

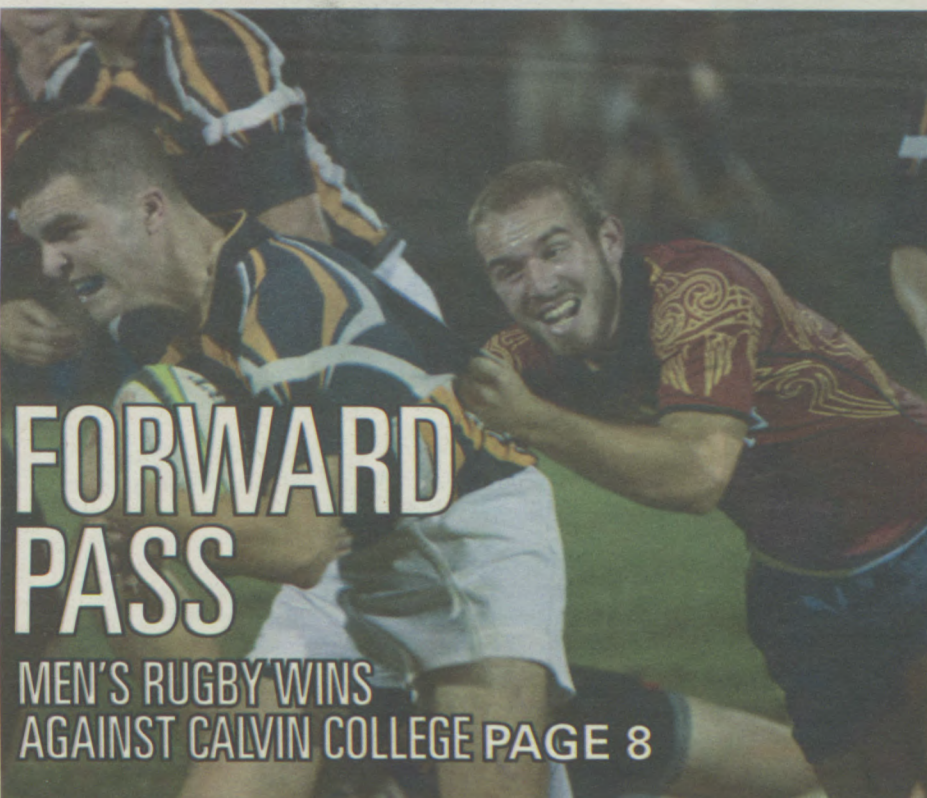
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POLL OF THE WEEK

How regularly do you attend OU sporting events?

- A** I go to as many games as I can
- B** I go to a few big games a year
- C** I haven't been to one, but want to
- D** I'm just not interested in sports

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What are your favorite freebies given out by Student Orgs?

A) Food

36%

B) Shirts, clothing, etc.

40%

C) Backpacks, pens, etc.

8%

D) Hugs

16%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 3, 2001

OU Police Chief Richard W. Leonard announced his retirement after 24 years of service, having worked for OUPD since 1977.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1967

The Commuter Council and Oakland University's administration clashed over a \$16 parking fee. The council wanted the fee lowered to \$10.

OCTOBER 6, 1961

The Oakland Observer, now The Oakland Post, officially became a weekly paper. It was previously published bi-weekly.



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THE WRITE STUFF

Students relate their experiences with the Writing Marathon, a free-form exercise dedicated to getting students away from their computers and into their notebooks.



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DRAWING A CROWD

OU Men's Soccer played against University of Detroit Mercy, resulting in a double-overtime draw. The game drew a record-setting attendance of 1,637 people.



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JUST A FAMILY

The Allemon family shares their experience of living with dwarfism with The Oakland Post. The family will speak in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms Oct. 30.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$5

adult ticket price for a soccer game at OU

27

players on the Men's Soccer team

3-2-4

OU Men's Soccer 2013 record

1,637

fans at the Sept. 24 Men's Soccer game

8

games left in the regular season

Congress act shows unaffordable carelessness

The government shut down. But it's not the end of the world.

Specifically, all "non-essential" government services are suspended until this whole mess gets sorted out. An article on The Guardian by Erin McCann explains specifically who the government considers "non-essential."

"About 800,000 federal employees could see their paychecks jeopardized," McCann wrote. NASA employees would be furloughed as well.

According to the US Department of Education's "Contingency Plan for Lapse in FY 2014 Appropriation," the government furlough will not directly affect those currently receiving federal financial aid.

Federal student loans, the Pell Grant, and other forms of government student aid are funded separately from other government spending. So at least for now, your college money is safe.

But a delay in making a deal could adversely affect how much money goes to public schools like Oakland University.

A delay longer than a week, however, could result in a lapse in federal funding to public schools and universities.

Without government education money going toward schools, schools will have to get their money elsewhere.

Feel that sting in your wallet? This tantrum could mean higher tuition if things don't

"The government shutdown is a last-ditch stalling tactic.

Hundreds of thousands will be without work, and those who depend on government services will suffer without them, simply because a handful of people in Washington can't agree on health insurance."

pan out soon.

This is the first government shutdown since 1996.

We came to this point in history a few years ago, with the passing of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The Republican Party didn't care for the act, and attempted to block its passage.

Specifically, they didn't like the individual mandate clause within the act, which requires all U.S. citizens to obtain health insurance by 2014 or pay a penalty, unless they qualify for certain exemptions.

The case was eventually heard by the United States Supreme Court, and was upheld by a 5-4 vote.

A handful of Republicans in the House of Representatives, now both outvoted by the American people and the Supreme Court, weren't about to take it lying down.

The Republican-controlled House passed a budget bill

with a provision that would block Obamacare for another year. The Democrat-controlled Senate shot the bill down.

So what happens when both parties play "chicken" until the deadline passes? Everyone else loses.

But things are all right. President Obama, the House, the Senate, the Supreme Court and the lobbyists are still all getting paid as well. And that's what's important, right?

The government shutdown is a last-ditch stalling tactic. Hundreds of thousands will be without work, and those who depend on government services will suffer without them, simply because a handful of people in Washington can't agree on health insurance.

Now would be a good time to mention 2014 is an election year. Michigan has one Senate and nine House seats up for grabs.

Pick up your phone and call your representatives. Send letters, since the post office is still carrying the mail. Send emails.

Let them know that when Nov. 2014 rolls around, you'll remember exactly who they are and how they voted.

Your duly-appointed representatives are threatening your well-being. Next year, let them know how that feels.

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EDITORIAL

Changing lives one person at a time

OUSC President Brandon Hanna reflects on finding himself through helping others in need.

The calluses built up day by day. The sun grew hotter upon our backs, sweat dripping from our brows as we watched the people around us smile and thank us, shedding tears of happiness. It's these moments I live for.

As a sophomore at Oakland University, I knew I loved basketball, rollerblading, spending time with my family and focusing on my faith; however, little did I know this would be the year I would come to find my one true passion.

This would be the year I discovered that there were worlds other than my own, that even though some people were countries, states, even miles away, there were so many people suffering in their day to day lives due to natural disasters, poor governments, and so much more.

The importance of rebuilding

As I was trying to make the most out of my college experience, a fellow university student and friend, Richard Spiegel, mentioned that soon Oakland University was hosting an Alternative Spring Break



Brandon Hanna
OUSC
President

volunteer opportunity.

Thanks to his recommendation, I found myself on my way to a devastated rural area in Alabama that had been struck by tornadoes, leaving several communities in ruins.

We spent days tirelessly demolishing and cleaning up debris that had scattered amongst the streets.

At first this experience was just a lot of seemingly meaningless work, that is until I saw the faces of the people whose homes we were fixing up, who had spent the past living on floors or away from what was once their home.

This is when I truly realized how small my perspective was on life. That volunteering was so much more than making myself look good.

It made me feel good and meant the world for me to help those in need.

Since that trip to Alabama, I've been to Honduras with Global Brigades, Kentucky with Agape Christian Ministry in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity, as well as a trip to Panama on a business brigade.

These trips all encompassed different goals, missions, and more, but they all had the same outcome: changing lives positively every day, mine included.

The things I carry

I carry these experiences with me every day, making sure to take every situation with the open-mindedness I gained from being around people from all walks of life.

My faith grew stronger as well; my relationship with God became one of the most important connections to me.

I was coming to terms with my purpose in life, and the course I was set to follow.

To anyone looking for their passions or to develop them, look out for the various organizations on campus and take the opportunities in front of you, as you never know what doors will open to you, what you'll learn or who you'll meet.

The perspective I've gained and the people I've met have changed me for the better, and I wouldn't trade any of it for the world.

One of my favorite quotes sums up my passion best, "You have never really lived until you've done something for someone who can never repay you."

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Writing Marathon enables students to get their creative groove back

By Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

The Writing Marathon gave students an opportunity to spark creativity in their writing.

Christina Hall, special lecturer of writing and rhetoric, brought the Writing Marathon to Oakland University Fall 2011. This year's event took place Sept. 26.

Her first experience with a Writing Marathon was 2009 at Meadow Brook Hall. She attended another marathon in Little Rock, Arkansas which motivated her to bring one to OU.

"The goal is to let our surroundings inspire what we want to write," Hall said. "Sometimes we get stuck in a groove and go from sitting in a desk to sitting at a computer. When you're out and moving around with other writers you write things you wouldn't otherwise think to write."

Everyone in attendance met in the Fireside Lounge and were divided into groups of five to eight members.

Individually the groups decided on which locations to view around campus.

"This is a chance to write about whatever comes to my mind," freshman Greg Hill said.

Brianna Armstead

Freshman biology major Brianna Armstead found inspiration all throughout campus. Her group visited Bear Lake,



Kailee Mathias / The Oakland Post

Brianna Armstead, freshman biology major, experienced a preview of the marathon in Hall's class prior to attending the Writing Marathon.

Bumpers Game Room, the 'Saints and Sinners' fountain and some flowers in front of O'Dowd.

"My favorite place is always by the water, but for my coolest piece I was in the gaming room and I got random inspiration," Armstead said.

Armstead was drawn into two pool players, but switched gears when the grizzly by the door caught her eye.

"I looked at the bear and the story came out of nowhere," Armstead said.

Over the years Armstead said writing has helped her in more ways than one.

"Sometimes I really want to get my

feelings out but there is no way for me to really say it no matter how much I talk about it, I can't get it out until I sit down and write it," Armstead said. "It helps me get things off my chest. It's for myself and helps me clear my mind and clarify situations."

Armstead recalled her emotions when her cousin passed away eight years ago.

"I still remember it like it was yesterday," Armstead said. "All my emotions just rushed back into me as I was writing about it."

Armstead plans on using the marathon to branch out her creative writing.

POLICE FILES

Student accused of disorderly conduct in Kresge Library

Police responded to Kresge Library Sept. 22 at 12:37 p.m. for a report of a male masturbating in the library.

Officers spoke with a library employee who told them a student had approached the desk earlier and told them about the incident.

The student told police that he went to the stairwell of the library to talk on the phone, and out of the corner of his eye he noticed a man masturbating while using the computer.

Officers spoke with the suspect who told them he was not masturbating and was just studying.

After further investigation, it was determined that the suspect was watching videos at the time he was reported to be masturbating. The suspect was then taken into custody and asked to make a written statement.

He was later issued a misdemeanor citation for disorderly conduct.

Car keyed in P38

Police were dispatched to P1 for a malicious destruction of property report on Sept. 25 at 10:30 a.m. After arriving on the scene, police spoke with a female student who said that on the morning of Sept. 18 her vehicle was keyed while she was in P38.

She told police she believes it was a student who had confronted her in the parking lot over a parking spot. She said the individual accused her of stealing his spot, and that he yelled at her from the vehicle when he parked his car.

Police told the female student to make contact with the department if she remembers anything else from the incident, and that they will check security footage.

Compiled by Natalie Popovski,
Copy Editor

Grizzlies on the prowl:

"If all the faculty disappeared, what would you do?"



Peter Rosander, sophomore

"I would take over the school... become like some sort of emperor or king."



Taylor Williams, junior

"I'd nap. I'd just go to sleep."



Anthony Spak, sophomore

"Accept my fate as a Hungry Howie's worker for the rest of my life."

Compiled by Kaylee Kean
Photographs by Kailey Johnson

New faces bring new ideas to OUSC



Ali DeRees / The Oakland Post

Members of OUSC call a vote to elect Hall and Catey as new legislators.

Ali DeRees
Staff Reporter

Two new legislators were elected into the Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) at the Sept. 30 meeting.

Brittany Hall and Nathan Catey were unanimously voted in and now join 13 other legislators belonging to OUSC.

Hall who is also member of the E-Board for the Student Program Board (SPB) is ready to take on her responsibilities as a representative of the students.

"I don't represent the whole student body, but I will do my best to do so," said Hall.

When asked about any initiatives she had in mind Hall spoke about Oakland University holding a siblings weekend in which the whole campus was involved in order to bring commuters, residents and their families together.

Freshman Nathan Catey had plenty of ideas for congress as well, including an increase in the tailgate budget, a "drive safe" taxi program for students and a budget for a skate park.

In the past, Catey has traveled to Guatemala and has held raves in order to raise money to feed the hungry in Guatemala.

Catey's passion for bringing people of all races and cultures together earned him a spot in the Multicultural Affairs Committee.

Both Hall and Catey were voted into the Tailgate Committee as well, along with legislator Nusrat Zaman.

The new legislators were not the only inductees at the meeting.

Students Kole Werner, Josh Pokrefky, Elizabeth Iwanski, Michael Culver and Nicholas Scott were all unanimously voted into the Judiciary Committee headed by Kyler Johnson.

Initiatives passed include the C.B. 14-05 Library Initiatives that would use \$2,000 towards a hydration station on the 4th floor of Kresge Library, a continuation of the popular reading/magazine collection and a renovation of the Reflection Room.

OUSC President Brandon Hanna talked about his Scantron program and how it will "accommodate to the student body as best as possible," said Hanna.

The program includes two free Scantrons per student everyday so long as they come down to their office and join their GrizzOrgs page and or like/follow them on Facebook or Twitter.

Hanna hopes the program will also serve as a way to market Student Congress to the students of OU.

Friday, Oct. 4 the OUSC will team up with the SPB to put on their annual tailgate to support OU Athletic and Club Sports.

The tailgate will be held at Parking Lot 17 by the Rec Center, where there will be plenty of food, games and fun for all students.

The next OUSC meeting will be Monday, Oct. 7 at 4:00 p.m. at the Oakland Room in the Oakland Center.

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LEFT: Students pick up Frisbees and read the messages on the back. **TOP:** Frisbees lay on the lawns around the Oakland Center. The Graham Health Center gives them out to promote exercise, create conversation and promote their services. **BOTTOM:** All of the Frisbees have inspirational quotes or advice on healthy living.

Positive affirmations are flying

The Graham Health Center scatters promotional Frisbees on campus

Kaylee Kean
Staff Reporter

Little colorful disks littered Oakland's lawns as the Graham Health Center (GHC) dropped 1,000 Frisbees in an initiative to promote health, services and communications.

Tossing it out there

In an effort to raise more awareness about the services the GHC offers, Dr. David Schwartz, the director of the Graham Counseling Center, and Julie Proctor, the Health and Wellness Coordinator at the GHC, used the Frisbees as a fun and active way to create buzz and conversation.

Frisbees were free for students to pick up.

The co-creators of the Frisbee drop

believed that using the toys would also be a good way to get people to be active for a few minutes of their day.

"The secondary objective," Proctor said, "is to look on the backside of the Frisbee, where we have the different phrases and to start conversation between the students, and even between the staff and faculty about some of the things that we've said on the flipside of the Frisbee."

Reading around

Phrases on the back of the Frisbee ranged from "Leave bullying to bulls. Become Human" to quotes about dealing with anxiety and questioning your sexual orientation.

Some of them are more vague than others," Schwartz said. "Because we

are trying to create a buzz and hopefully a conversation, and some of them are just trying to get out some helpful information."

"And hopefully people will come on campus today and start playing with Frisbees," he said.

Offering aid

One point that members of the GHC staff wanted to make clear through the Frisbee drop was that students get six free counseling sessions at the Counseling Center.

The GHC also offers free wellness coaching for established patients through referral from GHC staff members. Additional services that the center offers include, but are not limited to, treatment for minor illness and

injuries, sexual health services and immunizations.

Give it a whirl

Students across campus gave reactions to the Frisbees.

"I like the sayings on them," Health Sciences major Rebecca Waggner said. "It's good advertising for anything."

Marketing major Colton Lewis also enjoyed the fun way to create buzz about the GHC.

"I think it's a good interactive idea," he said. "It gets people talking. I think it's good that it's outdoors and interactive. I think it's really cool."

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OU's Rugby club puts up a fight against Calvin College and wins the game.

Jake Alsko / The Oakland Post

OU Rugby Club improves to 2-0

Rugby Club celebrates recent Sept. 28 win and improves their overall season record

Jake Alsko
Sports Editor

The Oakland Rugby Club improved their record to 2-0 after defeating Calvin College Saturday night at Auburn Hills Civic Center.

OU won 17-16.

Team captain Devon Meadows said the win was a team effort.

"We're a team, we learn together and we win together," Meadows said. "And the only way we win together is by learning together. I couldn't have done it by myself, this is a game where you need your team."

His teammate, DJ Pinneo, said new members stepped up to the challenge and contributed to the team's victory.

"We proved ... that we're actually here to play and I thought we played great goal line defense," he said. "I didn't have my best game, but we'll go from there."

Calvin Walker said practice leading up to the game was tough.

"[Captains Frank DeLong and Meadows] definitely prepared us for this game and we came out with a victory ... pretty happy about it."



Jake Alsko/The Oakland Post

OU Men's Rugby struggles against Calvin College to recover the ball

The OU Rugby Club plays Saginaw Valley State University this Saturday at 8 p.m. at Auburn Hills Civic Center.

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OU Men's Soccer draws record crowd

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

OU (2-2-4) took Michigan (2-2-3) to a double overtime draw in front of a record setting crowd last Tuesday.

There were 1,637 fans in attendance, not including spectators watching from OU's parking structure that overlooks the field.

"It's easy to get up for these types of games," Grizzly head coach Eric Pogue said.

Although ending in a draw, the game wasn't short of scoring chances, especially those coming off the foot of sophomore forward Shawn Claud Lawson.

"Our forwards did the best they could," Lawson said. "They (U-M's defense) were solid back there, but I want to get the ball in the back of the net."

However, the shutout was not from a lack of effort — Lawson had a game high five shots, three of which were on net.

On a cross from senior midfielder Mich'ele Lipari, Lawson managed to head it through the defense only to be stopped by U-M goalie Adam Grinwis.

Another attempt screamed off of Lawson's foot curving just outside of the net. It would have been out of Grinwis' reach had the ball been a little more inside.

Another great opportunity presented itself with only moments to go in the game as sophomore midfielder Matt Dudley had a shot bounce off a Michigan defender and sail just over the crossbar, an attempt that drew an anxious sigh from the crowd.

OU senior goalie Sean Lewis delivered his third consecutive shutout in the tie, and had a remarkable save in the second half. Lewis left his feet, diving to his right to block a bending shot by U-M senior Fabio Pereira. Lewis ended the match with five saves, but none more stunning than that.

The game grew more intense in the overtime periods, as both teams had their chances on what seemed like counter-attack after counter-attack. There was a noticeable rise in physical play in the overtime periods, where all four yellow cards were issued — two on each side.

Men's soccer takes to the road to play Cleveland State this Saturday in their second Horizon League match of the season.

The Grizzlies will return home Oct. 5 to square off against University of Detroit Mercy.

Madnezz begins

Weekend of Champions kicks off with athletic competitions and OUSC tailgate

Chris Peralta
Staff Reporter

Formerly known as the Week of Champions, Oakland prepares to celebrate the Weekend of Champions (WOCOU) this coming Friday and Saturday, October 4-5.

Instead of events being spread out across an entire week, this Weekend of Champions is more condensed.

"I think this will allow students to get more excited and have more options of things to do on the weekend," said former Student Body President Samantha Wolf.

Spending her summer as an intern for the Center for Student Activities, Wolf and two other interns were chosen to work with WOCOU. Coupling Friday's "The Madnezz" with the new addition of Family Day, Wolf eagerly anticipates the weekend's events.

"I'm excited to see families and alumni react to what OU has to offer," Wolf said. "Most parents don't come onto campus and this weekend really gives them the chance to see all the great things that their children are involved in."

The Opening Lineup

The OUSC Tailgate Party & Matilda Wilson's 130th Birthday Bash will be on Friday night from 6-9 p.m. in P-17. Music will be provided by Oakland's own radio station, WXOU 88.3 FM, and the party includes cake, freebies, ice cream and a grand prize drawing.

During the party, the Residence Halls Association's "Friday Night Live" will run from 7-8 p.m. in the Vandenberg Dining Center and it will feature

comedian Melissa Villasenor.

With the grand re-opening of the OU Aquatic Center's pool, "The Madnezz" of this year will be centered on swimming and diving instead of basketball.

"We're recognizing all athletic teams and the athletic program, but this year, by the way of the timing, both volleyball and swimming have events on that night," said Jean Ann Miller, Director of the Center for Student Activities. "It's the most athletic events we've ever had - really well-timed."

Family Day

On Family Day, Tony Lucca from NBC's "The Voice" will be performing in the Pioneer Food Court from 1:30-2:15 p.m. with a meet and greet that runs until 3. Lucca will also be on campus for "OU's Got Talent" in the Banquet Rooms from 7-10 p.m., where he will serve as a guest judge for the 16 people chosen to compete.

Also on the agenda for Family Day, The Detroit Soul Men (a tribute to the Blues Brothers) will be serving as tour guides for a "Construction" tour of OU-highlighting locations like the new dormitories, bell tower, parking structure and engineering center. The tours begin in P1 and start at 2 p.m., occurring every half hour until 4 p.m.

With WOCOU on the horizon, Miller positively commented on the tradition that surrounds it.

"I'm really happy to continue this," Miller said. "Students have embraced it. They fought hard for it, and I'm really happy that they have been able to sustain it."

For more information on WOCOU's events, call the Center for Student Activities at (248) 370-2400 or visit their page at oakland.edu/csa

New Grizzly can't wait to get back out there

Dave Cesefsky
Staff Reporter

One year ago, basketball player Ralph Hill decided to transfer from University of Dayton and head north to become a part of Oakland University's basketball team. NCAA rules state transfers must sit out one full season before they can play. Now a redshirt junior, the 6-foot-6 forward is ready to bring leadership and a great work ethic to the men's basketball team.



Kailey Johnson/The Oakland Post

Ralph Hill talks about getting ready for the upcoming season

What was the toughest part of that?

Sitting out was tough and I couldn't even practice last year because I was injured, so this past year was one of the hardest years of my life, not being able to play the sport I love. But it's a family here and the guys really help me through it.

It's been an entire season since you've been out on the court, what kind of emotions or thoughts run through your head?

The first one is excitement, I can't wait to get back out there. From five years old to 18, my dream was to play college basketball and now I'm here. I did two years and then had to sit a year, so it's just like the excitement, anxiety and a little bit of nervousness. But I can't wait to run out there and hear the band playing, to be out on the court with officials and (the lights on), I can't wait.

What were the reasons for your transfer and decision to come to Oakland University's program?

One big reason was playing time. Another big reason was we got a new coach my sophomore year and my playing style and his coaching style didn't really match, so it was just best for both parties to part ways.

How have you gotten acclimated with your new teammates and coaches?

It's just a family, it's a band of brothers. You show up one day and you don't know anybody. And the next day when you find out 'I'm going to go to this school and be a part of this team,' everybody just opens their arms and welcomes you in and shows you the ropes. But the guys here were great in getting me acclimated here.

What do you feel you bring to this team and what should we expect?

Hard work, a leadership mentality. I'm the guy out there that's going to talk a lot. You'll hear a lot out of me but it's all about getting a win at the end of the day. Whatever I can do to help the team get a win, I could care less about what the stats say.

With NCAA rules for a transfer, you had to sit out one whole season:

What's your message to the Grizzly fan base?

Come out and support us, we have a great fan base and they always see the end result, they see us on the court. With the work that we put in the summer and practice at 6 a.m., they don't see that. They will have our back at the game and will be cheering for us at the games, thank you.

The men's basketball team opens the season at home Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. against Tiffin University.

Weekend Sports Events

WOCOU's sports events include:

Friday, Oct. 4

- Women's Volleyball vs. Youngstown: 4-6 p.m. at the O'Rena.
- "The Madnezz" at the Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Black and Gold Meet: 9-1030 p.m. at the OU Aquatic Center.

Saturday, Oct. 5

- Women's Softball: Black and Gold Game 11 a.m. and Alumni Game 1-3 p.m. at the

OU Softball Field.

- Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving-Alumni Meet: 3-4:30 p.m. at the OU Aquatic Center
- Women's Volleyball vs. Cleveland State: 4-6 p.m. at the O'Rena
- OU Football Club vs. Columbus State Community College: 4-6 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Civic Center Park
- OU Rugby Club vs. Saginaw Valley 8-9:30 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Civic Center Park
- Men's Soccer vs. University of Detroit Mercy: 7-9 p.m. at the OU Soccer Field

Bear Bus Day gears up buses, educates students on program

Students win prizes, learn about campus transportation

Kaylee Kean
Staff Reporter

The OU Student Congress, Resident Hall Association, and University Housing held the second annual Bear Bus Day from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Fireside Lounge.

Activities

There was music, free food and multiple chances at winning "spirit gear." There was also a raffle for an iPad mini, which each contestant could only enter by going around the room and having each organization

sign his or her entry slip.

The Bear Bus had a table set up at the front of the room with information, activities and uniformed employees to greet passing students.

The OUSC, RHA and Housing each had tables, as well, but the main focus was on promoting the Bear Bus system.

Background

Kelly Goolsby, a supervisor for the program, was one of the workers who attended the event. "Bear Bus Day is about getting information on the Bear Bus," said Goolsby. "We want everyone to know about the changes going on."

According to Goolsby, there will be more changes to the Bear Bus system in order to further accommodate the parking com-

mittee's demands. These changes will come into effect Monday - Bear Bus Day was an effort to raise awareness.

"It's like an information day with free food and prizes," said Goolsby.

Stephanie Pentecost, driver for the Bear Bus, said that this had been her first Bear Bus Day.

"I think it's really nice for getting the word out," said Pentecost. "It (the Bear Bus) is not utilized enough on campus."

Opinions

Many students attended Bear Bus Day, munching on free food and conversing with the various employees.

One such student was Brian Willig.

Willig said he has been at Oakland for five years and feels



Kailee Mathias / The Oakland Post

Students who attended were given t-shirts that read, 'We Bleed Gold.'

pretty well-informed about the Bear Bus system and the various ways it can be used. He attended last year's Bear Bus Day and won a free TV from the raffle.

There is one thing about the Bear Bus, however, that he wishes was different.

"I look forward to the day when they have vans with more accessibility for my scooter and crutches," said Willig, who lives

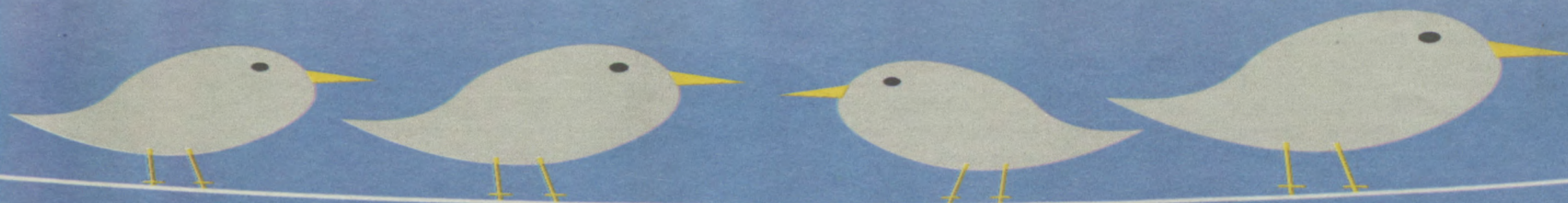
in an apartment on campus. "I use the buses a lot, but they can be frustrating."

Other than that, Willig said his thoughts of the Bear Bus are positive.

"I think it's great," said Willig. "I love Bear Bus Day."

For more information on the Bear Bus visit www.oakland.edu/bearbus or email bearbus@oakland.edu.

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The next leader could be you

Committee designed to select students to lead

Katie Winkler
Staff Reporter

With the Oct. 6 deadline approaching, Maria Willett and the Leadership OU program committee are preparing to select 10 students who will participate in a new leadership program offered to juniors and seniors.

"Basically it's suppose to provide leadership opportunities for these students," Maria Willett, Oakland's Student Outreach Coordinator, said.

"These are the students that are slowly preparing for what's going to happen after graduation. This is intended to build upon professional development, so it's a very personal contact that they're having in these sessions. When they meet, it'll be more of a personal dialogue back and forth, versus a big presentation with, like, 50 students."

After attending an event similar to Leadership OU, Willett

decided it would be an effective program to offer at Oakland.

"There are several programs like this in Michigan; I did a program last year called University Partners, which is run through Leadership Detroit. This would be the 'adult version' for people who have 'real jobs.' They go into Detroit and have different sessions and talk about [issues] happening in Detroit. It's kind of based to benefit them and create local awareness," Willett said.

"All of the meetings, except a few, are at their [ideal] place of business, so it's a very hands on experience for them. They get to really see what it's like"

Leading the leaders

The students who are selected will benefit from members of Oakland's young alumni, OUAA and community members.

These mentors will share experiences they have had in the work force and in the 'real world' so these students can see

what Leadership looks like after graduation.

Not only will they receive advice, participants will be involved in activities such as job shadowing, internships and event attendance.

"[Alumni] were really excited to do it. There aren't really a lot of mentorship opportunities out there right now so we wanted to grow that. This is a great opportunity to give them an opportunity to connect back to the university," Willett said.

Junior and senior students that have demonstrated student leadership and campus involvement, while obtaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher can apply online at www.oualumni.com/leadershipou

Selected students that complete the program will be granted \$250 tuition stipend.

If you have any further questions, please contact Maria Willett at mjwillett@oakland.edu

Fashionably grizzly

Fashion show coming to Meadow Brook Hall

LeeAnn Brown
Staff Reporter

Meadow Brook Hall, along with Neiman Marcus, is hosting Decades of Dress, a luncheon and fashion show 11 a.m. Wednesday Oct. 2

The event will begin with a reception that includes a Verdura trunk show, Meadow Brook costume exhibit and raffle.

Established in 1939 by Fulco di Verdura, a Sicilian duke, the company set out to design and create unique jewelry pieces.

Verdura designed elaborate pieces that were worn by a not-so-modest list of elite, from movie stars to royalty. Some clients included Coco Chanel, Cole and Linda Porter and Princess Diana.

The company still holds its place as "one of the leading internationally renowned fine jewelers" and continues to be worn by royalty across the world and celebrities strutting down red carpets, according to Ver-

dura's website.


After the reception and trunk show, lunch and fashions, exhibiting Neiman Marcus ready-to-wear outfits, will follow.

The Decades of Dress event will raise funds dedicated to the conservation of Meadow Brook's elaborate costume collection. The collection features a 1924 evening gown made of gold tissue.

"We have about 500 items in our costume collection," said Shannon O'berski, Meadow Brook Hall Marketing and Communications Manager. "The 1920s gold tissue, with purple fringe, flapper dress that we are raising funds to conserve was once worn by Matilda Dodge Wilson."

"We also have a green and gold Paul Poiret dress. Poiret was a leading French designer in the early 20th century," O'berski said.

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Becoming a member of the community

A total of 48 new faculty members come to campus, hope to continue excellence

LeeAnn Brown
Staff Reporter

You may have noticed some new faces around campus this year.

Most of those faces belong to incoming freshman, but some new faculty members have become a part of the staff list.

Forty-eight new faculty members have joined the Oakland University community this year. They come from different schools and different places and have a vast array of majors and experiences.

Despite the differences, each new member has something that perpetuates Oakland University's vision, according to James Lentini, Oakland University Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost.

"Oakland's vision has at its

core a simple but profound principle: a community of faculty who are leaders in their fields, uniquely prepared to inspire and educate our students," Lentini said.

"The faculty class of 2013-14 continues the tradition of excellence enriching OU's academic environment through diversity and expertise," Lentini said.

Melissa Reznar is new to the School of Health Sciences as an assistant professor of health sciences.

She has taught for two years, first as a part-time professor here at OU, and then as a visiting professor for one year.

"A colleague introduced me to OU, and I have been hooked ever since," Reznar said. "The students are engaged and so fun to work with, campus is beauti-

ful, and the colleagues I work with are tremendous! I have only taught at OU and don't want to be anywhere else."

Jae Kang is an assistant professor of Department of Management and Marketing at OU's School of Business Administration.

"Currently, I am teaching evening classes for undergraduate students. I found that most of them have their jobs during the day time and come to school for studying," Kang said. "Although I thought that they might be somewhat tired after work, I was very impressed by their strong passion for learning. From my class, I hope that they can reach beyond the ordinary."

Steven Stanton is also new to the School of Business Administration.

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This semester he is teaching Marketing 404 — Consumer Behavior — and is glad to be back in his home state.

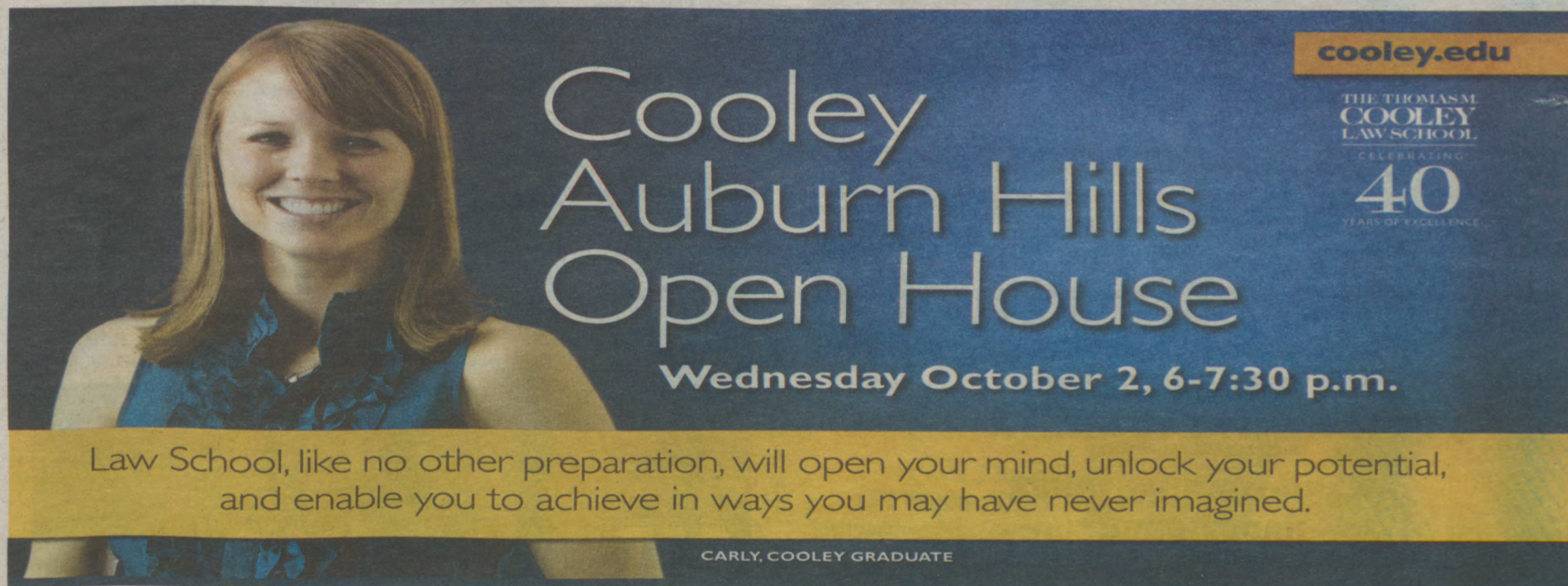
"I think that OU is an excellent academic institution that has been on an exciting growth trajectory," Stanton said. "I am a native of Michigan, and it is great to be back in the mitten."

Derek Roberts, who grew up in Metro Detroit, was also excited about the opportunity to come back home.

He is new to the College of Arts and Sciences as an assistant professor of sociology, anthropology, social work and criminal justice.

"The students at OU are engaged and personable. I like helping students learn to think critically about the social world around them," Roberts said.

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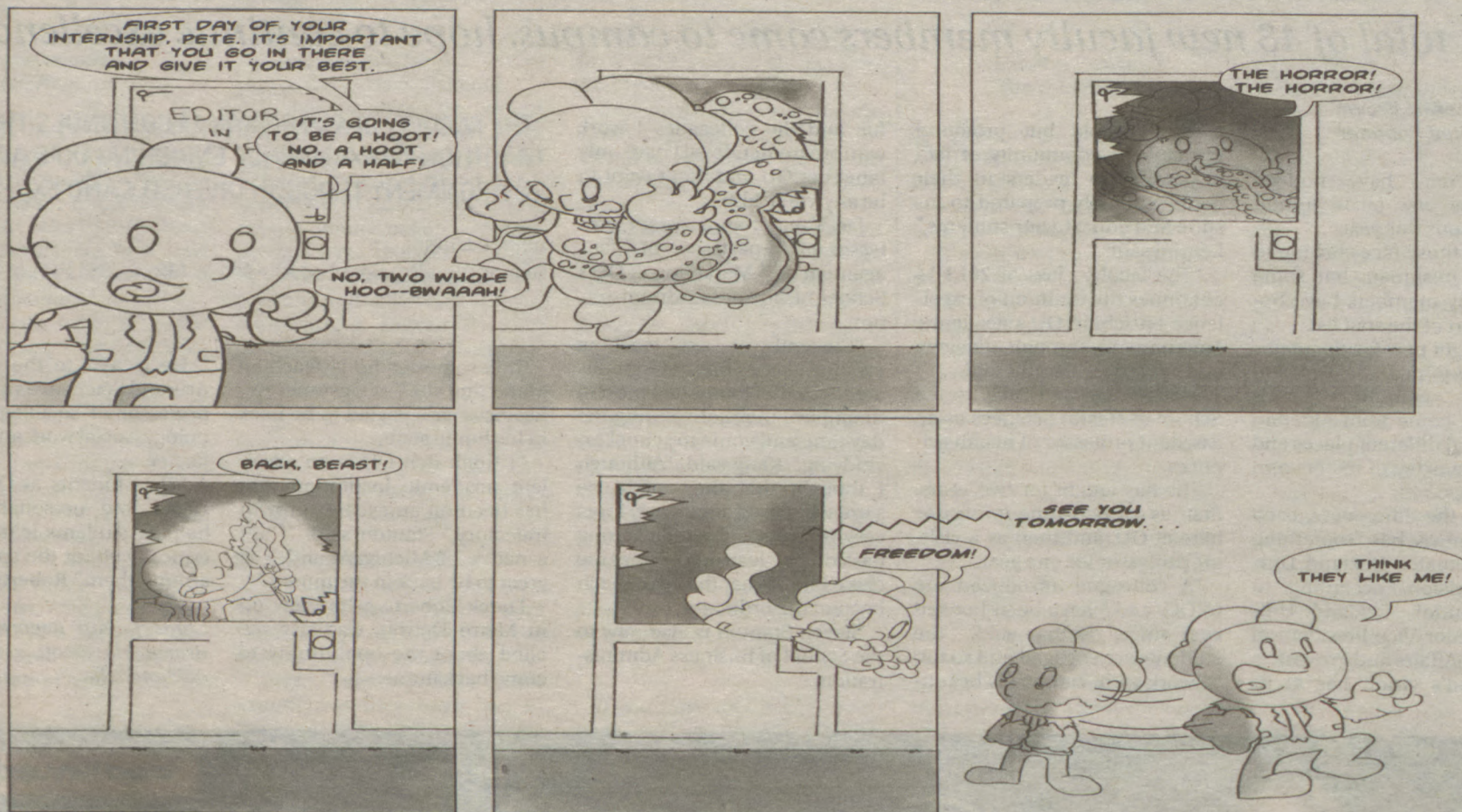
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Dee Dee, Ben, Bernie and
Allie Allemon prepare to
share their life stories with
the campus community.

A matter of perspective

Allemons hope to dispell attitudes about dwarfism

Scott Wolchek
Editor-in-Chief

When Dee Dee Allemon needs to reach the A-1 steak sauce on the top shelf, it's not easy. Back when her kids were younger, they could stand in the grocery cart and swipe it, but nowadays Dee Dee has to get innovative. Sometimes she has to use brooms, canes or umbrellas to knock that sauce down into her cart.

Dee Dee Allemon is just like you, she just has dwarfism.

Later this month, Dee Dee, her husband Bernie and their two children Ben and Allie, will share their daily experiences, medical issues and everyday obstacles, with members of OU's campus.

"You see little people around but you might not really know what to say to them," Dee Dee said. "A lot of kids will say 'Is that a little mom?' And I'm always like 'how do they know I'm a mom?'"

As for obstacles the Allemon family goes through, even just trying to get a Happy Meal can present a challenge.

"When you go to McDonald's you can't always reach the straws," Bernie said. "You can't reach the straws or even the lids that go on the cup. Things like that."

The challenges aren't always as simple as not being able to reach a straw, however.

"I think growing up was rougher," Bernie said. "When you're younger you get teased a little. I think it's all a matter of perspective, the way you look at

things. It's the way you hold yourself in the world."

As for his son, Ben, he doesn't have dwarfism, but he still has plenty of information to share about his everyday life.

"My day-to-day life is like yours," Ben said "I don't know it any other way. It's not like I ever had an average-sized family at one point."

Allie shares similar views.

"People always ask me what would you do if your brother was big?" Allie said. "I'm always like... he IS big. I don't know any difference, so to me I don't get it. That's how it's supposed to be."

The Allemons are all members of Little People of America, a group where little people and average-size folk alike, can meet and discuss their lives.

DeeDee and Bernie actually met through LPA themselves.

"That's where probably 90 percent of little people meet each other," Dee Dee said.

More can be learned about LPA, as well as, dwarfism itself at the upcoming lecture.

"We're willing to share all of this with you so you become comfortable," said Dee Dee. "So next time you see a little person you can just say 'Hi, how are you doing today?' and keep on going. Instead of going 'oh my god... it's a little person... oh my god.'"

The lecture will be held from 12-1 on October 30 in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. You can visit lpaonline.org to learn more about dwarfism.

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The worst birthday gift ever

Filthy, disgusting mouse gifts are unwelcomed by the majority of civilization

Scott Wolchek

Editor-in-Chief/Patchy's master

I got the worst birthday present anyone could ever get when I turned 18. It's hideous. It's creepy. It's a stupid mouse stuffed animal. I call it Patchy.

Patchy sports a urine-stain yellow onesie, a putrid purple blanket and his face resembles the pain and torment of somebody being skinned alive.

Did I mention he has hair? It looks like human hair.

The designers of Patchy probably exhumed a corpse and transplanted the hair onto his gross little head.

That's vulgar — I apologize.

I just can't even fathom why this thing is designed the way it is. Look at it.

You're probably going to have nightmares, just from looking at it on the page. Imagine how bad it is in person.

But I digress.

At first when I got Patchy, I was offended. This was the only birthday present I got.

Was I that much of a jerk, that all I deserved was this... stupid mouse?

I couldn't fathom it.

I was angry.

I remember, the next year I didn't get anything from my friends and I said it was still better than the gift I got the year before.

Nowadays, I feel like I would rather receive Patchy than receive nothing.

"MY PERSONAL THEORY IS THAT PATCHY WAS ONCE A SNOT-NOSED, BRATTY CHILD WHO GOT TURNED INTO THIS UGLY LITTLE THING BY A WITCH. HOW ELSE CAN YOU EXPLAIN A MOUSE IN PAJAMAS WITH HUMAN-LIKE HAIR AND DISTORTED FEATURES?"

You see, everyone who has ever met Patchy can agree on two things: he's ugly as hell and he's fun to hide.

Over the past three years, I've gotten very good at hiding him. Throwing him on top of ceiling fans, taping him to the back of closet doors, hiding him in pots and pans—there's nowhere Patchy can't hide.

Patchy's tail is made out of some kind of wiring that makes it so you can attach him to things very easily.

This means it's easy to tie him to the ceiling, tie him to somebody's backpack, you name it.

What I recently discovered is that I can shove his tail down the back of my shirt and perch Patchy on my shoulder.

A few weeks ago, I put the little fella on my shoulder and stepped out of The Post, into the Oakland Center.

Within seconds, I was receiving



Photo Illustration by Patchy victim, Jon Davis/The Oakland Post

The one and only 'Patchy the Mouse' in all his crusty and revolting glory. Notice how he clings to his precious teddybear like a parasite clings to its host.

looks of disgust. I feel kind of bad for the guy that saw me— he literally looked like he just caught a whiff of jiff.

Thanks Patchy.

There have been many discussions about what he is and why he is designed the way he is.

My personal theory is that Patchy was once a snot-nosed, bratty child who got turned into this ugly little thing by a witch.

How else can you explain a mouse in pajamas with human-like hair and distorted features? I can't.

Something else that's unexplainable is that Patchy actually cost my friends \$20.

Talk about overpriced.

Who on earth would buy that?

I'm going to guess probably only my friends and some old ladies with bad eyesight.

I guess he ended up being worth it.

It's been three years and he still is something I talk about all the time.

So although it pains me to say it: thanks to my homies for this... terrible gift.

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