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STAFF EDITORIAL

Smoking policy loses flame

Administration should enact campus-wide ban

The revised on-campus smoking policy at Oakland University was the subject of a recent email blast from John Beaghan, vice president of finance and administration, an OU news article and an Oakland Post article.

But this cloudy policy keeps OU a cloudy campus. Let's end both and put in place a complete smoking ban.

The newly revised policy No. 475 of OU's Administrative Policies and Procedures states that students are not allowed to smoke within a 50-foot perimeter outside of on campus buildings, in addition to not being allowed to smoke inside the buildings, nor inside university-owned vehicles.

According to the policy, all employees are supposed to report offenders.

The protocol for this varies depending on who is breaching the rule.

In order to exert this rule, "no smoking signs" are supposed to be visible and conspicuously posted around campus and smoking areas will be marked through 22 urns that are located on campus.

However, not all of the urn locations

meet the 50-foot requirement.

Oakland Post Campus Editor Andrew Craig, Design Editor Jason Willis and Copy Editor Justin Colman measured the physical distance from the urns to buildings and found that only 12 out of 22 measured are in compliance with the policy.

A smoking urn outside South Foundation Hall was placed only 17 feet away.

There is also no direct punishment for breaking the rule.

The policy states that violators are subject to discipline and could face a civil fine, but doesn't make that threat apparent, which makes us wonder: How are students going to abide by these rules if they're not enforced?

We see the revised smoking policy as a half-hearted attempt to regulate conduct. A final decision needs to be made.

Other Michigan public universities have adopted a smoking ban throughout their entire campuses.

Both Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, with respective campus populations of about 47,000 and 42,000, are able to effectively administer

their policies.

A quote from Cora Hanson, OU's health and life safety officers in last week's Post exemplifies this issue.

"The committee considered whether (25 feet) was really enough to ensure that students, faculty and staff who wish to, could avoid exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke."

No amount of tobacco smoke exposure is safe, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"There is no risk-free level of contact with secondhand smoke; even brief exposure can be harmful to health," according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

So regardless of where the bins are, secondhand will still have a negative effect on students.

The Clean Air Act proclaimed that sequestering smokers in secluded areas doesn't work, so keeping Oakland in a gray area isn't going to work, either.

It's like saying you're only allowed to pee in a certain part of the pool — Oakland needs to make a choice.

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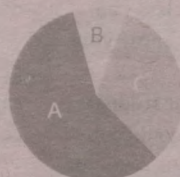
Do you think there should be a campus-wide smoking ban?

A. Yes
B. No
C. I Don't Care

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Last Week's Poll

What are your thoughts on the possible creation of a new on-campus housing facility? — 50 votes



A. It's a great idea — I can't wait to move in. 29 votes/58%
B. I hate it — the school shouldn't waste any more money. 5 votes/10%
C. I don't care — I commute anyways. 16 votes/32%



CORRECTIONS CORNER

— The Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine was incorrectly referred to as the William Beaumont School of Housing in last week's article, "Student housing overload."

— Last week's sports story, "Soccer opens under the lights" incorrectly reported that the men's soccer game against Northern Illinois University was the first to be played under the new stadium lights. The team played its first game under the lights on Aug. 18 against Michigan State University.

— The headline, "New smoking ban in effect," incorrectly refers to an updated on-campus smoking policy as a ban.

— A feature was titled "Student's checklist includes experience, energy and enormous responsibility," in the Aug. 31 edition. Allison Webster is not a student, but a staff member at Oakland University and serves Assistant Director of Student Organization Programs.

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Blogging as an Internet art form

Anyone with a creative incentive towards life knows the difficulty of dry spells that follow our explosive bouts of art. So as I see it, when it comes to writing as a form of art in the context of blogging, same story.

I have read tips towards blogging success and articles on keeping your blog "tidy" yet the real challenge for myself lies in producing worthy writing — and keeping the worthy writing flowing.

I admit I'm an amateur, a newbie, fresh meat when it comes to the world of blogging but I enjoy the art of writing. After a little bit of self-evaluation of my knowledge on the concept of blogging, I decided to throw in some advice from others with more experience.

The focus here is the content. Yes, I believe in the importance of appearance or what site to blog from but I think the most important thing is using the talent one may have as a writer and as a creative person. I've found some tips from different bloggers, each having their own opinion to a successful blog. By combining them together I think we will all learn a little bit from each of them.



Sonia Litynskyj
Staff Intern

Chris Kahler, a guest author on Daily-BlogTips.com blogged about building rapport with your audience. Persuasion without manipulation is connecting with the audience by hitting them where it counts. This theory ties in well with another professional blogger.

Karen Walrond from BlogHer says in her blog post "How to Blog (Better): Getting Started" says "it's a good idea to write about something your passionate about."

I completely agree. If I write about sports, for example, all that may come of it would feebly formed sentences that sports fans would find to be hideous and difficult to comprehend. Although when it comes to

sarcasm and life experiences I might be able to produce something more artistic...give or take a little.

Annabel Candy wrote in her blog post "The 8 Habits of Highly Effective Bloggers" that "effective bloggers are persistent." Basically, real success doesn't happen in your first post which is the expectation that I usually seem to fall short with. I believe most of my writers block to be "blocked" by my own unrealistic expectations towards success.

A common suggestion I hear from writers is to write a lot. Which I do and I don't.

That's where Candy kicks me in the butt with this one:

"Effective bloggers are self-starters"... "If you want to be a successful blogger, you need to be a self-starter. It's not enough to have good ideas. You have to act on them".

Enough said, Candy.

My chaotic brain has been able to conjure up thousands of good ideas, but do I ever act of them? I'll be honest, rarely. So thus a starving artist I continue to be.

One may begin to wonder what the point is and I can promise there is a point. I was

skeptical of the entire idea at first but after a while I have found it somewhat addictive. I can hide behind a fake username, identity, create my own topics or I can come out strong as the person I am, vulnerable and without fear of who may or may not critique my work.

It is a stress relief, a creative outlet, a hobby or practice for the individual with a love for words, art, and business, whatever it may be. It's freedom to come out however we want to, truth or lie, happy or sad, love or hate. It gives us a voice.

A voice so many of us have yet to use. Whoever you are, whatever your message is, pick something, stand for it and get it out there.

For me, writing is a necessity. Writing is what keeps me on my toes. Although I may pick it up and put it back down it is an escape for me, but also a way to connect. With a blog, my writing is vulnerably thrown out there. It isn't rotting away in my brain or wasting space in a notebook hidden in my tabletop drawer anymore.

With that, I am forced to continue my struggling creativity.

Building the campus commuter connection

Once we get past tuition hikes and parking frustrations during the first week of school, we pretty much figure our problems end here, right?

What we'll come to learn as college students is "if it isn't one thing it's another" (A well known cliché that applies to all of us in some way).

Though we can't conquer the world in one semester, we can try some techniques to make our college careers a bit more adaptable and satisfying.

Speaking as a commuter, I often worry that I am not getting much of an experience here at Oakland. Sure the academic part of it is nice, but other than that what can I really say about Oakland as a school?

I've attended Oakland for a year and I've probably attended three events, and only because it was a part of a class requirement. It's not that we commuters don't want to get involved; sometimes we are discouraged to attend events.

Especially if we have no one to attend



Misha Mayhand
Staff Intern

events with, we'd much rather stay at home and watch movies. As stated before, I've attended Oakland for a year and have yet to make any friends.

I'm mostly on campus to attend class and occasionally study in the library — alone, might I add. I noticed when I covered the OUSC elections earlier this year that most of the candidate's plans for the upcoming school year included promoting more campus involvement. In order to promote campus involvement, everyone needs to

get involved in the promotion process. Not only are the students organizations and OUSC responsible, so are professors!

Sure our professors are involved, they'll go as far recommending getting our peers phone numbers, but it usually ends there. Most professors don't take part in what we call the "ice breaker" process.

What they don't realize is that making friends is very important during your college years. It is easier said than done, particularly for commuters. I know that if I had friends to hang out with at the sporting events or social events, I'd spend more time on campus. The fact is, during class you don't have much time to get to know your pupils.

If professors set aside time for students to get to know each other this could contribute to the progress of campus participation. Another solution to making friends is joining a campus organization, but not all commuters have that much time to give. Most commuters have a job outside of

school, including myself.

One public speaking professor, who likes his students to refer to him as "Charlie" believes that getting to know your peers is essential to succeeding during your college careers.

He dedicates the first day of class to going over the syllabus and then forming a circle around the room, and using a game as a technique in which to memorize everyone in the class's name, including his own.

He even goes as far as warning his students that they will be quizzed at the end of the month on the proper face and name of each person in the room.

"I think it is important for students to get to know each other's name, so students can have an environment where they feel comfortable to learn," said Charlie.

There are handfuls full of professors that do icebreakers, but I think more teachers should go this route. Big Lecture hall classes are the exception, but smaller classes should go for it.

OU meets Mount Clemens

Satellite campus in Macomb county opens for fall semester

By **MEGAN SEMERAZ**
Assistant Campus Editor

Apart from Oakland University's Human Health Building, another project has been in the works. A former office building in Mount Clemens has undergone major redevelopment to become OU's Anton/Frankel Center, which will provide education to over 500 students away from the main campus in Oakland County.

The building was given to OU as a gift from developers and entrepreneurs Gebran Anton and Stuart Frankel in early 2010. The building had to be renovated from business offices into classrooms.

New classrooms, technology

Inside the new building, there are 11 classrooms, two conference rooms, administrative space, faculty offices and an education and community outreach center.

"The city of Mount Clemens is extremely happy to have us there. If you put on an OU shirt, and you walk down the street, you get all kinds of attention."

— Betty Youngblood,
Executive Director of OU-Macomb

"The campus has been great — it is quite cozy. The facilities are new, the free Wi-Fi the campus offers has been fast and reliable, and the location is convenient," Carey Fitzgerald, special lecturer in psychology at the AFC, said.

According to Betty Youngblood, executive director of OU-Macomb, the furniture in the classrooms and the technology, such as Wi-Fi and projectors, around the building are also brand new.

Youngblood said the classroom tools at the satellite campus are identical to the technology and equipment available on main campus.

"Like the teaching stations that you have here (at the main campus) in many of the classrooms, the professors can project infor-



MEGAN SEMERAZ/The Oakland Post

Over 500 students are enrolled in classes at OU's newly renovated Anton/Frankel Center. The campus is located in the heart of downtown Mount Clemens.

mation or they can go out on the Internet," she said.

Community outreach

Since the building is located in the heart of downtown Mount Clemens, the community and area businesses have been reaching out to OU and its students. Many businesses in the vicinity are offering OU students and staff discounts.

"The community has been overwhelmingly welcoming," Julie Trube, director of enrollment and community outreach at OU-Macomb, said. "We actually have been working with the community to implement a student discount program, so we have 34 businesses in the Mount Clemens area that are offering discounts, not only to students — staff, faculty and alumni of Oakland University."

"The city of Mount Clemens is extremely happy to have us there," Youngblood said. If you put on an OU shirt, and you walk down the street, you get all kinds of attention."

The location has also been a chance for students to explore the city of Mount Clemens.

"It is the campus and town link you find in many universities," Charles Spurlock, special lecturer in sociology and anthropology at the AFC, said. Just outside our campus you can find county administration buildings and around the corner pedestrian walkways between several businesses."

Currently, the campus can only offer individual classes, but that will eventually change.

New opportunities

The school itself is currently going through an accreditation process through the North Central Association, Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. OU doesn't anticipate any issues with this process, but after it is complete, the university will be able to offer full programs at the center.

"Once we hear back from (NCA) then we are able to offer programs ... and make announcements about programs because right now, we have courses," Youngblood said. "Younger students could go there (the AFC) as a freshman and perhaps take everything there — if not everything, close to it."

Youngblood indicated that the AFC employees will eventually be reaching out to students to see what classes they are most interested taking, and what hours would be the most convenient.

Flexible scheduling

One misconception about the AFC has been that it is only a night school.

"Some people think the AFC is primarily a night operation, but we've offered, in the spirit of kind of experimenting, you might say, we've offered classes all the way from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. and we have some very strong day classes," Youngblood said.

According to both Trube and Youngblood, the campus opening has gone better than expected. Youngblood said the only issue that the campus encountered was the fact some students didn't know the AFC was in Mount Clemens.

"We literally contacted every student, but still there was some confusion and that's understandable ... I think the problem will kind of take care of itself. Students will be more familiar, advisors will be more familiar," Youngblood said.

The reaction from students and staff to the AFC is an indicator of the project's approval.

"The students are reacting positively to the new campus, many have expressed how happy they are with the location as well," Fitzgerald said. "This smaller satellite campus seems to be a calming alternative to the hustle and bustle that can occur on a weekday morning on the main campus."

Students can currently register for winter classes at the AFC. Some classes are still in the process of being added to the schedule.

For more information on the Anton/Frankel Center, visit oakland.edu/afc

OU offers veggie choices

By **RAYMOND ANDRE**
Senior Reporter

The price of meat, along with concern over the issue of chronic disease, is rising, leading many people to consider vegetarian diets. Many restaurants and food supply stores have taken notice and altered their offerings alongside shifting norms.

"Things are changing," said Marilyn Mouradjian, professor of Nursing at Oakland University and a practicing vegetarian, transitioning to veganism.

According to Mouradjian, most restaurants have a vegetarian option.

"When I tried to (find vegetarian meals) when I was 25, that didn't exist," she said. "Gardenburger, what in the heck is that?"

Mouradjian, who specializes in mental health and psychiatric nursing, said that as awareness of the effects of factory farming on animals and humans increase, so too will the prevalence of vegetarianism in the U.S.

It was a pamphlet from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals she received 34 years ago that lead her to veganism.

"It showed the evisceration, the cruel cutting-up of a bunny," she recalled. "When you see the visual images, it makes you ponder what your doing."

Concern for animal rights and the environmental effects of contemporary animal

agriculture led Mouradjian to pursue and teach a vegan living course through OU's non-credit professional and continuing education program.

In the course, students learn the benefits of a plant-based diet, are introduced to the politics involved with veganism and advised on how to handle condescension.

The brand new course has gathered attention of at least 80 students.

"OU really is a progressive university to have offered the course," Mouradjian said.

Being vegetarian is getting easier, too.

Like restaurants, supermarkets, too, have adapted to the increased interest in vegetarianism. Organic, vegetarian-conscious grocers like Whole Foods and Trader Joe's, both of which have locations near OU, make a plant-based diet much more realistic than in the past.

Dining at OU, though, Mouradjian said, deserves kudos. Vegetarian students have several meal options at campus restaurants in the Oakland Center, including salads, bean burritos, Subway's "Veggie Delite" sandwich, to Coyote Jack's garden-burger, which Mouradjian called "one of the best veggie burgers around."

While there are several options available, many of the vegetarian options available at OU are costly or do not meet ethical guide-

lines of some diets.

"I rarely eat on campus as the veggie burger at Coyote Jack's is expensive (nearly \$6) and most of Zoup's vegetarian soups aren't palatable," Shane Viars, a history major and vegetarian since 2004, said.

Many of the prepared salads are served with meat. Many vegetarians, like Viars, take issue.

The addition of more ready-made and vegetarian-friendly meals, he suggested, will better serve OU's vegetarian students.

"I don't want to eat salads for every meal — I'm a vegetarian, not a rabbit," Viars said, "Throwing strictly vegetables in front of me won't thrill me forever."

Gerald Gatto, district manager of Chartwells Dining Service, said that Chartwells, which caters events and selects which restaurants are in the OC, does everything possible to meet all manner of dietary needs and requests.

"It's not like there aren't any choices," Gatto said. "There are vegetarian options."

Students interested in vegetarian offerings at OU can view menus at dineoncampus.com/oakland

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campus briefs

CSA Volunteer Fair

More than 30 organizations from across metro Detroit will be on hand for the CSA volunteer fair on Sept. 16, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Located in the Fireside Lounge in the OC, students can meet representatives from numerous organizations to discover volunteer opportunities available in the community.

Dance Day at OU

The Michigan Dance Council and Oakland University will co-host Dance Day on Oct. 1, featuring a full day of master classes in many styles from Salsa to Ballet.

The day-long event will culminate with an MDC showcase concert in the Varner Hall theatre. Fees for individual classes and well as admission prices for the showcase can be found online at michigandance.org

Richard Dawkins coming to OU

On Oct. 13, renowned evolutionary biologist and author Richard Dawkins will visit the Oakland Center.

Courtesy of Oakland University and the Atheists at OU club, Dawkins will speak at the event, which is free to OU students, and follow with a Q&A session.

Scholars of the communication and journalism department to present speaker series

Between Sept. 16 and Nov. 14, members of the department will deliver six presentations on topics ranging from women's roles in music culture to service learning in the classroom.

All lectures in the series will be free and open to students, faculty, staff and visitors. For more information on the department of communication and journalism, or for event details, visit oakland.edu/cj

— Compiled by Andrew Craig,
Campus Editor

Rec Fest '11 brings back favorites

By **JUSTIN COLMAN**
Copy Editor

The Oakland University Rec Center will give students a warm welcome to the school year by hosting their annual Rec Fest event. The event, which takes place at the Rec Center, Friday Sept. 23, from 9 p.m. until midnight, is open to all students and their guests. To attend Rec Fest, OU students must have a student I.D. Guests can attend as well for a \$5 fee.

Students in attendance can enjoy free food, photo booths, games and prizes. The first 500 people that come to Rec Fest will also receive a free t-shirt.

The theme of this year's Rec Fest is, "Life is Sweet."

Lauren Rimmell, the marketing intern at the Rec Center, said the theme fits this year's Rec Fest.

"We want to promote a healthy lifestyle by saying, 'life is sweet,' take care of yourself," Rimmell said.

Last year, the Rec Fest set an attendance record with 1,200 attendees.

Brett Steudle, graduate assistant of intramural and club sports said the popularity of the event has increased, while many of the attractions are the same.

"In years before, there wasn't even 1,000 (people), so it in-

creased significantly," Steudle said. "Nothing has drastically changed ... so that's a positive reinforcement that we're doing something right."

At last year's Rec Fest, the popular stations included the caricature artists and psychics.

"The psychics and caricatures just had lines," Steudle said. "So this year we upped the amount that we have to let the students have an opportunity to see what they want to do."

Because of the popularity, the psychics and caricature artists will return and will be available from 10 p.m. to midnight.

To find out how the event stays fresh with new excite-

ment, Steudle said that he and the Rec Center track the responses from the student population that influence the event's structure from year to year.

"We work with 125 undergraduate students so we get feedback from them all the time," Steudle said. "We've added some new things that will keep the event fresh."

New to the event this year is the wing-eating contest, which is sponsored by Buffalo Wild Wings. Similarly, Coldstone Creamery will be serving ice cream.

Rimmell believes the event will help let students know what life at Oakland is about.

Geocaching club's popularity growing

By **DAMIEN DENNIS**
Staff Intern

With the addition of the Oakland University Geocaching Club, a new student organization present on campus, students can participate in treasure-hunt style competition.

Geocaching is the process of using a GPS to search for and locate caches, which are containers that contain a logbook and other items. The logbook is to be signed by anyone that finds a cache.

The purpose of the club is to bring experienced geocachers together for group searches and to share their experiences while also opening up the door for newcomers to get involved.

"There's a lot of people on campus who actually go geocaching, so we decided it would be a good idea to make a club so we could actually do a more group type of

thing with it," said club Vice President Josh Super.

Super has been involved with geocaching since last October, he has been all over Michigan to find caches and has found some in Florida, too. He said one of his most memorable involved taking a kayak three miles out into the lake at Port Austin to find a cache in a lighthouse.

Adam Suddon, an OU student and newcomer to geocaching, is one club's first members.

"I actually started getting into geocaching because of a Facebook post from the President of the Geocaching Club over summer break," he said. "She mentioned geocaching and that her and some friends were using iPhones to hunt. Realizing that I might be able to use my smartphone to do the same thing, I called up some friends and asked them if they wanted to go treasure hunting.

After finding my first cache less than a mile from my house, I was instantly hooked."

Shortly after, he became aware of the new organization forming on campus and got involved.

"So far, I'm mostly excited about the organization because it will be a chance to meet new people to cache with and show anyone who is interested what it's all about," he said.

Both Suddon and Super have described seeing a person find their first cache as an exciting experience, mostly because of newcomers skepticism that they will even find anything. To be the first to find a new cache is equally exciting.

"Most of the time, people hide prizes inside for the first people to find (caches), and usually it's anywhere from \$1 to \$20," Super said. This is why it can get so competitive to be the first to find caches."



SIERRA SOLEIMANI/The Oakland Post

Geocaches, like this one, can be found across campus and beyond.

Currently, there are 19 caches located on campus, three of which Super hid himself. He's also found all of the ones on campus except for one, which was placed by another club member two years ago.

"I would tell anyone that's interested in geocaching ... to find a friend and just start hunting," he

said. "I think that's probably the best way to go about it. There are rules and common courtesies that should be followed, though, so I would suggest going (online) learn what to do."

More information on the OU Geocaching Club can be found at [Facebook.com/groups/OU GEO](https://www.facebook.com/groups/OU GEO)

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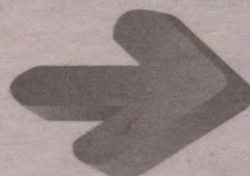


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Smoking policy: In effect or ineffective?

By **ANDREW CRAIG**
Campus Editor

At 2:30 p.m. the sidewalks between North and South Foundation halls and the Oakland Center are alive with activity. As Bike Share bikes cross paths and the Bear Bus swings curbside, approximately 25 students near the SFH main entrance stop for a cigarette between classes.

The late summer afternoon seems like any other at Oakland, except that a recent university policy change was supposed make the latter an aberration in everyday activity on campus.

On Aug. 31, John Beaghan, OU's vice president for finance and administration and treasurer to the Board of Trustees, sent an email to students, faculty and staff, communicating an expansion of the university smoking policy. In amending Policy #475, the email stated, "the University has expanded the campus non-smoking policy to include not only inside University owned buildings, but also a 50-foot perimeter outside buildings."

Beaghan attributed the recent revisions in policy to an attempt to make the OU campus a healthier environment that would be more accommodating to students and visitors alike.

However, student opinion regarding the policy change is divided. Senior math majors Stephanie Zerafa and Taylor King had



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Despite OU's recently amended smoking policy, students continue to smoke in common spots like this one outside South Foundation Hall nearly two weeks after the change took effect.

less in common than their majors suggest. King, who has asthma, supports the university's steps to increase restrictions in where students and visitors are allowed to smoke on campus.

"I hate when people smoke," King said. "If they could get rid of it (smoking) without hurting the economy, I wish they would."

While neither of the two are smokers, Zerafa expressed less concern for the smoking policy change.

"It doesn't really bother me," she said. "I don't pay much attention to who smokes and who does not."

Elizabeth Gretkierewicz, a

sophomore health science major, said that enforcement of the smoking policy is essentially nonexistent.

"I think people know (about the change), but there's still a smoker's pole right next to the bench outside South Foundation Hall," she said. "It doesn't make much sense to me."

Additionally, Gretkierewicz said that the new locations of cigarette-disposal urns, in some cases, make smoking more of an inconvenience to others than it was under the former policy.

"They (the poles) are right in the middle of the walkway in some places," she said. "As common

courtesy, I try not to be a nuisance to people. I won't smoke in the middle of walkways or in front of building entrances."

The locations of some poles conflict with the new 50-foot smoking restriction. No Butts Bins (or Smoke Stations), attached to outer walls near building entrances on campus, can also create confusion for smokers, especially visitors, regarding which areas are designated for smoking.

"If the policy is 50 feet, you would expect the poles to be at least 50 feet from buildings," Gretkierewicz said. "It's like OU made this new policy without a way to enforce it."

How does the university smoking policy measure up?

University policy has been revised to make room for a 50-foot distance between smokers and university buildings. However, the placement of smoking urns is inconsistent with the policy. Oakland Post staffers measured the distances between the urns and campus buildings to see which made the cut.

- South Foundation Hall north entrance - 17 ft
- Honors College - 35 ft
- Varner Hall - 37 ft
- Dodge Hall north entrance - 23 ft
- Science and Engineering Building - 28 ft
- Meadow Brook Theatre north entrance - 29 ft
- Meadow Brook Theatre west entrance - 23 ft
- O'Rena - 25 ft
- Oakland Center south entrance - 45 ft

*measurements within 1 ft were considered to meet the 50-foot requirement. In the study, 12 out of 22 new urns met or exceeded the 50-ft mark.



New hires at OU

[**Sachin Jain**]
Assistant Professor, Counseling

Courses this year:

CNS 500 - Intro. to Counseling profession
CNS 510 - Counseling in a Diverse Society
CNS 520 - Theories of Counseling,
CNS 661 - Techniques of Counseling

— Came to the U.S. in 2003
— Obtained degrees from universities in Northern India
— Authorized or co-authored 25 articles, professional presentations and obtained grants for over \$40,000

Work:

"I think one of the ideas which I push in graduate education is the research component. I always push my students for more proficient

writing...writing is something that is very near and dear to my heart."

Personal:

"At the time I graduated, I had my degree in clinical psychology. India has some really good programs for clinical psychology, but nothing for counseling. That is why I came to the U.S. was for my counseling degree."

— By Ali Armstrong,
Local Editor

OU bike share program wants 'respect'

By **SHELBY REYNOLDS**

Staff Intern

They may be pink, but these trusty transporters demand some respect.

With handlebars securely welded, seats chained and frames beckoning "Respect the Ride," the hardy fleet of 200 new bicycles is more than ready to take on the third year of the Oakland University Bike Share Program.

The bike-sharing program has come a long way in the past two years. Starting out as a handful of donations, the group of bikes once varied in size, style and functioning capabilities.

Brett McIsaac, OUSC Student Services Director and co-founder of Bike Share, recalled the inaugural ride in which the brakes of the history-making vehicle failed to function in a very critical moment.

Luckily, he emerged unscathed.

Shortly thereafter, coordinators found that the structure of the bikes were no match for the poor treatment by students. In addition, the variety of models made repairs both time-consuming and expensive.

In the years that passed, the program found a way to save both time and money. They purchased uniform bicycles directly from the manufacturer and moved assembly to Hannah Hall's machine shop.

In doing so, they are able to

make needed adjustments and any repairs on their own.

Regardless of the efforts Bike Share has made to deter destructive riders, McIsaac believes that a great deal of responsibility lies with the student. He simply asks that they "have respect."

"One of our biggest challenges has been the abuse of the bikes," Greg Jordan, director of campus recreation.

These bikes have had a history of misuse, whether that means accompanying a long-distance traveler to the outskirts of Auburn Hills or being the victim of Evel Knievel-type stunts.

Students have reported seeing them in a variety of places: on hills, inside buildings, resting on hammocks and in nearby apartment complexes.

Senior Chase Cooper, having found a fair share of bikes lying around Rochester, agreed that students could be irresponsible.

Cooper has participated in Bike Share since its very beginning and pointed out the improvement of the program.

"It seems this year has been the best so far," Cooper said.

McIsaac and Jordan agreed that with each year, they have seen significant advancements in the overall treatment of the bikes.

"This morning I saw a lady put a bike in the bike rack by P-26 ... it made me smile a little bit," McIsaac said.

Jordan said that greater com-



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The OU Bike Share program has helped students navigate the campus for the past two years. Above, freshman engineering major Ryan Pettis puts a fallen chain back on a Bike Share bicycle.

munication online through Facebook and e-mail has contributed positively to create increased awareness and appreciation for the program.

Bike Share coordinated this year's orientation group leaders to inform incoming freshman, like Kristie Barr and to encourage them to "Respect the Ride."

Barr is one of many who had difficulty describing any "cons" she saw with bikes. She found program very useful.

Nica Clark said the only negative thing she could think of was losing the bike she originally rode

to class.

"The sharing part doesn't sit well with me," she said.

McIsaac attributed the program's success to maintaining its status as "trust program."

"Keeping it free instills pride in the students," McIsaac said, noting that the honor system idea brings students together and promotes ownership.

Bike Share is continuing to encourage students to help preserve the availability and quality of the bikes.

Additionally, signs will soon be placed at campus exits and

entrances, informing riders that taking a bike off campus is against policy.

The Rec Center has set up a system for students to report broken bikes quickly and easily by texting bike@oakland.edu.

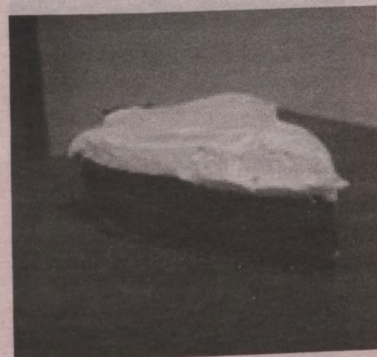
McIsaac said it is important for students to report a bike and not to ride it.

Riding one could damage it further and perhaps even bring its life in the program to an untimely end.

For a list of Bike Share rules and bike rack locations, visit oakland.edu/bike

VEGETARIAN

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Vegan Chocolate French Silk Pie

What you need:

- 9" Graham cracker crust
- 12 oz chocolate semi-sweet bits (she uses Ghirardelli's Bittersweet, non-diary)
- 2 packages firm tofu 3 Tablespoons maple syrup
- Melt chocolate in a saucepan, or a double boiler.

What you do:

Place tofu in blender and blend until smooth. Add chocolate and syrup and blend until fully integrated. Pour into crust. Refrigerate for at least one hour.

I would "guild" it by adding Vegan Rice or Soy "whipped cream" and chocolate curls or sprinkles on top.

Warning: Once you take this to a gathering, it will be an expectation that you always bring it to any gathering!

"Marilyn Mouradjian, professor of nursing at OU and vegetarian, says, "Bring this to your family holiday party, and you'll be a hit!"

Plane crash affects many

COLUMN

On Sept. 7, news reports of a tragedy in Russia spread quickly, informing audiences across the world that a jet carrying the Kontinental Hockey League team Lokomotiv Yaroslavl had crashed and killed more than 30 people.

To many, especially those in the U.S., the initial reports in Russia might not have meant much. But to the relatively small hockey world, it affected players, coaches and fans at nearly every level.

Detroit hockey followers might have taken a harder blow than others as three former members of the Detroit Red Wings organization perished during the crash. Former defenseman Ruslan Salei, assistant coach and former player Brad McCrimmon, and goalie prospect Stefan Liv died in the crash.

One player, Alexander Galimov, survived the initial crash but died Monday, while the only remaining survivor, a crew member on the plane, remains in critical condition.



Andrew Craig, Justin Colman
Campus Editor and Copy Editor

An additional dozen players with NHL ties were also killed, including dynamic forward Pavol Demitra, who scored 768 points during his tenure with five NHL teams.

When you think of a similar disaster, the Marshall University plane crash in 1970 that killed 75 passengers, including 37 members of the Marshall football team might come to mind.

The 2006 film 'We Are Marshall,' starring Matthew McConaughey, depicts the story.

In our generation, however, we have not experienced a catastrophe of that scale, at least not in the realm of professional sports.

Naturally, when news broke on this side of the ocean, we didn't know quite how to react. Initially, shock set in. Conversations among many hockey followers echoed the same feeling.

After all, the KHL has been home to players with names like Datsyuk, Ovechkin, Malkin, Fedorov, and Jagr to name a few. If you are unfamiliar with that short list, they are some of the most talented players to have ever played the game.

To think that this disaster could befall players of such a tremendous caliber is enough to make you shudder, but more importantly, it put a beloved game quickly into perspective.

For many fans and players, it provided an insight into clarity, whether brief or permanent. That tragic day created a realization that regardless of the team you root for or the jersey you wear, there's a deeper, more important bond that fans of sports share.

Many fans are committed to their team; they support and defend it through thick and thin. For the diehards, hearts can be

captivated and broken with a team's ups and downs over the course of a season or even a lifetime.

The tragedy that claimed the lives of an entire professional hockey club, notwithstanding the loss felt by family and friends of the deceased, offered credibility an over-used platitude and created a feeling across the hockey and even sporting world that we are truly all on the same team.

Soon fall will begin and winter will be looming. Mother nature will return hockey a bit closer to its roots, the NHL season will be underway and we will start neglecting our coursework.

If you're lucky, you might get to experience the game in a simpler fashion near the conclusion of fall semester.

As lakes and ponds freeze over again, the sport breaks down to a stick, a puck, and a bucket or a trash can.

Despite the fame and the money that accompany today's superstars, that's where every career started – without glory, a fan base, or a rivalry – just a love for the game.

Soccer drops two at Hurricane Classic

By **MICHAEL HORAN**
Sports Editor

Oakland's men's soccer team lost both of their games in the Hurricane Classic in Tulsa, Okla., over the weekend, remaining winless in the regular season.

OU opened the tournament against No. 17 Southern Methodist (2-2-0) and fell behind in the first half, off of a goal by Ian Kalis in the 29 minute.

"SMU is a top team in the nation with exceptional players in all positions that can punish you when you make mistakes," Eric Pogue, head coach said. "They are just a good team that are going to get their chances and after 30 minutes they got a chance and put it away."

SMU went on to outshoot OU 8-2, but couldn't score.

Out of the half, the Mustangs continued their offensive push, netting another goal in the 51 minute, making it 2-0.

Tyler Engel then added SMU's third goal in the 68 minute.

"We have to play a near flawless game, not make mistakes, and capitalize on our opportunities when we get them," Pogue said. "That didn't happen against SMU, but you live, you learn, you move on and it makes you stronger for your conference opponents coming up here in the schedule."

OU scored their lone goal of the match on a penalty kick in the 76 minute, but SMU quickly answered to win the game 4-1.

In their second game of the

tournament, Oakland came out quick scoring in the 12 minute against host Tulsa (3-2-0).

"Joey Tinnion created the goal by getting to the end line and slotting a ball back across the six-yard box to an open Josh Bennett and Josh did a nice job of staying composed and slotting the ball past the goalkeeper," Pogue said, "but it all came from Joey drawing a few defenders and the goalkeeper to the near post."

Less than a minute after Bennett put OU up, Corey Albertson scored on a controversial non-call, tying the game at 1-1.

"I thought the play was five yards off-sides by Tulsa, but the linesman was way behind the play and didn't make the call," Pogue said. "Those things happen, but

we need to do a better job of managing the game in different critical situations."

Out of the second half, Tulsa struck again putting them up 2-1 off a goal from Blaine Gonsalves.

"Scott (Messer) got his hand on it, but not enough to keep it out of going into the upper corner of the net," Pogue said. "Gonsalves came from the weak side and got a nice slotted ball."

OU outshot Tulsa 14-6, but was unable to tie the game up.

"We put these top national teams in the nation on our schedule to test ourselves with and against the best, always have and always will," Pogue said.

John Timm and Konner McNamara earned All-Tournament honors in the tournament for OU.

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

SEPT. 16
M. Soccer at Marshall, 7 p.m.
W. Soccer vs Butler, 7 p.m.

SEPT. 17
W. Volleyball at IPFW, 7 p.m.
W. Golf at Mary Fossom Invitational at Michigan State, All Day

SEPT. 18
M. Soccer at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
W. Golf at Mary Fossom Invitational at Michigan State, All Day

SEPT. 19
W. Volleyball at Western Illinois, 8 p.m.

OU loses two five-set heartbreakers

By **SETH WALKER**

Staff Intern

The women's volleyball team had an up-and-down road trip, losing two games in five sets.

The Golden Grizzlies lost a grueling five set match to Loyola Friday, then beat Chicago State in straight sets Saturday morning before suffering another five-set loss to Iowa later that night.

OU now has a 5-4 record this season, and will now prepare for Summit League match-ups.

According to OU's athletics site, Rob Beam, head coach said that the Grizzlies weren't as sharp against Loyola as they would have liked.

"We were able to extend the match to the fifth set, but we never really got into a rhythm," Beam said.

The team was much sharper against Chicago State, a team OU swept for the second straight season.

The Grizzlies displayed their dominance in this match as only two players from Chicago State recorded as many as eight kills during the match.

OU in its final match of the tournament, lost a close one to Iowa in five sets.

Beam, according to OU's athletics web-



Alissa Valentine sets Brittany Holbrook for a spike in a recent volleyball match. Oakland finished with a 1-2 record on their recent road trip making them 5-4 on the season.

CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post

site, was proud of the team's performance despite the loss.

This is because Iowa is in the Big Ten, one of the top conferences in the NCAA.

"I was glad to see our level of play elevate against a quality opponent," Beam said.

Allison Bell, senior, and Alli Kirk, junior

were both named to the All-Tournament Team after their performance.

Bell was the dominant player for the Grizzlies throughout the Hawkeye Challenge.

In the tournament, she recorded 49 total kills including 20 against Loyola and a ca-

reer-high 21 against Iowa, both team highs for those matches.

Defensively, Bell had 10 block assists in the three matches. Five of those blocks came against the straight set win over Chicago State.

The offense Bell provided was a major reason the Grizzlies were able to push Loyola and Iowa to five sets.

Bell's tournament performance was special because it was in her home state.

"This was a particularly big weekend for Allison and she delivered in a big way in her home state," Beam said in a statement.

Kirk was the major defensive presence in the back row throughout the tournament with 62 digs, 26 of those digs came against Loyola while she added 25 more against Iowa.

Kirk is in her first season as the team's libero, replacing 2010 Summit League Defensive Player of the Year, Brittany Dunn.

"I just know that all of my teammates support me and have my back, so I just go out there and do the best I can," Kirk said.

The Golden Grizzlies will begin Summit League play on the road. Their first game will be against IPFW on Saturday, Sept. 17 and their next Summit League match-up against Western Illinois on Monday, Sept. 19.

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The Drug-Free Schools and Workplace Guide for Oakland University Employees and Students

Oakland University (OU) is committed to providing an environment that is free of the abuse of alcohol and the illegal use of alcohol, drugs and controlled substances. OU is required by law to adopt and implement a program ("Program") to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The Program includes: the annual distribution of a statement to each student and employee which addresses certain risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol; standards of conduct prohibiting the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on campus property or as part of any of its activities; the legal consequences for violations of local, state or federal laws related to illicit drugs and alcohol; a description of health-risks and other risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol, a description of applicable counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs; and a biennial review of the program. Pursuant to the law OU is issuing the statement set forth below.

Standards of Conduct at OU: The unlawful possession, use, or distribution, manufacture and dispensation of controlled substances, and illicit drugs and the unlawful use, or possession of alcohol by students or employees in the workplace, on OU property or as part of a University activity is specifically prohibited by OU Ordinances and/or by state or federal law. The OU Ordinances governing the use of alcohol and drugs are available in the Student Handbook (<http://www4.oakland.edu/?id=68&sid=75>) and University Administrative Policies and Procedures, Section # 600, Health and Safety.

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Additional information is available at Graham Counseling Center (<http://www2.oakland.edu/GHC/>.)

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Drug & Alcohol Counseling, Treatment and Rehabilitation Contacts

NOTE: This is a partial list of substance abuse facilities. More programs and centers may be listed in local and other area telephone directories.

On-Campus

Counseling Center
(248) 370-3465
Graham Health Center
Oakland University
Rochester, MI 48309-4401

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
(248) 853-3000
900 Woodward Ave.
Pontiac, MI 48341

National Hotline Numbers & Assistance Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous
(800) 252-6465

Local Facilities

AA of Oakland County
(248) 332-6116
168 University Drive
Pontiac, MI 48342

Food & Drug Administration
(301) 443-1240
(Consumer Complaints)

M.A.D.D. Oakland County
(248) 682-2220
3525 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Suite B
Waterford, MI 48328

M.A.D.D.
(800) 438-6233

Narcotics Anonymous
(248) 543-7200
220 W. Nine Mile Rd
Ferndale, MI 48220

National Cocaine Hot Line
(800) 378-4435

Oakland Family Services
(248) 858-7766
114 Orchard Lake Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48341

S.A.D.D.
(508) 481-3588

Tough Love
(800) 333-1069

If treatment for substance abuse is needed, please contact your insurance carrier to obtain proper instructions for seeking treatment. Students covered by University health insurance should contact the Graham Health Center staff for benefit coverage.

If you have questions about any of the issues addressed in the guide, please contact one of the following departments:

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| Students: | Office of Dean of Students | (248) 370-3352 |
| Staff: | Office of University Human Resources | (248) 370-3480 |

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Perspectives a decade after

Memories of 9/11 have captured conversations worldwide for the last 10 years and the Oakland University community has spent the last week reflecting on that day's events in the wake of the 10th anniversary.

By Brian Figurski, Kay Nguyen and Nichole Seguin
Staff Reporter, Editor-in-Chief and Managing Content Editor

Discussions about the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks continued Tuesday in the Fireside lounge as a panel entitled "Ten Years After 9/11: Reflections on What the U.S. has Accomplished and Failed to do" was led by political science professor Paul Kubicek.

Panelist and international relations professor Peter Trumbore teaches a course called International Terrorism and said that student interest has been piqued because of what happened 10 years ago.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Trumbore was in his office getting ready for class at Clark University in Western Massachusetts, where he taught at the time. Had no idea about anything that was going on until his wife called and told him a plane had hit the World Trade Center.

Trumbore said that because he didn't see the buildings come down as it happened, he never had an immediate sort of emotional experience of it happening live. He says he sees the events through the perspective of a scholar and said talks of 9/11 have been more relevant professionally.

He currently teaches courses on terrorism and international conflict, which he studied as an undergraduate in the 1980s and in graduate school. When the Oklahoma City bombing happened in 1995, colleagues came to Trumbore as the authority on the topic.

"(Oklahoma City) didn't have the same kind of impact on people," Trumbore said. "9/11 impacted people emotionally because so many people saw it. You couldn't turn the TV to any channel and not see coverage."

Trumbore deems 9/11 the "single worst terrorist event in the U.S.," but said he has a somewhat unorthodox way of describing them because of his studies.

"It was a brilliant successful operation because of the way it captured the conversation — not because people were killed," Trumbore said. "The topic of Islamism became and has remained at the forefront of people's minds as a result of an event."

Media Coverage

Garry Gilbert, director of OU's journalism department, like Trumbore, agrees that the media portrayal played an important role in the mind of the terrorists.

"The coverage over the weekend should've been what we learned, who we are," he said. "But instead, a lot of organizations focused on remembering and remembering empowers terrorists ... we're giving them the media attention they're looking for."

Gilbert was the Executive Editor of The Oakland Press when the attacks occurred and had already published the daily newspaper for the day.

"Our publisher came upstairs and asked if we could run a special edition," said Gilbert of that morning. "From what I researched, the last time the paper had published one was when JFK was assassinated 38 years ago."

Copies of the extra edition were printed and distributed for free to people on the streets of Pontiac and Oakland County.

Gilbert and editors at The Oakland Press chose to run photos that showed anguish and emotion rather than depict the gruesome reality.

"The Press is a community paper that has different standards," he said. "We were given access to hundreds of graphic images, and there's a fine line in choosing which one to use. We wanted to show the truth but not push the images in the face of the people."

Moment of silence

Grey skies and a rain-filled day may have hampered the locale at Oakland University, but

spirits prospered when students, staff and veterans gathered last Wednesday for the 10th anniversary of 9/11 Remembrance.

The stormy day issued last minute location changes to the Fireside Lounge at the Oakland Center, but even with the changes, a large crowd gathered, holding American flags and listening

Those of us who were on campus that day knew at that point that the lives we had lived were about to change forever.

—Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs

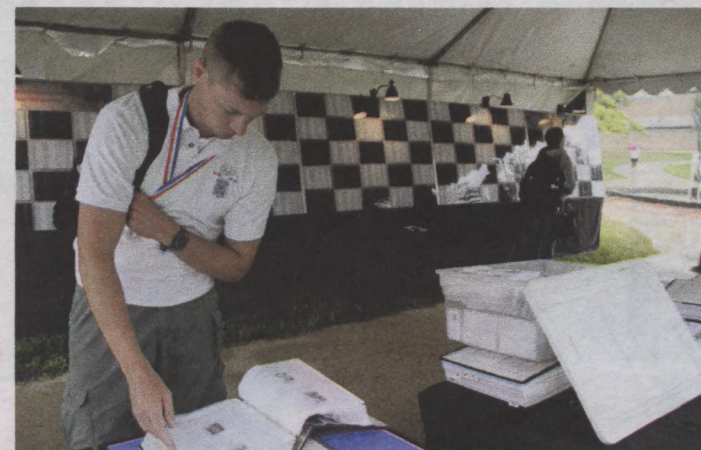
intently to the line-up of speakers discussing the effect the national tragedy created both locally and countrywide.

"The sky was crystal blue and the sun was high in the sky, we were still in the midst of celebrating the first week of the fall semester," Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said, vividly recalling the fateful day ten years ago. "Those of us who were on campus that day knew at that point that the lives we had lived were about to change forever."

Snyder aimed her speech at the positive changes that have affected campus, such as an increase in safety, treatment towards returning military veterans and teaching world events to students.

"We weren't paying attention to what was happening in the Middle East at that point in time," Snyder said. "Our faculty adjusted the curriculum so our students were prepared to meet the challenges of a global world. I believe that was a fundamental change across the country in how we teach students."

A minute of silence gave the crowd a moment to reflect on the speaker's thoughts regarding 9/11, with only the sound of the petu-



TOP: Student veteran Jonathan Winkel, who served in Afghanistan, looks through a book filled with the names of Michigan soldiers who have died in action in Iraq and Afghanistan. **LEFT:** Garry Gilbert, director of the journalism program, spoke about media during the 9/11 remembrance. **RIGHT:** International relations professor Peter Trumbore participated in a panel.

lant rain pouring on the windows. The ceremony came to its conclusion when the veterans in attendance retreated their flags cast in memory next to the list of fallen Americans.

Gilbert gave a speech at the event on how the journalistic scene has changed in the decade since the attacks.

"9/11 woke up the world to the internet as a primary source of information," Gilbert said. "News today has become a conversation. News is produced and distributed by regular people, who have something to say and show."

Field day

The OU Student Veterans Association also observed the 10th anniversary with a Military Field Day event prior to the Fireside Lounge remembrance.

"I was eleven when 9/11 happened," Alan French, a junior

majoring in criminal justice, said. "It wasn't until high school where I really grasped the concept of what actually happened, and ended up leading to me enlisting in the Marine Corps. It woke up the country as far as awareness." As French was influenced, many active and veteran military personnel return to OU for schooling.

Jonathan Winkel, 29 of Roseville, enlisted in the army in 2000 — right out of high school. He was in Germany when the 9/11 attacks happened.

"It was a life-altering moment," said Winkel as he looked through a book of soldiers from Michigan who had died in combat.

After returning stateside following the attacks and spending some time in New York City, Winkel served in Iraq from September of 2003-04.

The health sciences major said he "can't believe it's been that long."



The Case of the Dead Paparazzi event took over downtown Rochester Saturday night. The event had participating teams investigating local businesses and alley ways all over downtown Rochester looking for the suspect in a murder mystery. The event was organized by the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority.



Photo courtesy of CHRISTOPHER WARE

Murder mystery hits downtown Locals search for clues to solve 'whodunit' murder

By **TYRELL JOHNSON**
Staff Intern

Rochester residents had the opportunity to participate in a "whodunit" murder mystery that took over downtown Rochester Saturday.

The Case of the Dead Paparazzi event, which was hosted by the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority, gave participants the chance to help solve a murder mystery by determining suspects, weapons and the crime scene through a downtown scavenger hunt and clues.

The crime? A member of the local paparazzi was found dead in their Rochester apartment the night before. The murder had teams investigating bars, stores and alley ways all around downtown and questioning suspects.

Fifteen spots were available for teams of four members to register. Participants had to be 21 years or older for the event which ran from 7-11 p.m.

A total of 13 teams were registered to compete in the event.

Supervisor Melissa Byrd was more than pleased with the turnout of the event.

"With 13 teams signed up, I am very happy with how everything turned out," Byrd said. "Since this is our first time doing something like this, the results of this event is definitely something to congratulate."

Once teams registered, they were sent exclusive information and clues with their starting location and further instructions.

Grouped in teams of four, participants tried to solve the murder that occurred in downtown Rochester.

However, in order to obtain clues that would lead to the killer, participants were given a set of tasks by eyewitnesses located in the city to help them eliminate suspects and weapons.

There were a total of nine suspects in the game, which included famous names like Lindsay

Lohan, Kwame Kilpatrick, Nickelback and Travis Barker.

There was also nine possible murder weapons which included crabs, a wrench, a frying pan and an 8 iron.

"This isn't just something you can solve quick, fast and in a hurry. You actually have to think about some of the things you're doing and really pay attention to everything given to you."

— Christopher Ware,
Oakland University junior

With the list of suspects and weapons in hand, the teams of detectives were set out amongst the city on a scavenger hunt to find lock boxes in parts of the woods, listen to recorded tapes from a fireman and take photographs of clues that might lead directly to the killer.

Christopher Ware, a junior,

was at the event.

"This isn't just something you can solve quick, fast and in a hurry," Ware said. "You actually have to think about some of the things you're doing and really pay attention to everything given to you."

The two hour mystery scavenger hunt ended with five of the teams chasing down the suspect. The first team to find the suspect was declared the ultimate winner.

The winning team received prizes which included a variety of gift certificates to local businesses.

Local bars and restaurants also featured food and drink specials.

RARA Recreation raised approximately \$1,040 to benefit their organization, eleven teams enjoyed the hunt in Rochester and one team was claimed victorious.

Wondering who is the killer? And the answer to that is ... it was Colonel Mustard in the dining room with the wrench.

Local Briefs

Fall Harvest Festival

Downtown Rochester will be holding their first Fall Harvest Festival Saturday Sept. 17 from 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Eagles Club in downtown Rochester.

The event will have hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, corn and kids activities provided by Paint Creek Center for the Arts and Dinosaur Hill. Live entertainment will include live music by 6 Finger Lefty.

Clinton River Ride/Walk event

The seventh annual Clinton River Trail Fall Classic Ride/walk event will be held Saturday September 17.

There are several route options from 5 to 40 miles. Walkers can also choose from a 5K walk on a separate route.

Routes for riders will include spur options to the Paint Creek and Macomb Orchard Trails.

Registration is \$20 for individuals and \$50 for families. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

Library used book sale

The Rochester Hills Public Library will be holding a Friends of the Library used book sale September 21 from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Books of all genres will be for sale at bargain prices.

Oktoberfest celebration

Downtown Rochester will be holding their annual Oktoberfest celebration Sept. 23-24.

Among the celebration will include Oompah and polka music, Bavarian dancing, children's activities carnival games, a petting zoo and pony rides.

The festival tent is open from 5-11 p.m. Friday, September 23 and 1-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Admission is \$5 for adults, children 16 and under are in free. Refer to pg. 22 for additional coverage of Oktoberfest.

— Compiled by Ali Armstrong,
Local Editor

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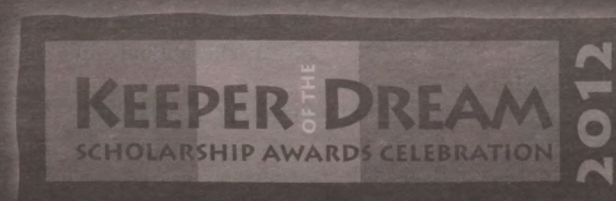
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NEWS BRIEFS

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

1. United States

After a fatal collision between a van and a semi truck in Kentucky, the National Transportation Safety Board is pushing for a law to ban cell phone usage while driving, period.

The accident, which took the lives of 10 members of a family (leaving behind two young children), and the driver of the semi-truck involved, is claimed to have happened due to cell phone use by the truck driver.

According to reports, the DOT rule wouldn't apply to hands-free cell phone use, even though there have been multiple instances where accidents have happened because of a phone distraction.

The purported NTSB ban would cover commercial driver's license holders while they operate vehicles such as tractor-trailers, buses or truckers and highway commercial vehicles, but wouldn't count for public transportation.

2. Argentina

Eleven people were killed and hundreds were injured after a bus was hit by a train in Buenos Aires Tuesday.

The accident, which was captured on video, is said to have happened after a bus driver gambled and tried to rush across the tracks despite the obvious warnings from

the train.

The collision forced the train's first two cars off the rails and into another that was leaving the station in the opposite direction.

Statements from the engineer in the train said that the bus was trapped in crumpled metal, and rescuers had to break his leg to get him out. He also suffered other wounds from the crash.

Last year, 440 people and 165 vehicles were hit by trains, causing a total of 262 deaths.

3. Aruba

Casey Anthony's lawyer is joining U.S. businessman Gary Giordano for a case involving the presumed death of his travel companion.

Jose Baez confirmed his hiring in the case, but neglected to provide details about his role.

Giordano, who has been jailed for nearly a month in Aruba by authorities, is suspected to have been involved in the presumed death of 35-year-old Robyn Gardner.

Prosecution has disclosed little evidence against Giordano, but said he was the beneficiary of a \$1.5 million accidental death insurance that he took out on her before their trip.

4. New Zealand

The penguin known as "Happy Feet" has vanished in the ocean on his way home from New Zealand.

After initially landing on a New Zealand beach ways away from his home in Antarc-

tica months ago, researchers never figured out how he initially made the trip.

Researchers, who super-glued a satellite transmitter onto the bird's feathers, say that the transmitter could have fallen off while swimming, or he may have died of natural causes, or worse — he could have been eaten by an orca or leopard seal.

5. Taiwan

According to Taiwan's Defense Ministry, three pilots that were aboard two reconnaissance air crafts which crashed on a training flight, are missing.

The ministry says that the two jets took off Tuesday night from an air force base and soon disappeared from radar screens.

Though the ministry did not provide details on how the occurred, troops have been dispatched to search for the pilots.

6. Russia

Russia's space agency has postponed its launch of the next manned Soyuz spacecraft until Nov. 12 after concerns over a failed supply mission from last month.

The launch was postponed after the Aug. 24 crash of an unmanned supply craft into the Siberian wilderness. That event was the first failure in the life of the complex.

Currently, there are six astronauts aboard the station that orbits 220 miles above the Earth, that are due to return in two landings — one Friday and another after mid-November.

NASA officials have suggested that the

space station might have to be left unmanned if Russia cannot solve its rocket problems.

In a string of failures, Russia has lost four spacecraft over the past 10 months.

The planned launch of another two Soyuz carriers from the Guiana Space Center this year will go ahead as planned, powered by a different kind of engine.

7. Kenya

A Kenyan activist said that he may sue the FBI over their part in interrogating him while he was held without trial for a year in Uganda on terror charges.

Al-Amin Kimathi, a member of the Kenya-based Muslim Human Rights Forum said he saw FBI agents on repeated occurrences in his cell, and that Ugandan intelligence agents told him they had received written questions from the FBI and were sharing information with them.

Kimathi was arrested last year after traveling to the country to observe court hearings for the July 2010 bombings in Uganda's capital that killed 76 people, and was charged with terrorism, murder and attempted murder, but there was never full evidence against him.

A Ugandan judge finally dropped charges against Kimathi on Monday and he was "greatly relieved to have been vindicated."

— Compiled from AP Reports by Nichole Seguin, Managing Content Editor

THE DEVICE DEBACLE

There have always been loyalty debates over what could be considered the three most mainstream mobile operating systems: Android, iOS and BBOS. As journalists, Oakland Post staff members need to take into consideration effectiveness of news consumption, social media and other methods of keeping up to date. Still, as is common, each OS holds distinct features which appeal to individuals.

Android advantages

By **KAITLYN CHORNOBY**
Managing Visual Editor

I recently purchased the Motorola Xoom, an Android powered tablet which has replaced my bulky laptop and allows me to do a number of things I don't have enough room to ramble about.

Every person I have shown my new toy off to has asked me the following question: "Is that the iPad?"

My response?

"No. It's something better."

I'm not sure where to start with my argument that my HTC EVO 4G runs the superior operating system.

iPhone hipsters can say whatever they want — I don't see their phones being fully customizable.

It's not about open source. It's about hiding the apps I don't want and being able to make my phone look however I want it to without jailbreaking it.

The main arguing point from iPhone fanatics is that Android has "copied" from Apple. But hello, top-down notifications iOS 5! Where did you get that?

As far as performance, both com-

petitors are just reskinned on each release.

As for my hardware, I have once word: kickstand.

I'm not strictly a business person. I feel like I would want to chuck my hunk-of-crap BlackBerry every time I held it.

Maybe Swype is dumb sometimes. But have you seen **damnyouautocorrect.com**? All iPhone screens? Curious, huh.

Is your Angry Birds app free? No? Mine is.

And since I can install any app I want, I can get a free app every day from Amazon and don't have to pay into someones pocket every time.

Yes, the iPhone is a beautiful device. Yes, BlackBerry has its specific market. But I want the best I can get, the top of tech. So that's what I bought. An Android.



iPhone iNfluences

By **KEVIN ROMANCHIK**
Scene Editor



The iPhone is near perfect.

It does almost everything I need, easily and beautifully in both design and execution.

Don't listen to every android and Blackberry fanatic. The damn thing is a workhorse.

The seamless iTunes integration, the full web browser, the highest resolution screen on a mobile device, the new age sexting via FaceTime. It's cutting age from the amazing to the obscene.

I know those Android fan boys say, "Hey Kevin, Apple doesn't allow open sourcing!"

My reply, "I don't care, loser. Apple filters out most of the crap that you have constant problems with. Also, your mom called. She's waiting to pick you up from Dungeons and Dragon's fan club."

Yes, it doesn't have flash integration

but do you have the Hanging with Friends App in your Android marketplace? I think not.

"But I just got the new Angry Bird update on my Droid!"

That's cute, I had that months ago.

I know geeks will gloat about the range and amount of Droid users versus iPhone users. Obviously hardware companies have lower standards.

If I have a problem with it, the Apple store with its soft lighting is a safe haven for my troubles.

Actually, it's a safe haven when I have trouble, which I haven't had any with both my first generation iPhone and my current iPhone 4.

None. None at all.

Here's how I know that the iPhone is more mainstream than ever: my 75 year-old grandmother has one.

But besides that, it's not about the commercials or popularity with most apple products that make the iPhone great.

It. Just. Works.

BlackBerry benefits

By **KAY NGUYEN**
Editor-in-Chief

I am an unabashed Crackberry addict.

I continually feel the need to check my phone, like so many other millenials, but I just really love the design and functionality of Research in Motion's BlackBerry.

It's nothing really special, nor is it the newest thing to hit the market. It's just plain reliable and allows me to be efficient without being so convenient that I am a slave to the device.

That's right: I like the fact that my phone's web browser is slow. It helps me curb my cell phone addiction and I can actually put it down.

All that I need is constant access to my email and RIM's client does the job.

Though the debate is primarily between iPhones and Androids now, I don't think the BlackBerry should be counted out.

I also just love that it is altogether a professional phone. I'll admit it: I'm more apt to talk to you if I can contact you via BlackBerry Messenger.

I can also hold my phone any way I'd like, unlike the iPhone 4 Kevin Romanchik picked up at the Apple Store the day it was released.

I've also seen Kaitlyn Chornoby yell at her phone as Swype didn't work on her beloved EVO.

Android and iPhone users can brag all they want about how they can do more, but I think the best thing about my BlackBerry is that I can't do everything on my phone.

Sorry if my phone isn't surgically grafted to my hand.

What are your thoughts? Comment to this story online for a chance to be featured in next week's The Mix!

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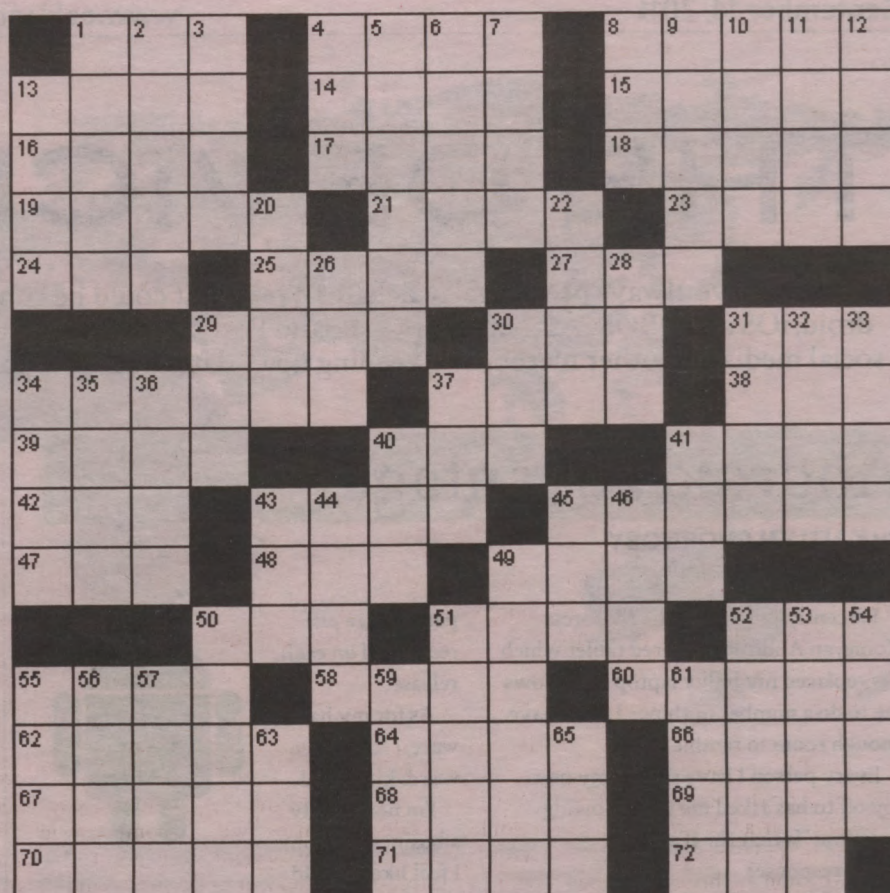


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1. Sound
2. Crawl
3. Type of duck
4. Small viper
5. Idiomatic expression
6. Flows through France
7. Border
8. Mountain
9. Charter
10. Path
11. Kitchen appliance
12. Join together by heating
13. Raise up
20. Obligation to pay something
22. Air current
26. Alcoholic beverage
28. Regret
29. Atmosphere
30. Chitchat
31. Extol
32. Unit of area
33. Fruit
34. Game played on horseback
35. Ellipse
36. Salacious
37. Mire
40. Distilled from fermented molasses
41. Supply with weapons
43. Fixed charge
44. Panache
45. Lacking in strictness
46. Desiccated
49. Waver
50. Lukewarm
51. Crown-like head dress
52. Wand
53. Remedy
54. Domesticated
55. Young sheep
56. Object of worship
57. Type of star
59. Not at home
61. Annoy
63. Golf pin
65. Bronze

Across

1. Perform
4. Part of a church
8. Permit
13. Entice
14. Cast off
15. Depart
16. Notion
17. Snob
18. Jury
19. Branch of knowledge
21. Afresh
23. Transfer
24. Peak
25. Alleviate
27. Anger
29. Strong, healthy
30. Large antelope
31. Circuit
34. Civilized
37. Manufactured
38. Tennis serve
39. Finished
40. Unforseen obstacle
41. Nimbus
42. Jurisprudence
43. Bitter quarrel between two parties
45. Pantry
47. Past times
48. Type of tree
49. Cultivate by growing
50. Beverage
51. Cab
52. Nocturnal mammal
55. Track
58. Metal fastener
60. Play
62. Assume
64. Unit of power
66. Detail or point
67. Form of entertainment
68. Region
69. Solitary
70. Knife
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OU student is all about community, honesty and diversity

By SARAH WOJCIK
Features Editor

Alyssa McMillan, a junior majoring in journalism and minoring in Judaic studies, is not sitting on the sidelines of what she believes in — she is getting involved in her community and making an impact on those in need.

McMillan works as an administrative assistant and board member at the Jewish Community Relations Council and is an intern and on the board at Hillel Metro Detroit, a Jewish student organization represented at six college campuses throughout the Metro Detroit Area.

"She's the kind of person who can't have a minute where she's not working, so she offers to do all kinds of extra things," Linda Foster, the literary coordinator of the JCRC, said. "She's gotten very involved in black-Jewish relations

because she can kind of see it from both ends."

McMillan and her parents converted to Judaism in 2006 after growing up in Jewish neighborhoods, namely Oak Park.

"We really don't know our true religion," she said. "We felt, 'Why not just pick something that we felt that we embraced?' and that's how we became Jewish."

McMillan said the sense of community was her main draw to becoming Jewish.

"We help each other," she said. "We have a kosher food bank that people are really unaware of, we have Jewish community services, where they provide social workers free of charge. They also have transportations for individuals who are low-income."

Currently in the process of converting from Jewish reform to a more conservative branch, McMillan said that she prefers the structured prayer book and

traditional approach the conservative services offer.

McMillan also sings in two choirs and volunteers with the homeless and the domestic peace corps, cementing her involvement in the community.

"I have a BlackBerry; I have a planner; I also have a calendar that hangs on the kitchen wall, and that's how I keep track of everything," she said. "I don't know what I'd do (if I didn't have a way to stay organized.)"

Beginning at the end of this month, McMillan will also be competing in the Miss Michigan pageant.

She said she plans on taking it easy so she won't have a mental block.

"I'm all about honesty and be who you are, because if you can't be who you are, then you really have nothing," she said. "Who you are determines everything and what you can do in life."

Linda Foster confirmed McMillan's character.

"She's incredibly bright and very quick," Foster said. "She's got a great personality and a great person to be around ... We hit the jackpot with Alyssa."

Her upbringing and childhood have a lot to do with the woman McMillan has grown up to be.

Because she was born two and a half months early, weighing a mere two pounds 15 ounces, McMillan's Hebrew name is "Braha," which means "blessing."

"I am the only child," she said. "My parents are like my best friends."

McMillan said that she was conditioned into a strong young woman by many factors, including watching her mother battle multiple sclerosis to become a general engineer and dealing with bullying in middle school.

"I know what (bullying) feels like and I would never treat anybody like that," she said. "I try to reach out to people regardless of who they are — it's the right thing to do. It's what makes the world



Photo courtesy of Alyssa McMillan

Alyssa McMillan is involved with the Jewish Community Relations Council, Hillel of Metro Detroit and will run in the Miss Michigan pageant at the end of this month.



Photo courtesy of Alyssa McMillan

McMillan spoke in Israel with Birth Right, an program through Hillel Metro Detroit, to which philanthropists donate large sums of money so underprivileged Jewish students can go for free.

go around."

After she graduates from OU, McMillan has big plans.

"My main goal is that I want to open my own nonprofit sector for individuals that are low income," she said. "I also want to open my own federation for African Americans and different Jewish minorities so they don't have to rely on the government (which is cutting off services)."

She wants to attend the University of Michigan for a social work program and ultimately do clinical social work.

She also wants to start her own multicultural fashion magazine — similar to Glamour — with tips for different skin and hair types for women of all races.

Ultimately, McMillan is driven by a love of diversity.

"If we both cut ourselves, we're gonna bleed red," she said. "Only God is the true judge and nobody should be judging each other."

To learn more about the JCRC or Hillel Metro Detroit, visit their websites at www.detroitjrcr.org and www.hilleldetroit.publishpath.com, respectively.

The Freshman Experience

Starting college can bring mixed feelings to recent high school grads, from excitement to trepidation. Three OU freshmen shared their sentiments with us.

Jenna Belloli, 18 Undecided

After graduating from Stevenson High School in June of 2011, Jenna Belloli decided to come to OU for both the convenience and prestige of the school.

"I feel that because I didn't want to go away, (OU) is my best choice," Belloli said. "It's close enough to drive and still a really good school."

At the moment, Belloli is undecided about her major.

She had been thinking about teaching, but has since reconsidered after evaluating the current job market.

Before her first day of school, Belloli took some steps to familiarize herself with OU. She participated in



orientation and travelled to campus to find her classes.

Belloli also understood that sometimes parking at OU can

be difficult, especially around the first week of school.

"I'm going to be at least an hour and a half early," Belloli said prior to her first day.

Belloli was also worried about getting lost and transitioning into college. Luckily for her, however, she didn't have too much to be afraid of.

"My first day of school actually went a lot better than I expected," Belloli said. "It was pretty easy to get to each class and went pretty smoothly. I already feel adjusted to the place."

On the weekends, Belloli waitresses at the restaurant Kavaan's. She is finding it easy to manage both school and work.

"My work is actually very understanding," Belloli said. "They pay attention to my schedule."

So far Belloli is enjoying attending OU, despite one small detail.

"It's just that walking between each building in the cold and rain kind of stinks," she said.

Madeline Bielecki, 18 Undecided

Madeline Bielecki also attended Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights. She was a member of the marching band, wind ensemble, woodwind chamber group, flute choir and National Honor Society. This year, however, she is adjusting to living on campus and attending OU.

Bielecki decided to come to OU because of the size. She liked the idea of attending a smaller school and receiving more individualized help in a smaller class setting.



Prior to starting school, Bielecki was nervous about the sorts of things you might expect any freshmen to be apprehensive about.

"I was nervous about being on time and finding my classes," Bielecki said, "especially because it's so much bigger than a high school environment."

Despite any worries, all of Bielecki's fears were quelled on her first day of school.

"My first day was really good," she said. "I found all my classes and liked my professors. It was definitely a good way to start the year."

As of right now Bielecki is deciding between choosing biology and chemistry as her major.

As a high school student, Bielecki was involved in many music ensembles. Consequently, she said she hopes to join a music-based student organization during her time at OU.

In her free time, Bielecki enjoys listening to music, hanging out with her friends, and working out.

Bielecki chose to live on campus in order to get the "full college experience." Moving out has been her favorite part of beginning college.

"I like living at OU, making more decisions, having freedom and being more independent," she said. "I feel comfortable being here."

Nick Buhay, 18 Biology (Pre-med)

Nick Buhay attended DeLasalle Collegiate Prep school in Warren, yet even as a high school student, he was looking forward to college.

"All through phases of my life, going through grade school, middle school, high school and now college, I've always looked forward to the future," Buhay said. "I enjoy the present time but I always look forward to moving onto something bigger and better."

As a high school student, Buhay was a student council representative for his class, a Science Olympiad team member and a lacrosse player. He hopes to join the Pre-med Society on campus.

Buhay's biggest fears for his first day of school were that he would be late for class or get lost.

"Actually, I doubted myself (on my first day), but I did fine," Buhay said. "I met a few new people, I met some of my old friends that I hadn't seen in



a while and actually in some of my classes we hit the ground running on notes and stuff and I was headstrong going into it. I managed very well."

Despite being taught good study habits throughout elementary school and high school, Buhay is a bit worried about the workload that college classes bring. He also said he understands there are resources available to him if this does happen.

"I hope not to get overwhelmed but if that does happen I do know that I have options — seeking help, or if push comes to shove, dropping a class or two," he said.

Buhay is happy to begin school at OU because now he is looking toward his dream of becoming a doctor.

"I've always had dreams, and I will do anything in my power to accomplish those dreams," Buhay said. "Now I am actually beginning my journey."

Expert Advice

Dr. David Schwartz, a psychologist at the OU Counseling Center in Graham Health Center, witnesses the special concerns that freshmen deal with on a yearly basis.

"There's a whole slew of issues," Schwartz said. "The whole transition to college is a very happy and exciting time, but as with many things in life, even the happy moments can be very stressful."

Schwartz cited a few angles of the transition that freshmen must make.

One angle included the academic transition, which entails harder, faster-paced classes and more homework.

"The other side of the transition that I think sometimes gets overlooked is the non-academic side — the social transition," Schwartz said. "A big part of coming to college in (students') first year is kind of a searching for their identity ... Although that can be very exciting for some students, it can also be very stressful."

Many students may feel depressed, anxious or homesick in their first year, and Schwartz believes that it is important that students know they are not alone and there are resources for students experiencing these problems.

"I think more than anything else, the No. 1 thing that really can help out in terms of a student dealing with transition and the stress and avoiding things like depression and anxiety," Schwartz said, "is the feeling of connectedness and belonging to the campus."

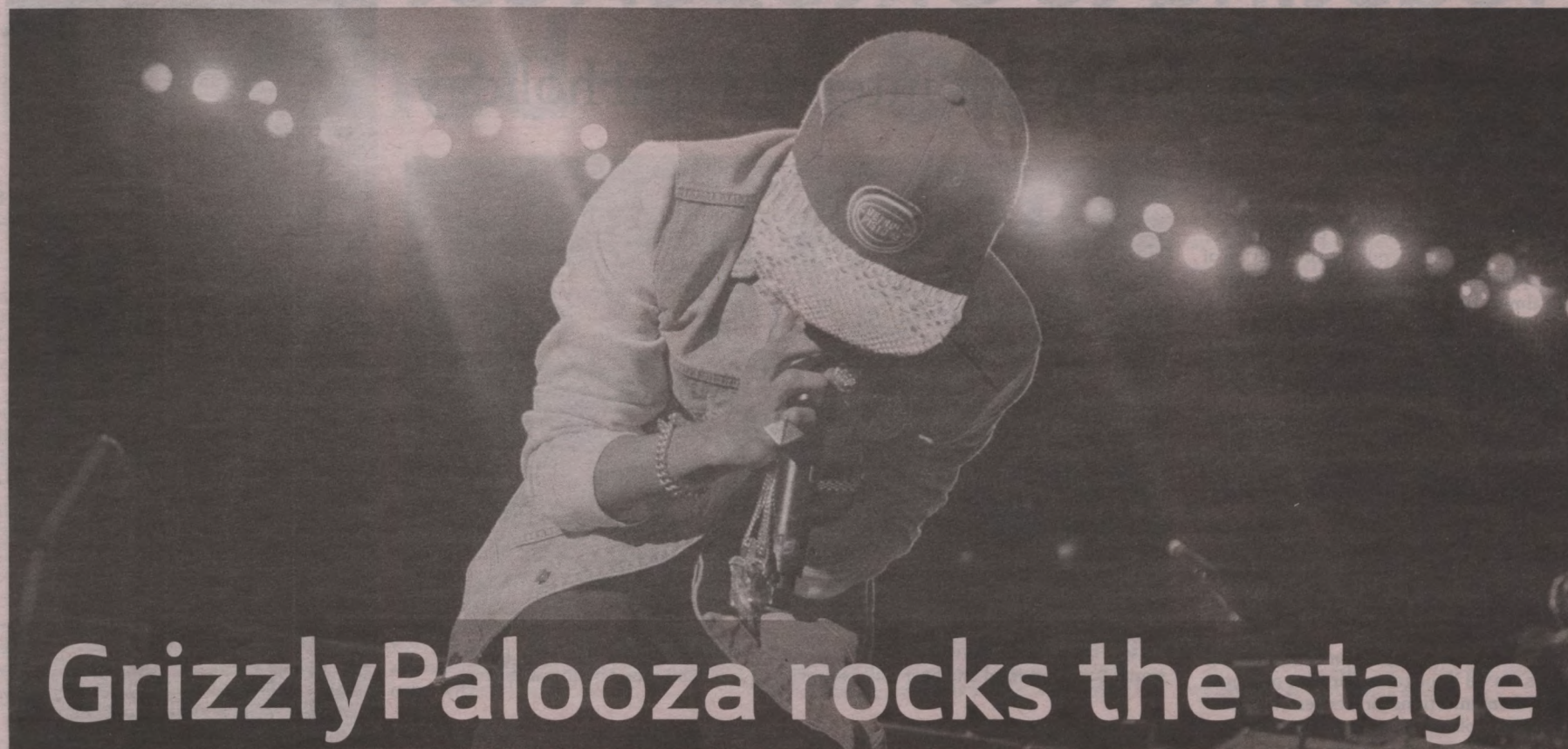
Many incoming freshmen don't realize that there are more than 200 students organizations offered at OU.

Schwartz also stressed the importance of utilizing the resources OU makes available to students.

"If I could boil this down to one piece of advice, I guess I would say 'don't be afraid to seek help and talk to others,'" he said. "There are people all around (the students) who are willing to listen and willing to help."

All OU students receive six free sessions at the Counseling Center. After the sixth, the cost is \$10 per session.

For more information on the center and the services it offers, visit www.oakland.edu/GCC or call (248) 370-3465.



GrizzlyPalooza rocks the stage

Photos by KEVIN ROMANCHIK / The Oakland Post

Detroit's own Big Sean, performed at the Meadowbrook Music Theatre on September 9, 2011 to a mixed crowd of both Oakland University students and fans of many ages.

By ISABELLA SHAYA
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The Student Program Board has been known for bringing large scale talent to the campus of Oakland University.

On Sept. 9, the Student Program Board invited Dusty McFly, Big Krit, G-Eazy, Wale, and Big Sean to the stage of Meadow Brook Music Theatre on campus for Welcome Week.

The Center for Student Activities reported that 2,893 student tickets were sold with a few hundred going to radio stations and even selling out on the Ticketmaster website.

Even though the weather forecast predicted rain, it didn't stop students and fans from filling the ground from the lawn to the stage.

Many students enjoyed the concert's line-up, which brought up and coming artists on the same bill as established acts.

Dusty McFly started off the night on a high note, but had a relatively short set list.

Curen\$y was scheduled to be the next artist to take the stage, but the Mississippi born Big Krit stepped in at the last minute to take his place.

"The 'down' that we faced with

this concert was that last minute we had to replace an artist due to a health reason," president of SPB, Katherine Rozek, senior communications major, said. "But we couldn't be happier with the turnout."

Next was the less known, G-Eazy, who traveled from Oakland, Calif. to perform for Oakland students and fans.

G-Eazy's performance involved constant interaction with the crowd, including crowd surfing, throwing water, and the bringing of two students on stage, including Nichole Locke, a freshman majoring in psychology.

"Being on stage was an experience of a lifetime," Locke said.

While G-Eazy may have been the smaller name on a bill with much more popular artists, but attendees believed he brought one of most exciting performances of the night.

"The concert was amazing," Marta Kuczynski, freshman communications major said. "I think the biggest surprise was how good G-Eazy was."

Wale also connected with the fans when he walked through the entire left side of the audience with only a spotlight following him.

When Wale rapped "No Hands," it

set the crowd into a roar. Everyone was on their feet with their hands held high.

"The biggest 'up' of the concert is always to be able to look out into the crowd and see people having a good time, especially when it is a full house," Rozek said.

The other main attraction of the night for many was Big Sean, a rapper signed to Kanye West's label, G.O.O.D Music, and Detroit native.

"Of course Wale and Big Sean killed it and it all ended on a perfect note," Kuczynski said.

Although Wale's set was delayed due to the overwhelming amount of people in the isle ways under the pavilion, as well as some conflict due to set times, Rozek believes the entire concert was a success.

"I can't even find the words to describe how happy I am with the turnout of this show," Rozek said. "Everyone from SPB has all been working so hard to make this concert a success and I believe it was more than that."

The overall energy and positive feedback from those involved and those who attended the concert, set the bar high for the next performance.



(Above) G-Eazy came from Oakland, Cali. to perform at OU. G-Eazy often interacted with the crowd in the pit. (Below) After an short delay due to overwhelming crowd, Wale quickly brought the energy back up.



Toasting to Oktoberfest

Local brewery celebrates international holiday

By **KEVIN ROMANCHIK**
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The changing of the color of the leaves, touchdowns on the gridiron, the pouring of the apple cider and baking of cake donuts. It's almost time for Oktoberfest.

In Rochester Hills, the annual celebration of Oktoberfest at local microbrewery Rochester Mills Beer Co. on Sept. 22-24, is high up on the community's list.

For 13 years, Rochester Mills Beer Co. has been hosting an event to celebrate the internationally famous Oktoberfest, a festival that originated in Bavaria, Germany over two hundred years ago.

The weekend kicks off on Thursday, Sept. 22 with the ceremonial tapping of the first keg with the Mayor of Rochester Hills, Bryan Barnett and Mayor of Rochester, David Katulic.

While the beer may be focus in some highs, David Youngman, Director of Marketing Communications for Rochester Mills Beer Co, explains that it is more than just an attraction for the legal crowd.

"It really is an event for all ages," Youngman said. "There is something for everyone this year."

On top of the traditional Oktoberfest items, the weekend kicks off on Sept. 22 with a free "Rocktoberfest" concert in the tent outside the building with performance from the teens attending the School of Rock and JC Drums Music School as well



Photo Courtesy of Rochester Mills Beer Co.

Oktoberfest at Rochester Mills Beer Co., along with live music and dancing, traditional Bavarian food and beer will be served all weekend long outside in the tent.

as a skateboard "Game of Skate" session and demo hosted by South Street Skate Shop.

"We were approached by David (Youngman) with the idea to optimize the outdoors tent along with attracting a younger crowd," Linda Gallaher, co-owner of South Street Skate Shop, said. "We love to do business with local companies."

The rest of the weekend will consist of live Oompah and polka music, Oktoberfest

styled food and drink, as well as children's activities.

The festival tent is open from 5-11 p.m. on Friday and 1-11 p.m. on Saturday. Admission to the event costs \$5 for adults. Children 16 years-old and under get in for free.

All proceeds from event benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation of Michigan and YMCA North Oakland County Waves swim club.

blink-182 returns to DTE Energy Music Theatre



On Sept. 11, a sold-out crowd in Clarkston, MI. decided to turn a day of mourning into something different; a nostalgic look at one of the most famous bands of the generation of today's youth: blink-182.

Check the MusicGuy blog on www.oaklandpostonline.com to read the full review of the concert along with photos of blink-182 and the co-headliners My Chemical Romance.

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records & reels

ST. VINCENT//
"Strange Mercy"

"Strange Mercy" is a follow up to St. Vincent's second LP "Actors". "Strange Mercy" will follow similar styles and introduce new listeners to her unorthodox music style, incorporating a vast array of instruments both foreign and domestic. Lead single "Cruel" changes the tempo of the record, experimenting in electronic beats, orchestral vocals and psychedelic guitars smothered in effects, along with the occasional placement of a brass section.

NEON INDIAN //
"Era Extraña"

Neon Indian return with more of their MGMT-influenced electronica. With "Era Extraña", Neon Indian have become a tighter live band, flawlessly executing their craft with the grooviest beats and blipping synths, which will no doubt be eaten up as a flavor of the season.

"DRIVER" //
1 hr. 40 min. // R

Ryan Gosling stars as the unnamed driver in this high-octane action packed drama. The clever lack of a character name focuses the film to the script. The driver takes on his role at night, becoming a wheelman for crimes. After one such heist goes wrong, he ends up having a bounty on his head from which he is determined to avoid. Supporting acts from Bryan Cranston and Carey Mulligan tighten up all the nuts and bolts on one of the Fall season's first big hits.

— Compiled by Staff Reporter,
Brian Figurski

Bummed-out birthday

By **BRIAN FIGURSKI**
Staff Reporter/Party pooper

Just recently I celebrated a birthday, and besides the normal melancholy ghost that follows me each year my hairline recedes, it got me wondering, what's the point of celebrating?

Birthdays are supposedly that one day of the year that's yours by default. It's the day you are reminded of all the people who care about you enough to take five seconds out of their day and type a generic "happy birthday!!!!!!" obligatory statement on your Facebook wall.

If it doesn't have several exclamation points, it doesn't count, either.

Your birthday is also the day your exes will send you a message and pretend your existence means a damn to them, when in reality if you were involved in a hit and run by an airplane the next day and died, they'd

be dancing at your funeral.

The spoon-fed fairy tales of our childhood turn out to be a complete sham when real life sneaks upon us. Showered in gifts, parties and delectable cakes, we were led to believe this one day was a magical, special moment.

On the night of your 18th birthday, you woke up to your belongings on your parents lawn, along with a big fat grin voicelessly shouting, "welcome to the real world! Blow out your candles. Oh, that's just your pile of black band shirts. Grow up and cut your hair."

Just me on that one? I had a goth phase, my bad. It was really bad.

I'm well past 18 now, and the 21st birthday is a distant blur of shame and remorse, which is what is expected from you on your birthday — excessive amounts of alcohol, probably to drown your birthday blues with.

After you're allowed into bars, it's just what people come to think you'll end up doing. Last Tuesday, all I heard was, "Happy birthday, bro! Let's party it up tonight! Get drunk!"

Well, it's a bleeping Tuesday. Life doesn't stop. You don't get the day off of work to nurse a hang over, plus it's a poor excuse to skip class.

I propose the entire birthday celebration be done with once and for all. I feel everyone would much rather be disappointed earlier in life than come your 'special day' expecting fireworks.

I feel great pity for those who expect royal treatment on their birthday, especially the snobs I am not even acquainted with.

If you are looking for hand-outs and cookies on your birthday from a complete stranger, I will go out of my way to ruin your day, most likely with a well-timed

lethal protein fart.

Next year, I vow to remove my posted date of birth from all social networking sites. I don't talk to 80 percent of the people on the Internet within those 365 days separating age milestones.

I really don't think I need my Smartphone vibrating to the point of perpetual self-induced pleasure throughout the entire day.

Anyone whom I talk to can say happy birthday on their own free will without a little reminder, making a sweet little pick-me-up a simple two-button tap of the mouse.

So I bid you a good day and every day, with no day being any exponential amount wishfully better than any other. When it's your birthday, I will be prompted not to acknowledge it.

If you get real upset about that, I guess we can go get you stupid drunk.

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