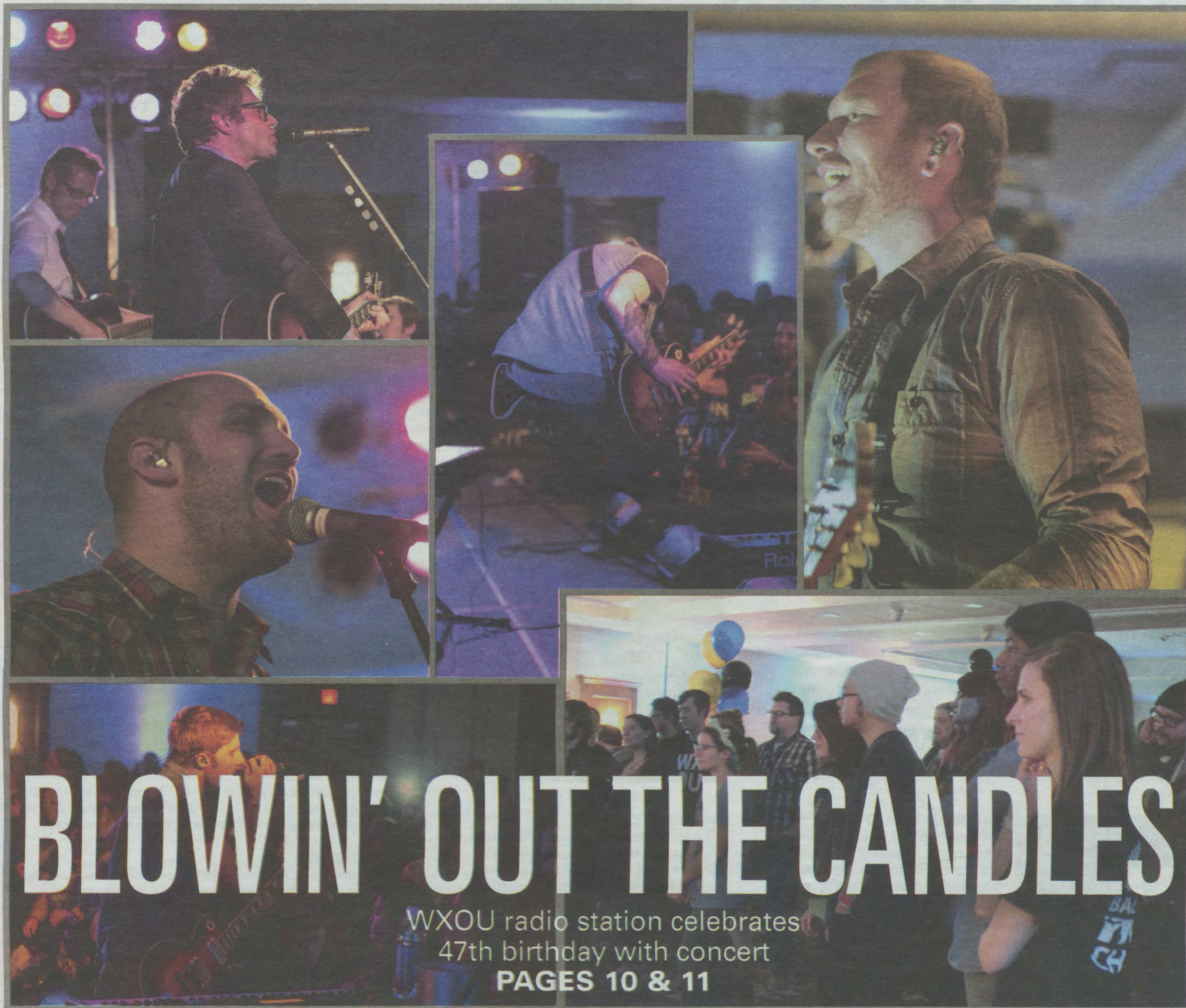


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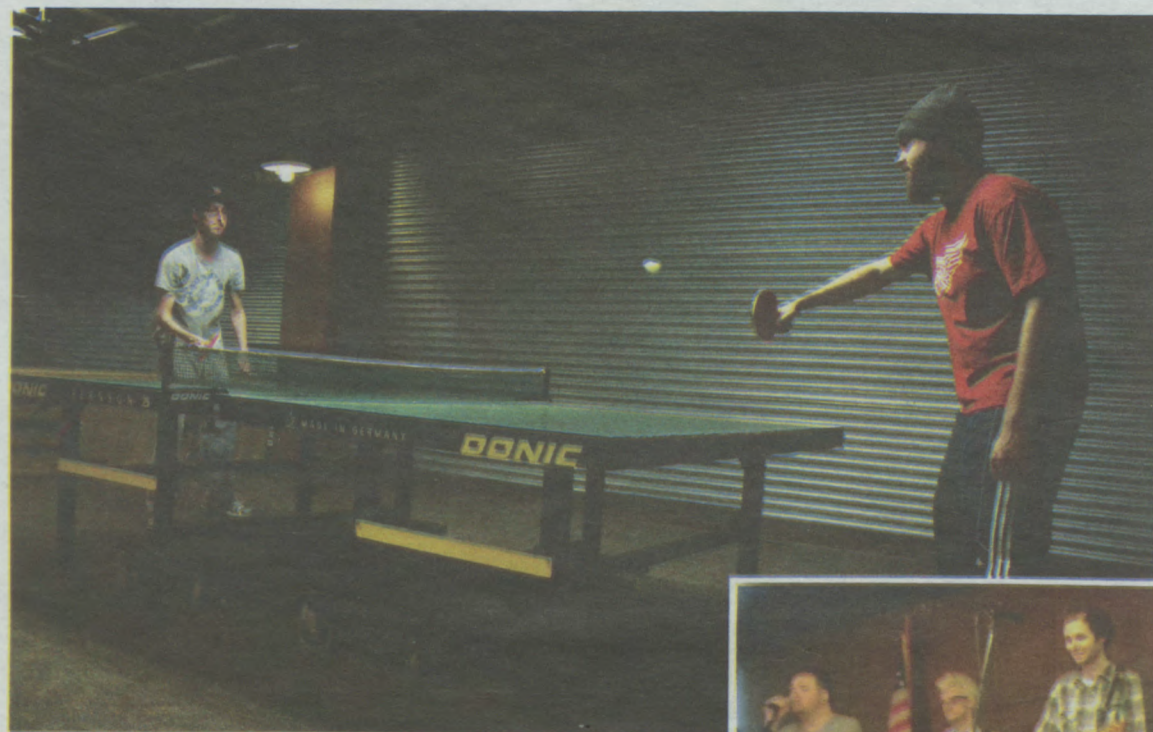


PHOTO OF THE WEEK

GAME TIME // Brothers and health science majors Evan Brenner, sophomore, and Remi Brenner, senior, take a break from schoolwork to play Tuesday night ping pong at Bumpers Game Room. "We decided to play because it's free and we wanted to kill some time," Evan Brenner said. "We've been coming here a lot lately. It's a cool place to hang out."

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POLL OF THE WEEK

How much student loan debt do you have?

- A \$0
- B \$0.01 - \$9,999.99
- C \$10,000 - \$20,000
- D \$20,000 or more

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Who are you planning on voting for in the upcoming OUSC election?

- A) Amera Fattah/Maria Arellano
139 votes | 34%
- B) Brandon Hanna/Jibran Ahmed
221 votes | 55%
- C) I plan on writing someone else in
16 votes | 4%
- D) I don't care
18 votes | 7%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

MARCH 24, 1980

Housing rates rose 9.6 percent to \$1,885. The rising cost was blamed on inflation rates. In comparison, OU's rate was the lowest of proximal universities, with U-M and CMU rates rising over 10 percent.

MARCH 22, 1982

The Committee on Academic Mission and Priorities recommended Oakland phase out programs to save funds, including human resources, theatre and dance and journalism. The committee sought to shift the university's direction from liberal arts to more financial and marketing programs.

MARCH 20, 2002

More than 2.5 million gallons of water were drained from Bear Lake so work on the bridge could commence. The lake was completely drained by the summer to do major repairs and landscape maintenance.



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6 // PINBALL WIZARD ◀

The fourth annual Pinball Expo will be on campus April 4-7. The event will feature tournaments and the opportunity to walk away with up to \$10,000 in cash and prizes.



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12 // RUGBY ◀

The rugby club begins its new season as the team comes together both on and off the field. The team began its season with a 53-10 victory against Wayne State.

15 // CONSTRUCTION

The recent reconstruction of downtown Rochester earned the city the honor of being named a 'Top Concrete' project by the Michigan Concrete Association. The project was one of 21 honored.

17 // AN IRISH JIG ▲

Special Lecturer John Freeman is the lead singer and guitarist for the Irish band The Codgers. The band played at the Gaelic League in Detroit for St. Patrick's Day this past weekend.

BY THE NUMBERS

STUDENT LOAN DEBT

\$956

billion — national student debt in Dec. 2012

\$10,540

average tuition cost for one academic year at OU

60%

of students borrow money every year

\$26,600

average amount of student debt in 2012

2.96%

most recent tuition increase at OU

STAFF EDITORIAL

A 20/20 vision of the future of higher education

Ask any college student what their biggest gripe about Oakland University is and most will say, in addition to parking, it's the cost of their degree.

Oakland's website lists the average fall/winter cost of tuition for upperclassmen at \$10,540 per semester. That number balloons to \$21,946 when room, board and other expenses are calculated.

With collegecalculator.org showing a steady tuition increase almost every year, that number will only go up over the course of a four-year degree at Oakland.

Consider this: Student loan debt in the United States has tripled since 2004, now approaching \$1 trillion, according to a report by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The U.S. Department of Education shows students have a 9.1 percent chance of defaulting on their loans two years after college. Three years after graduation, the average rate is 13.4 percent. In simpler terms, one out of every eight student loan borrowers will wind up in default.

These figures are frightening.

However, a group of Democratic Senators has a \$1.8

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billion idea — the Michigan 2020 plan.

Under the plan, graduating high school students could have their entire college tuition paid for by the state by 2020.

The Michigan 2020 plan, which was rejected in 2012, claims to be fully funded without raising taxes one cent for Michigan residents.

The money will instead be raised by eliminating business tax credits within four years of enactment, based on whether the credit "passes" or "fails" certain criteria. According to the MI2020 website, this could amount to \$11.57 billion a year.

Its business model is loosely based off the Kalamazoo Promise Program, which covers the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at a variety of Michigan colleges — including Oakland — as long as the stu-

dent attended high school for all four years at the Kalamazoo Public School District.

Promises are great, as long as they're not empty.

In 2006, former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed Public Act 479, more commonly known as the Michigan Promise Scholarship.

If you're like us, you know that promise didn't hold true.

Students were eligible for the \$4,000 scholarship if they received scores of a Level One or Level Two on all components of their Michigan Merit Examination. The program was discontinued shortly after implementation due to a lack of funds, and those who qualified for it no longer received the funding.

The group behind Michigan 2020 believes the path to economic growth and recovery lies within providing education. We wholeheartedly agree.

A highly skilled workforce could put Michigan back on the road to prosperity. It could provide valuable opportunities to brilliant students who might not otherwise get the chance.

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EDITORIAL

GMOs: Consumers should be informed of food ingredients

Genetically modified organisms are used in many foods to preserve freshness and make them "better." But controversy is arising about whether or not products made with these ingredients should be labeled, as the scientific community discusses the use of GMOs beyond plants.

The Food and Drug Administration defines GMO as a change in plant genotype, with modification having "a broad context that means the alteration in the composition of food that results from adding, deleting, or changing hereditary traits, irrespective of the method," and states "most, if not all, cultivated food crops have been genetically modified."

The process of genetic modification involves taking DNA from different species to make healthier, stronger plants. GMOs are now part of about 80 percent of processed foods, including corn, soybeans, sugar beets and



STEPHANIE SOKOL
local editor

canola crops, My Fox Detroit reported.

Farmers and scientists like the process, because they say it has positives. It rids plants of insects and can create better tasting, larger produce.

"We harvest more high-quality crops with less fertilizer and less pesticide and less

water than we ever could before," said corn farmer Mark Lauwers in an article with My Fox Detroit.

Despite praise by growers, some studies reveal the negative side of GMOs.

The process can lead to "higher risks of toxicity, allergies, antibiotic resistance, immune-suppression and cancer" in humans, according to the Center for Food Safety.

Genetically modified foods can also pose environmental threats, with genetic engineering in agriculture leading to "uncontrolled biological pollution, threatening numerous microbial, plant and animal species

with extinction, and the potential contamination of all non-genetically engineered life forms with novel and possibly hazardous genetic material."

Some manufacturers and stores are labeling GMO foods, but the government does not require it. The FDA feels that labeling products GMO "may be misleading on most foods, because most foods do not contain organisms (seeds and foods like yogurt that contain microorganisms are exceptions). It would likely be misleading to suggest that a food that ordinarily would not contain entire 'organisms' is 'organism free.'"

The problem arises because the genetic modification process will soon be applied to animals for the first time, in attempt to create a quicker growing, larger salmon.

Most countries don't consider these foods safe, with about 50 countries around the world putting restrictions or bans on the products. The NON GMO Project aims to provide foods that haven't gone through this process,

encouraging labeling on foods that do.

In partnership with the project, Whole Foods announced last Friday that it would label all foods with genetically altered ingredients by 2018 in North American and Canadian stores, for people who do not want altered products. Some other stores are taking the same route, and it's a smart path.

In a nation promoting health and fitness, the government should inform people about what's in their food, so consumers can make educated decisions.

If these foods are allowed to enter grocery stores and markets, the government needs to require labeling of genetically modified organisms in food, rather than keeping it a secret. Why put a nutrition label on food products, when the real genetic makeup is being hidden?

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Preparations for new housing facility to begin April 1

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Preparations will begin April 1 for the new \$30 million residence hall approved in December by the Board of Trustees, according to University Housing Director Jim Zentmeyer.

While an official groundbreaking ceremony will take place April 16, a construction fence will be put up at the beginning of the month to facilitate the movement of materials and equipment.

The construction will necessitate the closure of half of P5. Lots P1, P3 and the parking structure will be made available for overnight parking beginning March 23 and continuing through the end of the Summer II session, according to an email released to the campus community Friday evening.

Student Congress Vice President Robbie Williford, a resident on campus, said parking could be an issue in the near future.

"I think in short-term, the issue is going to be people having to park further away," he said. "A lot of students don't necessarily think about the longer term because I know that some students might not even be able to see the building once it's built."

Zentmeyer said the housing demand is higher than ever, and they expect to have to once again place more students at Homestead Studio Suites this year.

"We'll probably see twice as many students over there this coming year," Zentmeyer said. "We'll go from about 30-35 students who physically get placed over there to probably about 75 students who are placed over there."

Sweet suites

Zentmeyer said rooms in the new facility will be different than what students might be used to.

"These (freshman rooms) are really going to be sweet," Zentmeyer said. "The student enters, and they have a bathroom with a toilet, sink (and) shower. They have a kitchen sink, under-the-counter refrigerator/freezer, microwave and HVAC that regulates just this room's temperature. It's both air conditioning and heating 365 days a year."

Standard rooms for both freshmen and sophomores will be double occupancy. Sophomore rooms will feature a common sitting area and individual bedrooms currently designed with the capacity for full-size beds.

Rooms for the disabled will feature more square footage and wider turning space.

Priority placement in the new residence hall will be given to freshmen, sophomores and members of the Honors College, which will also move to the new facility upon completion.

Spacing out

Williford is particularly pleased with the Honors College receiving more space.

"I think there is limited space and in order to grow as a program with the Honors College, you have to have the space and you have to have the resources," he said.

Zentmeyer said part of the plan for the new building is to put the Honors College on display.

"We're going to have it front and center on the ground floor of the facility so that



Photo courtesy of Oakland University

This drawing depicts the new \$30 million residence hall which was approved by the Board of Trustees in December 2012. Preparations for the building will begin April 1.

when you enter the building, the Honors College is going to be behind glass," he said. "You'll see all the dynamics of what goes on in the Honors College."

Williford said there will also be more outdoor space available to the students.

"There's open spaces for people if they want to throw a football," he said. "From what I understand, there's going to be a few hammocks out there."

Building a community

Zentmeyer said he feels the new residence hall will be good for the campus as a whole because in his experience,

residents tend to be more active on campus.

"They know more people in a greater depth," he said. "This does become more of a home than if you're just jumping in your car, getting out for class, hopping back in your car and going home."

Williford feels the new facility would add to the diversity of the student population.

"You get more students that are able to live on-campus, which then goes into more people that are able to come from further away, which adds to diversity," Williford said.

Honors College preparing to move to new residence hall

By Lilly Reid
Staff Reporter

While the plans for the new residence hall are still being finalized, the Honors College has already begun to plan the transition to its new home. The Honors College will move to the new building, and the space will feature many social teaching spaces for honors classes and group projects.

"The Honors College wants to be more interactive with the students," Graeme Harper, dean of the Honors College, said. "This new space will give us a chance to come together as a community."

One of the main goals of the move is to benefit the students during their time here at Oakland.

"I like the idea of the Honors College moving to the new building," Rachel Smith, a freshman Honors College student, said. "The Honors College is one of the main reasons that I chose to come to Oakland, and I love the idea that the University is including it in its future."

Even with the new space, the Honors College will still hold classes around the university, according to Harper.

Designing the space

The new space will give students 24/7

access to the Honors College along with access to technology. Computer labs will be present along with other forms of technology including tablets, projectors and large screen TVs.

"By using technology like this we can have a creative way of learning for our students," Harper said. "It will really help to give the Honors College a solid footing for the future."

Moving on

Once the Honors College moves, the office where it currently resides in Vandenberg Hall will open up.

Currently, no plans have been made for what to do with the old space. The new space will offer the Honors College more room to offer their services to students.

"I'm excited to move over to the new space and see how it works out for us," Harper said. "It's innovative like the space we have now but it gives us the room to

grow and work with more people."

Even though many of the details haven't been finalized students are already spreading the word about the new space.

Smith believes the new building will help the Honors College to expand and will have a hugely positive impact on students.

Drawing in the crowd

The new space is planned to hold not only current students, but future students as well. One idea that has been brought up is to move the Honors College student floors from West Vandenberg over to the new building when it is completed.

"I do think the new building will draw more people to the Honors College," Smith said.

The building will start construction April 1 and is expected to be completed by fall 2014.



Playing for keeps

Michigan Pinball Expo to return to campus for fourth year, will include tournaments

Photo courtesy of John Kosmal

John Kosmal, expo organizer, said this year's event will include tournaments and someone could win up to \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

By Chris Peralta
Staff Intern

The Michigan Pinball Expo is coming to the Oakland Center's Banquet Rooms April 4-7.

"If you know what pinball is, then this is the mecca of pinball in Michigan," John Kosmal, event organizer, said. "People under 20 or 25 don't really know what it was like back in the day to walk into an arcade and see 60 or 70 games lined up. To see all the different colors, the lights, the sounds, I mean it's basically like a traveling circus."

During the event, pinball experts and fans will discuss, play and purchase pinball machines like the themed "Wizard of Oz" or "Avengers."

Even though many of the modern pinball machines are themed, there is always something new with pinball, according to Kosmal.

Playing the game

After paying the entry fee, guests will be able to play any machine because they're set to free-play.

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John Kosmal,
Michigan Pinball Expo Organizer

Any college student attending the event can participate in the expo's "College Night" from 7 p.m. until midnight, where \$5 can buy five hours of play time if you show your Grizzly ID at the front door.

The expo will also hold tournaments, and registration will cost an additional \$10.

There will be multiple tournaments. First prize for the main tournament is \$1,000 and one person can walk away with \$10,000 in cash and prizes, according to Kosmal.

Jack Guarnieri, more commonly known as "Jersey Jack" from Jersey Jack Pinball, will be selling machines

like the new "Wizard of Oz" pinball machine.

Mark Szczepkowski, volunteer for the expo, describes it as a place where he can enjoy pinball with other enthusiasts.

Tickets for the Michigan Pinball Expo can be bought online through PayPal or at the door. Tickets cost \$10 for children, \$15 for adults.

If you want to bring a pinball machine of your own for the expo or if you want to volunteer, visit the Michigan Pinball Expo's website at www.mipinball.com

Contact Staff Intern Chris Peralta via email at cwperalt@oakland.edu or follow him on Twitter @MrKhryspy

EXPO DETAILS

WHEN: April 4-7

WHERE: Oakland Center Banquet Rooms

COST: \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids

POLICE FILES

Student struck by vehicle

OUPD arrived to a hit-and-run scene March 11 at 9:20 a.m.

A student was struck by a car in P26 on their way to Pawley Hall.

The student attempted to get the driver's attention by placing her hands on the hood of the vehicle and screaming. The student avoided the path of the car by sliding her legs to the left side of the car.

The student refused emergency medical attention, but there was an abrasion on her left wrist.

OU police officers recovered the vehicle that struck her later that day, and the student confirmed the car through photos. Police interviewed the driver who admitted to hitting the student.

The driver was cited for careless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and failing to report an accident.

Employees threatened by prospective student

OU police officers were dispatched to North Foundation March 11 at 11:28 a.m. because two employees said they had received a threatening phone call from a prospective student.

The prospective student yelled at them because the prospective student was missing a file for application to the university. The prospective student threatened bodily harm to both women.

The assistant vice president of student affairs made contact with the prospective student. She told OUPD the prospective student was calm and did have valid concerns.

The assistant vice president of student affairs said she would talk to the two workers and determine the best outcome.

Student slips on ice

A student told police he was leaving Elliot Hall March 4 at 7:50 p.m. and was walking downstairs to P36. The student he they slipped on ice and fell to the ground. The student said the lights were not on and he could not see the stairs were covered in ice.

The student reported that their \$600 jeans and Coach watch were both damaged by the fall. The student also said they rolled their ankle, but it was fine the next morning.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki,
Copy Editor

Survey says

Results from national college health assessment released

By Jennifer Holychuk
Senior Reporter

The results of Oakland University's participation in the 2012 National College Health Assessment were released by Graham Health Center last week.

The assessment, developed by the American College Health Association, is a survey designed to help colleges and universities gather data about the health habits, behaviors and perceptions of their students.

The assessment contains more than 300 questions and has been administered to roughly 825,000 students from schools across the country since it was first developed in spring 2000.



JANSEN

Nancy Jansen, Graham Health Center director and adult nurse practitioner said Oakland participated in the fall 2012 segment of the survey for the first time in more than 10 years.

The survey was sent to 4,000 randomly selected OU students via email, and 558 students ultimately responded and completed the survey.

"We had a 14 percent response rate," Jansen said. "It was a little lower than predicted."

"WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT RESOURCES ON CAMPUS THAT WILL HELP STUDENTS."

Nancy Jansen,
Graham Health Center Director
and Nurse Practitioner

The assessment is divided into nine sections: general health, disease and injury prevention, academic impacts, violence/abusive relationships and personal safety, alcohol/tobacco and drug use, sexual behavior, nutrition and exercise, mental health and sleep.

The most important outcome of the assessment will be university programs designed to meet students' health needs as shown by survey results, according to Julie Proctor, Graham Health Center's health and wellness coordinator.

"We want to highlight resources on campus that will help students," she said.

Some of the most significant results relate to health obstacles that could impact learning, according to Jansen.

She said the results were narrowed down to the top seven impediments to learning for OU students, in order of most to least impactful: stress, anxiety, work, sleep difficulties, Internet use, cold/flu and depression.

The 2012 national results will be released by the ACHA in upcoming weeks, which will compare OU's results to national averages, according to Jansen.

More of OU's results in the survey will be released as soon as the 2012 national results become available.

Contact Senior Reporter Jennifer Holychuk via email jholychuk@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @jholychuk

SURVEY BREAKDOWN

73 percent: were female-identifying

25 percent: were male-identifying

81 percent: were caucasian

93 percent: were single/never married

93 percent: were heterosexual

7 percent: were LGBTQ-identifying

56 percent: live at home

26 percent: live in campus housing

20 years old: the average age of those surveyed

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Former student files \$2.2 million lawsuit against university

By Nichole Seguin
Editor-in-Chief

A former student said he filed a \$2.2 million lawsuit against Oakland University Friday morning because he believes his First and 14th Amendment rights have been violated and the "unconstitutional and discriminatory conduct was evil, motivated by evil intent and was oppressive and malicious."

Joseph Corlett, a 57-year-old former student, was banned from the university in February 2012 for writing in course assignments about his sexual attraction toward a female professor.

Corlett, who moved to Sarasota, Fla. from Lake Orion, said his lawyers filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Detroit. The entire OU Board of Trustees, University President Gary Russi and Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs, are all listed in the suit.

Corlett has enlisted the help of two attorneys — Alari Adams and Kyle Bristow — from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education organization.

"We're bringing this suit right now because Joe decided to further pursue this suit against the university because his civil rights were violated, and he wants to ensure that this doesn't happen to anyone else at Oakland," Adams said.

Corlett was found guilty of violating University Regulation #6.02 — Unlawful Individual Activities — by the University Conduct Committee Jan. 19, 2012 for an entry titled "Hot for Teacher" in a daybook he had to keep for his Advanced Critical Writing course.

"The UCC board determined that Plaintiff Corlett's Daybook entries rose to a level of 'intimida(tion)' toward a 'person engaged in lawful activities on campus,'" the lawsuit states.

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Alari Adams,
Joseph Corlett's Attorney

Corlett was suspended from Oakland for three semesters — Summer 2012, Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 — was deemed a persona non grata on campus during his suspension and was required to undergo counseling for sensitivity issues before returning to the university.

He submitted an appeal to his suspension to Snyder Feb. 9,

2012. His appeal was denied by Snyder March 5, 2012, according to the document.

"The university's interpretation and application of this policy has a chilling effect on Plaintiff Corlett's right to freely and openly engage in discussions of his theories, ideas and beliefs," the lawsuit states. "By enforcing this policy against his peaceful expression in a class assignment — labeling such expression an 'unlawful activity' — OU and Defendants have violated rights guaranteed to Plaintiff Corlett and to all university students by the First and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America. These rights are clearly established by governing legal authority and Defendants' violations are knowing, intentional and without lawful justification."

Corlett's lawsuit claims the university's definition of unlawful activities is too broad and

violates the First Amendment. It also states it has caused him to endure humiliation and mental anguish.

"The overbreadth of Defendants' policy and practice chills protected speech by discouraging students, like Plaintiff Corlett, from exercising their First and 14th Amendment rights based on fear that they will be punished for engaging in expressive activity," the lawsuit states.

He has demanded a trial by jury, which is "completely allowed," according to attorney Cam Evans.

The university does not comment on pending litigation, according to Ted Montgomery, director of media relations.

The Oakland Post will continue to update this story as more information becomes available.

Senior Reporter Kevin Graham contributed to this report

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TOP LEFT Rebecca Smith plays the flute for the talent portion of Lady SAE. **BOTTOM LEFT** Kayley Meckstorrh, Danny Hill and Gina Patrico speak at the event. **RIGHT** The theme of this year's event was Disney Princesses. Members of SAE Evan Saap, Frankie O'Brien, Ryan Fabian, Timothy Mileo, Nick Delfin, Alex Mendelson and Eric Piesing act as the seven dwarves.

Written and photographed
by Kailee Mathias
Multimedia Reporter

The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon presented the third annual Lady SAE Pageant March 16 in Dodge Hall of Engineering.

There were eight girls competing for the title of Lady SAE, and this year's theme was Disney Princesses.

The competition consisted of three rounds. The first two were spirit wear and a talent round.

An intermission followed and allowed time for the judges to deliberate.

Sarah Bacon, the winner of Lady SAE 2012, was honored as one of the judges for this competition.

"There were lots of good talents this year," Bacon said. "My favorite was probably Jenna Schafer's. She brought her dog and the dog would do tricks for her. It was the cutest thing ever."

Last year, Bacon's talent

Tough competition

*Sigma Alpha Epsilon presents 3rd
annual Lady SAE Pageant*

for the contest was bringing in homemade cupcakes she decorated in SAE colors for the judges.

Molly Todd

During the intermission, the pageant featured a performance from Molly Todd, a band that was founded by SAE members Josh Snell, Danny Evola, Jonny Tozzi and Sean Ireland.

Molly Todd was created in

the 1980s by Alpha Delta Pi.

"Molly Todd lives on through the music of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The legend lives on," Snell said.

As members graduate, the group adds different members to keep the group going.

The group that performed at 2013's Lady SAE had only been together for nine days. New people were added to the group after members graduated.

They have now added three new members to the group, Angelo Grammatico, Ross Herner and Tyler Auclair.

Auclair said he is the first non-SAE member to be in Molly Todd.

The queen is crowned

After the judges narrowed the decision down to five competitors, they moved on to the final round.

This was the formal dress round, and each contestant had to choose a Disney Princess and dress the part.

The five remaining contestants, Anna Petovello, Jenna Schafer, Kayley Meckstorrh, Victoria Franso and Ashley Maue, took the stage and answered the final questions of the judges.

As the judges went to select their winner, Molly Todd took the stage again and called their supporters to the front.

"My favorite part of performing was having all my friends in the front and I could actually hear people singing along with us as we were playing. And I crowd surfed, that was pretty rad," Auclair said.

After the performance the decision was made, and Victoria Franso took home the crown.

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A happy birthday, indeed

Photos by Dylan Dulberg,
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For most, a 47th birthday is nothing to go wild about. But for WXOU, there was much to celebrate. Shortly after winning the Michigan Association of Broadcasting award for the best radio station in the state for the second year in a row, the station was also nominated for a national award — the mtvU People's Choice Radio Station of the Year.

In the top 25 stations, the radio station endured a lengthy voting process to reach the top 10. From there, it was all in mtvU's hands. Some members of WXOU were invited to Texas to attend the awards ceremony, where they found out they did not win the award. But after winning their second ever MAB award, one loss did not break their spirits.

WXOU celebrated at Oakland University with a concert featuring Go Radio and Steven Page, Grammy winner and former vocalist for the Barenaked Ladies, as well as local band The Bends. The Monday night concert drew hundreds of attendees from on and off campus — some even coming from out-of-state. In a recent interview with The

Oakland Post, WXOU Program Director Christina Venditti spoke about their nomination for the mtvU Woodie Award. "I think it really goes to show what we have accomplished," she said. "It is an effect of the exposure we have received, the work we have done and the changes we have made to our station and how we do things."

Springing into action

As the rugby club begins its new season, the team comes together on and off the field

By Lilly Reid
Staff Reporter

With the end of winter near, Oakland's club rugby team played the opening game for their spring season with a 53-10 win at home against Wayne State March 16. The team already has a head start by getting the team together to practice and to discuss the schedule for the new season.

Behind the scenes

Beginning in 2005, the team had a couple of rough years and was dying down by 2010, according to Ted Tansley, president of the team. The club was able to rebuild their player base in 2011 and kept going.

"Some of the older guys were a big part of keeping the team going," Tansley said. "I joined right away and instantly fell in love with the sport."

The game

Rugby is a highly aggressive sport combining a mixture of football and soccer. Game play features 15 players on the field at once.

"We have a special motto that we use on the team: 15 as 1," Captain Frank DeLong said. "Each team is only as strong as their weakest link."

The team works together as a single unit to score points against the opposing team.

"My favorite part of the game is that it's a very team oriented sport," DeLong said. "There are no superstars out here, only a great team."

Not just a man's world

Oakland currently only has a men's rugby team, but the team has high hopes to start a women's team as well. Even though rugby is a high contact and aggressive sport, it doesn't have to stop women from getting involved.

"We really hope to get a women's team started up," Tansley said. "It'll be nice to have diversity brought to the sport."

Getting involved

To play on the team, there is a \$45 registration for each player plus club dues. However, anyone is encouraged to get involved with the team.



TED TANSLEY/The Oakland Post

Oakland began their spring season with a 53-10 victory at home Saturday, March 16 against Wayne State University.

"The great thing about rugby is that really anyone can play," Tansley said. "It doesn't matter what body build you are, we'll find a spot for you on the team."

Many of the current players have backgrounds in the sport but those who do not have previous experience are welcomed to try something new.

"I started playing rugby my junior year of high school," DeLong said. "When I got word that Oakland's team was looking for some new players, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to continue playing."

The team has a table in the Oakland Center that students can go to for information about joining or when the next game will be.

In the zone

Like many other sports, rugby has a mindset all its own. Players get deeply involved in the game, suffering through injuries and a number of other obstacles.

"The team plays in all sorts of weather and other condition," Tansley said. "We play year round so it's interesting to see how each game plays out."

The team plays in the Upper Pioneer Fields and the season continues into

"My favorite part of being on the team is the bonds I've formed with my teammates. Each and every guy on this team is a brother to me."

Frank DeLong,
Rugby captain

the summer months.

"Rugby can get pretty rough," Tansley said. "But it's tons of fun, so it's more than worth it."

Rugby combines a mix of mental and physical ability to create such a challenging game. This challenge gives its players their connections to the field.

"When you're on the field, you get an emotional connection to it," Tansley said. "As soon as you get pulled out all you want to do is jump right back in."

A new kind of sportsmanship

Sportsmanship is important in any game, but rugby takes the game to a new level. After the game is over, the home team hosts and sponsors a social. These events feature food and good conversation for both the home and opposing teams.

"It's nice to just be able to be in good company after a game," Tansley said. "It's a great way to end such a great game."

Rugby teams everywhere host socials, making them a staple to any game. Events like these help to promote not only sportsmanship with another team but healthy competition, as well.

Building a brotherhood

The players enjoy spending time together on and off the field. Going out to eat and sitting together watching matches to pick up strategies are some of their most common activities.

"My favorite part of being on the team is the bonds I've formed with my teammates," DeLong said. "Each and every guy on this team is a brother to me."

The team welcomes anyone who is willing to play and wants to join an exciting and interesting sport.

"We like to think of rugby as Oakland's version of football," Tansley said. "Since we don't have a team ourselves yet, it's nice to still bring excitement to the students."

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TAKING THE NEXT STEPP

After enduring an injury last season, sophomore golfer Marianna Stepp is back on the green

By Monica Nowak
Staff Intern

Some people endure struggles and hardship and let it get the best of them.

Sophomore Marianna Stepp, a member of the Oakland University women's golf team, has overcome an injury and said she is honored to still play for the Grizzlies.

Back on course

"I fell in love with the campus and am blessed to be in this position," Stepp said.

Stepp earned sixth place out of 10 at the Jackrabbit Invitational in Primm, Nev., which took place March 12 and 13. Her best career score is a 74 on a par 72. The team placed fourth.

Just last year, she swung her

club and turned the wrong way, tearing her meniscus.

"I had physical therapy every day a week for my surgery from April until September," Stepp said. "I did more in the weight room to build strength and balance."

Despite her knee injury, she refused to give up.

"The process was long but I wanted to do everything I could right away with no short cuts," Stepp said.

In sports like football or basketball, it is good to get mad or angry because it creates aggressive play. It is the opposite in golf, according to Stepp.

"Golf is a more mental sport and you have to think the whole way around the course, and your attitude must stay positive," Stepp said.

Even her teammate, junior

Donna Fiscelli, believes golf is different.

"You have to look behind the ball, visualize the ball, step up to it, and execute it," Fiscelli said.

Combining Stepp's attitude and her passion for the sport gives her goals for the future.

"My future goal is to win Summit Leagues this spring and play professional golf after college," Stepp said.

Team effort

Coach Russ Cunningham noted the team's growth in each player individually.

"Each person should feel that they have done their best effort in all aspects of being a student athlete-academically, athletically, physically and socially," Cunningham said.

Stepp also looks up to her



STEPP

helped me transition from playing in high school to college," Stepp said.

Fiscelli shared the same sentiments as her teammate.

"She is a great player and it's amazing to watch her out on the course," Fiscelli said. "I even look up to her and supported her when she came off her injury."

Stepp also serves as a mentor for younger girls on the team, such as freshman Haylee Zyber.

teammates, including Fiscelli.

"(Fiscelli) has been a role model since middle school and she guides me and definitely

"Marianna took me under her wing," Zyber said. "She guided me into the rights and wrongs of golf and in my life."

Other friends come out to support the girls, including junior Alexandra St. Pierre, who is a fan of the team.

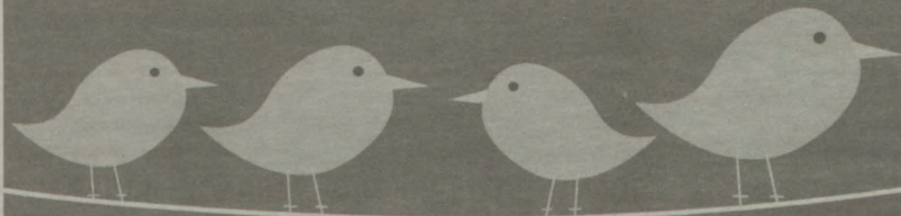
"The girls on the team have great personalities, and I can see the passion in their eyes with what they do," St. Pierre said. "I love them all equally, and they work well as a team."

Stepp hopes to be a leader for other players.

"The main thing I hope people remember about me is that I set a good example for my teammates and set a standard for all new incoming athletes," Stepp said.

The team will compete in the Cincinnati spring invitational in Crystal River, Fla., March 22-24.

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AROUND THE DIAMOND

Grizzlies baseball and softball roundup from March 14-20

March 15

Oakland baseball fell to Buffalo 8-4 at Woerner Field in Dayton, Ohio Friday. Junior left-hander Jason Hager pitched 6.2 innings, giving up four earned runs while striking out nine. Senior first baseman Nolan Jacoby went 2-5 and scored a run in the third inning, temporarily putting Oakland on top 2-1. Two three-run innings helped Buffalo secure the victory.

March 16

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Jake Paulson gave up three earned runs in seven innings Saturday as Oakland lost 6-0. Dayton recorded 11 hits against Oakland pitching. Sophomore right-hander Noah Buettgen dominated, shutting the Grizzlies out on three hits. Freshman infielder and outfielder Aaron Huseman went 3-4 and drove in two runs for the Flyers.

March 16 — Game Two

In the second game of a double-header, the Grizzlies earned an 8-3 victory over Buffalo at Time Warner Stadium in Dayton. Freshman outfielder Brett Impemba was perfect at the plate, batting 4-4. Impemba stole third base in the sixth inning and scored on an error, adding to a three-run inning for the Grizzlies. Junior outfielder Jared Theisen was 3-5 with an RBI. Junior right-hander Tim Koons earned his second win of the season, giving up one earned run and striking out eight.



IMPEMBA

March 17

The Grizzlies dropped the finale at Dayton 8-5 after a three-run comeback in the eighth inning fell just short. Jacoby was 2-4 at the plate with an RBI. Sophomore right-hander Chris Van

Dyke recorded the loss after giving up four earned runs in five innings and striking out five Flyers. Senior infielder Jared Broughton had one hit, a double to left field that drove in two runs for Dayton in the seventh inning. Oakland headed into the top of the eighth inning trailing 8-2. Hits from Theisen, Jacoby and Enslin contributed to a three-run rally. Dayton was able to close it out, going on to win by three.

Grizzlies Softball

The Oakland doubleheader against Bowling Green State University scheduled for March 19 was postponed due to inclement weather. No makeup dates have been announced yet.

The Grizzlies are 3-5 on the season and haven't played since Feb. 21 at Florida A&M where they lost both games of a doubleheader.

— Compiled by Lindsay Beaver,
Sports Editor

UPCOMING GAMES

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Work in Rochester lasted one construction season, from April to December. Projects included sidewalks, roads and bridge work, among other renovations.

Giving the city a solid foundation

Downtown construction work earns city 'Top Concrete' award for construction projects and teamwork

Written and Photographed
by Stephanie Sokol
Local Editor

Rochester's 2012 reconstruction work earned the city the honor of being named a "Top Concrete" project by the Michigan Concrete Association at the end of February.

The program looked at more than 50 submitted projects and awarded 21 based on quality, innovation, complexity and speed of construction, according to Kerry Sutton, MCA director of engineering.

The work in downtown Rochester received top ratings for the annual award, out of all projects in its category.

"This was a very complex project, with the underground work and coordination with local businesses," Sutton said. "It was high-impact and timing was critical. The work was done quickly and efficiently."

A plaque was given to contractor Angelo Iafrate, Oakland Michigan Department of Transportation Service Center, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber and concrete supplier Superior Materials, in addition to the city's recognition, Sutton said.

"This was a very complex project, with the underground work and coordination with local businesses. It was high-impact and timing was critical. The work was done quickly and efficiently."

Kerry Sutton,
MCA Director of Engineering

Rochester's projects lasted one construction season, from April to December, though the design took two years, according to Lori Swanson, MDOT project manager on the Rochester road reconstruction. She said the lifespan of pavement is about 20 years, so it will have a lasting impact.

Nik Banda, Rochester deputy city manager, accepted the award at a ceremony last week.

Though there are some finishing touches to be made on the renovations this spring, like planting of flowers and finishing work on a new-found well, the project was "the most important in the history of the city," with partnership and team effort

by all involved, Banda said.

"We really worked hard on making sure everyone — residents, business owners, commuters — knew what was going on so that it would help them to still come downtown and also to get people around town and just make traffic flow a lot easier," Swanson said. "So that was probably our biggest success. We delivered an excellent project that's going to give many years of beautification and good pavement, but engagement was key."

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Bill may drop foreign language requirement

High school students may no longer have to take language courses if a bill passes to drop the current requirement. The bill is sponsored by Republican state representative Phil Potvin, and will allow students to take computer science in place of a language or Algebra 2. The bill is opposed by the Michigan Department of Education.

Easter Bunny arrives at the Village of Rochester Hills

The Village of Rochester Hills will host the "Easter Bunny Bash" this Saturday from 10:30 to noon. Radio Disney will provide entertainment and games. The rabbit will appear at 11 a.m. on a fire truck and sit in the Village gazebo until 6 p.m. for photos.

Brooklands Elementary Craft and Vender Show

A craft and vender show will be hosted this Saturday at Brooklands Elementary, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with door prizes and refreshments available.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$1. The school is located at 490 E Auburn Rd., Rochester Hills, MI. Proceeds from the show will go to the Brooklands Elementary PTA.

Animal Wellness Clinic at Freedom Hill

The First annual All About Animals clinic will be hosted Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the new Freedom Hill Amphitheatre in Sterling Heights. The event will offer \$10 vaccines, as well as heartworm tests and \$20 pet microchips and parasite prevention products.

Dogs should be brought on leashes and cats in carriers. For more information, visit www.allaboutanimalsrescue.org

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Stephanie Sokol,
Local Editor

One stop toward a new leader

Businessman named director of local business improvement center

By Chris Peralta
Staff Intern

Rochester Hills business leader Greg Doyle has recently become director of Oakland County's One Stop Shop Business Center.

Doyle graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in resource development and has been in the corporate world for the better part of twenty years.



DOYLE

Movin' on up

When the center's previous direc-

tor left in November, Doyle was asked to lead interim while the center interviewed prospective candidates. Shortly after, he was selected to fill the position.

Helping businesses thrive

The One Stop Shop Business Center, located in Waterford off Telegraph Road, helps small businesses in Oakland County start, grow and thrive. The center uses advanced tools and technologies, and it can pinpoint marketing information by the block, helping small business hopefuls start in an area that would prove the most profitable.

"What we do is a lot of education and training for entrepreneurs," Doyle said. "Typically we have short-duration classes and long-term training."

The long-term training meets once a week for 10 weeks.

"If we have a particular type of company that could benefit from working with another company, we're going to get them connected."

**Greg Doyle,
Oakland County One Stop Shop
Business Center Director**

Next, the business has long-term training for new entrepreneurs called "Venture Plan," which helps businesses create a step-by-step business plan. The long-term training for existing businesses is on how to expand their business.

Along with its technology, the One Stop Shop Business Center also offers one-on-one consulting for small business owners, providing educational

short-duration and long-term training programs that teach "over 1,000 people a year," Doyle said.

"We like to think of ourselves as 'connectors,'" Doyle said. "If we have a particular type of company that could benefit from working with another company, we're going to get them connected."

Erick Phillips, a small business counselor at the One Stop Shop Business Center, said the most rewarding part of his job is playing a significant role in the success of a business.

"Greg has made huge strides in the direction of our group. In addition to setting a vision, I think his greatest strength is giving us the opportunity to pursue our own interests and talents," Phillips said.

For more information on the One Stop Shop Business Center, visit <http://bit.ly/WDZmsr>

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Completed applications for all Critical Difference Scholarships must be submitted by March 30, 2013.

PROF ROCK

Writing and rhetoric special lecturer fronts Celtic band by night

Written and Photographed
By Haley Kotwicki
Copy Editor

The thump, thump, thump of ecstatic toes vibrated the wooden dance floor. The audience clapped their hands to fast-paced Irish jigs. They kicked their legs forward and back with gusto and glee like Riverdance extras.

John Freeman pressed his lips to the microphone and sang, "What do you do with a drunken sailor, what do you do with a drunken sailor?"

School of rock

If you took the required gen eds WRT 150 or WRT 160 at OU, there is a great chance you met special lecturer John Freeman. When he is not grading essays, teaching or writing, he is singing and playing guitar in The Codgers.

On St. Patrick's Day, The Codgers played at Nancy Whiskey's and their favorite haunt, the Gaelic League in Detroit.

"We're a high energy, rockish, Irish drinking set," Freeman said. "It's something to pound your pint glass to."

The band defines their genre as folk, Celtic, and Americana, but the members also cover bands like the Rolling Stones and Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues."

Along with Freeman are Steve Cousins, accordionist and vocalist, Matt Balcer, mandolin player, Terry Murphy, guitarist, vocalist and banjo player, Jake Dimmick, bassist, and Patrick Carey, vocalist and Bodhrán player — a drum that looks like a tambourine without cymbals.

In this St. Patrick's Day season, The Codgers play 12 to 15 gigs in the first half of March. The rest of the year they play two gigs each month including the first Saturday of every month at the Gaelic League.

Making a band

The Codgers formed in 2006 at the Tipperary Pub in Detroit's Warrendale neighborhood. Freeman, Balcer and Cousins are the original members left in this hip-swaying, foot-tapping band.

"It's definitely got some edge to it so it's not schmaltzy," Freeman said.

Freeman has been playing guitar since he was 14 years old. He became the lead singer "sort of by default"



The Codgers, a folk/Celtic/Americana band, played at the Gaelic League in Detroit on St. Patrick's Day. Lead singer/guitarist John Freeman is a special lecturer at Oakland.

because he wasn't afraid to sing to a crowd.

By definition a codger is an old, eccentric man. But the band members are young.

"We play old man music, maybe we will grow into it," Freeman said.

The fans

As they took the stage, the crowd cheered and took pictures. Children and adults were kicking their heels to the music. Fans gave the band members high-fives and hugs during and after the show.

When they played at Mario's Italian Restaurant, The Codgers notoriously fired up the crowd to the point where people started crowd surfing. Dimmick said he was surprised that they just started picking people up. But, the event became a claim-to-fame, according to their Facebook.

"The employees all descended on the room to see what in the hell was going on. We're pretty sure it's the only time something like that has happened at Mario's, so we're kind of proud of the incident," Freeman said.

Celtic heritage

Freeman grew up going to see Irish pub music with his parents. Growing up on Detroit's west side, the mood of

the music resonated with him.

"A lot of my grandma's family was related to Irish immigrants," Freeman said. His family has a legacy of labor activism.

The troubles of Ireland seemed to match those of Detroit for Freeman.

"The poverty, emptiness and violence sounded like the neighborhood I grew up in," Freeman said in reference to British repression, the slaughter of fighters in the 1798 Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars, according to www.oracleireland.com.

Although they play at other venues, such as the Magic Stick in Royal Oak, The Codgers always return to Corktown.

"We try to play in Corktown because it feels like home for us," Freeman said.

McSpillin

McSpillin is a fellow band that has a chummy rivalry with The Codgers. Freeman describes their conversations as "friendly banter."

"We will get each other to play Ted Nugent even though no one likes him," Freeman said.

McSpillin's lead singer Joni Burgess recalls the first metaphorical shot.

"John Freeman let me check out the Codgers' playlist when they were but a wee young band. All the songs were

"We're a high energy, rockish, Irish drinking set. It's something to pound your pint glass to."

John Freeman,
Guitarist/lead singer/special lecturer

folk and Irish until I saw the song 'Fred Bear' on the list. It was such a strange choice. From that point on, when we saw them at a gig, I would get everyone to yell 'Fred Bear' until they played it. It got to the point where they would see us walk in the door and immediately bust into the notorious jam before we could start our bear calls."

McSpillin was forced into learning how to play "Fred Bear" by The Codgers' heckling, according to Burgess.

The friendly feud seems to still be going strong. McSpillin posted a photo of a hybrid Fred Flintstone and Yogi Bear March 9.

"It's a burden both bands will have to 'bear' for years to come. Just don't tell Ted (Nugent). Freeman is pretty gangly like a lame animal. Ted might want him for his ranch," Burgess said.

Merchandizing

The band does not sell t-shirts, hats, bags etc. They only sell CD's at their gigs and music online. According to Freeman, that's intentional.

"We have a 'f--- merchandise' type of ethos," Freeman said.

The Codgers are set to release their new CD "Lichfield" with a kickoff party at the Gaelic League Saturday, April 6.

Future stage mates

On Saturday, March 23, The Codgers will be sharing the stage with Stroller Coaster at the Berkley Front. Stroller Coaster is the punk child of Moodle engineers Nic Bongers, Johnny Coughlin, Shaun Moore and Jim Wood.

Freeman and Stroller Coaster's bassist Shaun Moore met because both teach in the Writing and Rhetoric department. Nic Bongers, Stroller Coaster's guitarist, said it was a technical move to join up with another OU band.

Bongers said their genres are very different because Stroller Coaster sings about "sexy robots" and "time travelers" but they still respect The Codgers.

"They make it fresh," Bongers said. "It's not your great great grandma's Irish music."

Getting to know Jim

Housing director puts passion into work ethic, gains students' respect

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

During the interview process for the job of housing director at Oakland University, a student leader asked Jim Zentmeyer a question which would go on to shape his approach to the job.

"This student was a first year resident assistant and she asked me the hardest question," he said. "The question was simply, 'Will you remember my name?'"

For Zentmeyer, the question asked a lot more.

"The question said, 'will students matter to you?'"

Pursuing passion

Zentmeyer, who was February's Employee of the Month, worked at seven different universities in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio before coming to OU Jan. 2010.

It's at OU that Zentmeyer feels he's gained the most freedom.

"A lot of that passion does come from within and personal issues of faith, but this is by far the university that has given me the most leeway to kind of live out the passions that I've always wanted to see in my career and in my interactions with students," he said.

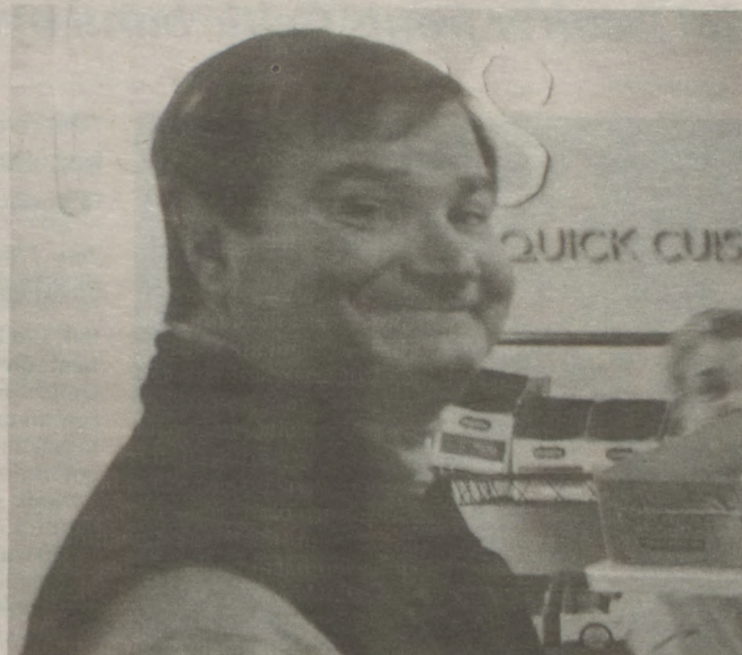
Student Congress Vice President and on-campus resident Robbie Williford said it is not uncommon to see Zentmeyer eating lunch with students.

"I could go into the cafeteria during lunchtime and see him sitting there talking to students, eating lunch with them, coming to the RHA meetings which are later on, they're at 7 o'clock at night," he said. "I don't know any other administrator other than Jean Ann Miller that really stays on campus that long."

Blazing his own trail

Zentmeyer will be the first to tell you his management style isn't traditional.

"I would say that the typi-



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Jim Zentmeyer has been Oakland's housing director since January 2010.

cal administrative perspective would be, 'Let's give the students as little information as we can get away with,'" he said. "I swing the other way. There are a number of student leaders in particular on this campus in various organizations, that they can take sensitive information and handle it in a very mature, adult, rational way."

Students were involved early on in the process of design and construction for the new residence hall, something Williford said really paid off.

"I firmly believe that this campus would not be where it is today without the voice of the students and without the students doing what you guys are all doing in this room right now. You're making your voice heard and you're making a difference on campus," Williford recalled Zentmeyer saying at an OUSC meeting.

Student communication

Housing, an auxiliary department of OU, makes all its revenue from the students that live on-campus. In this environment, communication is key.

"It's finding a sweet spot between enhancing the program and making sure that we're

keeping a lid on the costs of the program," Zentmeyer said. "If you have that open communication with the student population, they will be able to let you know in very short order what they feel is an appropriate cost to bear."

For Williford, Zentmeyer has gone from professional contact to something of a personal mentor.

"It's even to the point where if I have a difficult decision in my life or with OUSC, I know I can go to him, and he will give me his advice, or his wisdom, or just insight," Williford said. "He makes me think about everything, about things that I had never thought about before."

JIM'S FAVORITES

FAVORITE FOOD

Grilled salmon

FAVORITE ARTIST

Brandon Heath

FAVORITE MOVIE

"It's a Wonderful Life"

FAVORITE BOOK

The Bible

Alums pursue acting, music careers in L.A.

By Katie Phelan
Staff Reporter

After the big move to California, two alums have made their hard work at Oakland University pay off by landing jobs they're passionate about.

Making music

Phil Metzler first got into music when he was in fifth grade by teaching himself a few tunes on a toy Casio keyboard.

"(I) felt a kind of accomplishment that was undeniably rewarding," Metzler said.

METZLER

Metzler, who graduated from OU in 2001, said his parents and friends were not surprised when he decided to study music composition.

"They encouraged me to pursue whatever made me happy, not necessarily what was going to make me the most money," Metzler said.

He said he enjoyed the collaborative energy of fellow students and quality of educators in the Department of Music, Theater and Dance.

"I count myself as very lucky to have been given the opportunity to learn in that environment," Metzler said.

After graduating from OU, Metzler moved to L.A. to pursue his career after securing a job there in 2002.

Today, Metzler plays keyboard in the band Just Turned Off. They're well known in the city and play in venues like the Viper Room and House of Blues.

Metzler said his big break moment came in 2007 when John Mayer blogged one of the band's songs.

The band has continued to put out new albums, appeared on soundtracks and toured nationally and internationally.

"As long as you see every challenge as an opportunity, you may be pleasantly sur-

prised where you find yourself in a couple of years," Metzler said.

Aspiring actress

Kelly Kula, a 2004 grad who majored in theatre performance, was inspired to become an actress by the movie "A Step toward Tomorrow."

KULA

"I wanted to create art that would inspire people to invoke change, give them a reprieve from their hectic lives, or simply entertain them," Kula said.

After freezing up with nerves in her audition, Kula says she received support and encouragement from the fellow students auditioning.

"Having them support me really made me think 'Jeez, these are the kind of people I want to surround myself and work with,'" Kula said. "And I have."

After graduating, Kula packed up her stuff and drove across the country to California with her mom.

Once there, Kula managed to maintain two jobs while attending acting class once a week.

She currently goes to several auditions each week.

"It can be overwhelming," Kula said in an Oakland University press release, "but you have to have confidence in yourself. There are 10,000 actors trying to do the same thing you are, but you are unique. There is a casting director looking for me."

Kula advises other students to take the time to really know who you are.

"If you aren't 100 percent confident and at peace with the person you are, your life isn't going to be as rich as it can be," Kula said.

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Puzzles

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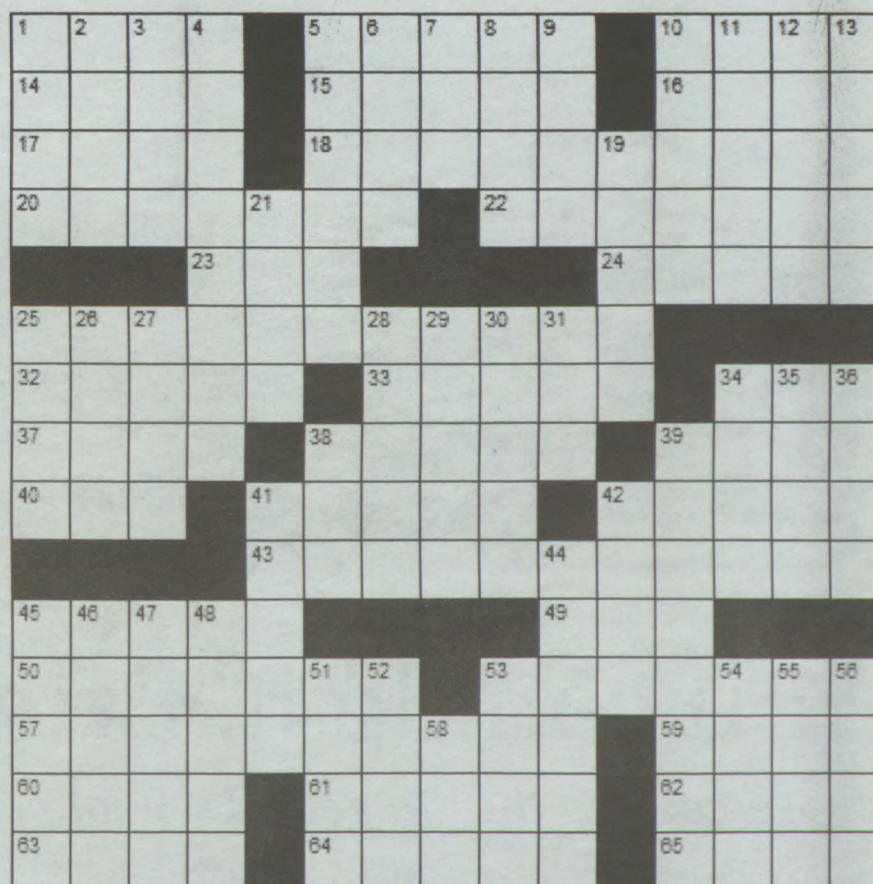
1. Remove, as a hat
5. Not drunk
10. A city in western Russia
14. River of Spain
15. African virus
16. Iridescent gem
17. Lascivious look
18. Coherent
20. Blight
22. Better
23. "___ Maria"
24. Church officer
25. Agora
32. Willow
33. Summary
34. Calypso offshoot
37. Atop
38. Turning point
39. Opinion
40. Eastern Standard Time
41. Laser printer powder
42. About a US quart
43. Thoughtfully
45. Accumulate
49. American Dental

DOWN

- Association
50. Crucial
53. Entrails
57. Deductive
59. Computer symbol
60. Thorny flower
61. Convex molding
62. Not this
63. The products of human creativity
64. Gauge
65. Bygone era

DOWN

1. Expunge
2. Comply with
3. No charge
4. Abandoned
5. Hush-hush
6. Double-reed woodwind
7. French for "Good"
8. If not
9. Shower
10. Complete
11. Flip over
12. Javelin
13. Change
19. They make wool
21. Not under
25. Pout
26. Vipers
27. Violent disturbance
28. Publish
29. Embankment
30. Fruit of the oak tree
31. Feline
34. Location
35. Ship part
36. Askew
38. Crock
39. High-spiritedness
41. Yummy
42. Jar tops
44. Seamster
45. 3-banded armadillo
46. Of lesser importance
47. Nautical for stop
48. Bottoms of shoes
51. "Smallest" particle
52. Not pre-recorded
53. Sheltered spot
54. Reflected sound
55. Lion sound
56. Initial wager
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Cars parked on campus have a tendency to get beat up by their surroundings in the parking lots.

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You can do it, Brucey

Overcoming the dangers of school parking

By Chris Peralta
Staff Intern

The dangerous parking lots of Oakland leave their mark ... on my car's doors.

Throughout the nearly four years that I've been an Oakland University student, I've learned a lot of things about the campus.

Here are a few examples of the lessons that I've learned:

1.) Don't walk into the road without waiting for someone to stop. Late college students will run you over if they must.

2.) The Oakland Center's doors that face Bear Lake aren't in unison and they will probably never be adjusted while I'm here.

3.) The deer are not scared of you.

4.) If you ever need to take a nap, Kresge's study rooms provide the perfect amount of noise-cancellation.

5.) Finally, the most important thing I've learned from this campus is this: no one, ever, cares about the well-being of your car.

Before I got my lease, this wasn't a problem. I hated

my previous car with a passion, and when it finally got "retired" by a 4x4 that didn't look both ways on Walton, I had a chance to start anew.

"I can't wait to get a new car," I said as I searched the Interwebs for something in my price range. Then my dad suggested I get a lease — I had enough money saved up and it would help me grow a great credit score, so I decided to go with it.

At the end of December 2010, I was the proud new owner of a foreign car. I named him Bruce.

What? A guy can't name his car? Ships are ladies. Why can't cars be dudes?

Anyway, for an undisclosed amount a month I could pay off my lease in two out of its three-year contract.

I was happy and full of life — I had Bruce and a new girlfriend. All was well in the world, until I got my first dent.

It was and still is in my passenger door. I saw it and was immediately enraged. This had never happened before, this car was mine, and I would eventually have to pay for the damages.

That's why I have never parked in Varner's parking lot since then.

My first dent happened two years ago, and now I have roughly 37 of them, including scratches. So to keep the forthcoming bills out of my mind, I like to keep Bruce dirty, so neither he nor I can see his scratches and dents.

But we both know that they're there, just under the surface, reminding us that no one cares about anyone else's car on this campus.

What can I do to make you people not hate Bruce? Is it because he's foreign? Is that why you are so cruel to him? He can't do anything to change what he is! He hasn't done anything wrong! I can promise you that!

On the other hand, Bruce could be a Decepticon that fights the Autobots of this campus single-handedly, and the rest of the students aren't to blame after all.

I wonder if Bruce's car company will understand that when I return him at the end of this year.

Until then, stay away from Bruce. Or he'll disintegrate you with his plasma cannon.

'Really' guys?

The art of not-so intelligent comebacks

By Amelia Smith
Copy Editing Intern

It sort of hit me when I was watching the MTV Movie Awards last year. I must confess: watching the pointless show is sort of a habit, as I've been a regular MTV-watcher since I was about 12 (and I'm pretty convinced that I have been brainwashed — I'm sure that one day MTV will send off some subliminal radio signal that only hits its regular watchers and I will lose all free will and succumb to singing Judy Garland while dancing the can-can... but I digress...)

I watched as a drunken audience member screamed a derogatory comment at presenter Mila Kunis, who, as a typically articulate woman on her feet, could only reply with the infamous comeback: "Really?"

I was put off. How could such an intelligent individual grant that dude-bro such a juvenile reply? Granted, Miss Kunis was clearly quite taken aback, as anyone would have been, and the remark was amazingly rude. Nevertheless, she could have snapped back with something far wittier, especially since she had Mark Wahlberg next to her ready to kick that guy's ass.

I've noticed that the use of "really?" is used as a common comeback by a lot of people, both intelligent and, well, not. I know it seems like a useful retort as you are blatantly humiliating the naysayer by openly questioning the logic behind his or her argument, but come on. We can do better than that, especially as university kids. Honestly, I've heard the

reply more than once during my study hours in the OC ("I mean, really, Katie? Really?") It's just used way too freaking much.

So let's narrow it down a little bit, shall we? Really, as defined in the dictionary (and yes I did just go all essay on you), is an adverb. It is used to modify words, not as an insult or a response.

Take one of the greatest comebacks in history by Abraham Lincoln, famous not only for his great leadership but also for his unstoppable wit.

While engrossed in debate, Lincoln was called two-faced by his opponent, Stephen Douglas.

To which Lincoln responded with, "I leave it to my audience. If I had another face, do you think I would wear this one?"

As laughable as it is to imagine someone calling Honest Abe two-faced, it is even more laughable to imagine one of our greatest presidents replying with possibly the most obnoxious answer in common vernacular: "Really?" He took that opportunity and he ran with it, and what he replied with was pure gold.

I guess it doesn't matter how much I mouth off in this Mouthing Off section about an overused adverb. It's going to become just another verbal pet peeve of the youth anyway, along with using "seriously," "you know," and "like" too much. Let's face it. Spoken English sucks. So, in the end, all I can say is this: really guys? Really?

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