima said. "Andrea's work is solidly based on her own scholarly knowledge, experience and evolution but, the art of it is that it makes antique Greece completely up to date and accessible."

The exhibition was comprised of 14 pieces, including traditional photographs of varying sizes and photographs printed on fabric which was hung from the gallery's ceiling. The photographs were organized into three series: Marginalia, Poets and Nostos (Homecoming).

The "Marginalia" series features the handwritten translations of an American woman in the 1900s which were left in the margins of Greek books that Eis studied during her 2008 sabbatical in Athens. For the "Poets" series, Eis selected lines of poetry from American and British writers such as Emily Dickinson, D. H. Lawrence and Edna St. Vincent Millay.

"Nostos," the final series, draws on the concept of homecoming from war and was inspired by Homer's "The Odyssey" and Aeschylus' "Agamemnon."

"The idea of homecoming is very contemporary, the Greeks with the Trojan War did it and every civilization, every culture, has gone through this. These are human emotions that are repeated," Eis said.

She believes that this universal connection is one reason her work has resonated with Teshima and the audience present at her artist's lecture during the exhibition's premier on Aug. 9.

"We might feel very separate from the Greeks, but in human terms, they are exactly like us," Eis said. "I'm very interested in those universals, and those emotional moments that can connect to the past."

This semester, Eis will continue balancing her roles as artist and professor.

"I think it's important for us (professors) to be role models for our students; to stay committed and be working artists," she said. "If we ask of our students a level of dedication to art, we have to expect the same of ourselves."

Eis likes the challenge, though, because it creates a more rewarding career.

"It's better that it's not easy," she said.

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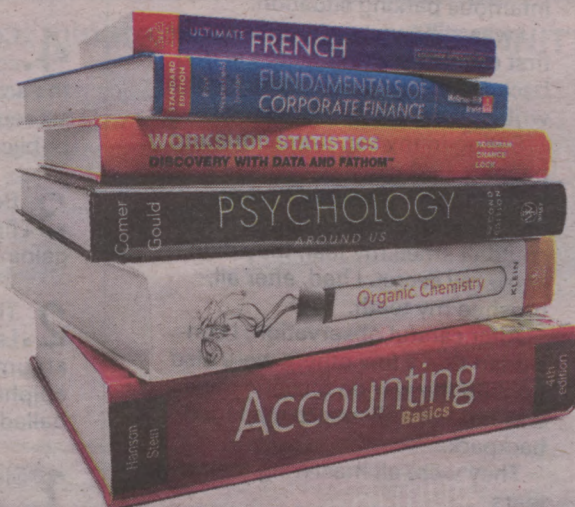


Associate Professor of Art and Art History, Andrea Eis' photography collection was on display at the Grace Teshima Gallery in Paris from Aug. 9 to 10. The collection is entitled: "Silent Conversations."

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First day jitters affect all students

Don't let back to school anxiety ruin your first day back

By Katie Williams

Senior Reporter, Anxiety Sufferer

Labor Day weekend is, to many, the bittersweet end of summer. For me, it ushers in the war on anxiety.

Let's be honest — going back to school can be a daunting task.

I've always taken a sort of comfort in office supplies — it's how I cope. I run through the back-to-school section of Target like a contestant on Supermarket Sweep. I hum "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" while selecting my folders and notebooks. There's a beautiful sense of optimism and control associated with those blank pages the approaching semester still shines with possibility.

The most stressful thing about the entire process is convincing yourself that you're not too old for the holographic T-Rex pencil case and it's acceptable to still carry a lunchbox at the tender age of 22.

All of this takes place mid-July, naturally. I stockpile office supplies months in advance in the armory that is my closet and then wait for battle.

Now time has come — the folders and notebooks have been drafted. My army of pens, pencils and highlighters awaits command. My textbooks occupy a backpack that will soon weigh more than a small child. I have snack-sized pouches of cookies and crackers and a false sense of security.

This semester, I promise myself, will not start with another incident ...

I do this every fall, knowing that even my color-coded planner cannot provide me with control of my two greatest fears: change and I-75.

My first day at Oakland University — and every single day since — has involved a whole lot of both.



Photo Illustration by DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

Toothbrush in hand, Katie Williams stands before the entrance to the Oakland Center, trembling with anxiety, terrified to enter for her first day back at Oakland University.

Last semester was my first on campus, and it required a 45 minute commute on the freeway. Classes started at noon, so naturally, I set my alarm for 5 a.m.

It was an important day, so naturally, I overslept. Already frazzled, I scarfed down breakfast, threw on my pre-selected cardigan set and thrust that child-sized backpack into my passenger seat.

It was show time and I was already running late.

I missed traffic and, much to my distaste, had to drive the speed limit. The curves of the road scare me — I almost always miss my exit — and I've had enough close calls with semi trucks to wonder whether or not my enormous red SUV has an invisibility feature I'm unaware of.

Cars zipped around me, my vision blurred and the wheel started to slip through my sweaty palms. I pulled off to the shoulder, stood on the side of I-75 and hurled. Then I cried. Then I hurled again.

Welcome back indeed.

This display of gastrointestinal rebellion was humiliating, disgusting

and oddly enough, informative.

After the incident, I managed to get back on the road, find the nearest pharmacy, buy a toothbrush and toothpaste, use said toothbrush, arrive on campus and master the infamous parking situation.

I was still two hours early for my first class. The world hadn't ended because things didn't go as I had written them in my planner.

Sitting in my car, watching other people's first days, I got my first lesson at OU. I realized that no one knew of my humiliation, they couldn't smell my fear, they didn't know my secret. I had, after all, brushed my teeth.

After careful observation, I concluded that a few others were also fighting the war on anxiety; mine was not the only micro-managed backpack.

They were all mastering their own fears.

As I merge onto I-75 this semester, I'll take comfort in my experience. I know that we're all in it together and I am not alone in my anxiety. I also know to pack a toothbrush.

SATIRE

WEEKLY TOP 10

Of the many events that we can all only hope to experience in life, one of the most sacred is the full-out faculty strike. Only a lucky few get to experience this unicorn of education and seeing that we are faced with an opportunity to seize our destinies, here are the top 10 things to do if the AAUP negotiations fail.

10. Don a blazer and a monocle and join the AAUP picket line.

9. Declare that all education majors will become the temporary teachers.

8. Photograph the rare event and sell photos on eBay. Starting bid — \$10,000.

7. Reallocate the money that the university is using to pay their negotiators to rent monkeys in lab coats to teach the classes.

6. Turn campus into a paintball battlefield like the episode from the NBC show "Community."

5. Pick 24 men and women from the AAUP and OU bargaining term to duel a la "The Hunger Games."

4. Collect all the unused computers from throughout the school, create gigantic movie screen in upper fields and open a public drive-in theater.

3. Be responsible adults and find alternative methods of gaining education ... just kidding.

2. Throw a pool party on Beer Lake, invite both sides of the argument and hope for clichéd epiphanies set to 80s power ballads.

1. Sleep.

—Compiled by Dylan Dulberg, Multimedia Editor

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