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A The 2012-13 budget

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B On-campus housing shortage

28 votes | 46%

C A potential AAUP lawsuit

6 votes | 10%

D I am not concerned

7 votes | 11%

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

AUGUST 3, 1967

Detroit recovers after experiencing a five-day long civil riot, starting on July 23, leaving the city in ruin.

AUGUST 28, 1978

The Board of Trustees hike undergraduate tuition by 3.1 percent and student fees by 49 percent, starting the following academic year.

AUGUST 28, 1979

Donald O'Dowd ends his ten-year presidency at Oakland University, to take the position of vice-chancellor at the State University of New York.



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

TAE-KWON-DEMO // Birmingham Martial Arts Student Nathan Gaenssle performs a flying kick, breaking the board held by instructor Tony Arroyo. Their martial arts studio, Birmingham Martial Arts, put on a demonstration at Birmingham's annual Day on the Town. Birmingham Martial Arts is owned and operated by Peter Malota, a renowned Hollywood stunt choreographer and acclaimed Tae Kwon Do instructor. *DYLAN DULBERG//The Oakland Post*

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Be grateful about the amount tuition increased

Imagine if there was a coupon in the Oakland Post for 2.96 percent off any meal in the Oakland Center Pioneer food court.

It certainly wouldn't be much — it would only take off 5.2 cents off of a \$2 meal.

Obviously, that's not much of a bargain, even for Andy Griffith in the 60s. The same idea applies for the Oakland University's recent tuition increase.

The Board of Trustees approved of the 2.96 percent increase for its 2012-13 undergraduate student tuition at their Aug. 6 meeting. Yes, it was 2.96 percent—or \$10.25 more per credit hour.

There goes two Subway foot-longs or Little Caesars' Hot-n-Ready pizzas. Or even more tragic — a six pack, the beloved staple of the college experience.

It's even worse for the graduate students — they have to pay \$17 dollars more per credit hour, a 2.96 percent increase. They will be missing about three and a half subs and pizzas and a couple six-packs.

True, any increase in tuition shouldn't be called a positive. After all, it means students will be paying more money, which is usually never a favorable thing.

However, it will be rather ridiculous to hear any out-

Instead of students complaining about the woes of a 2.96 percent tuition increase, they should be grateful.

raged students complaining about a 2.6 percent increase. Especially in light of the fact the average tuition increase in the last 10 years is 9.7 percent (including a 24 percent increase in 2006).

Placing the blame on the university is equally absurd. According to the general fund budget, state funding has decreased by 21.4 percent since fiscal year 2002, a cut of nearly \$10 million. For the current fiscal year, OU received \$43.1 million in state funding, the same as the previous year. The university has to be able to support the school, too, after all.

The problem is not the fault of a certain mechanism — it's the fault of the overall design of the machine. Henry Baskin, chairman of the BOT, alluded to this issue at the Aug. 6 BOT meeting.

"At what point does it (raising tuition) stop? We don't know. It's a failed system," Baskin said. "This (higher education) is a part of our country that needs attention.

It's not getting attention."

Instead of students complaining about the woes of a 2.96 percent tuition increase, they should be grateful. Grateful that the increase is so slight and that the State of Michigan passed the current budget, which gave university's one-time funding only if they kept the tuition increases at four percent or below.

Not surprisingly, many schools in Michigan pushed as far as they could go, increasing their funding upwards of 3.9 percent.

Be grateful OU didn't do that.

Yes, if tuition continues to go up as it has in the past 15 years, this is a big problem that must be addressed and fixed. However, in context of the current increase, Grizzlies should consider themselves lucky.

If students care about how their money is spent, they should keep up with the news as it comes. Come to the future BOT meetings. They are free and the first step in taking action.

After all, students are the reason why Oakland University leaders have a job.

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COLUMN

Putting emphasis on the students

I will only be a few short weeks before the school year is back into full swing.

Campus will be buzzing again with all kinds of activities and events, and we'll have a new batch of newly graduated Grizzly cubs on campus, all of which are eager to get to their classes and make a good first impression. Returning Grizzlies will be back on campus in their old familiar places and everything at Oakland University will be right again.

This year, Student Congress is putting much emphasis on the students.

Sure, this is the mission of OUSC every single year. But this year, things are going to be new and different.



ROBBIE WILLIFORD
columnist

We've got a fresh set of ideas in store everyone.

With help from the students who are getting involved, the Legislators and Executive Board members are working on initiatives to help bring more of a vibrant outlook to the people who mean the most on campus: the students and the

student organizations that are bringing this campus the best representation and entertainment.

In addition, OUSC is working more to collaborate and connect with other student organizations to help promote the unity at OU.

Through the strong relationship building, we hope to pave the way for the future of the students of today and tomorrow.

Our eyes are going to be continuously set on providing a sense of unity with the student organizations and we're hoping to build that atmosphere from the ground up.

With all of that in mind, I'm encouraging each and every one of you reading this to come down to the basement of the Oakland Center and see all of the great student-run organizations at work.

You've got some of the brightest and best student leaders down here.

You've got the Oakland Post bringing you the latest breaking news, WXOU right next door bringing you the best music and talk shows and Student Congress and Student Program Board right across from them who are combining to bring you all the best representation and entertain-

ment to this campus.

And to top all of that off, we all want to see you get involved with our organizations! The students will always remain our number one focus.

Notice how many times I mentioned the word 'student' in the last couple of paragraphs - that just goes to show you how important you all are to us.

We're all students, just like you, and we want to see people getting involved and standing up for what they believe in through our organizations.

I hope to see you all come down to the basement and visit us!

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Nursing school applications on the rise

Students who obtained credits at Oakland given preference over transfers

By Lauren Kroetsch
Staff Reporter

When Emily Moore went to her freshman orientation, she knew immediately she wanted to go into nursing. When she finally applied to the nursing program, she was denied twice because of policy changes and revised prerequisite requirements, after already taking prerequisite and general education courses.

The application to the nursing program states students must "complete the following required pre-nursing courses or transfer equivalents with a grade of at least 2.8 and maintain a minimum overall pre-nursing grade point average of 3.2." The application also states "openings are filled with applicants best qualified to succeed in the nursing program" and preference will be given to those who complete their prerequisites at OU.

"When I registered and had my orientation at Oakland University in 2008, I went to the Macomb to Oakland group because they pushed me there," Moore said. "You can take your prerequisites at Macomb while you take your general education (courses) at Oakland. It's the cheaper route and it's also good for commuters who want to take their prerequisite (courses) at Macomb since it's closer. So right off the bat I registered for one or two classes at Oakland and the rest at Macomb."

Although many students are currently enrolled in the OU-Macomb program, it is "relatively new and it hasn't been applicable to us yet because of the backlog of students that we've had," Amy Johnson, special projects coordinator, said.

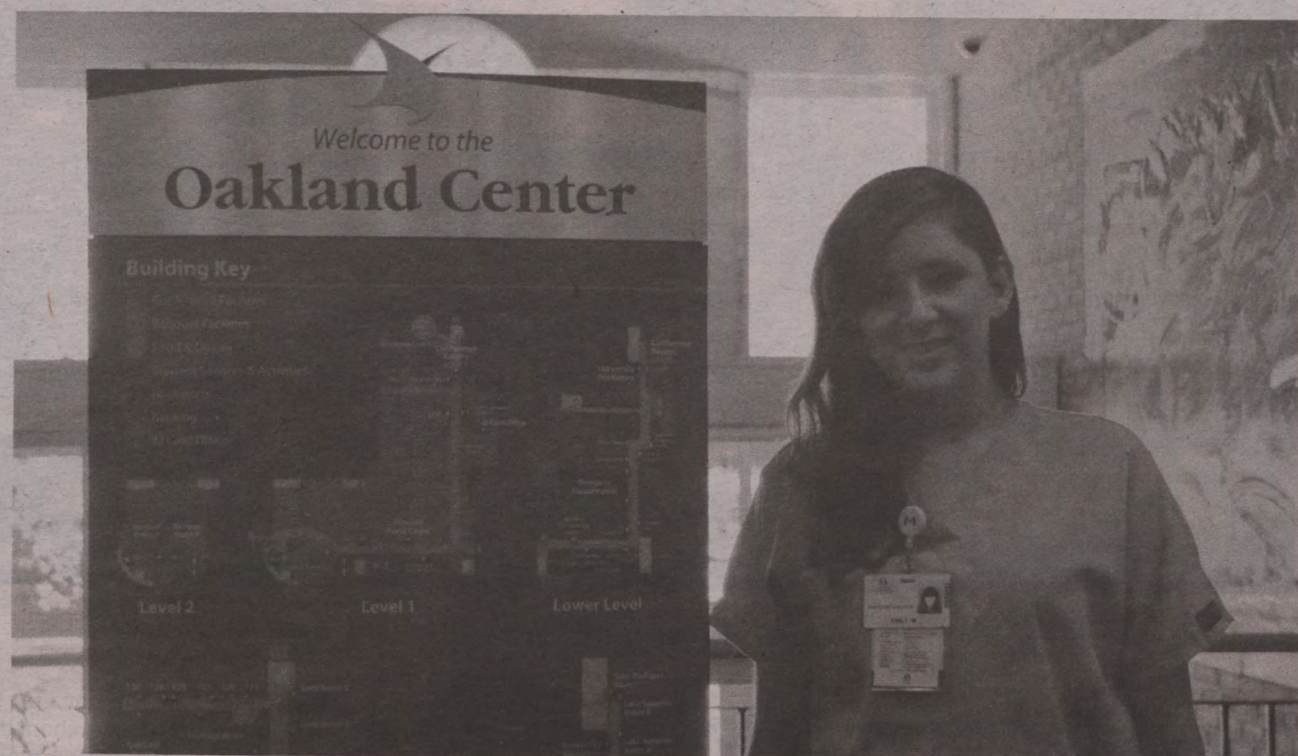
After the required classes

After Moore took the required classes for the nursing program, OU changed the prerequisite requirements from a 2.5 GPA requirement to a 2.8 requirement.

She retook a few of the classes and after completing the requirements and earning grades she was satisfied with, Moore sent in her application to the nursing program December 2011.

She received a rejection letter in the mail shortly after.

When talking to her adviser, Moore



DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

Emily Moore was denied twice from the nursing program because of policy changes and revised prerequisite requirements. She now will not be able to attend the Nursing Program at Oakland University.

"WE ARE ADMITTING PEOPLE AS FAR AWAY AS 2014."

Gary Moore,
Associate dean for school of nursing

was warned they were going to change the rules in January, but she was assured it wouldn't be a problem.

When finished with her class, Moore sent in her grades and reapplied to the program, but was rejected again.

"I figured I was going to be grandfathered in," Moore said. "I just thought because I took my prerequisites at Macomb and turned in my application before the policy started in 2012, it wasn't going to be an issue."

Moore thought a possibility for not getting in was because the admissions office didn't receive her chemistry grade. Her adviser said that wasn't the reason, and the issue was that she didn't take all her prerequisites at OU.

"I said to my adviser, 'I've been going for nursing since I started school, and I've been taking my prerequisites at Macomb, knowing it was going to be fine, and my application was in before the new policy started,'" Moore said. "(My adviser) had no answer."

She was advised to either retake all of her prerequisites at OU or change

majors. Neither option sounded good.

"I'm not interested in changing my major, because this is what I've wanted to do for years," Moore said. "I had my application in before and I was pushed so hard at the beginning of my freshman year to take my prerequisites at Macomb."

Nursing school overbooked

Gary Moore, associate dean for the School of Nursing, said he isn't familiar with the M2O program.

"I understand a lot of people go to community colleges to take these because it's a lot cheaper to do that," Dr. Moore said. "The issue at the current moment is we have a waiting list of students who are in the pipeline to be admitted into the school of nursing who were admitted before any of these changes were made."

According to Dr. Moore, the nursing program previously had rolling admissions, which meant that if a student showed up and had all of his or her requirements completed, they were automatically put into a slot to begin the nursing courses.

"We were admitting people as far away as 2014," Dr. Moore said.

The program had such an overflow of students applying, they switched to the new policy which gives preference to OU students. Now, no students from

outside of Oakland, even some within Oakland who had completed their prerequisites, were admitted last fall or this winter.

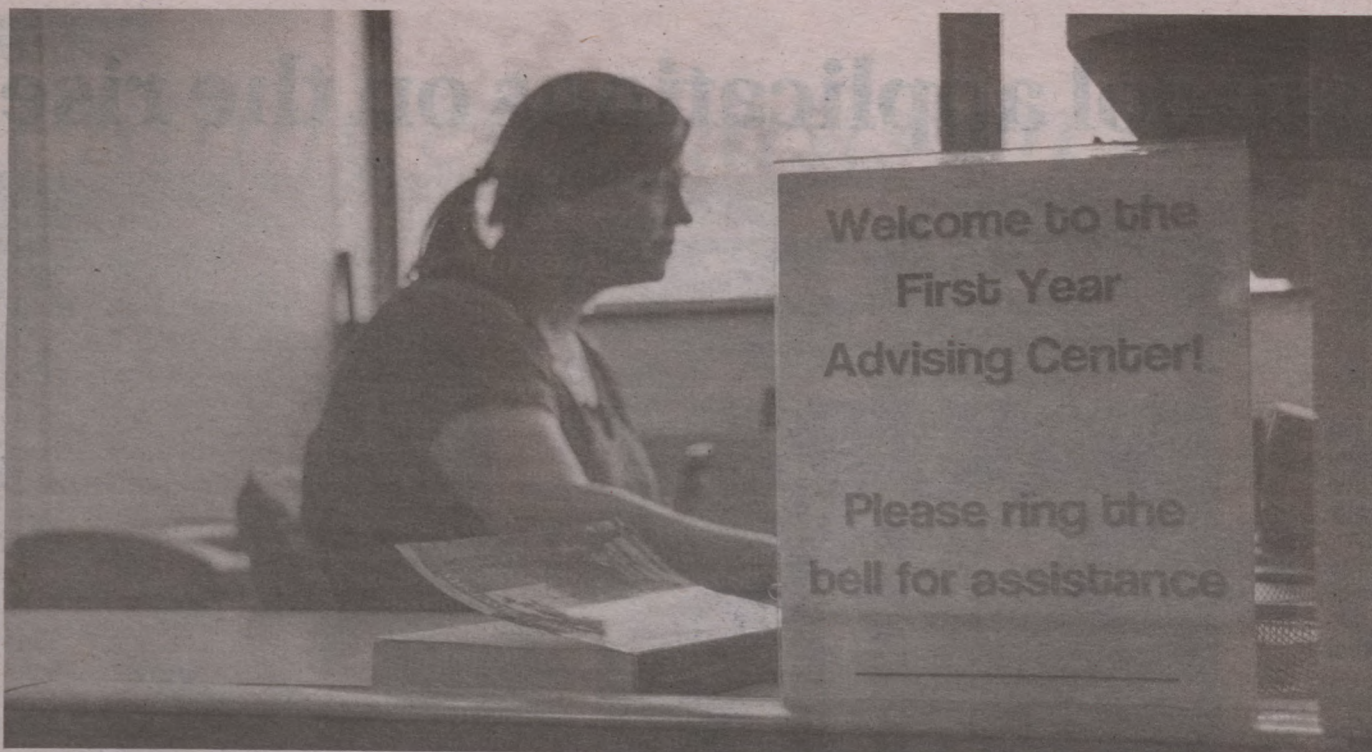
"We're not saying we're never going to admit anybody who had taken their courses at Macomb Community College or Oakland Community College. What we're saying is we're giving a preference to those who have their courses here at Oakland."

Dr. Moore said if it was between a student who had taken all of their prerequisites at OU and had a lower GPA than a student who had taken prerequisites at another school and had a higher GPA, the admissions office would accept the student with the higher GPA.

For pre-nursing students like Moore, the competitive program and the requirement changes have made it difficult to complete the program and graduate in a timely manner. She is now getting her associate degree in nursing at Macomb Community College.

"They put out the idea that there is hope, if you took your prerequisites at Macomb," Moore said. "Until you don't get in."

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Lorin Bartony, one of the advisors of the advising center, is settling in to her new office, which is located in 121 North Foundation Hall.

New First Year Advising Center created for freshman

Will provide career exploration, advising for students

By Jennifer Holychuk
Staff Reporter

Next month, a brand new department will open its doors in North Foundation Hall. Oakland's First Year Advising Center will combine several services into one office.

Sara Webb, director of the First Year Advising Center, said this department is the product of merging the Orientation and New Student Programs office with the Advising Resource Center.

The new office is located in 121 North Foundation Hall and will start taking student appointments Sept. 4.

More information will be available in mid-August when they launch the website.

"When we merged, we not only took on the roles of both of those offices, but we expanded our services," she said.

The department will provide advising for all freshmen students regardless of their major. They will also provide career exploration and advising for those students who are undecided or wish to change their major.

Students who are not freshmen and progressing with their major courses

may continue to use the advising office of their respective college or program.

According to Webb, freshmen will be assigned one adviser they will consistently meet with at each appointment during their first year.

It is now mandatory for first-year students to schedule two advising appointments in the fall and winter.

"A major goal for freshmen advising is making sure that students achieve sophomore standing by the end of their first year," she said.

Webb said getting students involved in their particular major or field will be a key component of how students are advised.

"We'll spend a lot of time in our advising appointments connecting students to opportunities on campus," she said. "We want to keep them engaged in what's going on."

Until the creation of the website, incoming students are made aware of the advising center through the New Student Orientations that take place during the summer.

Orientation Assistant Ethan Scott said he helps introduce incoming freshmen to the advising center through a session called "Knowledge for College," which takes place during orientation.

Orientation group leader Erin Feeney said she also tells students about the First Year Advising Center during their campus tour.

"We stop by the new office, and I highlight the fact that this is a one-stop-shop for students and a great resource," Feeney, a sophomore, said. "We want students to get excited about that."

Feeney said having this office available last fall would have been helpful during her freshmen year.

"Having to branch off to all of the different colleges for advising can be intimidating and complicated as a freshmen," she said. "The people in this office are especially knowledgeable on how to work with first-year students."

In addition to the seven academic advisers, the center is hiring new staff to work in the department.

"There will be 18 people in the office working on all kinds of different projects: advising students, planning orientation and planning programs," she said. "We even have a couple graduate students who will provide career counseling."

Webb said the staff is excited to start the new semester and do its best to advise incoming students.

"People change a lot in the four or five years that they're here," she said. "What sounds good in the first year may not be what sounds good at year four, but if we can help to firm up their decision a little bit, we're happy."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Birmingham Community House, School of Business hosts lecture

The Community House in Birmingham will host a lecture sponsored by the Oakland University School of Business Administration titled "Bulletproof Your Success." The event will take place, Aug. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost of attendance for the lecture is \$35 and the cost of lunch is \$10. For more information, contact Paul Trumbull at trumbull@oakland.edu.

Katke-Cousins Gold Course hosts Ladies League event

The Katke-Cousins Golf Course will hold a Ladies League Member/Member event on Aug. 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Jeremy Moses at 248-364-6300, or send an email to moses@oakland.edu.

Illuminate Video conferencing workshop for faculty, staff

Kresge Library will host a workshop for faculty and staff about Illuminate video-conferencing software. The event will take place on Aug. 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. on the fourth floor. For more information, call 248-370-4566.

Preparing for the Autism Insurance Benefit

There will be a workshop to prepare for the Autism Insurance Benefit on Aug. 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Banquet Room B of the Oakland Center. The workshop will be open to parents, providers, insurers, clinicians, caregivers and any others interested in learning about the benefits. For more information, contact OUCARERS at 248-370-2424 or email them at oucures@oakland.edu.

CPR-certified classes offered

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Provider and CPR for the Professional Rescuer will be holding a CPR certified class on Aug 16 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Riverview Institute of Oakland in Detroit. The cost is \$60 per person. To register, visit www.oakland.edu/pace. For more information, contact Michelle Moss at 313-499-4033 or moss23@oakland.edu.

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Staff Reporter

University to host stem cell biology, therapy conference

Conference to discuss development in the field

By Sarah Hunton
Senior Reporter

Scientists and intellectuals across the country will meet at Oakland University this October to share stem cell research information at the second Midwest Conference on Stem Cell Biology and Therapy.

The conference will take place Oct. 5-7 at Meadow Brook Hall. Workshops, lectures and poster presentations will be held to explore the most recent developments in the field.

Rasul Chaudhry, a biology professor at OU, has organized the event.

"This gives our students, our faculty exposure to new knowledge," he said.

Dr. Erik Forsberg is the executive director of the Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He studies specifically induced pluripotent stem cells which are adult stem cells that have been altered to act like embryonic stem cells.

"What we learn with embryonic and iPS cells can most likely be applied to adult stem cell research," he said.

Forsberg was invited to the first Midwest conference, but he did not attend. He is looking forward to visiting OU for the first time.

"They've invited a lot of great scientists and I think that it will be very much fun and intellectually stimulating to be meeting with these scientists," he said.

Chaudhry said much stem cell research is being conducted at OU. Students, faculty members and Beaumont partners are all involved. Those from biology, chemistry, the health sciences and nursing are involved in this research as well.

"Oakland is considered to be a leader now in this area, at least in Michigan," he said.

At the university, researchers are working with Beaumont to see what can be done to regenerate tissue that may be lost in the retina due to old age or disease, and tissue that is lost between the vertebrae.

Chaudhry said as we grow older, our bodies become less determined to fix problems, such as plaque build up in the arteries.

"(In old age) People have problems in blood circulation between arteries," Chaudhry said. "We're looking at what the cause of that and are there any ways we can alleviate that problem."

Although stem cell research is not directly linked to business, Mohan Tanniru, dean of the School of Business Administration, believes that supporting one area of OU will strengthen the whole university. The School of Business Administration is sponsoring the conference.

"I don't see a direct benefit to the School of Business, but I see a benefit in

promoting the university," Tanniru said. "I sponsored because I feel that as one of the units on campus, if there is research going on (in a different unit) all of the school should play a role in supporting it."

In addition, the SBA's affiliates will participate in a panel discussion. They will explore the business implications of new stem cell research technologies that are being developed.

STEM CELL FAST FACTS

- Stem cells are used in the body to create new cells. They multiply either into bones, organs or tissues. They may become a muscle cell, blood cell or brain cell.
- Stem cells are currently being studied in relation to treatment of multiple diseases from forms of cancer to Parkinson's disease. They are also used to test drugs for such diseases.
- Adult stem cells are harvested from areas of the body other than the reproductive organs.
- Embryonic stem cells are considered "pluripotent," which means they can produce cells in numerous parts of the body.
- The first in vitro created stem cells were created in 1981.

School of Medicine enrolling more students for fall semester

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

The Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, which began classes Aug. 6, is enrolling an incoming class of 75 students this year. That number will increase to 100 students next year, before stabilizing at 125 incoming students in 2014.

"The school is becoming very well known for its excellence and its quality," Dr. Robert Folberg, dean of the WBSM, said.

The school is partnering with other disciplines across campus and within the

community in order to simulate a realistic patient care experience.

"We have medical students going out on home health visits with nursing students, kind of learning how to deliver coordinated care," he said.

According to Folberg, WBSM has worked with Forgiven Harvest to not only create real-world experience, but volunteer work.

"When clients were out picking up their fresh fruits and vegetables, our medical students set up a free healthcare screening mini clinic in two locations," Folberg said.

Research efforts are aided by the OU's

partnership with Beaumont Health System. The school uses BioBank, a facility dedicated to housing human tissue samples, and Beaumont's Core Molecular and Genetics Laboratory for research on pressing medical issues.

Dr. David Felten, associate dean for research, said the affiliation with Beaumont enables the medical school to do some unique work.

Folberg's vision of the school's future includes hiring additional faculty, more partnerships and expand research.

"We're really concentrating on the excellence of what we have and we're not bringing anything online until we're assured that what we are doing is absolutely cutting-edge and at the top of our potential," he said.

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POLICE FILES

Suspect banned from campus for stalking charges

On Tuesday, July 3 at approximately 10:50 a.m., OUPD delivered a Persona Non Grata letter to a former OU professor due to reported stalking and harassment.

Police spoke with a current OU professor who stated that the suspect had been sending her strange emails and acting unusual. The professor told the suspect to no longer have any contact with her.

The professor added that she was concerned the suspect would attempt to contact her at her home or on campus. The suspect is no longer allowed on campus for any reason.

As of Sunday, July 15 the victim received five new emails from the suspect. OUPD is continuing to look into this matter. The suspect's whereabouts are currently unknown.

iPad stolen in Wilson Hall

On Sat., July 14, a male student reported to OUPD that his iPad was stolen while he was taking a test.

On the morning of Wed., July 11, the student placed all of his belongings, including the iPad, under his seat before taking the test.

After class, the student said he gathered his belongings but forgot the iPad in the room. The student returned later and said the iPad was no longer there.

The student tried using the tracking device, but said someone unknown had shut it off.

There are currently no suspects in this case.

Laptop stolen from Hamlin Hall

On Wednesday, July 25, OUPD responded to Hamlin Hall regarding a stolen laptop.

The female victim stated that she left her laptop on a table in her room at approximately 10:30 a.m. When the victim returned at approximately 12:30 p.m., her laptop was missing.

The victim said the door to her room was left open, but the door to the common room was locked.

There currently are no suspects.

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Housing proposes plans for expansion

Residence halls geared towards freshmen, sophomores

By Shelby Reynolds
and Justin Colman
Senior Reporter, Chief Copy Editor

Several years ago, Design Plus, a western Michigan-based design firm, drafted a Master Plan for a complete revamping of Oakland University Housing.

Four years of deliberation later, plans to renovate existing facilities and to construct new ones are making progress and will be discussed at this fall's Board of Trustees meetings.

The first residence hall facility expansion would take place parallel to Walton Boulevard and across from Hamlin and Vandenberg Halls. According to the master plan, the new facility would have approximately 450 beds.

Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder said the residence hall would be geared toward freshmen and sophomores.

Before construction begins, the plan must be approved and an architect firm must be selected. Housing Director Jim Zentmeyer said he would like for the prospective firms to visit Oakland before a decision is made.

Snyder said OU's BOT must approve the housing project. The next discussion, according to Snyder, would take place this October.

The Freshman Focus

Zentmeyer has worked with several other universities to tackle similar renovating projects as those of OU.

Altogether, he has seen national trends of what works and what doesn't. What has worked, according to Zentmeyer, is housing's initiative program the 'First Year Experience.'

University housing launched this initiative as a way of engaging and helping students, especially in the first six weeks of their time at OU.

With the enhancement of the transition time on the forefront of the university's priorities in shaping the housing experience, existing conditions need to change, according to Zentmeyer.

Buildings like Vandenberg and Hamlin have much longer hallways, spreading residents out. Zentmeyer calls it more of an apartment-style configuration, which in his opinion is "deadly"



Photo courtesy of Oakland University's media relations

This is a mock drawing of what the quad may look like. The drawings are not completely finalized and have not been approved.

"The campus has been growing ridiculously fast for the last number of years. I think spreading out is a great idea."

Owen O'Connor,
Conference Assistant
for University Housing

for keeping freshman on campus.

"It's too far away, too removed and people don't connect," he said.

According to Zentmeyer, the configuration for the new facilities would look more like six to eight bedrooms per hallway and a common area.

Owen O'Connor, a junior elementary education major, spent this summer working as a conference assistant in housing. He finds the idea of expanding residence halls a refreshing possibility.

Last fall, O'Connor was a resident assistant during the housing overflow. He was in charge of one of the floors of the makeshift hotel dorms at Homestead Studio Suites.

The arrangement in the building re-

sembled the long hallways of campus dorms and resulted in somewhat distant relationships.

"It makes it a lot harder for me as the RA to go and gather everyone," O'Connor said. "When you have that lounge available, it makes it much easier for people to walk in and see what's going on. It's easier to make friends."

Same building, new look

As part of the budget proposal, Zentmeyer has called for some much anticipated renovations to the campus's current residence halls.

This would include restored plumbing, electrical systems, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and the addition of emergency sprinklers. There are also plans for a more modern interior.

Zentmeyer said he is looking to do away with the "gang bathrooms" of Hill and Van Wagoner and make them more personalized.

In order to make these renovations, parts of the resident facilities would need to be demolished.

Zentmeyer said the timeline, if the budget proposal is approved, would consist of renovating Hamlin and

Vandenberg first during the course of two summers.

The Quad

Housing plans to commence construction on what they are calling "The Quad" would be in 2014, if the proposal is passed.

The plan, Zentmeyer said, is to shift attention away from the center of Oakland's campus.

"I see this as a chance to broaden the attention of campus," he said. "I think in the long haul that it's a good thing we're expanding so that attention is not concentrated in one, central area — it's elongated."

"The campus has been growing ridiculously fast for the last number of years. I think spreading out is a great idea," O'Connor said. "Eventually, it will grow anyway. You might as well start now."

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Playing chicken with controversy

Oakland University students consider boycotting fast-food chain

By Dylan Dulberg
Photographer

With over 1,000 restaurants in 34 different states, Chick-fil-A is undoubtedly a nation-wide chain. In Michigan however, there is only one Chick-fil-A location, and it's located in the Pioneer Food Court at Oakland University. But, after the company's CEO Dan Cathy stated he was in support of the "biblical definition of a family," some students are pushing for its removal.

When Chrissy Starzyk, a member of the OU Gay-Straight Alliance, first found out Cathy was against same-sex marriage, she, along with the GSA, arranged a protest to get rid of Oakland's restaurant. Though the attempt was short-lived, she said the student organization is planning another.

"I don't like supporting companies who support anti-gay anything, so I had no reason to like the place," Starzyk, a junior majoring in psychology, said. "I think now that it's public knowledge, people will be more aware of the issue and we'll have a better chance of getting support from the people on campus."

She said its claim as the only one in Michigan is a win-lose situation, regardless of the way it's publically viewed.

"People aren't going to want to get rid of it because of that reason, despite it looking bad," she said. "People brag about OU having the only (Chick-fil-A). In my opinion, people use it as a selling point. I think the only way we could be successful in ousting it is if we find another choice that both Chartwells and the students agree on."

Gary Glenn, president of the American Family Association of Michigan, said an attempt to discriminate against the restaurant would be unconstitutional.

"There couldn't be a clearer and more blatant case of unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination if the university forces Chick-fil-A to leave campus because of its owner's exercise of his First Amendment free speech rights," he said.

Chartwells, the company that operates Oakland's franchise location, released a statement July 24. It said the company has clear and strong policies that embrace diversity, inclusion and respect in the workplace and have a



CLARE LATORRE / The Oakland Post

Students consider boycotting Chick-fil-A after the company's stance against gay marriage.

zero tolerance for any behavior contrary to those beliefs.

"Chartwells has a Zero Tolerance Discrimination and Harassment Policy, which enforces compliance with federal, state and local laws that prohibit discrimination or harassment based on sex, sexual orientation, race, religion, color, disability, age, pregnancy, national origin, veteran status or any other unlawful factor," the statement said.

While unsure of the plans for the future of Oakland's relationship with Chick-fil-A, Theodore Montgomery, director of media relations at OU, hinted at the likelihood of an opportunity for students to become involved in the decision.

"Oakland University is totally committed to inclusion in all forms," Montgomery said. "We expect to continue to have a robust campus discussion about (retaining the Chick-fil-A in the Oakland Center) when our students come back to campus in September."

Oakland's location will reopen on Sept. 4 — the first day of the fall semester.

No religious or political student organizations could be reached for comment.

Contact Staff Photographer Dylan Dulberg via email at dsdulber@oakland.edu or follow him on Twitter @ [dyldude64](https://twitter.com/dyldude64)

THE POLITICAL BATTLEFIELD

TO EAT, OR NOT TO EAT

Many politicians, including former president candidate Mike Huckabee, have stood behind movements either for or against Chick-fil-A, like the 'Chick-fil-A appreciation day' and the 'Chick-on-Chick kiss-in.'

THE MAYORAL DEBATE

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, San Francisco Mayor Edwin M. Lee and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel have all spoken against Chick-fil-A, making threats to ban it from their respective cities. New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, on his Friday morning radio show, stated though he is a supporter of same-sex marriage, he does not agree with the attempts to block the Chick-fil-A's from various cities in the country.

AN ISSUE OF FREE SPEECH

Many people have not 'sided' either with or against Chick-fil-A, but also do not agree with banning their expansion or operation solely on the basis of the comments made by Cathy. Many people say the business should not be judged poorly by Cathy's exercising of his right to free speech.

BACKGROUND INFO

WHO Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy

WHAT Publicly confirmed allegation companies views on same-sex marriage.

WHEN July 16, 2012

WHERE Chick-fil-A has restaurants in 34 different states, including Michigan. The only Chick-fil-A in Michigan is located in the Oakland Center on campus.

Board of Trustees approves lowest tuition increase in 8 years

The Oakland University Board of Trustees passed a 2.96 percent undergraduate tuition increase Monday afternoon.

Since Oakland has a no additional fee policy, a total of 81 percent of its funding comes from student tuition.

State funding has given OU \$43.1 million, which is the base funding and is not expected to be changed in the near future. Performance funding included an additional \$888,300 based on degrees in critical skill areas, graduation, over all degrees and other factors.

Oakland's tuition rate is the fifth lowest in the state under the new general fund budget.

According to data from the State of Michigan, OU is the fourth lowest cost-per-student in the state, the second highest student-per-faculty in the state, the fourth lowest staff-per-thousand student in the state and the lowest general fund for square-per-student in the state.

The increase, set for the 2012-13 school year, is the lowest tuition increase since a 1 percent increase in 2004.

A 2.94 percent increase was also approved for graduate student tuition.

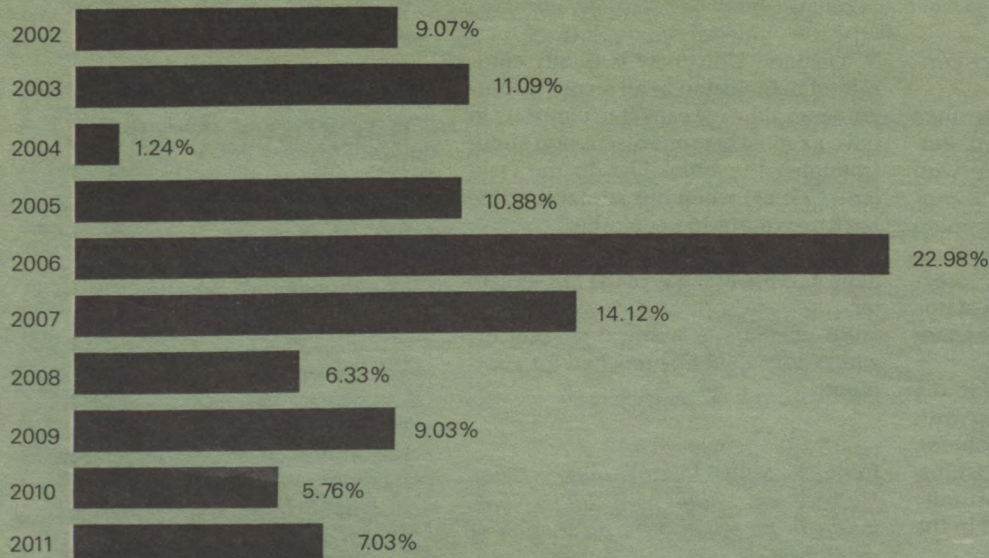
Keeping the rate below four percent makes OU eligible for additional funding from the state of Michigan based on tuition restraint.

BOT Chairperson Henry Baskin said tuition increases at Oakland need to stop.

"We need to make a commitment that this will be the last year we ask for a tuition increase. As far as Oakland's concerned, for the last 15 years, raising tuition is the new norm," he said. "This has to stop at some point."

Oakland's tuition increase is one of the lowest tuition increases among the 15 public Michigan universities and is less than the 4 percent increase limit set by Gov. Rick Snyder.

TUITION OVER THE PAST DECADE



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Oakland University's \$211 million gen

Because Oakland University has a no additional fees, 81 p from student tuition. Included is a breakdown of the 15 se

Written by The Oakland Post Staff
Designed by Nichole Seguin

WHAT IT MEANS

Academic Affairs Administrative Operations Group meets monthly to go over employment and budget administration. The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost is responsible for university's academic programs, personnel and resources.

Student Affairs helps students get involved on campus in student life opportunities such as student organizations, health and counseling services, free tutoring, residential and dining programs, study skills seminars, recreation and more.

Kresge Library offers students multiple services such as technical support, customized sessions for OU courses, a writing center, iPads for rent, a faculty digital recourse guide, and much more. Kresge is open 24 hours during the fall and winter semesters to help convenience students.

School of Education and Human Services offers undergraduate and graduate study programs that provide a theoretical knowledge base. It is best known for recruiting a diverse faculty and creating many partnerships with local school districts.

School of Engineering and Computer Sciences offers instruction leading to degrees for bachelor, master and doctoral degrees. The program consists of four departments. The school has about 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students.

University Relations is responsible for planning alumni association events and bringing in donors through sporting events, theatre performances and dinners.

School of Health Sciences offers five bachelor programs, two master programs in addition to providing lab courses and research within the health care field.

School of Business Administration offers 10 bachelor programs, three master's programs and courses in accounting, finance, human resources and business economics.

Finance and Administration supports the campus community and related system by adding value through service, leadership, innovation and financial and physical resources. The Vice President leads the financial and business services of the university.

School of Education and Human Services offers many degree programs in counseling, education, human and child development and reading and language arts in addition to providing education for counselors and teachers.

Instructional and Informational Technology is responsible for a management of technology in classrooms, the training of faculty of staff and students, technological consultation and support and the E-learning program.

College of Arts and Sciences is the largest school at OU. It covers more than 75 majors and 16 departments

The Presidential award and other scholarship are given out through the **President's Office**.

The Oakland University **William Beaumont School of Medicine** is located in O'Dowd. There are currently 50 students enrolled in the college.

The **School of Nursing** program, which is now located in the Human Health Building, has become one of the more popular programs at Oakland.

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general fund budget broken down

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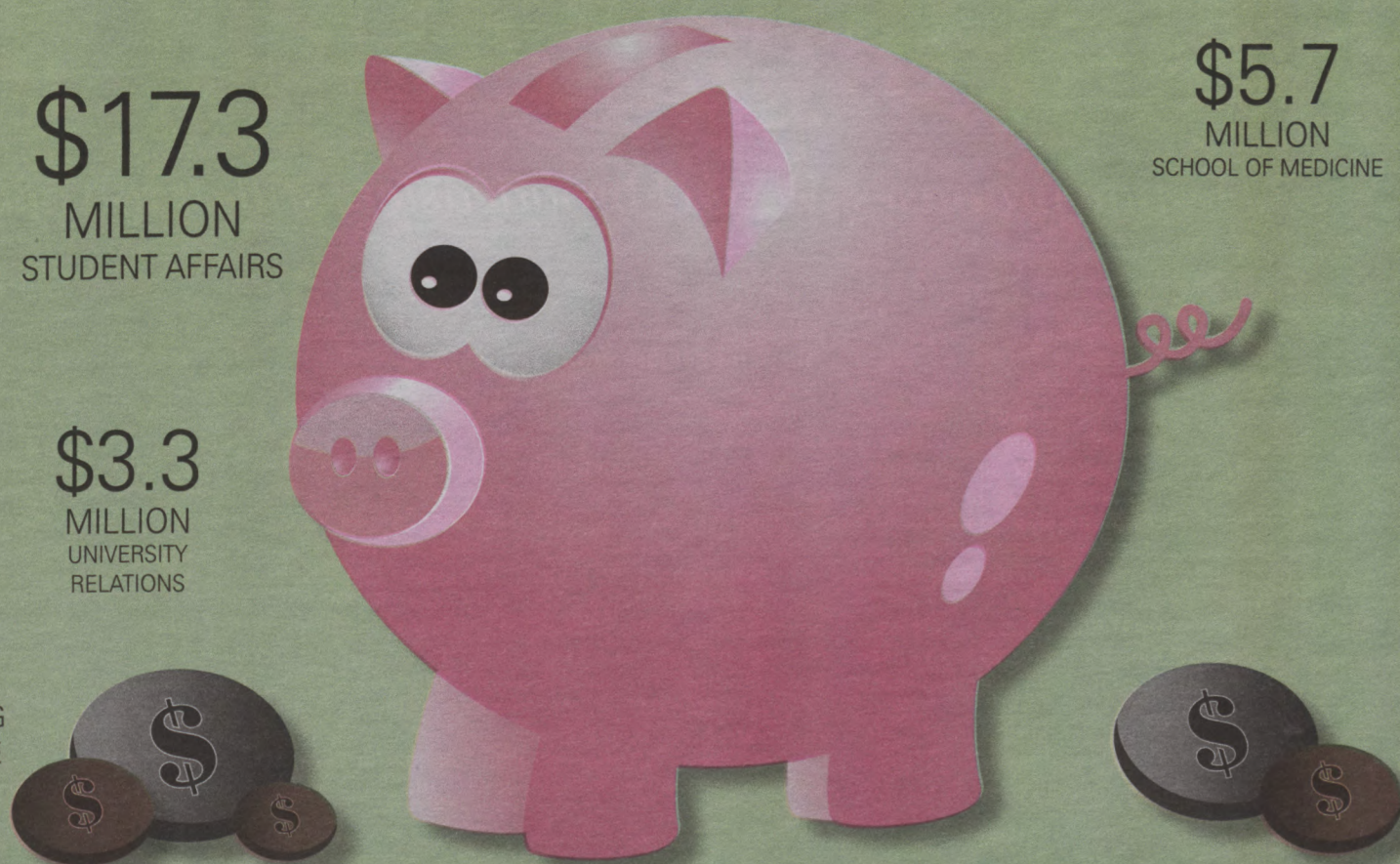
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

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7 pm, O'Rena
Friday, 8/31: **Women's Soccer** vs. Detroit
8 pm, OU Soccer Field
Saturday, 9/1: **Women's Volleyball** vs. EMU
Noon, O'Rena
Saturday, 9/1: **Women's Volleyball** vs. Iowa
7 pm, O'Rena
Sunday, 9/2: **Men's Soccer** vs. Vermont
1 pm, OU Soccer Field
Wednesday, 9/5: **Women's Soccer** vs. MSU
7 pm, OU Soccer Field
Sunday, 9/9: **Women's Soccer** vs. Michigan
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Saturday, September 1

University Housing: New Student Check-In

Residence Halls Association: Welcome BBQ

4 pm, Hamlin Circle

Residence Halls Association: Comedian Michael Dean Ester

7 pm, Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

Sunday, September 2

University Housing: Returning Students Check-In

Residence Halls Association: "Screen on the Green"

featuring "The Avengers"

8 pm, Back of Hamlin Hall

Center for Student Activities: Unlimited Bowling for \$10 at Classic Lanes

9 pm-Midnight, 2145 Avon Industrial Drive, Rochester Hills

Monday, September 3

Labor Day (No Classes)

Residence Halls Association: Mall Crawl

Noon-5 pm, Shuttle to Great Lakes Outlet, Target & Meijer in Auburn Hills

Residence Halls Association: Bonfire

7-9 pm, Upper Fields

Residence Halls Association: Open Mic Night

7-9 pm, Vandenberg Dining Center, Vandenberg Hall

Athletics: Meijer Madnezz

9-11 pm, Adams Road and M59, Auburn Hills

September 4 - 14

Welcome Week @ Oakland University - Fall 2012

Tuesday, September 4-Friday, September 7

"Welcome to OU" Information Stations

Tuesday & Friday, 8am-1pm; Wednesday & Thursday 8 am-6:30 pm,

Tent between North & South Foundation Halls;

Tent across from the Campus Recreation Center

Tuesday, September 4

Orientation and New Student Programs: Orientation II

Center for Student Activities: Jump Start for Transfer Students

10 am-2 pm, Campus Recreation Center

New Student Convocation & Involvement Fair

Convocation: 3-4 pm, Recreation and Athletics Center;

Involvement Fair: 4-5 pm, Tent behind Kresge Library

Classes Begin at 5 pm

Athletics, Grizz Gang & WXOU: Jumpin' Jamboree

5-8 pm, Hamlin Circle

Society of Automotive Engineers: SAE Race Car Display

5-8 pm, Hamlin Basketball Court, Across from Hamlin Hall

Center for Student Activities & Greek Council:

"The Walk" to Meadow Brook Hall

Tours leave at 8:30 pm, 9 pm, 9:30 pm, Meet at Hamlin Circle

Wednesday, September 5

Oakland University Student Congress: Mobile Michigan

Secretary of State Office (Full service SOS; register to vote)

10 am-4 pm, End Lounge (Next to Grizz Express), Oakland Center

Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC), The Oakland Post,

Student Program Board (SPB), Student Video Productions (SVP),

Student Life Lecture Board (SLLB), & WXOU Open Houses

Noon-2 pm, Lower Level of the Oakland Center

Student Veterans at OU: Welcome Reception

4-6 pm, Fireside Lounge

Association of Black Students &

Center for Multicultural Initiatives: Welcome BBQ

6-9 pm, Hamlin Basketball Court, Across from Hamlin Hall

National Pan-Hellenic Council: NPHC Yard Show


9-11 pm, Hamlin Basketball Court, Across from Hamlin Hall

Thursday, September 6

Oakland University Student Congress: Mobile Michigan

Secretary of State Office (Full service SOS; register to vote)

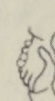
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Softball*	Sept 14 @ 3pm
Soccer*	Sept 14 @ 3pm
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Table Tennis League**	Sept 14 @ 3pm
Flag Football*	Sept 25 @ 4pm
OU Fit Challenge**	Oct 22 @ 4pm
4-Player Volleyball**	Oct 30 @ 4pm
Dodgeball*	Nov 6 @ 4pm
Grizzly Shootout 3on3*	Nov 13 @ 4pm

Labor Day Weekend Events!

14th Annual Ford Arts, Beats & Eats in Downtown Royal Oak

Friday, August 31
11 am-11 pm
Saturday, September 1
11 am-11 pm
Sunday, September 2
11 am-11 pm
Monday, September 3
11 am-10 pm

33rd Annual Detroit Jazz Festival in Downtown Detroit

Friday, August 31
4-11 pm
Saturday, September 1
10:30 am-11:30 pm
Sunday, September 2
10:30 am-11:30 pm
Monday, September 3
Noon-8:30 pm

Michigan Renaissance Festival* in Holly

Saturday-Monday, September 1-3
10 am-7 pm
Theme Weekend: High Seas Adventure!

Friday-Sunday, September 7-9

47th Annual Art & Apples Festival at the Rochester Municipal Park In Downtown Rochester

Friday, September 7
4-7:30 pm
Saturday, September 8
9 am-7:30 pm
Sunday, September 9
9 am-4 pm

Michigan Renaissance Festival* in Holly

Saturday-Sunday, September 8-9
10 am-7 pm
Theme Weekend: Wonders of the World!

Friday-Sunday, September 14-17

Michigan Renaissance Festival* in Holly

Friday-Sunday, September 14-16
10 am-7 pm

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InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Welcome Back Picnic

Noon-2 pm, Outdoors, Between North & South Foundation Halls

Gender and Sexuality Center: GSC Open House

Noon-4 pm, Room 49D, Oakland Center

LGBTQA ERG: Welcome Reception

4-6 pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Agape Community of Oakland University: Welcome Picnic

4:30-6 pm, Outdoors, North Side of the Oakland Center

Campus Recreation: "IM Kickoff"

6-11 pm, Campus Recreation Center

Residence Halls Association: First RHA Meeting

7 pm, Vandenberg Lounge, Vandenberg Hall

Oakland University Student Congress: OUSC Rock4Rights

7-10 pm, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Friday, September 7

Orientation and New Student Programs & Center for Student Activities: "Celebrate the 28" featuring Live Music by Killer Flamingos

3-5 pm, Pioneer Food Court, Oakland Center

International Students and Scholars Office:

International Welcome Reception

4-6 pm, Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

Student Affairs & Center for Student Activities:

Grand Opening of New Bonfire Pit

7-8 pm, Upper Fields

Sigma Pi Fraternity: 18th Annual Pig Roast

7 pm-Midnight, Upper Fields

Student Program Board: SPB Carnival

7 pm-Midnight, Upper Fields

Student Video Productions: Outdoor Movie

featuring "The Hunger Games"

9 pm-Midnight, Upper Fields

Saturday, September 8

Center for Student Activities:

Student Organization Officer Training

Check-in starts at 10:30 am, 11 am-4 pm, Banquet Rooms,
Oakland Center

Monday, September 10

The Oakland Post: Party with the Post

Noon-1:30 pm, Outdoors, North Side of the Oakland Center

Oakland University Student Congress: Coffee Hour

With Representative Lisa Brown, 39th House District

1-2 pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Tuesday, September 11

Student Veterans at OU and Center for Student Activities:

9-11 Remembrance

8:46 am, Outdoors, Between North & South Foundation Halls

Center for Student Activities: Grizz Fest

for Student & Greek Organizations

11:30 am-1 pm, Outdoors, Between North & South

Foundation Halls

North Foundation Hall Student Services: Open House

11:30 am-1 pm, North Foundation Hall

Campus Recreation: CoRec Sand Volleyball Tournament

5 pm, Sand Volleyball Court, Across from Hamlin Hall

Wednesday, September 12

Student Program Board: "Hump Day" Kickoff

11 am-1 pm, Outdoors, Between North & South

Foundation Halls & 5-7 pm, Hamlin Circle

Student Video Productions: Visiting Professionals - Janet

Pound and Kathy Mooney from Pound & Mooney Casting

Noon-1 pm, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Thursday, September 13

Center for Student Activities: Volunteer Fair

10 am-2 pm, Fireside Lounge, Main Hallway, Gold Rooms,
Oakland Center

Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity: Pizza Party

11:30 am-1:30 pm, Outdoors, Between North & South

Foundation Halls

11th Annual Campus Recreation vs. University Housing

Tailgate Party & Flag Football Challenge

6-8 pm - Tailgate Party; 8-9:30 pm - Flag Football Challenge,
Upper Fields

Friday, September 14

Society of Automotive Engineers: SAE Car Talk

Noon-3 pm, Hamlin Circle

Student Program Board: SPB Comedy Night

featuring Upright Citizens Brigade

7-10 pm, Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

CSA's Leadership & Volunteer Center

VOLUNTEER FAIR

Thursday, September 13
10 am-2 pm
Fireside Lounge, OC Main Hallway
& Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

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National Pan-Hellenic Council

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Sorority Recruitment

CPH - College Panhellenic

Orientation is on Sunday, September 16
Recruitment is Thursday-Sunday,
September 20-23

Fraternity Recruitment

IFC - Interfraternity Council

Information sessions take place
Tuesday-Wednesday, September 18-19



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Week of Champions at Oakland University

October 8-12, 2012

"The Madnezz"

Friday, October 12, 2012

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OU Major Events for 2012-2013

New Student Convocation &
Involvement Fair
September 4, 2012

Welcome Week @ Oakland University
- Fall Semester 2012
September 4-14, 2012

Week of Champions @
Oakland University - WOCOU 2012
October 8-12, 2012

"The Madnezz"
Friday, October 12, 2012

Welcome Week @ Oakland University
- Winter Semester 2013
January 3-5, 2013

Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards
Celebration & Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 21, 2013

OU Homecoming
Friday-Saturday, January 25-26, 2013

Meadow Brook Ball
Saturday, February 2, 2013

International Night
Friday, March 15, 2013



DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

WXOU's award winning basketball broadcast team was moved to the top of the O'rena by the Oakland Athletics Department, making live games more difficult to call for the broadcasters.

WXOU Broadcasting in flux

Despite promises, WXOU broadcasters still at top of O'rena

By Mark McMillan
Staff Reporter

On November 28, 2011, Oakland University's men's basketball team beat the favored team from the University of Tennessee at home. It was a monumental moment for Oakland Athletics but it also marked a unique change in WXOU's broadcasting location. They went from their usual court side location to the top level of the O'rena and have not been allowed back since.

Athletic Director Tracy Huth said the award-winning Michigan Association of Broadcasters college radio station of the year was moved because of space constraints.

"In essence, we have a very small location ... the game operations table," Huth said. "As our program has grown and there's been more need to accommo-

date various entities on that table, we've had to do things. It's not just a matter of WXOU not being on that table."

The move came as a surprise to the current WXOU General Manager Sean Varicalli because of an obscured view of a corner of the court at the new location.

"There was no reason given for a long time," Varicalli said. "We stayed there all year, all season. I called a women's game from up there (last year) and it was incredibly difficult to do. You cannot see, you cannot hear anything. There's no line of vision in the corners. Small print names? Can't see it."

According to Huth and Assistant Athletic Director Scott MacDonald, communication problems were never addressed by WXOU.

"Nobody was blindsided," MacDonald said. "I met with WXOU several times, sat down with Matt Pocket

and told him we could possibly put (them) down there for women's basketball, but for consistent basis, we put him at center court, where we put our video people (the camera well), and we paid to have a phone line installed."

Matt Pocket, sports director for WXOU, who won sports 'play-by-play' broadcaster of the year when he was a freshman, has had trouble understanding the explanation for the move.

"I'm fine with consistency, I just want good consistency, not bad consistency," Pocket said. "Visiting media has two seats reserved on their side but we're up top. We have got a lot of parent feedback ... I've had a lot of people asking me 'why are you up there? Your spot is empty.' It's also tough to interact with fans."

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WXOU

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According to Varacalli, communication between WXOU and the Athletics department has been almost nonexistent.

"As the manager of this station, as the person who's in charge and responsible for this station and someone who needs to know everything that has to do with this situation, I have not been notified one time by Athletics or administrators, not about anything. I have one email from Scott MacDonald," Varacalli said. "(The email said) 'WXOU will remain at the same spot as last year for consistency purposes.'"

Unity within SAFAC

Newly elected OUSC President Samantha Wolf was quick to rally support for WXOU, even gathering student organization leaders to discuss the topic in person.

"If it wasn't for Sam (Wolf) and her contact with administration, I would know nothing," Varacalli said.

Wolf said the directly funded organizations — The Oakland Post, Student Programs Board, Student Video Productions, Student Activities Funding Board and WXOU radio — met in June to discuss the issue. She said all the organizations are working together to solve it.

She used the phrase 'press row' when referring to court side locations and was adamant in her assertion that student media should have those spots.

"As a university, our number one goal is to be teaching these students to help them get a career," Wolf said. "When athletics has the opportunity to make it (athletic activities) educational, they should. That should be their number one priority."

"It is no longer called 'Press Row' because it's only for administrative purposes as I was informed," she added. "It's ridiculous. If you don't want to call it Press Row, why do you have the press sitting there? The only one that isn't is WXOU."

She mentioned that The Oakland Post sits on the table as press.

"I fully believe they should be there, but WXOU broadcasts the entire game where The Post can write from a student spot anywhere. It's not appropriate that The Post is (allowed court side) and WXOU isn't."

New faces move to press row, none of which are WXOU

In addition to The Post retaining their court side location, other media outlets have been added for the upcoming year.

According to the quarterly Oakland University magazine, Detroit Tiger's sportscaster Mario Impemba, who won Sportscaster of the year last year, will be calling men's basketball games at OU this season.

In the article, Huth is quoted saying, "My first reaction was that of relief that we found someone to announce our games." Huth went on to say, "with our fans, it helps us build a new relationship with a voice



DAMIEN DENNIS/The Oakland Post
WXOU Sports Director Matt Pocket has led the station's sports department to award winning seasons.

they're comfortable with."

The Athletics Department's stance

According to MacDonald, Impemba isn't the only addition to the Athletics Department's broadcasting team.

"The web stream is going to change this year," MacDonald said. "Occasionally, we would pick up their (WXOU) calls in the game, but we will no longer be doing that. We have our own person who's going to be calling the games for our video. He worked for WXOU years ago, Neal Ruhl."

The Athletics department's practice of using WXOU's radio feed is a point of contention for Varacalli.

"Athletics used our feed because that's the only feed they had," he said. "They subcontracted our feed out ... we found out a couple years ago. They make money on their video subscription ... without audio, that subscription is useless. There's not even a notification, they just rip it. It says OUGrizzlies.com, not WXOU radio. There's no accreditation at all and we don't get a percentage of that."

The future broadcasting location for WXOU at men's basketball games is in flux. According to Huth, there is a meeting between the leaders of the student organizations, Dean of Students McIntosh and himself scheduled for later this week.

"We have to move the emotion off of the table and look at the facts and say 'What's best?'" McIntosh said. "Matt and some of the other guys have had a lot of success in that role. Location is not a measure of how good they are. To me, Matt has the talent to broadcast a game from the roof and do an excellent job. He's that good. You don't want to make this issue something it's not. It's an issue of growth. Unfortunately, everyone can't be accommodated the way they have been in past years."

While all parties involved agreed the issue is one of communication, MacDonald

and McIntosh are hopeful about WXOU's ability to be successful in their new location and for the aforementioned meeting to yield positive results.

"There's no worry because they won the award sitting where they did last year," MacDonald said.

Moving ahead

Huth is asking for everyone to come to an agreement so they can move forward.

"We don't want to have to address this again," Huth said. "We're doing the best we can to accommodate. I consider the relationship with the students to be very positive. I don't see this as a negative. We're trying to get them the best location we can. I think we're trying to do everything we can to help advance these students if they want a career in broadcasting."

WXOU is asking for two seats and a place to place their 2-foot board for their broadcasts.

"That's such a small request and with the amount that students help out, how could you not be willing to compromise and work together to make it beneficial to both sides — athletics and students," Wolf said.

According to Wolf, the attendance of all Oakland sporting events has greatly increased due to the efforts of WXOU and other student organizations in the last four years.

"I'm a broadcaster, I just want to show up and do my damn job," Pocket said. "I love my job more than anything. The time that I've spent here has taken me to what I feel is a pretty good college broadcaster. I want to do this for the rest of my life. That's my number one goal. I just want to show up and help Oakland University be whatever they want to be."

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THE SPORTING BLITZ

Men's Soccer Preseason begins Monday

The Oakland men's soccer team begins their preseason Aug 13 against Valpariso.

The game begins at 5 p.m. on the OU Soccer Field.

The Golden Grizzlies then host Bowling Green before travelling to Butler to conclude their preseason on August 19.

The regular season begins Aug 24 at home against New Hampshire.

Oakland Olympic representation in London

Former Oakland swimmers Scott Dickens and Line Jensen competed in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

Jensen, who competed for Denmark, raced in the triathlon over the weekend, finishing in 23rd place. Jensen finished just under three minutes behind the eventual winner.

Starting 19th, Jensen finished with a time of 2:02:47.00.

Dickens finished 8th in the 4x100-meter medley relay competition for Canada. He finished with a time of 3:34.19.

Oakland Hockey Hiring

Oakland's club hockey program is seeking individuals to fill multiple positions for their upcoming season.

Open positions include media and gameday roles, along with ticket sales and public address announcers. These are considered part-time jobs, with gamedays being primarily on weekends.

The Oakland Golden Grizzlies finished second in the nation last season, losing 5-1 to Delaware in the championship game.

Those interested in applying should contact Corey Hagood at hagoodcorey@yahoo.com.

— Compiled by Damien Dennis, Sports Editor

Heading into Fall play, softball coachless

Oakland is looking for right candidate to coach softball

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Oakland University is looking for a new softball coach following the resignation of LaDonia Hughes in early July.

The Golden Grizzlies were 27-67 during her two-year tenure as the program's head coach. The team finished its 2012 campaign 10-38.

In a press release on the OU Athletics website, raising her daughter and spending time with her family in Virginia were listed as the reasons for Hughes' departure.

Elisabeth Putnam, assistant athletic director for facilities and operations, has been placed in charge of the program temporarily while the search for a new coach continues.

Assistant Athletic Director for Communications Scott MacDonald provided some insight into the hiring process.

"Interviews are happening soon and potential candidates will be brought on campus as soon as the list is narrowed down," MacDonald said. "We are trying to accomplish this as quickly as possible, while

making sure we find the best candidate for the job."

Putnam added that any potential candidate would have to demonstrate an understanding of OU's athletics mission statement and core values.

"While we understand the school year is upon us, we will not compromise our standards in our selection process," Putnam said.

Among the goals listed in the mission statement are the betterment of the student athletes and excellence both on the field and in the classroom. Some of the core values are respect, accountability and integrity.

Recruiting was not affected by Hughes's departure, as all seven student athletes she recruited for the coming year will still attend Oakland in the fall.

The new recruits for 2013 include Ayanna Martin, a shortstop from Lincoln Park. Fellow infield recruit Shauna Siwicki will play behind the plate as catcher.

Pitching recruits include Laura Pond of Northville, Erin Kownacki of Armada and Megan Tangney of Goodrich.

Rounding out the recruiting class are Sarah Hartley from Birch Run and outfielder Courtney Wroubel from Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

MacDonald said the scheduling of any fall exhibition games would be up to the new coach when hired.

While the team is off campus for the summer, its members are being kept in the loop.

"The current team members have all been communicated with and are being kept up to speed on the process," Putnam said.

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Assistant AD Elisabeth Putnam will lead team until coach is found.



Oakland Post file photo

Basketball coach Greg Kampe began a 30-day juice diet on Aug. 7 to raise money for "Coaches vs. Cancer."

Juice it to lose it

Coach Kampe goes on 30-day juice diet

By Timothy Pontzer
Senior Reporter

Entering his 29th season at the helm of the Oakland University basketball program, Coach Greg Kampe has built up quite a résumé.

In the O'Rena, banners show off conference championships, postseason tournament appearances and other highlights from seasons gone by.

Many former Golden Grizzlies have gone on to play professionally, scoring baskets overseas and even in the NBA. Kampe helped start the careers of coaches across the country as well, with many former Oakland assistant coaches going on to take top coaching positions at other colleges.

Despite all these accolades and feats, Kampe is about to undertake a new challenge.

In collaboration with the program "Coaches vs. Cancer," Kampe is beginning a 30-day fast, refusing all solid foods during that span and turning to raw vegetable juice. The five-time Summit League Coach of the Year is encouraging donations

of at least one dollar for every day he can stick to the radical diet.

"Coaches vs. Cancer" is a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The parties are dedicated to finding ways for teams at every level to help in the fight against the disease. All money raised through Kampe's efforts will be dedicated to raising cancer awareness.

"I've had a couple very close friends diagnosed with cancer the past few months, and it really brings your mind to life and what's going on," Kampe said. "This is my way of trying to do something, and hopefully it is going to make me live different when I am done with it."

The long-time Oakland coach appeared on WDIV-4 July 31 just outside the O'Rena to promote his choice to participate in the challenge.

Kampe purchased a juicer and will use spinach, kale, carrots, celery and other vegetables as the only options for his palate during the month long period.

He was inspired by a documentary sent to him by Michigan State women's basketball Head Coach Suzy Merchant, titled "Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead."

In the film, a man suffering

from obesity lost nearly 100 pounds by developing the juice diet.

According to its official website, the film "defies the traditional documentary format to present the unconventional and uplifting story of two men who realize that the only person who can save them is themselves."

A longtime fan of snack foods and Diet Dr. Pepper, Kampe said he is embracing the daunting task for a good cause.

"The only person who's going to be mad at me is the Governor's office in Michigan," Kampe said. "The state is the national leader in the consumption of potato chips and without me, they may fall into second place."

A longtime holdout from social media, the 2012 Hall of Honor inductee has joined Twitter (@KampeOU) so he can keep his followers updated on his progress.

Kampe began his diet on Aug. 7.

Donations can be made online at www.ougrizzlies.com/ot/kampe-challenge.html in the form of either a pledge per day or a one-time gift.

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Detroit Institute of Art turns inside-out

DIA program brings famous works of art out of the Museum

By Sarah Blanchette
Staff Reporter

For the past three years, the Detroit Institute of Arts has been moving its works outdoors. Replicas of the world's finest paintings have been sent to communities around Michigan in order to expose residents to fine art and history.

Deriving inspiration from a museum in London, the DIA is the first art museum in the United States to bring its paintings outside. The Inside|Out program came just in time to honor the DIA's 125th anniversary in 2010.

Program Coordinator Michelle Hauske has been with the program since its inception. Her goal is to restore the love of art in Michigan residents.

"There is a need for art in the community," Hauske said. "People are really tied to this museum and they want to be a part of it."

The selection process

Instead of the DIA looking for communities to participate in the Inside|Out program, the town officials and their citizens request to have the paintings displayed in their area. Each approved community receives five to seven paintings.

"We look for spaces that are unique and are meaningful to the community (to display the paintings)," Hauske said.

After choosing the locations, Inside|Out selects paintings that best compliment the space and the community.

Currently, 82 paintings are being displayed as part of the Inside|Out program. In order to create variety, the team is continuously shuffling the paintings throughout different towns.

Making paintings stand up to Michigan's weather elements

Through trial and error, the program has found the correct materials to use in their replicas to help them withstand Michigan's weather.

The program uses large sticker-like prints that are coated with a ultraviolet protection solution. The coated prints are then adhered to aluminum sheets and placed in large wooden frames which are also coated in a special solution.

In order to avoid combating the winter months, the Inside|Out program has two seasons: spring, which takes place from April through June, and summer, which is from July through September.

During winter, the Inside|Out Team spends their time restoring the replicas



SHANNON COUGHLIN/The Oakland Post

The DIA has distributed replicas of some of their most famous art work around the Metro-Detroit area, like Self-portrait by Vincent van Gogh, which is on display in Clawson used during the year.

Showing off to the community

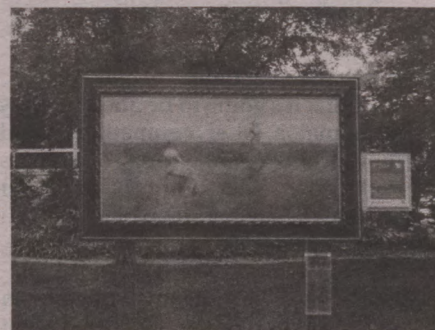
Deborah Kotlarek, a volunteer at the DIA has close ties with the Inside|Out Program. Many volunteers give tours in the towns that have the replicas on display.

"I think (the city tours) are a little less formal than museum tours," Kotlarek said. "If you have a beautiful night, (people enjoy walking) around in gorgeous weather to see the artwork outside of the museum," Kotlarek said.

The DIA also offers a free Sunday museum visit for each town participating in Inside|Out. Upon arriving at the museum for their corresponding free date, each community member will receive a map of the museum that lists where "their" paintings are located.

The program is funded through a grant given by the Knight Foundation.

For the future of Inside|Out, the team hopes to bring the replicas to even more cities in Michigan and inspire



SHANNON COUGHLIN/The Oakland Post

The Inside|Out program uses a coating of an Ultra Violet solution to help protect paintings like "The Recitation" by Thomas Wilmer Dewing on display in Royal Oak.

other museums around the country to implement programs like theirs.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

World Tournament of Historic Baseball at The Henry Ford

The Henry Ford, in Dearborn Mich., will host a historic baseball tournament Aug. 11-12. The tournament will be played under 1867 rules and will feature vintage teams from around the Great Lakes region. The games will be played in Walnut Grove at Greenfield Village. Admission for adults is \$24 and there is a \$5 parking fee per vehicle. For more information, visit The Henry Ford's website www.thehenryford.org/events.

Art on the Lake at Northfield Hills

Northfield hills will host the 38th annual "Art on the Lake" outdoor art show Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will feature handmade artwork from more than 100 local artists. The event is free and parking is provided on-site. For more information visit www.artonthe-lake.com.

The Fray / Kelly Clarkson with Carolina Liar live at DTE

On Aug. 10 at 7 p.m., Grammy Award-winning singer Kelly Clarkson and The Fray will be at DTE Energy Music Theatre. For ticket information, visit www.palacenet.com.

Woodward Dream Cruise

On Aug. 18 the 17th annual Woodward Dream Cruise will take place on Woodward Ave., between Pontiac and Detroit, with its epicenter in Birmingham. The event started as a fundraiser for a Ferndale soccer field and is now a world wide car show, attracting 1.5 million people. The event draws about 40,000 classic cars from as far away as New Zealand and Japan. The event is free. For more information, visit www.woodwarddreamcruise.com.

Heidelberg Project's biennial festival

The Heidelberg Project will host the 9th Biennial Festival, "Detroit's Got Talent," on Aug. 11, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will feature local musicians, culinary artists, visual artists, and stage performers. For more information, visit www.heidelberg.org.

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Making a splash into mainstream fashion

Local designer's swimsuits grace Sports Illustrated for second time

By Mark McMillen
Staff Reporter

Last February, three knit bikinis created by Milford, Mich. resident Magdalena Trever were featured in the 49th annual Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue. One of her crimson bikinis was displayed on the issue's cover model, Kate Upton.

In July, lightning struck twice when Trever, 26, was once again asked to provide her unique creations for the internationally known company and its models.

"The three women (in charge) that style and do the whole swimsuit spread actually came and met me in person. They specially picked suits from my line," Trever said. "They told me they already shot five of my suits, but I'm sending them 30 this year. It's kind of a dream come true."

Getting her start

Trever moved to California to attend the Academy of Arts in San Francisco. After graduating at the age of 23 with a degree in knitwear, Trever attempted to get into the fashion industry but with a different type of clothing than she currently makes.

"I got into it (bikini design) by accident," Trever said. "I finished school and I was going to go into sweater design when I got asked to do a fashion show. I ran out of looks to show so I threw in some swimwear."

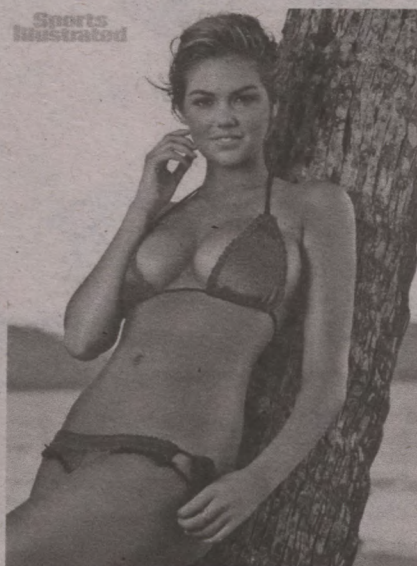
The last-second addition of swimwear proved to be a turning point in Trever's career.

"The people who put on the show asked me to do it again but said 'just do the swimwear, everyone loves the swimwear,'" Trever said. I realized I had something there, and after that, every other week I was doing these fashion shows in California. That's kind of how I got my start ... it happened by accident."

Setting her line apart

Trever relies on her custom design methodology to set her aside from swimwear-making competitors.

"I know that what I'm doing is really hard and kind of a pain in the butt," Trever said. The knit work on her bikinis allow them to hold up to everyday wear, unlike most knit bikinis that



Photo's courtesy of Magdalena Trever

TOP: Model Kate Upton was featured wearing a bathing suite by Magdalena Trever on the cover of Sports Illustrated's swim suite issue. **RIGHT:** Owner and founder of Maggie May Swimwear, Magdalena Trever, has worked with Sports Illustrated twice.

"I finished school and I was going to go into sweater design when I got asked to do a fashion show. I ran out of looks to show so I threw in some swimwear."

Magdalena Trever,
Owner, founder of
Maggie May Swimwear

stretch out over time.

"I think it's going to be about money (with major label competitors) and (their products are) going to be mass produced, Trever said. "You can't get the quality of what I do while selling it any cheaper."

Trever also said a portion of her success in designing bikinis stems from her refusal to pay attention to current fashions, relying instead on her intuition when creating swimwear.

"I've never really followed other designers or upcoming trends," Trever said. "I like doing unusual things that people haven't seen before."

A future full of fashion

For the last four months, Trever has been travelling to promote her work, including a trip to New York City to meet with fashion insiders. Most recently, Trever was in Miami for Fashion Week 2012 where she was person-



ally approached by Teen Vogue, Self Magazine and Women's Health — all of which wanted to showcase her work.

Having magazines show interest in her work pleased Trever, but the ambitious young woman has larger aims in mind.

"I hope to turn this swimwear line into a men's swimwear line and then maybe a full clothing line and accessories," Trever said. "I hope to grow and have my name become a real name, like a staple in 20 years. I want this to be a family business that I can pass down."

Trever, along with two other women, have already developed a clothing line for QVC.

"I'm making my collection bigger and bigger while focusing on bikinis," Trever said. I'm also doing some wraps and some knit bags that you can use at the beach but take out during the day; I'm trying to make stuff that's multi-

functional."

An insider's view

While her current level of success might seem unattainable to young entrepreneurs trying to get into the industry, Trever maintains her path can be duplicated, albeit with great commitment.

"It's fun to be challenged... but this business is so hard; it's working 24/7," Trever said. "It is difficult, but all the struggles... it's definitely worth it."

"Anything can happen," said Trever. "You just have to stick with it. If you keep sticking with it, all those 'no's' will become 'yes.'"

For more information on Magdalena Trever and her products, visit her website, maggiemayswimwear.com

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Broadcasting your future self



Communication major Savana Ciavatta has made her way across several Michigan counties for her broadcasting internships.

Photo courtesy of Savana Ciavatta

Communication major motivates students to take advantage of internships

By Misha Mayhand
Multimedia Reporter

Summer means different things to different students. For senior communication major Savana Ciavatta, this summer has been an opportunity to tackle those daunting, but incredibly helpful, internships that precede graduation.

"My venture to become a broadcast journalist has led me to East Lansing for the summer," Ciavatta said.

Ciavatta is currently interning at HOMTV in Meridian Township.

"It's very unfortunate that both Macomb and Oakland County do not offer anything like this," Ciavatta said.

Although her job title states intern, Ciavatta has the same duties as a paid employee. She writes, edits and shoots her own videos.

"I appear on camera regularly, which is more than interns at Channel 2, 4 or 7 can say," Ciavatta said.

While growing up, Ciavatta enjoyed watching the news.

"I know most internships are unpaid, which really turns off students, but everyone has to start somewhere."

Savana Ciavatta
Communication major

"I thought it was so intriguing how the news anchors would report the news and sound so knowledgeable doing so," Ciavatta said.

As a young girl, Ciavatta said she liked to pretend she was a news anchor.

"I used to stand in front of a mirror and use a doll as my microphone and mimic news anchors when I was a child," she said.

Taking public speaking classes in high school and college only deepened her love for broadcast.

"Once I started my TV classes and became involved with OUTV, things really began to take off," Ciavatta said.

Ciavatta explained that it has been

her dream to get a reporting job in a mid-sized market in Michigan.

"I'm a hometown girl, so landing a job in Michigan would be ideal," she said.

Including HOMTV, Ciavatta will have completed five internships while studying at OU.

In 2011, she was awarded the Channel 7-WXYZ broadcasting scholarship. Through that opportunity, she met the 2010 winner who told her about the internship at HOMTV.

Brian Dumont, senior production manager and internship coordinator at HOMTV, said Ciavatta works hard and is consistently looking for ways to improve the quality of her stories.

"She is a leader among her peers and has completed her internship requirements well ahead of schedule," Dumont said.

He said Ciavatta was persistent but not overbearing.

"She continued to foster a business relationship that displayed a high caliber work ethic," Dumont said.

OU alumni, Montezz Allen worked with Ciavatta on OUTV's Sideline Sports Wrap.

Allen said she is very ambitious and motivated.

"She's smart, knows her sports, easy going and easy to get along with," he said.

Ciavatta advises students to take advantage of internships.

"I know most internships are unpaid, which really turns off students, but everyone has to start somewhere," she said.

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To see some of the work Ciavatta has done, or to get in contact, go to www.savanaciavatta.com

Cooking up some culinary gold

Chartwells chef competes in 23rd IKA World Culinary Olympics

By Natalie Popoviski
Assistant Campus Editor

John Miller, Chartwells Executive Chef, will compete in the 23rd IKA World Culinary Olympics as a member of the 2012 Michigan Culinary Olympic Team. The competition will take place October in Messe Erfurt, Germany.

According to the Chartwells website, he has 19 years of culinary experience. Miller said his passion for food was developed at a young age.

Miller said his family was his main inspiration to become a chef. While growing up, he was fortunate enough to not only watch his mother and grandmother cook but to be a part of the process.

Miller's interest in the culinary arts led him to become a cook at several restaurants. After four years, his friend encouraged him to continue his career by getting an education in the field.

After attending Macomb Commu-

"JOHN IS A VERY TALENTED CHEF AND SELF-DRIVEN. HE POSSESSES STRONG LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND CULINARY CREATIVITY."

GERALD GATTO
RESIDENT DISTRICT MANAGER,
CHARTWELLS

nity College, he became a certified Chef de Cuisine. He said those who succeeded in the culinary arts were those who went the extra mile.

"The people that excelled pushed for it," Miller said.

His career at Chartwells began in November 2009. He was always skeptical about working at a corporate level — he worried it would limit his creativity, but Miller said he found it was the right fit for him.

"(Working at Chartwells) was very conducive to my field and my life-

style," Miller said.

"John is a very talented chef and (is) self-driven," Gerald Gatto, current resident district manager of Chartwells and previous executive chef, said.

"He possesses strong leadership skills and culinary creativity," Gatto said.

For Gatto, Miller's work ethic is what sets him apart from others in the field.

"I have fully supported John in his Olympic journey," Gatto said. "Not many chefs have the drive or the culinary ability to achieve such a task."

This year's Culinary Olympics will be Miller's second time participating. In 2000, he competed as a member of a student team from Macomb Community College.

Miller said his involvement this year was the result of being in the right place at the right time. He said he decided to get involved after discussing the revival of the Michigan Culinary Team, which had dissolved in 2000, with a colleague.

The competition itself consists of several categories with various platters. In some areas, these platters will be judged on flavor, color, preparation and portion size, according to Miller.

He said chefs will try to create refined, elegant and cutting-edge dishes that could be served in restaurants.

"(Chefs are) trying to do stuff that may be done in the future," Miller said.

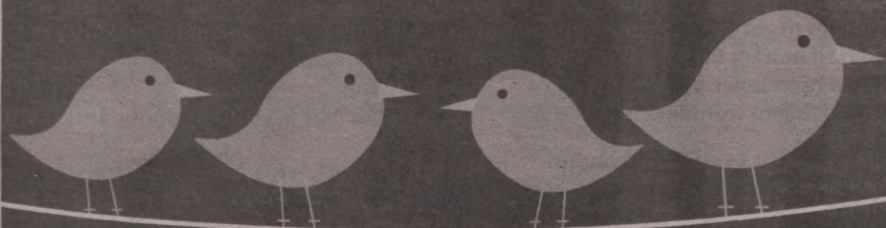
The event will include chefs from all over the world and Miller is looking forward to meeting them.

"(There are) 1,600 chefs converging in a city the size of Flint really," Miller said.

Although he would obviously enjoy bringing home a gold medal, Miller was always taught that in the culinary world, you do not win a silver medal, you lose a gold medal.

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What does your office door have to say?

Professors share why they decorate their doors and the significance

Photographed and written by Sarah Hunton
Senior Reporter

1. ANGELA KAISER Assistant Professor of Social Work
Kaiser's door is decorated with a poster created by students during National Sociology Month. "I play drums in a band as a hobby, so they thought it would be funny to go with a music theme and used the Kiss poster, but altered the name to my last name 'Kaiser,'" she said. "They also took pictures of the social work faculty and placed them over the members of Kiss. My face is on the drummer picture ... I left it on my door because I was very touched that they students took time to make it, and I think it is hilarious!"



2. TIMOTHY LARRABEE Associate Professor of Science Education
"I chose to place so many LGBT resources on my door because they are not available elsewhere in the school of education and human services," he said. "My favorite thing on the door is the 'Save the Date' flier for the 2013 SOGI Education conference because it symbolizes the success of the conference this past February and marks its expected expansion." In addition to the resources and comics, Larrabee has posted a flier on his door from 2010 and the campaign he spearheaded to ask the Board of Trustees to adopt sexual orientation inclusive employment policies.



3. JULIA SMITH Associate Professor and Ph.D. Coordinator in Education

"The art on my door was produced by my daughter over the years. She is my miracle since I was not supposed to be able to have a baby," she said. "I have also recently added a poster identifying statistics and research terms (the alphabet) because that is my primary area of teaching — I teach people how to do quantitative research." She said her favorite pictures are of an otter and another of a monster chasing and eating the alphabet.

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Everyone wins with 2012 Communist Party

Sometimes you have to choose the best of three evils in politics

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My grandmother declared me a Communist when I was 16 when I said I didn't like apple pie.

I wish I was kidding.

In politely declining pie, I apparently also turned down democratic freedoms. I remember sitting in high school government class, taking notes about the difference between a Democrat and a Republican and feeling like an isolated freak of nature. Where did I fit? Could she have been right? Everyone else wanted to know what was important for the final — I wanted my teacher to assign me a political identity.

No such luck.

I could not be a Red. Red does not look good on my particular skin tone.

2008 was the first presidential election I was eligible to vote in. I made my pro/con list for the candidates months in advance. I hosted a pre-election party with pocket Constitution party favors and red, white and blue cupcakes. I decorated them with American flag toothpicks, to clarify their democratic nature. Deserts, I had learned, carry political connotations.

Election day arrived. I set my alarm. I put my makeup on like war paint. I wore my best heels to the poll. I was hot to vote — it was my first time, after all. It's safe to confess now that I was so excited I took two of the "I Voted!" stickers. You just can't ration American pride.

I couldn't wait to tell my grandmother about my voting experience. I was even ready to pretend to like apple pie.

It made no difference, however. She didn't offer me apple pie that day and hasn't since. I was crushed — I had officially been blacklisted.



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Members of The Oakland Post talk politics. The Barack Obama gaze, the red shirt and the conservative glare were not intentional.

Now, in 2012, it has begun again. In case you've missed it, it's a presidential election year. The political survey calls that interrupt every meal, the mudslinging ads that punctuate prime time TV and the petitioners that hunt you down no matter how fast you walk.

In 2008, these warning signs made me giddy. I eagerly answered the phone and spoke readily about my political beliefs. I researched campaign spending and tactics. I actually stood and listened to the petitioners sell their politics, and sometimes I bought them.

In retrospect, I might as well have provided my exact weight, my medical records, journal entries from the last five years, a DNA sample and my natural hair color.

This year, things are different. I'm a little bit older and a little bit wiser. I'm going to share this wisdom while it's still early in election season. It's best to have a plan in place long before November arrives.

The aforementioned blacklist has a silver ... er, Red- lining.

The phone rings, and it's someone calling on behalf of the campaign to re-elect President Obama. They want to know how I plan on voting. I tell them, "I am a Communist." End of conversation.

"Excuse me, do you have a minute to sign this petition." No. No, I do not have a minute. I am a Communist. Silence. End of conversation.

An ad for Mitt Romney comes on during the evening news. My parents ask me how I feel about the Republican nominee. I simply don't — I am a Communist. End of conversation.

So call me Comrade Katie, ship me off to mother Russia and step up to view my Senator Joseph McCarthy shrine. After all, I am a Communist.

Thanks, grandma, for bringing it to my attention.

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MONTHLY TOP 10

Orientation? More like, borientation.

That was funny. That seemingly endless onslaught of sleep-inducing speeches known as 'orientation,' was not funny.

Fortunately for you, I have compiled a list of ways to survive. Here are the Top 10 ways to make it through orientation.

10. Demand a bathroom break when you pass any and all restrooms.

9. Pull a "Parent Trap" and have someone sub in for you for a bit while you take a much-needed break from the tour.

8. Pick a certain word, like 'Oakland', 'freshman', 'student', etc., and hug a certain person every time you hear it.

7. Come dressed as the MSU Spartan mascot, with sword and shield, and proclaim, "WHERE IS THAT GRIZZLY BEAR?"

6. Come in full Batman costume and shout "SWEAR TO ME" in your best Christian Bale voice to everyone.

5. Fake a deadly fear of bears, and scream whenever you see the grizzly logo.

4. As your group walks from building to building, moon walk alongside them, making Michael Jackson-esque shrieks throughout.

3. Any time you pass someone who is not from your tour group, whisper, "help us."

2. React to everything you're told like it was the most surprising news you have ever received.

1. Don't go.

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