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See a photo slideshow of Welcome Week and continue to check for updates on the events.

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**FLASH IN THE OAKLAND CENTER** // The Oakland University to Professional flash mob performed a two and a half minute skit in the Oakland Center at 11:30 a.m. The event was choreographed by students Katie Bumhoffer and Allison Hallman. The mob was formed to promote the S2P event Sept. 29 in the Gold Rooms in the OC. For more information on the event visit [www.oakland.edu/studenttoprofessional](http://www.oakland.edu/studenttoprofessional)  
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## POLL OF THE WEEK

How much student debt are you currently in?

- A \$0 - \$999
- B \$1,000 - \$9,999
- C \$10,000 - \$19,999
- D \$20,000 or more

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

What do you think is the biggest issue on campus?

- A) Chick-fil-A  
11 votes | 11%
- B) Student housing  
36 votes | 36%
- C) WXOU press row negotiations  
4 votes | 5%
- D) Parking  
48 votes | 48%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### SEPTEMBER 16, 1964

The Writing Center was created by Joan Rosen and Rosalie Murphy of the English department. The center was originally located in South Foundation Hall.

### SEPTEMBER 15, 1967

Students started campaigning for election to the new Student Activities Board. There were three committees within the Board: a Control Board, an Allocation Committee, and a University Activities Planning Committee.

### SEPTEMBER 11, 1978

The residence halls declared themselves "over-occupied." Three students occupied approximately 70 of the two-student per room dorms.



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### 9 // FALL HARVEST

OU's Student Organic Farmers spent the summer tending to their crops on the southeast end of campus and will be selling them outside South Foundation.



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### 13 // GRIZZLES DEFEATED

Women's soccer team falls to the Michigan Wolverines 1-0 at home. It was the team's second loss of the season. The Grizzlies were out-shot 13-1 in the first half.

### 15 // UPROAR AT DTE

Hard rock festival Uproar made a stop at DTE Music Theatre Sept. 7. The tour featured 21 bands and was headlined by Shinedown and Godsmack.

### 17 // DAGORHIR

"Dag" as it is called by it's members, is a combat-focused live action role play club, has 15-25 members. The club organizes practices, fighting matches and competes in local tournaments.

## BY THE NUMBERS

\$2,890,149

amount given in athletic awards 2011-12

23

average age of all students

85%

undergraduates that commute

\$15,993,085

amount given in institutional scholarships grants in 2011-12

4%

number of students in Greek life

# Perspectives

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Once a student, always a student: Be smart with your college career

**W**ith the start of the fall semester comes the bleak realization that, unlike your K-12 education, you have ever-increasing tuition in the form of an e-bill waiting for to be repaid and looming in the not-so-distant future.

In order to cope with the rising cost of a college education, students are turning, in ever increasing numbers, to student loans.

For the 2011-12 school year, the United States Department of Education spent more than \$1 trillion on funding for higher education. Oakland University is no exception.

According to the OU common data set, Oakland students were given \$20.6 million in need-based federal aid in 2011-12.

Of that number, only 512 full time undergraduate students had their financial need completely met without the use of loans, according to data compiled by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.

In addition, Oakland students took out \$26.5 million in student loans.

Currently, there is no statute of limitations on collecting federally granted student loans, meaning students are able to continue taking out money so long as they stay enrolled in school.

That's the problem.

A bad economy combined with high interest rates is making it impossible for students to pay back their loans, forcing some to default, which ends up ruining their credit and costing them more in the long run.

A bad economy combined with high interest rates is making it damn near impossible for many students to pay back their loans, forcing some to default, which ends up ruining their credit and costing them more in the long run.

According to the State Higher Education Finance fiscal year 2011 report, the average default amount was \$17,005.

And that's where being smart comes in.

Oakland's tuition isn't cheap. A 4-credit lower division course costs \$1,364. If you're taking a full course load, you're looking at a bill of \$5,456 for one semester, or \$10,912 for the whole year.

That's why it's important to make the most of your dollar.

Partnerships with various community colleges allow Oakland students to obtain

OU degrees at a fraction of the cost.

If you're struggling to make ends meet, consider taking a few lower-level classes at Oakland or Macomb Community College. Also consider not spending your financial aid refund checks — if you're lucky to get them — on pointless items and be sure to plan ahead.

Though we're notorious for sometimes missing our classes to meet deadlines, we can't stress how important it is to attend every one of your lectures. After all, skipping one of your 4-credit Monday, Wednesday, Friday classes will theoretically cost you \$34.10. That's a nice dinner with your significant other.

The economy may be ailing and jobs may be scarce, but the amount of jobs that require only a high school diploma is drastically decreasing.

According to a story posted by Mlive.com, Michigan needs at least 40 percent of adults to hold college degrees. Today, that figure is about 37 percent.

Therefore, it's important now more than ever to get your college degree, so plan carefully.

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



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#### Corrections Corner

In the "Celebrating an era with the DIA" story, the "Summer of '69" should have been called an event, not a painting.

The Oakland Post corrects all errors of fact. If you know of an error, please email editor@oaklandpostonline.com or call 248.370.2537. You can also write us at 61 Oakland Center Rochester, MI 48309.

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EDITORIAL

# Stay informed with campus safety, security

Oakland University has always been a safe campus community. Crime statistics and other relevant data continually support the fact that our campus is one of the safest geographical locations in Oakland County.

Further, we know that safety and security are often primary reasons prospective students and their parents choose a specific institution

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of higher learning.

Our university's administration has consistently shown a clear understanding of the importance of maintaining a safe campus environment and a number of initiatives can serve as examples.

The university has provided support and funding for increased staffing for the OUPD as our student enrollment increases, expanded community safety education, training and equipment to enhance our officers' abilities to meet OU's expanding law enforcement needs, and significant and continual upgrades in security technology throughout the campus.

However, in just the last few years, the challenges universities are confronted with have changed dramatically. Recent tragedies, such as those occurring at Virginia Tech, Northern Illinois University and



**MARK GORDON**  
OUPD Captain

Aurora, Colo. have stunned the nation and understandably received massive media attention and official scrutiny.

To prepare for these new challenges, the OUPD continually researches

developments in the field of emergency preparedness and analyzes tragic events for the purpose of learning how we can improve our own plans.

To advance our ability to react to such events should they occur at OU, we have enhanced our emergency evacuation process, safety alert notifications and emergency lockdown procedures. To improve the response capabilities of the OUPD, officers have and will continue to participate in advanced training programs with upgraded equipment, and we'll continue to build on our mutually cooperative working relationships with the surrounding law enforcement community and emergency first responders. We have also endeavored to improve our proactive and preventive efforts.

For example, we are now equipped to send text message alerts to your cellphone in the event of a major campus emergency. You can subscribe to receive the alerts at [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu) ready, our comprehensive Emergency Preparedness website.

In addition, our Dispatch Communications Center is now capable of receiving text message tips and reports through a dedicated computer system. Because our ability to reply to text messages is limited, and to enhance our ability to respond appropriately to emergency calls, we always prefer to receive reports or

notifications by voice — 911 from campus phones or (248) 370-3333 from cell phones. However, if you ever find yourself in a dangerous situation and you cannot call or would feel more comfortable texting our dispatcher for assistance, you may send a text message to 911@oakland.edu. You may also email our dispatcher at this address.

I am certain we'd all agree that these are necessary and important initiatives. However, the success of these efforts depends directly on whether we, as a campus community, understand that keeping OU safe is everyone's responsibility. The work of the OUPD and the university administration can only go so far. We need everyone's involvement to ensure our campus remains safe.

To that end, and as we begin a new academic year, I urge you to spend a few minutes on our Emergency Preparedness website, [www.oakland.edu/ready](http://www.oakland.edu/ready). Here you will find all of our emergency procedures as well as a link to an online course on how to recognize and report warning signs of potentially violent behavior. Finally, I strongly encourage everyone to sign up for the text messaging alert system Oakland University has implemented, also available at [www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu) ready.

Working together as a team, watching out for each other and for our university, we can all enjoy a safe and successful educational experience this year.

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COLUMN

## Chase your dreams at Oakland University

While classes have started and welcome week activities have begun, I want everyone to remember one thing: chase your dreams.

After attending the new student convocation and hearing everyone speak at the podium to an O'rena filled with fresh minds that are ready to be cultivated, I took a few things from it. But one of the most important things that I took from it was from Mary Beth Snyder, the vice president for student affairs and enrollment engagement. She said, in far more words, to follow your dreams.

All I'm asking you to do is to listen to her.

This is the beginning of an incredible journey for everyone. Soon, you'll be in the swing of things and you'll be interacting with one another throughout your days. It's going to be a great time. But it's vitally important for you to follow your dreams. Do the things that you want to do on campus. Get involved in student organizations, academic organizations, fraternities or sororities, or one of the many departments that we have here on campus. Use the many resources that we have here to maximize your future.

Take the classes you need for your major or minor, and then some that you think you'll find interesting. This is a time of self-discovery and learning. Don't be afraid to make some mistakes because that's the ultimate learning experience. It's better to learn now than later on in life, especially when it comes to your career. You don't want to finish up here at OU and graduate, and then work for a couple of years only to find out that it's not what you're passionate about.

This is your future you're building. Take control of it. Be awesome at the things that you're good at and fail at the things that you're not so that you can learn what things suit you best. But most of all follow your dreams. I don't care how crazy they may seem because they're yours. They're the basic blueprints to your future; the things that you're building everything from.

Follow your dreams and be passionate about it. Immerse yourself in your learning and your activities. Get involved, even if you decide that you don't want to do it anymore. Change your major if you have to. It'll be worth it and you'll thank yourself later because you're doing what you want to do with your life.

Most importantly, if someone tells you you can't do it, use it as fuel. Show them that you're the boss of your future and that you'll drive yourself whichever way that leads you to your dreams and passions. Yes, money is good, especially to college students. But happiness is too. Use that to drive you to the things that you want to do the most, no matter what anyone thinks.

Do your thing.



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Oakland University Student Veterans come together in front of the Oakland Center and have a moment of silence to honor those who have been lost and those families affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001 in New York.

STEPHANIE PREWEDA/The Oakland Post

## Remembering 9/11

*Oakland University veterans gather to honor those lost in the tragedy of 9/11*

By Natalie Popovski  
Assistant Campus Editor

On Sept. 11, the area between North and South Foundation Halls served as the meeting ground for people to remember the terrorist attacks that occurred Sept. 11, 2001.

The ceremony began at 8:46 a.m. with Kate Lopez, president of the Student Veterans of OU, reading a list of the victims who lost their lives the day of the attacks.

Lopez served in the United States Army for five years and said she was in high school when the attacks happened. She said classes stopped so students could watch what was happening at the World Trade Center on TV.

According to Lopez, the importance of remem-

brance events is to teach those who weren't alive when the attacks happened what went on that day, why people lost their lives and why some still are losing their lives in current wars.

Jim VanSickle is the secretary of the Student Veterans of OU and a U.S. Navy recruit since November 1998. VanSickle served in Italy, Kuwait, Iraq and Bahrain.

On the day of the attacks, he was in Bahrain and at the end of his shift he saw what was happening at the World Trade Center on both CNN and Sky TV from Europe.

He said the attacks that day were a very big turning point for him socially as well as the country.

Leo Markfort, a member of Student Veterans of OU, served in the U.S. Navy in the nuclear program for six

years. He was stationed on the USS George Washington when the attacks occurred.

After finding out what happened that day, Markfort said the ship went to Florida to pick up aircrafts and then delivered them to the New York Harbor.

Some at the remembrance ceremony were connected to the attacks through family members.

Pam Jando, an office assistant at the Registrar's Office, had parents living in New York during the time of attacks. Her father was running late to a meeting at the World Trade Center. Jando said if he were on time, he would have been in the elevator during the time of the attacks.

Jando said she was working when she got a call that day asking if she heard

where her parents were. From 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 p.m., Jando said she searched for her parents but had trouble because the phone lines were tied up.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, said when the attacks happened campus became chaotic.

Miller said everybody went home and the residence halls were locked down.

According to Miller, this event is great because it honors the victims, service members and others who sacrificed their lives trying to protect others the day of the attacks.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Mitt Romney's campaign bus to make stop on campus

The campaign bus for Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney's campaign will make a visit to Oakland



University's campus Sept. 12, at 11:35 a.m., outside of Wilson Hall. Members of Romney's campaign and some state

politicians will be on hand to give out flyers and talk to students about the upcoming election. Romney will not be present. The event is free to attend and will feature a speech by a member of Romney's campaign.

### Business school lecture, getting people to listen to you

The Oakland University School of Business Administration is hosting a lecture about how to create a business presentation. It also covers how to be comfortable while public speaking. The lecture takes place off campus at the Birmingham Community House each second Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$35 per lecture. For more information, contact Paul Trumbull at 248-370-3287 or email him at [trumull@oakland.edu](mailto:trumull@oakland.edu)

### Richard Stamps' last lecture

Richard Stamps, associate professor of anthropology, is retiring after 37 years of being at Oakland University. His last lecture, "Reflections and Connections," will be presented Friday in the Gold Rooms of The Oakland Center. The doors open at 4 p.m., while the lecture starts at 4:15 p.m. To RSVP, email [aaevents@oakland.edu](mailto:aaevents@oakland.edu). For more information contact Kristen Pierce at 248-370-2560 or email her at [kdperce@oakland.edu](mailto:kdperce@oakland.edu).

### Hispanic celebration month, Independant day

The month of September is National Hispanic Celebration Month and is traditional for Oakland University to recognize the celebration. The celebration is from Sept. 17 through Oct. 5 and is free and open to the public. To see the full schedule visit [oakland.edu/hcm](http://oakland.edu/hcm)

Compiled by Stephanie Preweda,  
Campus Editor

# O'Dowd Hall gets a makeover

*Renovations are expected to be done by April 2013*

By Misha Mayhand  
Multimedia Reporter

Several different areas around campus have been under renovation during this summer, some of which are still incomplete.

The "exterior skin" and "curtain walls" project in and around O'Dowd Hall began July and is expected to be complete by April 2013.

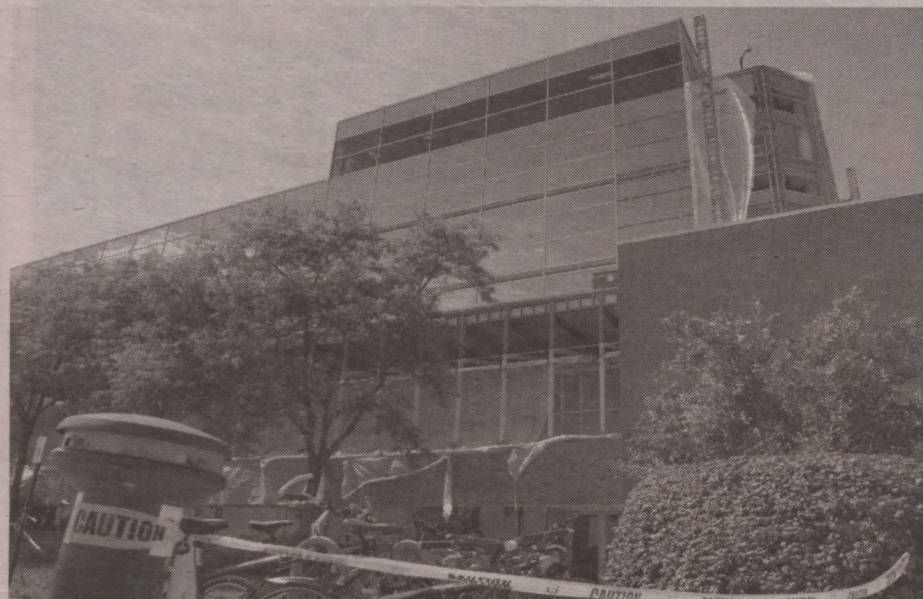
"We started on the north end and we are going to go counter clockwise from the north, west, south and east," said Stuart Rose, project manager. "It's a nine-month project. It's not going to be glass from top to bottom anymore."

Terry Stollsteimer, associate vice president of Facilities Management, said the renovations will change the appearance of the building.

Rose hopes to make the building more energy-efficient with panels that will be a silvery gray color on both the east and west side.

"The skylights that are in the building will be replaced by an actual ceiling," Stollsteimer said.

A student lounge was built two years ago in O'Dowd Hall and seated 50 people. Rose said due to increasing enrollment of the medical school, they are currently creating a larger lounge, which will have a capacity of 250 people.



SHANNON COUGHLIN/The Oakland Post

Started this past summer, O'Dowd Hall renovations are expected to be complete by April.

According to Stollsteimer, 125 students per class is the projected attendance.

The renovations in O'Dowd Hall will also include creating a more flexible space for classrooms in the lower level, according to Rose. He said the project will start next summer with rooms 108 and 110, which are being used as a temporary student lounge.

"The lounge should be done by the end of the year," Rose said.

Additional complaints about O'Dowd Hall were the acoustic issues present in room 202 A, B and C, according to Rose. He said the sound transferred quite easily from one room to another.

The renovations to correct this issue were completed during the summer.

Stollsteimer said next summer the two big auditoriums are being renovated.

## POLICE FILES

### MIP issued to guest of student at Van Wagoner House

On Sept. 9, OUPD was dispatched to Van Wagoner House for a report that a resident had signed in a guest who appeared to be intoxicated and under the age of 21. Police met with the resident who did not appear to have been drinking. She told police she was a designated driver for the guest who had been celebrating her 18th birthday. The resident said the guest had been drinking too much and became ill.

Police spoke with the guest who admitted to drinking that evening and she agreed to take a preliminary breath test, which registered a blood alcohol content of .113. OUPD issued the guest a minor in possession citation.

### Six students, all underage, drinking at Fitzgerald House

On Sept. 8 at approximately 1:53 a.m., police received a report that there was a group of people jumping up and down on the bridge over Bear Lake.

Police responded to the area but the subjects had left. Night watch of the Fitzgerald House told OUPD that a large group of people entered the dorm and alerted OUPD they felt underage drinking was going on. When police arrived to the room where the occupants were, they observed six students who all appeared to have been drinking. All students were under the age of 21 and admitted to drinking. All students were issued minor in possession citations and OUPD disposed of the alcohol.

### Assault in Parking Lot 5

On Sept. 4, OUPD met with a female student regarding a reported assault and battery that occurred Sept. 3.

The student said she spoke with another female regarding a male suspect. According to the student, both females were dating the suspect at the same time. The student said during the conversation, the male suspect made comments that she found to be disrespectful. The student said the male then began to choke her and hit her in the face. The student said the suspect then took away her shoes and phone and refused to return them.

The student told OUPD she wants to press charges.

Compiled by Natalie Popovski,  
Assistant Campus Editor

## New lieutenant in the rankings

By Katie Williams  
Senior Reporter

Terry Ross, a 23-year veteran of the Oakland University Police Department, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Ross has served the department as sergeant for the last seven years and was promoted to lieutenant in August.



Terry Ross  
OUPD  
Lieutenant

"Everyday at work is an interview and I was fortunate enough to be selected," Ross said.

OUPD officially announced the availability of the position after the retirement of Lt. Mel Gilroy. Ross and Gilroy worked together for 23 years and Gilroy was a part of Ross' initial hiring process.

Ross was selected after an interview process that included both internal and

external evaluations by other law enforcement officials.

"Both candidates were excellent candidates," Samuel Lucido, chief of police, said. "These are always difficult choices, but ever since I've been chief here, I've always noted that even as a police officer, he (Ross) exhibited leadership potential."

Eligible candidates were first interviewed by a panel consisting of law enforcement executives from other universities and were then further evaluated by Police Captain Mark Gordon and finally himself, according to Lucido.

Candidates were evaluated based on work ethic, judgment, leadership abilities, experience, training, loyalty to the department and university, and their progression within OUPD.

Prior to joining OUPD, Ross served as a police officer in both Genesee Township and Montrose City and then worked for the Oakland County Public Safety de-

partment. As an OU police officer, Ross was elected by his peers to serve as the president of the officers' union. He was selected to serve in the same capacity as a sergeant.

Ross also plays a role in OU's Rape Aggression Defense program, having been the first officer to teach the course here in 1998. Ross still coordinates the program, and has taught over 2,000 women.

"RAD remains one of the single most popular outreach programs on campus," Lucido said. "For a person at the rank of police officer to take on the responsibility of developing and implementing such a critical program, and make it as successful as it's been, is quite impressive. I've always viewed that as a good indicator of his leadership ability."

As lieutenant, Ross will supervise sergeants and the detective, direct operational issues in the department, deal with major events on campus, coordinate dignitary visits, and monitor traffic and parking control. He will also review any investigations, oversee dispatch, monitor the recruitment and training of new officers.

# New Board of Trustees members appointed

By Stefan Pelak  
Staff Intern

In August, Governor Rick Snyder appointed Scott Kunselman and Dennis Pawley as newest members of the Board of Trustees at Oakland University.

Both will serve eight-year terms that will end Aug. 11, 2020.

## Scott Kunselman

Kunselman was born in Kittanning, Pa., earned a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in 1985. Kunselman also received a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Michigan.

He has worked at Chrysler Group LLC in positions ranging from product engineer to his current position as senior vice president of purchasing and supplier quality.

His current position has given him experience "buying billions of dollars" worth of materials for the company, he said.

"The concerns about the cost of a quality education hit close to home."

Scott Kunselman,  
Trustee

As an executive at Chrysler, a company with ties to the university which include establishing several engineering science labs, Kunselman also had an opportunity to develop a unique view on OU and its students.

"Chrysler's headquarters are only steps away from the OU campus," Kunselman said. "So I have had a front row seat to watch the investment in world-class facilities and important academic programs over the years."

As a father of four, Kunselman shares students' concerns regarding increases in tuition.

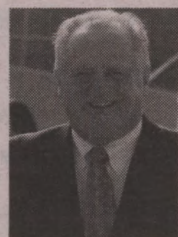
"The concerns about the cost of a quality education hit close to home," he said. "Unfortunately increases are sometimes necessary in order to invest in the future of the university. As we move forward, it will be a priority of the board's to keep any tuition increases within reason."

According to OU President Gary Russi,

Pawley brings experience in executive management to OU's BOT.

## Dennis Pawley

Pawley was born in Milan, Mich. and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in human resource development from OU in 1982. He served as the executive vice president for manufacturing at Chrysler



Dennis Pawley,  
Trustee

before co-founding the management consulting firm Lean Learning Institute.

For his eight-year term, Pawley said he hopes to address student concerns regarding housing and parking.

"Adding additional parking and on-campus housing are two priority items before this board," Pawley said. "I know a vig-

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Dennis Pawley,  
Trustee

orous discussion about these issues has been going on for some time now and I'm looking forward to adding my views to that discussion."

Another issue he hopes to tackle is students' concerns regarding tuition increases.

"With dwindling state resources, it's become more difficult to keep tuition rates as low as we'd like them to be," he said. "One of our key priorities is to maintain academic quality, and it's impossible to do that without some costs rising. However, we are committed to holding down tuition costs to the lowest possible level every year."

Pawley also is a sponsor of the Pawley Institute scholarship, as well as the namesake for Pawley Hall.

"I know that no one has more knowledge of or a deeper sense of dedication to this university than Dennis," Russi said. "I look forward to the contributions each will bring to an already consummate Board of Trustees."

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## 21st Annual KEEPER OF THE DREAM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CELEBRATION

January 21, 2013

### IS THE KEEPER OF THE DREAM AWARD SCHOLARSHIP RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Are you a student leader?
- Have you contributed to breaking down racial and cultural stereotypes?
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## Campus

# Early Alert program introduced to students

*Program aimed toward increasing retention*

By Misha Mayhand  
Multimedia Reporter

By using the Early Alert program, Oakland University hopes to increase retention rates, according to Brian Wummel, Early Alert retention coordinator.

Wummel said the idea originated with the realization retention among freshman was extremely low.

"The program is designed to identify students that are at risk of receiving a D, or F grade, withdrawing or not completing a course," Wummel said.

He said it's an implemented system where instructors can easily identify these students.

"Students should be referred to the program for poor class attendance, incomplete or missing assignments, low test scores, inappropriate classroom behavior and the need for basic skill enhancement," Wummel said. "The optimal referral time is three to six weeks from the start of the semester."

According to Wummel, the program will hopefully give students the time needed to make changes that will result in academic success.

"The idea of the program was more of a combined effort that manifested out of need," he said.

Wummel said it took several years to get the program off the ground.

"We started this effort in 2009 as a pilot program and we are now entering our fourth year," he said.

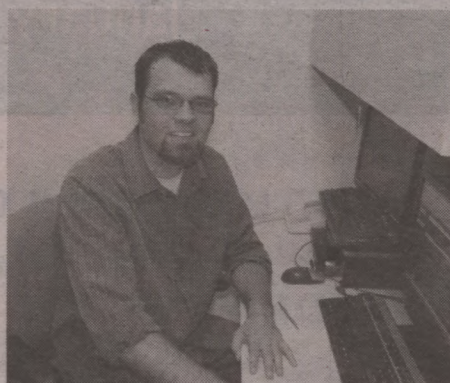
Elizabeth DeVerna, director and supervisor of the program, said it has been slowly building and is getting a lot of positive feedback from the faculty members who are using it.

"It started with the writing department, the biology department and the psychology departments," DeVerna said. "What we need to see happen is more faculty members that teach the 100 and 200 level classes in particular utilizing it early."

### The process

Wummel said once the student is identified, he would contact them and highlight the areas of concern, as well as provide information about on-campus resources that could help the student increase their chances of successfully completing the course.

"Students also have the option of setting up individual meetings with the coordinator to discuss any concerns that they may have," he said.



MISHA MAYHAND/The Oakland Post

Brian Wummel is the retention coordinator of the Early Alert program.

DeVerna said after six weeks, the program ceases being an early alert and then it's not doing what it was designed to do.

"In regards to whether they should stay in class or drop it, they should know what their options are," DeVerna said. "If it's week eight or nine, then it is difficult to make that decision."

### Resources and repercussions

"OU has numerous resources in place to help students reach the goal of graduation and help them cope with the stress of college," Wummel said.

He said the Tutoring Center, the Writing Center and Graham Counseling Center are some examples of useful resources on campus.

"Additionally, most new students are unaware that withdrawing or receiving an incomplete shows up on your transcript permanently," Wummel said.

He said undergraduate grades influence the decisions of graduate schools you may wish to attend in the future.

"The pace of college is much different than high school and has a lasting impression on your future," Wummel said.

DeVerna said she hopes to prevent students from having to appeal.

"I don't want to see students making appointments to be re-admitted," she said.

The Early Alert program sends notifications to students within 3 to 4 weeks and contacts the student directly using their OU email.

"Another goal of the Early Alert program was to implement a user friendly system for faculty to use," DeVerna said.

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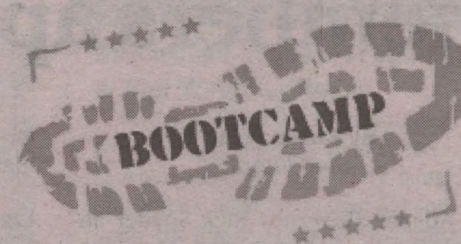
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## Digging up organic grown foods

*Organic Farmers will sell their crop through the next month*

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter

1. Farm manager Jared Bogdanov-Hanna and biological science professor Fay Hansen discuss organic vegetables with a customer at the Farm Stand Sept. 23.
2. Tomatoes, lettuce and corn are among the stand's best sellers according to the farmers, but fall will bring garlic and seasonal vegetables.
3. Flowers are another popular freshly grown item sold at the stand.
4. Jaclyn Cooks, environmental science major and biology minor, explains the prices and produce to a customer.
5. The Farmers will be selling every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through the end of October near the doors of South Foundation Hall.



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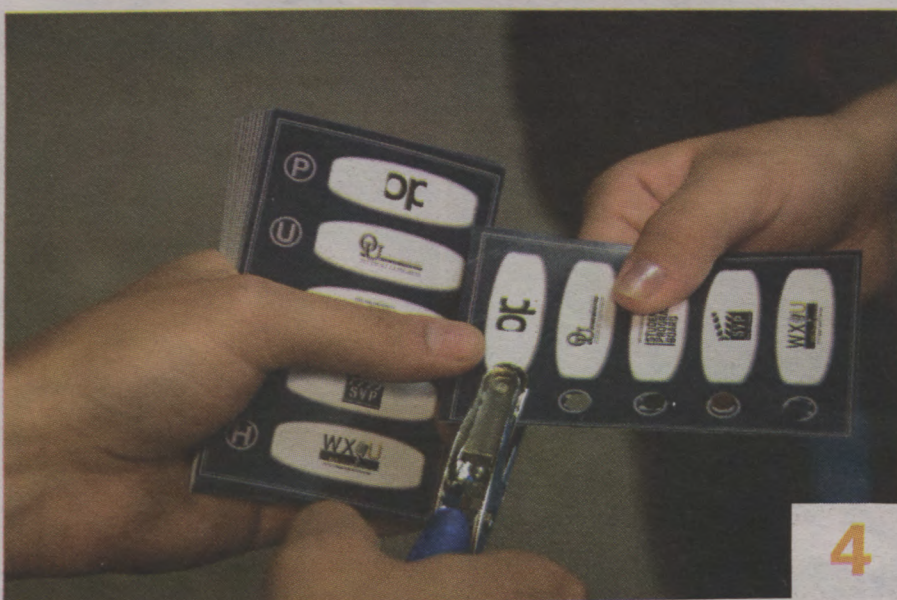
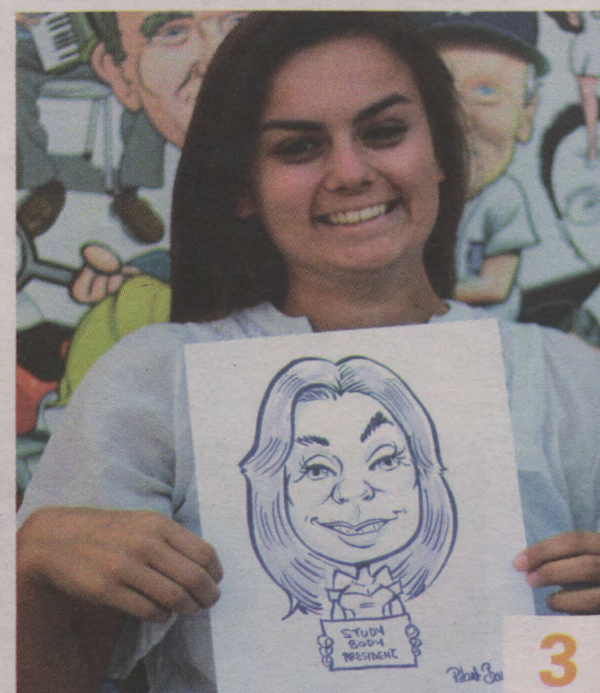
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# Welcome home, Grizzlies

Written and photographed by Dylan Dulberg // Multimedia Editor

All across campus, different groups and student organizations put on events during Welcome Week to introduce themselves to new and returning students.

1. Grizz jams on an Auburn Gibson alongside the Killer Flamingos at the "Celebrate the 28" reception in Pioneer Food Court at the Oakland Center.
2. Greg Jordan, director of campus recreation at Oakland University, shows off his muscles with the fake blowup novelty weights at the Student Program Board carnival on the upper fields..
3. Student Body President Samantha Wolf poses with her caricature at the Grizz Fest in front of the Oakland Center.
4. Students had cards that were punched by according organizations as they made their way through introductions at the Student Congress, Oakland Post, Student Program Board, Student Video Production and WXOU Open House in the basement of the Oakland Center.
5. John Remillard of SPB hands out some giveaways at the Open House in the basement of the OC.
6. Incoming freshmen and their families listen to the speech given by University President Gary Russi at New Student Convocation in the O'rena.
7. Students stopped to dance to the music provided by WXOU at "Party with The Post" Monday afternoon.
8. Students pose for pictures behind a cutout of a Detroit Lion, Tiger and Oakland Grizzly bear at SPB's annual carnival event.



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# Another victory

*Volleyball wins second straight tournament in Cleveland*



*Photo courtesy of Jose Juarez*

Defensive Specialist Alli Kirk was named tournament MVP at Cleveland State during the weekend. Kirk averaged 6.55 digs per set over the course of the tournament and was named Summit League Defensive Player of the Week.

**By Adam Kujawski**  
Staff intern

**L**ast weekend, the Oakland University women's volleyball team traveled to Cleveland for their second tournament of the season at the Cleveland State Invitational. OU came out on top for their second tournament win of the season, with victories over Eastern Kentucky Friday and against Buffalo and Cleveland State Saturday.

Senior Defensive Specialist Alli Kirk

was awarded the tournament MVP after averaging 6.5 digs per set during the weekend.

"This past weekend, I felt like I was able to feed off my teammates' intensity and energy," Kirk said. "We have been going to practice early for extra passing reps and our blocking and defense has been working very hard together and that is what made the Cleveland State Tournament such a success."

The Golden Grizzlies began the tournament with a sweep of three

straight sets against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels, improving their record to (4-4) on the season.

On Saturday, Oakland faced Buffalo in the second match of the tournament. The Golden Grizzlies once again won in three straight sets for their fifth victory of the season. With a record of (5-4) Oakland would conclude the tournament on Saturday evening, playing the host school Cleveland State.

Looking to capture their second tournament win of the season, the

Golden Grizzlies battled for five sets against the Cleveland State University Vikings, eventually coming out on top with a (15-9) victory in the fifth and final set of the match.

"This was a tremendous win for our program," Head Coach Rob Beam told OUGrizzlies.com. "Cleveland State is an extremely good team and we had to compete at a championship level for two and a half hours. I am extremely proud of this team to win two preseason tournaments for the first time in program history."

OU looks to continue their success with two upcoming games this week against Fort Wayne University and Western Illinois University Sept. 14 and Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in the O'Rena.

Kirk, who was named the tournament's MVP, feels really optimistic about the upcoming season.

"Each of my teams have had different strengths (and) what really makes Rob (Beam) special is his ability to maximize those strengths and get the most out of each group," Kirk said. "I have found that each year the expectations raise higher and higher, and this year is no exception, we have so much talent and potential that the possibilities are limitless."

Kirk was also named The Summit League Defensive Player of the Week, the second in her Oakland career.

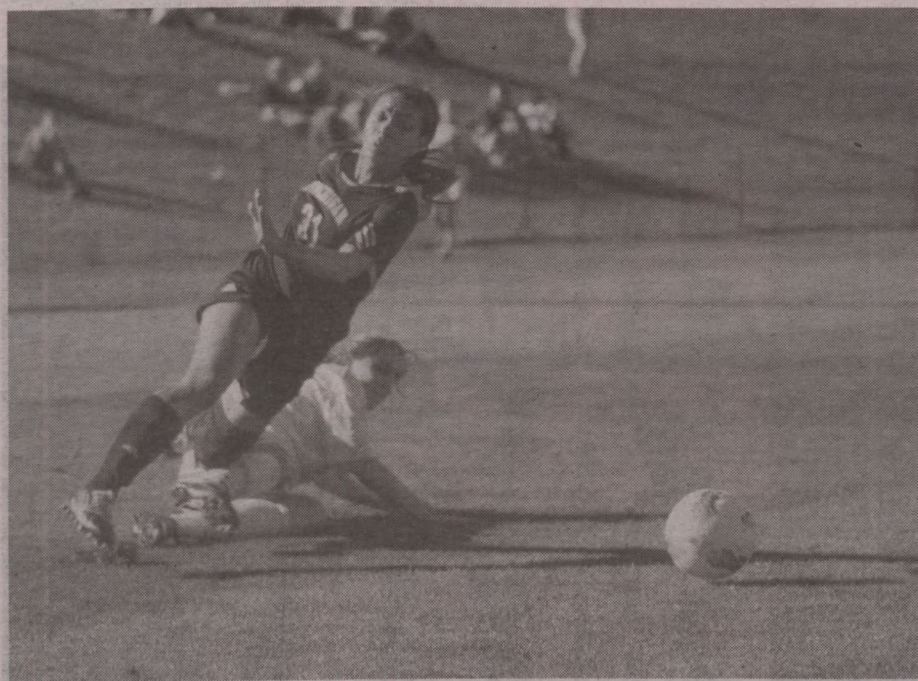
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## MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

**WHO** Alli Kirk is a senior defensive specialist majoring in psychology at Oakland.

**WHAT** Kirk was named tournament MVP, after averaging 6.55 digs per set and accumulating 72 digs during the weekend.

**WHEN** Cleveland State Invitational was held during the weekend, where Oakland took down the competition, defeating the hosting team as well as Eastern Kentucky and Buffalo.



DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

Oakland's women's soccer team fell 1-0 to University of Michigan Sunday evening. The Golden Grizzlies were outshot 13-1 in the first half of the game.

## Oakland women's soccer fall to Wolverines 1-0

*The Golden Grizzlies refused to be handed defeat easily by the Michigan Wolverines*

By Allen Jordan  
Staff Intern

**T**he Oakland University women's soccer team suffered their second loss of the season Sunday to the University of Michigan 1-0 at home.

Coming off of a hard-fought and physical 0-0 draw with Michigan State Wednesday, Oakland put up a dog-fight type effort in front of a large turnout at home of over 650 people in the stands.

Despite facing a bigger opponent that had three U.S. Women's Soccer players who participated in the World Cup and the former head coach of the U.S. team, Oakland didn't show any back down.

After being outshot 13-1 in the first half, the Golden Grizzlies led the Wolverines in shots 5-4 in the second half, coming out playing with more aggression as they continued their strong defensive play.

"Michigan showed some good pressure in the first half and it took us a while to deal with it and match their effort," said Head Coach Nick O'Shea.

The only goal of the game came in the fifth minute from Michigan midfielder Christina Murrillo off of a corner kick on

the assist from defender Shelina Zador-sky.

OU continued to battle and their efforts nearly paid off on two near scores in the second half with midfielder Nicole DeLuca attempting a cross shot that came up just short in the 81st minute and another with DeLuca getting one past Michigan goalkeeper Haley Kopmeyer that sailed past the post.

Despite the loss, O'Shea praised his team for the resiliency shown by the Golden Grizzlies to stick with the Wolverines to make it a close match until the end.

"You don't play teams like this every day, so to get the opportunity to play teams like Michigan State and Michigan, it will only make us better," O'Shea said. "I like how we responded with good pressure coming out in the second half, we had a few close calls and the game could have gone either way."

Goalkeeper Shannon Coley continued her strong play, anchoring the team defense with several key stops down the stretch in the game to keep OU within striking distance for a potential comeback effort that just came up short.

After the loss, Oakland is now 2-2-2 on the season as they move on to play Northern Kentucky in Highland Heights, Ky., Friday at 7 p.m.

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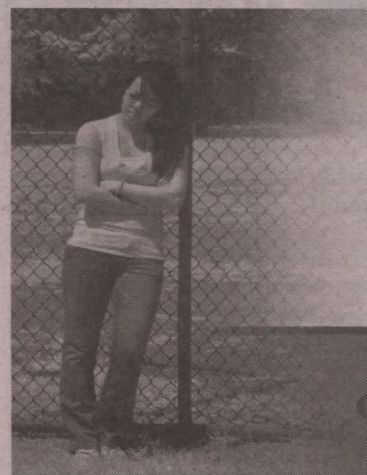
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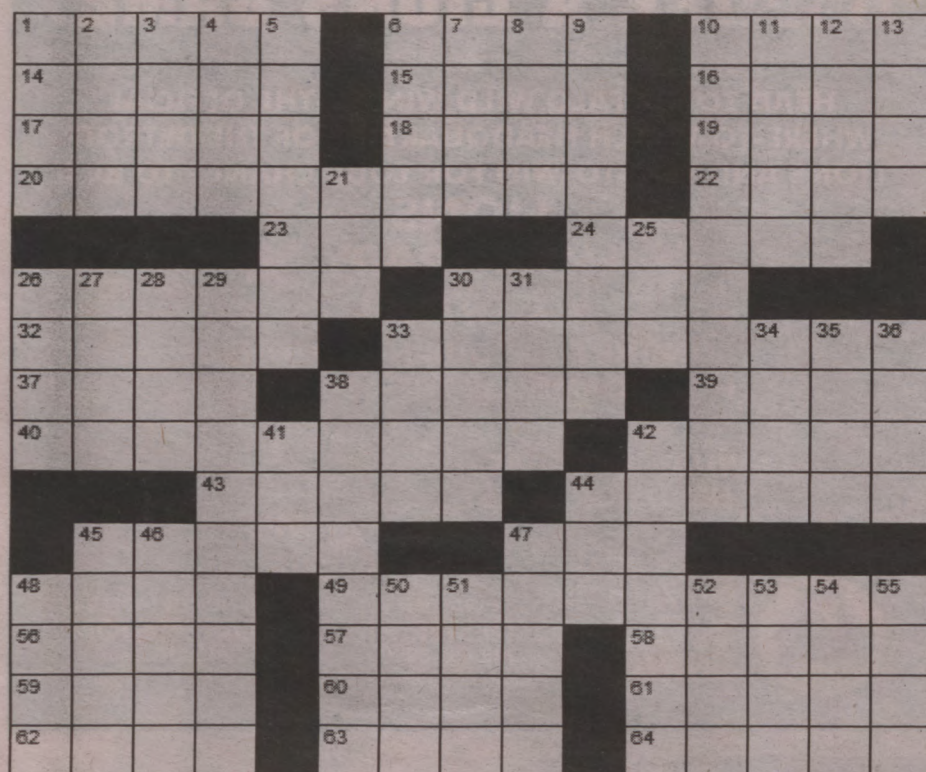
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6. Wise men
10. Garments of goat hair
14. A protective covering
15. Quaint outburst
16. Broad valley
17. French farewell
18. Somersault
19. Wicked
20. Wastefulness
22. God of love
23. Fury
24. Nursemaid
26. Discover the location of
30. Thorax
32. Absurd
33. Book of synonyms
37. Vesicle
38. American retailer
39. Unusual
40. Exterminate
42. Wish granter
43. Mobile phones
44. Plaster
45. Type of antelope

47. Former French coin
48. Not stiff
49. A very small amount
56. Largest continent
57. Container weight
58. Fragrance
59. Widespread
60. Wicked
61. Spurs
62. If not
63. A musical pause
64. Serf

### DOWN

1. Flaccid body fat
2. Adriatic resort
3. Pearly-shelled mussel
4. Adolescent
5. Scholarly
6. Mix together
7. All excited
8. Effrontery
9. Loafing
10. Explorer
11. Scottish for "Child"
12. A mixture of metals
13. Views
21. Mineral rock
25. An Old Testament king
26. Bloodsucking insects
27. Chalcedony
28. Actors in a show
29. Expect
30. Informal conversations
31. Not there
33. Blue-green
34. Deliver a tirade
35. Murres
36. Clairvoyant
38. Splash
41. Regulation (abbrev.)
42. Mishmash
44. Unruly crowd
45. Rope fiber
46. Awry
47. Refine metal
48. Wash
50. Possess
51. The colored part of an eye
52. Sea eagle
53. Offensively malodorous
54. Part of an ear
55. Not first

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Participants in the sing-a-long sit at a 'dinner party' at Meadow Brook Hall. The scene is one of many locations used for the 'Pure Michigan' viral video campaign. The campaign used Meadow Brook Hall to showcase the diversity and background of the state.

## Meadow Brook Hall sings along

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter

The Pure Michigan Statewide Sing-along, filmed by Status Creative Co-Founders Jeff Barrett and Rob Bliss, premiered during Sunday's Detroit Lions football game at half-time. The video featured stops in 50 Michigan cities, with groups of local residents singing "Good Time," a song by Owl City.

"Michigan really is a good time," Barrett said. "[Good Time] is a fun, vibrant song that matches the energy of the state."

After their success with the "Grand Rapids Lip Dub," the two wanted to take the idea and recognize the entire state. When Barrett and Bliss contacted Pure Michigan about making the video, they agreed, on the condition that the two traveled across the state in just one week, visiting 50 cities on the way. Status Creative did just that.

"I always wanted to do something that showed off our state and I felt this was the most natural way to express it," Bliss said. "The song and video show how much Michigan has to offer."

With "no sleep and a fast car," the two completed the trip and filming from Aug. 19 through 26, according to Bliss.

After six weeks of planning, Status Creative teamed with local convention and visitor bureaus each place they went, making the production process run smoothly with most places set and ready to film when they arrived.

The plans allotted an hour to each location, according to Barrett. Visiting everywhere from Mackinac Island to Detroit and even Frankenmuth, one of the team's stops was close to home.

Part of the video features Meadow Brook Hall, with people dressed in black tie apparel, holding champagne glasses at a dinner party and singing along. Shannon O'Berski, marketing and communications manager for Meadow Brook Hall, played a big role in the planning and execution.

After being contacted by Bliss about participating, O'Berski became project manager and sought out local talent, including staff and many members of the community. Emerald City Designs provided décor for the mansion room, while President Tuxedo of Rochester dressed the participants.

The day of filming, everyone arrived at 8 a.m. and though it was a little overwhelming at times, everyone was very enthusiastic, according to O'Berski. Bliss and Barrett had a vision in mind and finished filming in about an hour.

"It was exciting to be a part of the Pure Michigan Campaign," O'Berski said. "Rob and Jeff were great to work with. We've received a lot of positive feedback from both the community and people involved."

It was Barrett's first time visiting the mansion and he liked what he saw.

"It was so cool to visit Meadow Brook," Barrett said. "Rolling up the driveway and stepping into the mansion is like walking into a period film. It's in a nice area and was one of the coolest experiences of our project; I definitely want to go back sometime."

The video has already reached over 150,000 views as of Monday, Sept. 10 and was recognized by many people, including the original artist, Owl City, who tweeted, "I LOVE YOU MICHIGAN," sharing a link to the video and attributing it to the Pure Michigan campaign.

"We really just wanted to show how diverse Michigan is," Barrett said. "This video shows almost all of the state. When people ask where you're from, this gives a deeper background than just pointing at your hand."

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## POLICE BLOTTER

### Automobile crash injures 5

At approximately 4:16 p.m. Sunday in Rochester Hills, deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Gallaland and Driftwood streets.

Police arrived at the scene to find five reported injuries — three adults and two children. According to police, the children were riding in the back seat of the vehicle suspected to be at fault.

All injured parties were immediately transferred to Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The three adults are listed as being in fair condition and the two children were listed as stable with head trauma.

Investigation into the accident is ongoing.

### Residential structural fire in Springfield Township

At approximately 8:54 p.m. Sunday, the Springfield Township fire department was called to the 6000 block of Hillsboro Road.

A specialty investigator was called to the scene but reported the incident as accidental. The fire remains under investigation.

### Police officer killed in West Bloomfield shooting

At approximately 11:10 p.m. Sunday, West Bloomfield police requested a call for assistance at the area of Pontiac Trail and Forest Edge Lane for a barricaded gunman.

Officers rushed into the suspect's house upon hearing gunfire. One West Bloomfield police officer was shot and killed in the exchange.

Officers then requested SWAT assistance.

Additional Oakland County Sheriff's Office officers were called on the scene in order to patrol roads and to assist West Bloomfield police officers, set up perimeters, take calls and direct traffic.

The standoff concluded when the gunman released his two hostages and turned his weapon on himself, ending his life.

Compiled by  
Mark McMillan,  
Local Editor



Damien Dennis and Melissa Burelle / The Oakland Post

## Uproar sounds off at DTE

By Damien Dennis  
Sports Editor

**U**proar Festival made its stop at DTE Music Energy Theatre Friday, lighting up the stage with some of the most popular bands in hard rock today.

The tour, headlined by Shinedown and Godsmack, featured a slew of bands veteran and freshmen in status. Thousand Foot Krutch, Adelita's Way and professional wrestler Chris Jericho's band Fozzy. They all performed for the packed amphitheatre.

The Oakland Post was given the opportunity to meet up with some of these bands to talk about their recent projects. For videos of the bands being interviewed visit [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com)

**1.** POD guitarist Marcos Curiel placidly plays during their high-energy set. Curiel said the band has watched the music industry change drastically in their tenure.

**2.** Jimmy Yuma, guitarist for the band Deuce, performs for live shows and is coproducer for the band.

**3.** Professional Wrestler Chris Jericho screams a song with his band, Fozzy, which he established in early 2000. Guitarist Rich Ward said that Jericho is able to come and go in the wrestling business due to his relationship with WWE CEO, Vince McMahon.

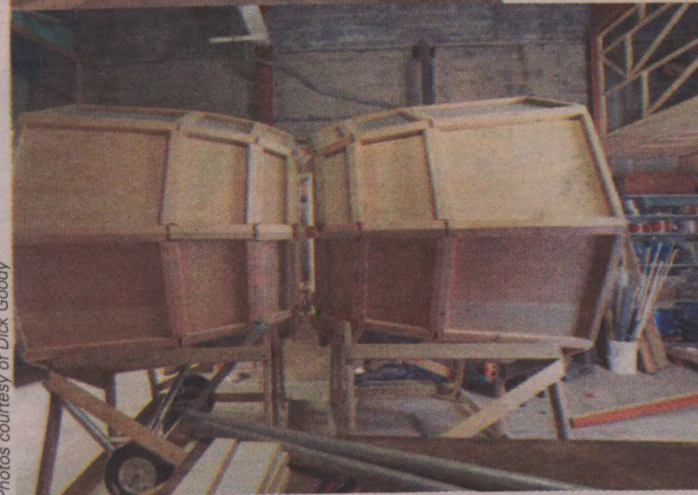
**4.** 1,000 Foot Krutch frontman Trevor McNevan, also known as Teerawk, sings passionately. 1,000 Foot Krutch is McNevan's second band; his first, Oddball, included Three Days Grace's drummer, Neil Sanderson.





**TOP** The Oakland University Art Gallery is currently hosting work from a local Detroit artist.

**BOTTOM** The large scale of Graem Whyte's work usually requires help from others.



Photos courtesy of Dick Goody

# PAINTING THE WALLS WHYTE

*OU Art Gallery features work from Detroit artist Graem Whyte*

By Sarah Blanchette  
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University Art Gallery is currently playing host to Detroit artist Graem Whyte and his exhibition titled "Remain Calm." The collection is installation-based which includes large-scale works.

Based in Hamtramck, Whyte has taken artistic refuge in a former meat-packing facility called Popp's Packing. The location serves as a home for his family, as well as a studio, gallery and community center.

Dick Goody curator and

director of the Oakland University Art Gallery, explains Whyte's work as being community based.

Due to Whyte's large, and sometimes land-based pieces, he enlists help from community members in order to assist in creating the artworks that he designs.

According to Goody, Detroit's surplus of cheap property has created an artistic growth in the community. Many artists, like Whyte, choose Detroit as a location to express themselves in order to bring beauty back into the city.

Whyte chooses to target

the various facets of human life and nature through pieces which shine a positive light upon current despairs.

"(The exhibition) brings optimism to a period of uncertainty," Goody, who is also the associate professor of art in the department of art and art history, said. "I think generally after the summer we've had, with the extreme temperatures and the idea that climate change is here to stay, (we have realized that) we are all living in strange times. Things are not as permanent as we thought they were. So, I think this exhibit speaks to those anxieties."

There are a total of four large installation pieces and a selection of smaller works that complement the exhibit.

The core of Whyte's works, in reference to their physical makeup, is often composed repurposed items. According to Goody, Whyte has used old vinyl records, a ping pong table and even broccoli when he was making a cast.

The four large pieces in the exhibit draw similarities from the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

As explained in the exhibit's catalogue, Whyte transforms the negative into the positive. For example, war becomes play and death becomes sleep.

Jacqueline Leow, assistant to the director of the Oakland University Art Gallery, is looking forward to students experiencing local culture.

"We try to expose students and the area to up and coming Detroit artists," Leow said.

Leow also hopes students will be interested in attending the gallery on a regular basis.

"I think a lot of individuals are intimidated by art galleries," Leow said. "They don't know the protocol. 'What do I do?' 'Is someone going to be breathing down my collar?' So, on campus, this gallery gives individuals the opportunity to feel comfortable."

Goody hopes students will make use of the gallery this year.

Please see *WHYTE* page 19

## Clubs on campus: Dagorhir

By Jennifer Holychuk  
Senior Reporter

Oakland University has a wide variety of student-organized campus groups, from the Juggling Club to the Geocaching club — even a Muggle Quiddich League. However, most groups can't claim the feats of Dagorhir where participants regularly lose limbs, fight medieval heroes and die in bloody sword fights.

### The basics

Dagorhir, referred to by members as Dag, has between 15 and 25 members.

Junior Ethan Arten, anthropology major, has been a member for five years, since he was a freshman.

He explained Dag as "combat-focused live action role-play" which involves organized practices, fighting matches and local tournaments.

According to Arten, each participant takes on the role of a period character of his or her choosing, from either a "pre-gunpowder society or fantasy realm."

"We've got Romans, Vikings, a couple of samurai and a whole lot of fantasy characters," he said.

Senior Rachel Buechele, a theater design and technology major, goes by the name Mit'l'enaux. "Some people never even reveal their real names," she said.

### Meetings

Dag practices are held Sunday at 1 through mid-November, with local events occurring every few months.

### How to Join

Dag is a very inclusive group that welcomes any new members, Arten said.

"Just find your local Dag chapter — in this case OU's group — and come out to a practice," he said.

"We provide loaner gear for new people to use when they come to try it out."

### Dagorhir Combat Rules

- Swinging weapons at heads is not allowed.
- Torso shots are death
- Any combination of hits to two limbs is death
- Hits to the arm: weapon must be dropped and the arm put behind the fighter's back
- Hits to a leg: fighter must kneel



**LEFT** Rachel Buechele, known by the alias Mit'l'enaux, is one of the members of Dagorhir.

## STUDENT PROFILE

# A blog a day keeps the doctor away

*Student chronicle features life of William Beaumont Medical School inaugural class*

By Katie Williams  
Senior Reporter



Amanda Xi,  
Medical  
student

As the youngest member of the inaugural class of the Oakland University William Beaumont Medical School, Amanda Xi describes herself as impatient to start her career. By the time she graduates in 2015, Xi will have had plenty of experience

with technology — in the medical world and elsewhere.

Xi, 22, has found a way to combine two seemingly opposite realms: the medical world and social media. In addition to a demanding academic

schedule, Xi shares her experiences through an online blog entitled "And thus, it begins (Musings during my journey through medical training ... and life)."

"This was a really nice niche to fall into and be able to talk about something I know very well," Xi said of her blog.

She started a blog in the summer of 2011 and has shared many aspects of her life, both personal and professional. Xi documents her studies, her vacations and her long-distance relationship among other things.

Although her target audience was initially prospective students interested in OUWB, Xi found that her blog followers also included medical professionals.

Xi's blog, which has 75 subscribers

and receives about 10,000 page views a month, is also read by others in the medical profession. She has made guest entries on the popular medical blog KevinMD and cites anesthesiologist Michelle Au's blog "The Underwear Drawer" as an inspiration.

"It's a great way to build connections and get feedback from other people across the country who you would otherwise not know," Xi said.

According to Xi, the blog has also opened up career opportunities. Xi aspires to be a doctor and she was able to secure an internship and a job as a blogger with the test preparation company Kaplan Medical.

"I think there's a lot of ways for anyone to use social media to further their career. We've moved to an online résumé — you can find someone

pretty easily. Establishing your name online is a great way for people to find you," she said. "It's definitely furthering my career."

Xi explains the decision to start a blog as a means of challenging herself. Having struggled to express herself through writing in high school, she enrolled in a college focusing on liberal arts that forced her to read and write analytically.

At the age of 16, Xi earned a full scholarship to complete an associate degree at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Mass. Xi then transferred to the University of Michigan, earning both a bachelor and master's degree in biomedical engineering.

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# WHAT'S TRENDING 2012 FRESHMEN CLASS

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter



Freshmen were spotted on campus during Welcome Week wearing a plethora of stylish looks. The most popular outfit choices for new students this semester includes athletic wear, ripped jeans, leggings, flipflops and patterned apparel.

Many students sport their favorite team on their sleeve, whether it's the Grizzlies or a professional group. Basketball shorts and flat-rim hats were a popular choice for young men, while many young women are wearing t-shirts with the OU logo to start the year off with school spirit and style.

In the pants department, girls who didn't wear shorts opted for leggings or skinny jeans. Ripped jeans and flip flops were popular among young men and women as a casual, comfortable outfit for a long school day.

Patterns return this season with the incoming class. Freshmen favorites seem to be stripes, plaid and floral print shirts, as well as bags and hats.

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"I went into engineering and there was a lack of writing; it was all equations and staring at numbers and variables," she said. "It wasn't great on the communication side."

Xi missed the challenge of writing and knew people would be interested in OUWB. "It (the blog) was the result of trying to keep up the skills I had gained at my liberal arts college and trying to help out applicants who were curious about the new school," she said.

Xi was immediately active at OUWB, working with faculty adviser Dr. Angela Nuzzarello to start the university's chapter of the American Medical Women's Association in 2011. The AMWA promotes women in the medical field and knowledge of female health issues and participates in community service events. The group was awarded the Heller Outstanding Branch Award by AMWA last year.

"The group worked together to plan events and provide community service," Nuzzarello said. "Because of their efforts, the students were able to meet women physicians in different specialties who could talk to them about being women in medicine."

As a new school, OUWB needed strong student leadership, according to Nuzzarello.

"There was only so much we could do before our students arrived," Nuzzarello said. "We knew that we needed to find students who were interested in helping us build our student programs; students who wanted to leave a legacy at OUWB. Amanda and many of her classmates have done just that, and we couldn't be more proud."

Xi's blog can be read online at [www.amandaxi.com](http://www.amandaxi.com)

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"I think that if you're going to come to an exhibition at the gallery, you shouldn't just come to one," Goody said. "You should come to every exhibition, and you should always expect something different. Art is about exposition. So don't just come once, keep coming. That's my message."

The art instillation will end Sunday, Oct. 7 at 2:00 p.m. with a panel titled "The Academy, the Student and the Artist."

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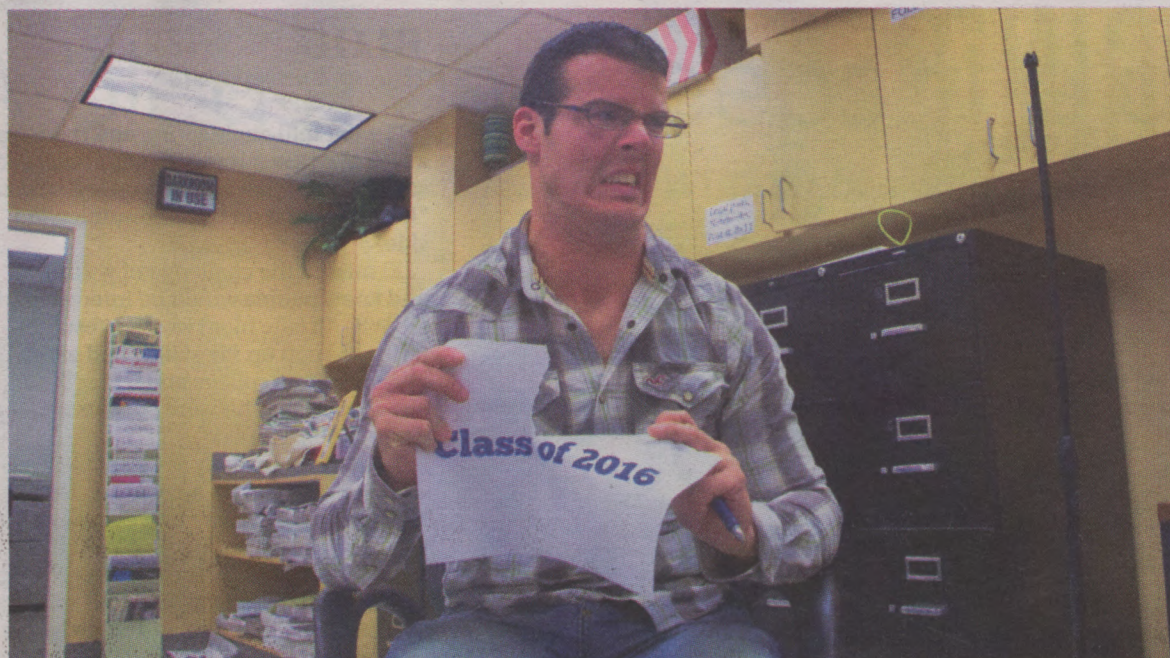


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True to his word, Brian Figurski demonstrates his distaste for the class of 2016 through vigorous physical strain.

## This is college, not daycare. Leave the diapers at the door.

By Brian Figurski  
Copy Editor/Super Super Senior

Perhaps I am just too old for these young'uns, but I feel Oakland's campus has been overrun by swarms of fast-footed, quick-witted freshmen. If you've never seen the sitcom "Dinosaurs," we are obviously too removed to speak to each other.

I'm somewhere between a junior and super-super-senior. I stopped labeling my class rank when my Facebook exploded with my high school peers' photos of degrees and I hadn't started the process of enrolling in collegiate activities. That was my bad.

The pandemic wasn't this bad last year. In 2012, however, the kiddies have come out in droves. Maybe OU is on their game this year with recruiting students, or more likely, parents can't jive to the tuition for MSU and the higher probability of teen pregnancy.

"Stay at home, Stacy. I'm not going to be on one of those damn MTV shows about your junkie boyfriends slow reaction time."

Luckily, I have crossed off all my basic courses that could possibly hoard these fresh, malleable minded individuals. My blocks contain only like-minded peers who also enjoy contemporary adult abortion humor.

But a man has got to eat, and warm bananas in the pouch of my backpack only satisfy for so long. From my experiences in the Oakland Center, I'd rather remove my foot "Saw" style and gnaw at the bloody stump than enter the crowd of crowing kids paying for something of similar taste and appearance.

You know someone is new to OU when they're mesmerized by Michigan's lone Chick-fil-A, then debate themselves whether it's ethical to eat the processed sandwich or not.

If you like the chicken, then grab the damn sandwich and move on and quit using it as a platform for your sexual identity. I know where I stand in the world, and I adore chicken. Vamanos.

It's cliché at this point, but you knew parking was going to be a project before coming to campus. It's redundantly ripped on each year. The rule is "walk,

don't stalk." Michigan has the fifth-highest obesity rate, and your upcoming schedule will prevent you from eating well-balanced meals. Walk your jiggling buns to class.

I am hopeful that with more students entering the atmosphere that some imprint of school spirit will stick unlike the usual trend of shuffling through welcome week activities and then immediately home.

There's tons of clubs with open arms for you beatniks. Learn something. Pick up a hobby. Understand the physics of Quidditch. Swim in Beer Lake.

Go to the sporting events. The student-athletes are highly determined people and put forth their best efforts, the least you can do is fill a seat. If anyone needs tickets to the O'rena, I've got tickets for \$20, two for \$30. I know a guy who knows a guy who knows a bear.

OU is home to all lifestyles, but after time has whittled you down, the freshmen will become one of us strange quirky folk. Have your skepticism for now and wait until you're a super senior.

### SATIRE

## A walk in the parking lot

By Brian Johnston  
Copy Editor

On their "Crime" album, Against Me! has a song called "Walking is Still Honest." They've obviously never seen me in a university parking lot on a boring day.

In fall semester 2011, I had a three-hour layover between classes every Thursday. Sometime before or after feeding myself, I'd make my way out to my battle-scarred minivan to lighten my load.

I thought I noticed something in my periphery, but chalked it up to my imagination. As I continued walking, though, my paranoia grew. A black SUV was following my every turn through the campus.

I wondered to myself which government agency had finally taken an interest in me. Should I begin to fear for my safety, or start negotiating for a good starting salary?

The car stopped about 20 feet from my parking spot. I hesitantly opened the sliding door of my van, switched my "morning" bag for my "afternoon" one, then closed the door headed back toward the Oakland Center.

What happened next both shocked and amused me. Upon noticing I wasn't relinquishing my parking space, he shot me "the bird" and sped off...

After the shock wore off, I felt as if mischief-god Loki had whispered into my ear. I had a brand-new superpower.

Some days I was the Pied Piper of Parking Lot 1. I would stroll around the lot, waiting for someone to follow me.

I would stand next to a stranger's car for a few seconds, then keep walking. I'd stop randomly and act bewildered. My favorite hobby was ambling up and down the aisles, seeing how long someone would follow me before giving up.

But most of the time, I showed up early, parked in one of the lots on the "outskirts" and simply walked to class.

Apparently in an institute of higher education, this concept seems lost on so many. For the majority of able-bodied students complaining about the parking situation, I offer no sympathy.

You know when your class starts. You know how long it's going to take to hoof it from point A to point B. Do a bit of math, set your alarm clock for a few minutes earlier and go from there.

The alternative is following someone though the parking lot who may not have your best interests in mind.