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Waterford, MI 48328

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

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

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STAFF EDITORIAL

College ranks can be deceiving

When was the last time you chose the thirteenth best option? According to Forbes magazine, it was the day you decided to enroll at Oakland University.

That's right, last month's study by the prominent business magazine ranked OU as the thirteenth best university in the state of Michigan. Oakland checked in at No. 571 in the nation overall.

If your initial reaction was the same as ours — to count the number of Michigan colleges you willingly accept as better options — then you're probably still scratching your head at the ranking. Clearly there must have been some sort of computing error or oversight.

Having taken a look at the methodology behind the rankings, it can be safely deduced that the true error lies in the ridiculous formula that was used.

The most laughable part of the study is also the factor that counted the most. Student evaluations from RateMyProfessors.com check in with a 17.5 percent share in each ranking.

In the explanation of the study's methodology, Forbes offers a longwinded defense — 1,408 words long — as to why the popular website is a credible determinant, but we're hesitant to let RateMyProfessors.com help us determine which classes

to take, let alone which college to attend.

Another sizable chunk — 10 percent — of the formula draws from a list of people deemed important enough to be on a "Who's Who in America" list and considers how many of these "notable" people attended each university.

While this may be an interesting footnote, and a semi-effective ploy to recruit prospective students, the problem is that two or three graduates don't accurately depict the whole of a student body.

Additionally, the study neglects to consider a multitude of factors that are among

the most significant parts of a student's decision process. There is no attention given to things like campus living, buildings and facilities, technological offerings, location and a litany of other considerations students weigh when determining where they'll spend four or more of their most formative years.

The study also tended to skew heavily toward very small colleges. Fifteen of the top 25 colleges on the overall list have student populations below 5,000. Just four of the nation's 25 largest schools managed to crack the top 100 in the overall rankings.

In case you were wondering, the top

in-state college according to Forbes was Kalamazoo College (with just 1,389 reported students), followed by the University of Michigan. Michigan State University ranked seventh.

The biggest problem with Forbes' study is that it masquerades as a legitimate barometer of a college's standing. It's unlikely that the average person who sees these rankings will look at the methodology that went into its creation.

To give credence to this study is to accept that face value and a purely mathematical approach are all that really matter

in determining the quality of a university.

All in all, studies like this rely too heavily on subjective analysis while conveniently dismissing a host of

significant variables that can't be represented in the types of formulas and equations that were employed.

Oakland may not be able to make a compelling case to be ranked alongside esteemed, long-established schools like Michigan and Michigan State, but the perceived value of an OU education should not be subject to the interpretation of flawed judgments like the one Forbes has presented.

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the matching socks by John O'Neill



What qualifies as sport?

Cheerleading is not a sport.

Before I get any death threats, I want to clarify that that's not my personal opinion and that I totally understand the need to fight against people who argue against an activity's status as a sport.

While it's bad news for cheerleading, a Connecticut judge's decision on Title IX qualifications strengthens the case for collegiate figure skating and synchronized skating.

U.S. District Judge Stefan Underhill called cheerleading "too underdeveloped and disorganized to be treated as offering genuine varsity athletic participation opportunities for students."

The decision came about because the Quinnipiac University women's volleyball team sued the school for replacing their team with a competitive cheerleading squad.

The Associated Press reports that an activity can be considered a sport under Title IX if it has coaches, practices, competitions during a defined season, and a governing organization.

Therein lies my argument. Oakland University has a figure skating club that students can represent in various intercollegiate figure skating competitions, including a national championship, each year.

The club is also represented by the Synchronized Skating Club of OU, which competes for the school against other colleges and universities in multiple competitions



Kay Nguyen
Editor-in-Chief

throughout a season.

According to the sport's national governing body, the United States Figure Skating Association, over 60 colleges and universities offer some type of figure skating program.

Unlike cheerleading, where national championships are conducted by an organization that is a private business — the Varsity apparel brand — figure skating and synchronized skating both have test structures and national competition structures in place.

Both men and women can compete in not only collegiate figure skating, but synchronized team skating as well. Additionally, rules requiring skaters to be full-time students are already in place.

Don't even get me — or any other synchronized skater, for that matter — started on the fact that I think synchronized skating should be an Olympic sport. It's already been proven that figure skating is a sport. It is, after all, an event in the Winter Olympics.

This is further proof that synchronized skating should be given varsity

status at all colleges. According to the U.S. Figure Skating Association, there are no college scholarships offered for skaters.

Miami University of Ohio has been the pioneer in recognizing these sports at the collegiate level. Former MU Redhawks coach Vicki Korn has been a proponent of NCAA status for synchronized skating and has argued for the competitive nature of the sport shows.

During her tenure, her varsity team placed in the top three nationally at the senior level, 12 out of 14 times against other elite — many of them non-collegiate — teams and competed at numerous World Championships.

Collegiate skaters who qualify through the U.S. Collegiate Championships also represent the U.S. at the World University Games.

Is that not a clear enough argument for NCAA status? Why is it that athletes can represent their country, but still not be considered a "true" collegiate athlete?

As a point of comparison, bowling is an NCAA sport. I think the skill involved with figure skating or synchronized skating is at least comparable to what is needed to bowl.

I won't rest until stroking and spinning are as well known as spares and strikes.

Editor's note: Kay Nguyen is beginning her second season as a skater for the Synchronized Skating Club of Oakland University.

ON SECOND THOUGHT...

Going green requires green

The Earth has been around for billions of years, supporting life human that polluted its skies, tainted its oceans and, overall, created a mess plaguing its land. But that was then and with a new day comes a new way.



Daud Yar
Copy Editor

Until recently, environmental problems went unaddressed — but times are changing. The potential for vast improvements in our energy needs, as well as celebrities like Al Gore, sparked a green movement that may define the next few generations.

Reliance on fossil fuels is the main concern among environmentalists. Imagine a world without our nation's monstrous addiction.

Cars — running strictly on electricity — would zoom down highways with the speed of cheetahs tracking prey.

The United States' presence in the Middle East would disappear as oil would no longer be a necessity. Anti-American attitudes in the Middle East would drastically decrease in the absence of U.S. influence.

Blue oceans would shine brilliantly as massive oil drilling machines are rushed back to shore for swift dismantling. Consequently, sea turtles would lose any fear of washing onto the beach drenched in a black coat of petroleum.

Ah, it would be sublime. Mankind would be improving the biosphere while simultaneously mending the wounds between combating cultures.

On second thought...

How do we pay for this?

As it stands, green innovation and implementation calls for pockets deeper than a kangaroo's pouch. With a bad economy, prudent steps need to be taken upon allocating finances.

No doubt, the benefits will be vast at the time of the prescribed utopia above. Nonetheless, we must also think in the now.

There is a reason why fossil fuels are still prominent in light of political and environmental setbacks; it's dirt cheap. With our influence in the Middle East and over 2,000 off and on-shore rigs around the country, oil is relatively inexpensive.

Granted, an emerging green industry could turn this theory upside down. Unemployment would drop to single digits, revving up the economy and leaving recession in the dust.

But without a significant market of buyers and an initial backer to fund research and materials, the industry would crumble faster than a Detroit Lions football season.

A greener future is a great idea. After all, the least we can do is give back to planet which has provided blissful surroundings. It is only practical, however, to accept that things don't change overnight.

CORRECTIONS CORNER

In last week's feature story "Health-care costly for student," we reported that Aaron Segel had 26 stitches following his bike accident. He actually had 39 staples, though he later had to get 26 stitches due to another, unrelated injury.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Do you think it's okay for employers to not hire someone because of a tattoo they have?

yes - 13 no - 21

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Should the identity of The Grizz, OU's mascot, be kept a secret?

yes no

Welcome Week ends big

Sigma Pi and SPB present Pig Roast and Charlie Murphy comedy

By DAUD YAR and
RYAN HEGEDUS

Web Copy Editor and Senior Reporter

The final two events of Welcome Week, Sigma Pi's Pig Roast and SPB's comedy show, were hosted on campus for OU students Friday, Sept. 10.

Sigma Pi Pig Roast

The 16th annual Pig Roast, hosted by Sigma Pi, brought together a large part of the Oakland community for food and activities.

"We have the privilege of finishing welcome week with a bang," Sigma Pi President Ryan Rutt said.

The Pig Roast has become an Oakland University tradition, providing free food for everyone present.

The main dish, roasted pig prepared by a local catering company, attracted a continuous line of 70-plus students, professors, and other OU personnel throughout the two-hour event.

Drew Duffiney, a freshmen majoring in biology, was impressed with the turnout.

"There are a lot more people here than any other events I've been to," Duffiney said.

Jennifer Doucet, Phi Sigma Sigma member majoring in business marketing, said the roasted pig tasted excellent.

Doucet's sorority sister, Jennie Kitchen, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, said the event was successful because there was a mix of Greeks, non-Greeks and different organizations.

In recent years, the roast has been accompanied by carnival games. This year, a new approach was taken.

Wayne Flatt, a senior majoring in biology and four-year member of Sigma Pi, has now attended five roasts.

Flatt enjoyed the event without a "carnival-like atmosphere," but said it was nice to have the carnival because of the family turnout.

Doug Hakim, Sigma Pi first counselor and sergeant in arms, put a lot of hard work into

the production of this year's event, according to Rutt.

"It was a lot of fun putting it together," Hakim said. "We gear the most towards this event."

As attendees ate and made new acquaintances, Tyler Glen, Sigma Pi social and special events chair, kept the crowd entertained, his voice being amplified by a megaphone.

"These are the best years of your life," Glen said. "I will miss Greek life and college in general."

Glen will be graduating in May of 2011 with ambitions to attend law school.

The end of the 2010 welcome week came with an extra punch this year as the pig roast served as a warm-up to an SPB sponsored comedy show.

SPB comedy show

Known for his loud personality and recurring appearances on Chappelle's Show, Charlie Murphy brought his R-rated brand of comedy to Oakland's campus Sept. 10.

The comedy show, sponsored by the Student Program Board took place in the O'Rena in front of roughly 1,500 students, faculty and staff.

"There were a couple of different comedians that were discussed, like Kevin Hart, Dane Cook, and some other big names," said Breanna Coleman, the SPB annual events chair. "Several factors played into the decision of booking Charlie, like his popularity from the Chappelle Show and the diverse crowd that knew him."

Murphy, who has been in show business as an actor, comedian, and writer for over 20 years, came to OU with his friend and fellow comedian Freez Luv.

"It's like being with family, that's why we're always touring together," Murphy said. "I've toured with a lot of different comedians, and everything always goes smooth; that's why I work with him."

Unfamiliarity with the area and sound equipment problems didn't stop Murphy from delivering a two-hour show that had the crowd laughing throughout.



JASON WILLIS/ The Oakland Post

Charlie Murphy performed his comedy act in the O'Rena for roughly 1,500 students.

"I wish they would've had better acoustics in the back of the room, but other than that, it was a good time," Murphy said. "I actually didn't know that Rochester was in Michigan until I got here; I thought it was in Detroit when they said we were going to Oakland University."

The success of the show, as well as the broad range of possibilities for future entertainers, bodes well for Oakland students who enjoy stand-up comedy.

"A lot of work went into planning the event, but I thought the turnout was really good," Coleman said. "There will most likely be more. The trend that I've noticed is that SPB tries to have at least one comedian a school year."

Coleman said a comedy tour of various artists sounds interesting and SPB might make it work in the future.



BRETT SOCIA/ The Oakland Post

Sigma Pi's 16th annual Pig Roast attracted a continuous line of around 70 students.

Hispanic Celebration begins

By ANNIE STODOLA

Local Editor

This year's Hispanic Celebration at Oakland University not only recognizes the diversity of Hispanic cultures, but also commemorates the bicentennial anniversary of Mexican independence.

The festivities started on Monday with an opening ceremony in the Oakland Center that included a mariachi band and Hispanic desserts.

The Hispanic Celebration originally came courtesy of the center for student activities but has since moved to the Multicultural Initiatives Office.

"The university has a rich commitment to diversity," Jean Ann Miller, director of the center for student activities and chair of the celebration planning committee, said. "One of the ways we've shown this in the past, present and likely the future is highlighting ethnicities, often in correspondence with national celebrations."

Although the campus has hosted Hispanic Celebration activities in prior years, planning committee member Alejandro Herrera said this year's celebration is more involved than past celebrations.

"The difference in this year's Hispanic

Celebration activities is the grandness of the bicentennial celebration itself," Herrera said. "Not only is Mexico celebrating its bicentennial independence, but so are Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela."

On Sept. 16, a 200th Anniversary of Independence Day Celebration for all of the countries will take place from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center. The celebration will include food, vendors and traditional dances from the countries.

Additional Hispanic Celebration month activities this year include a service project at the Hispanic Outreach Center of Pontiac on Sept. 18, a debate on immigration that will include Mexican Consul Vicente Sanchez on Sept. 27 from noon - 1:30 p.m., a closing ceremony featuring the film "El Norte" on Oct. 1 and a special "Stand Up for Diversity" comedy tour at Friday Night Live on Oct. 15.

"We're trying to create a signature event that people can look forward to every year, comparable to the Taste of Africa event for our African-American celebration," Miller said. "We're trying to make our Independence Day celebration a big event that everyone will look forward to."

Angela Milliken, a native of Peru, is a

special lecturer of Spanish at OU and has helped to plan the Hispanic Celebration events. She said she is especially excited for the debate on immigration, especially in light of recent legislation related to the topic. She hopes attending the debate will help her students with oral presentations on immigration that she requires in her course, as well as give them a better understanding of the area's culture.

"We always have a lot of students that take Spanish at OU and this will be a good way for the OU community to get exposed and more familiar with the Hispanic culture," Milliken said.

Herrera shares these goals for the festival, hoping it will enlighten his fellow students.

"One of the great things about attending Oakland is that you meet students from all backgrounds and can share your different experiences," Herrera said. "I hope that this celebration teaches the OU community something they didn't know before and allows them to become more open to celebrating Hispanic heritage and the heritage of other nationalities."

Miller said that salsa lessons will be available for students at the finale of the Hispanic events. She said the lessons are popular and will be free for Oakland students.

police files

Assault in West Vandenberg

On Tuesday, Sept. 7, there was an assault and battery complaint in West Vandenberg Hall. It was reported that two individuals, who have previously been involved in arguments, were in conflict over previously stolen property. Several witnesses saw the two arguing on the elevator and continue in a physical fight on the fourth floor. One of the members involved in the dispute reported back pain and is interested in pressing charges.

Stolen XBOX 360

On Thursday, Sept. 10, it was reported that an XBOX 360 was taken from a resident's room in Hamlin Hall. The two roommates reported locking their room and leaving for five minutes. When the two returned, all cables, controllers and the main game unit were missing. Officers are in search of two suspects that were not recognized by other Hamlin Hall residents.

Larceny in North Hamlin Hall

On Thursday, Sept. 10, a North Hamlin Hall resident reported that \$130 had been stolen from her dorm room. The money was sitting in a wallet on the resident's desk for a few days when she noticed it was missing. Both roommates reported locking their door. There are currently no suspects.

Burglary

On Thursday, Sept. 10, the Kettering Magnetics Laboratory experienced a burglary. An employee had returned for maintenance when the witness saw the south entrance double doors had been kicked in. Nothing was reported as missing. There are no suspects at this time.

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Assistant Campus Editor

Conference held for young professionals

By JEN BUCCIARELLI

Assistant Campus Editor

"Social Media is More than Kegs and Breakfast Food" is just one of the several presentations planned for the first Student to Professional Conference to be held Friday, Sept. 17 in the Oakland Center.

Student to Professional is a conference specifically geared towards juniors and seniors at OU, said Krista Malley, director of the Academic Skills Center and a member of the committee behind the conference.

"We wanted to do something unique and meaningful for upper class students," she said.

The format is designed to mimic a professional conference, with a continental breakfast and business portfolio included, and will provide tips and the latest tools for a successful transition from OU student life to the career world.

University Housing, Career Services, the Advising Resource Center, the Academic Skills Center, and Undergraduate Admissions are on the conference committee, as well as several undergraduate and graduate student participants.

The conference is comprised of several individual sessions and will cover topics such as proper hiring etiquette, networking tips, resume advice and salary negotiation.

"Social Media is more than Kegs and Breakfast Food" is a topic that Rachel Reardon, a marketing intern for Career Services and a member of the Student to Professional committee, will be speaking on. It will include utilizing online sources such as Facebook and Twitter to find a job.

As a member of the Student to Professional committee, Reardon began working with the group at the beginning of the summer and has developed the graphics for the conference, including the program book.

There will also be a student-lead fashion show titled "Go Black: What Not to Wear," during the lunch break.

Malley said the group is expecting a turnout of 250 students or more and students can stop in at any time during the day to catch a session.

"The first 250 students that register and attend will get this great portfolio from our main sponsor, Chrysler," Malley said.

"We're really trying to give that OU advantage out to our students," said Jim Zentmeyer, director of University Housing. "We want our students to be the best prepared out there to take on the world and to succeed."

The conference is free to all OU students and will begin at 8:30 a.m. and run until 4:30 p.m.

Interested participants can register in advance online at www.oakland.edu/StudenttoProfessional

campus briefs

Free STD testing

Wednesday, Sept. 15, the Graham Health Center, is hosting free STD testing in Vandenberg Hall, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Graham will be testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea, as the rate of infection on campus is somewhat on the rise, said Nancy Jensen, director of Graham. Testing is free to OU students and simply consists of a urine sample. No ID is required and it is advised that participants not use the restroom for an hour before testing.

Thursday Word Clinics

Beginning this Thursday, Sept. 16, until Nov. 10, The Oakland Post will be hosting free word clinics to students in the office at 61 Oakland Center, located next door to WXOU radio station in their basement of the OC. Each word clinic will last around a half hour to an hour and will focus on a topic of writing in the journalism field. Topics include what makes a great quote, making the most of a journalism career and more. For more information, call The Oakland Post at 248-370-4268.

Ron Wade speaks at OU

The American Marketing Association at OU had Detroit Tigers Director of Marketing, Ron Wade, as a special guest to their first speaker's meeting, yesterday at 5 p.m. in the Oakland Center. Wade covered the preparation for choosing a slogan such as the recent, "Always a Tiger," as well as the demographics of his marketing group. He also covered tips on entering the marketing career field for graduating students. The association holds meetings Tuesday and Wednesday evenings every week in the Oakland Center.

— Compiled by Jen Bucciarelli,
Assistant Campus Editor

Concerns brought to OUSC

By JAKE THIELEN

Staff Reporter

Oakland University's Student Congress members discussed many campus parking concerns at their Monday meeting this week as well as a new student program board chair position students can apply for, a Constitution Day Forum and a possible study program for graduate students.

The new members that were approved at the meeting include the following: WaiMan Yim, Stephanie Love and Benjamin Eveslage for the multicultural affairs committee, Richard Spiegel for the student services committee, Rakeem Watkins-Barnett for the public relations committee, Maria Willett and Trang Le for the steering committee, and Ethan Grusecki for the research and review committee.

The next OUSC meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m.

Study program for grads

A student pitched an idea for a program to help students with disabilities study for tests such as the MCAT and the LSAT.

Student body president Brandon Gus-

tafson and student services director Brett McIssac said that they plan to contact the Academic Skills Center to see if they can set up a program, which would involve bringing in people who have already taken these tests to help the students study.

Parking concern

McIssac received a statement of student concern about parking on campus. The issue involved P-16, which is next to O'Dowd Hall. P-16 has limited parking spaces with red lines to designate overnight parking for residents, but those spots are being taken by other people.

The residents are forced to park in the standard yellow spaces and are then ticketed for leaving the cars overnight. The tickets are \$20 each, and the small halls director reported seeing 29 people receive tickets on the night of Sept. 9 alone.

McIssac said that he wrote a letter to OUPD chief Sam Lucido, asking OUPD to either make the entire lot available for overnight parking, or to put up signs that indicate that any student parking in the yellow space between 2 and 6 a.m. will receive a ticket. McIssac also asked if the people

who were ticketed already could have their tickets voided due to lack of proper signage and information.

New SPB chair

Student program board chair Jonathan Jenkins resigned his position on Monday. Student body vice president Amy Ring said that someone from within the executive board of SPB will be hired to replace Jenkins until the end of the semester. Students will be able to apply for the position for the winter semester.

Constitution Day forum

A Constitution Day forum will take place on Friday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. in the Fireside Lounge. The event is sponsored by OUSC and the history and sociology departments. The event will feature guest speakers from both departments and discussions about constitutional rights. Topics will include the clash between individual rights and national security in border crossings, and whether a person in a public space has an expectation of privacy. The event will be open to all students, and free food will be provided.

OU students vie to be the next Grizz

By RHIANNON ZIELINSKI

Senior Reporter

Three hopeful students gathered outside the Vandenberg lounge on Sept. 8 with a similar dream — to become the next Grizz.

Their search for anonymous fame and admiration culminated into one moment in front of the athletics marketing department to prove they have what it takes to represent the Grizzlies.

One student, dressed from head to toe in OU athletic gear, waited anxiously in the hall for his turn to audition.

"When I went to my first Tigers' game ever, I saw Paws (the Tigers' mascot) and he was loved by everyone," the potential Grizz said. "I always wanted to be a mascot after that."

According to the Athletic department, the Grizz is required to attend all basketball games, provide in-game participation, and act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

The potential Grizz has a few other standards of his own.

"The Grizz should have an upbeat attitude and love for the team," he said. "If I get the job, I'm going to do whatever I can to get the crowd going and keep the game fun and lively."

The identity of the Grizz is known to very few individuals. The policy ensures the safety of the student and adheres to the mascot tradition throughout the country.

"The secretiveness of the Grizz is because the person who is in the costume, they are building themselves into who the

Grizz is supposed to be: loving and energetic," Matt Stachelski, the student manager of the basketball teams, said. "You basically become the Grizz."

When the season kicks off on Nov. 9 in the O'Rena, the new

Grizz will have the chance to don the eight pound-bear head. The potential Grizz looks forward to that moment with anticipation.

"I can only sum it up in one word," he said. "Awesome."



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New courses are offered for the Fall 2010 and Winter 2011 semesters.

Board of trustees approves an outreach program to begin in Macomb county.

NCAA shades of gray

COMMENTARY

Rules leave room for error and confusion

Scenario A: A college coach takes a couple student athletes out for pizza and burgers in the offseason to discuss personal matters of their life. Scenario B: A college coach invites his team over to his house for a barbecue.

One of those is an NCAA violation.

Scenario A is what got former University of Utah basketball coach Rick Majerus in hot water with the NCAA and ended up getting the Utes placed on probation for three years in a well-publicized case in 2003. The team also lost three scholarships over the probation period. Majerus was guilty of having too many "impermissible meals" with his players.

For example, when former Utah player Keith Van Horn's father died, Majerus took him out to breakfast to break the news. Also cited in the report was an "incident" in which Majerus took a student athlete out for pizza. They were discussing when the player was going to serve his Mormon mission.

The NCAA report also accused him of treating his team to popcorn and soda when going to see "Remember The Titans."

In the report, Majerus admitted to having 20 impermissible meals with his players, all of which he said he paid for out of his own pocket and the meals averaged roughly \$10 per student.

The real kicker is, had Majerus just invited the kids over to his house and had a home-cooked meal, according to NCAA rules



Ross Maghielse
Sports Editor

that would have been okay.

Majerus told investigators he didn't know the specifics of the rule.

Who would?

"I totally agree with your conclusion that the NCAA rules and guidelines are complex," said Oakland University Compliance Coordinator Adrian Kowal, who came to Oakland this year after previously serving in the same position at Eastern Michigan University. It is Kowal's job to communicate the rules to coaches and athletes and to ensure Oakland stays within compliance of all NCAA guidelines. It's not an easy gig.

"While some rules are clear cut, there are others that have exceptions for different situations and still others that really fall into a gray area," Kowal said. "With new legislation constantly being proposed, it's imperative that athletic compliance departments keep up to date and understand what that legislation permits as well as prohibits."

Oakland is, and consistently has been, in complete compliance with all NCAA rules and guidelines. Several other universities have not had the same success.

Follow the money

Recently, Georgia wide receiver A.J. Green was suspended by the NCAA for four games because he sold his Independence Bowl game jersey for \$1,000 to a man who claimed to be a sports memorabilia collector. Turns out the

man who purchased the jersey is also an agent — which by NCAA standards meant Green had made a deal with the devil.

The NCAA is a billion dollar business. Athletics at the University of Georgia, particularly football, is a multi-million dollar business. According to school records, the Georgia athletic department cleared as much as \$70 million in the fiscal year of 2008 and their budget has steadily increased over the past decade.

So a kid who helped generate millions for his school and the NCAA flips his old jersey for a grand and he gets punished with a four-game suspension?

The only public explanation for Green's suspension and the denial of the ensuing appeal from Georgia was that it "violates NCAA guidelines," specifying that no student athletes can be involved with agents while still playing for their universities.

A message left with the NCAA office of communications seeking further comment was not returned.

Another case of a student athlete getting caught up in the wrong crowd and thus violating NCAA rules is former Oklahoma State wide receiver and current first-round draft pick of the Dallas Cowboys, Dez Bryant.

Bryant was suspended for his entire senior year after NCAA investigators discovered he had worked out with former NFL star Deion Sanders and talked with an agent in the offseason. When initially asked about his offseason, Bryant did lie to investigators about the meetings.

But what did he really do wrong?

He worked with a well-established professional in his desired career field and discussed his future with someone who has

strong connections and marketing power within the industry. That's called networking. All college students are encouraged to do it.

Closer to home

Then there's last year's discovery about the violations committed by the University of Michigan's football program. Too much practice was the main culprit. The NCAA allows 20 hours per week for athletic practices, not including stretching and warm up time. Michigan exceeded that limit and walked a fine line between "warm up time" and full-on conditioning. Football coach Rich Rodriguez was also cited for having too many "quality control coaches" on staff.

Last March, OU's fellow Summit League member IUPUI was pinned with multiple NCAA sanctions in 14 sports for violations the school said occurred in 2007. The violations made public were vague and the punishment was merely a slap on the wrist. IUPUI's athletic department released a statement on its website stating; "These violations were not intentional and were due to human error, primarily from either incorrect interpretation or application of NCAA rules. The violations were not an attempt to gain a competitive advantage."

The most recent case of NCAA infractions came last week at the University of Tennessee, where men's basketball coach Bruce Pearl was cited, in laymen's terms, for making too many phone calls to recruits. Tennessee's basketball team will take on Oakland both this season and next.

The list of schools in trouble with the NCAA goes on and on. Cheating is one thing, confusion is another. There no doubt needs to be a line drawn between the two, but right now that line is thin. Too thin.

The Sporting Blitz

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Soccer

9/15 at Michigan 7:30 p.m.
9/18 vs. Butler 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer

9/17 vs. Youngstown State 4 p.m.
9/19 vs. Massachusetts 1 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

9/17 at IUPUI 7 p.m.
9/18 at Western Illinois 6 p.m.

Women's Golf

9/19 vs. Detroit 9:30 a.m.

Softball (exhibition)

9/18 vs. Madonna 10 a.m.
9/18 vs. Oakland Community College 4 p.m.
9/19 vs. Rochester College 11 a.m.

NEWS & UPDATES

Men's soccer falls to San Diego State

— Oakland lost 4-1 to San Diego State in the finale of the Courtyard Marriott San Diego Central Tournament. Freshman scored his first collegiate goal in the loss. The Golden Grizzlies, now 1-3 on the season, finished third in the tournament after beating out Air Force based on goal differential.

Oakland gets two third-place finishes at IPFW Invitational

— Both the men's and women's cross country team took third place at the IPFW Invitational Saturday, Sept. 11. Brittni Hutton and Hannah Scherer both finished in the top 10. The men tallied 88 points while the women finished with 77.

Women's soccer nets goal, ties U-D

By **TOM BARRY**
Staff Reporter

A four-game scoreless streak may be expected when playing strong teams, but the Oakland women's soccer team was happy to finally get on the board as the Golden Grizzlies played to a 1-1 tie against Detroit on Sunday at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Oakland (1-4-1) ended its four-game goalless drought in the 37th minute of the first half when Abigail Haelewyn scored on a header off a Kara Weber free kick. It was the first collegiate goal for Haelewyn, a freshman midfielder from Rochester Hills.

"It felt really good to get out of the slump," Haelewyn said. "I think we all did really good. We made lots of chances for each other and just played well, attacking and defensively." Oakland coach Nick O'Shea is not concerned with the lack of offense from his team so far this season.

"To not score against good teams is not the end of the world," O'Shea said. "We were playing well and it's not easy to score goals in soccer, especially when you play re-

ally good teams. Call it a four-game slump, but it has something to do with scheduling."

The Grizzlies and Titans (3-2-2) exchanged quality scoring chances throughout the first half, but a Detroit foul in the 38th minute allowed for Weber's free kick, and Haelewyn was in the right place to redirect the ball off her head and into the net. Weber's assist is the sixth point this season for the sophomore defender from Calgary, putting her in a tie for third in the Summit League with teammate Amy Trandell.

After that point in the game, it seemed Oakland, coming off expected road defeats against Western Michigan and Pittsburgh and close home losses to Michigan and Dayton, might earn its first win since it thoroughly beat Rochester College in the season opener. That was until the 66:05 mark in the second half when Titans defender/midfielder Sarah Dzuris tied the game with a free kick placed into the back of Oakland's net. It was the second goal of the season for Dzuris.

Following the Detroit goal, Oakland came back out with more aggressiveness, limiting the Titans' time in the offensive

zone. When Detroit did manage to get the ball into the Grizzlies' half of the field, Oakland goalkeeper Shannon Coley stopped every shot. Coley made five saves on six Titans shots on goal.

"They had a couple of dangerous players," O'Shea said of the Titans. "(Forward Nina Carter) is very fast. She had a very good chance that Shannon Coley stopped. And (midfielder/forward Kaitlyn Quarrell) out wide, very tricky on the ball, and she didn't get the chances but she caused problems getting down (to the Detroit net)."

Oakland appeared to have won the game in the final seconds of the second overtime, but the goal was disallowed because the Grizzlies were offside. Abolins also finished five saves on six shots on net.

O'Shea credited his deep bench for building more pressure on Detroit.

"We were making more subs," he said. "They don't have much depth, so we started subbing in the midfield, subbed aggressively up top. Fresh legs were finally paying off."

A lingering question for Oakland is the availability of freshman midfielder Dani Haelewyn. Dani, the sister of Abigail

Haelewyn, went down after she seemed to get entangled with a Detroit player, grabbing at her lower leg for several seconds before the whistle was finally blown at 84:16 in the second half.

Abigail noted that Dani was "cleated" in the ankle, while O'Shea added, "It was a hard tackle. We're hoping that (she'll be back soon). She'll have to see the doctor soon."

Dani's ability to play in Oakland's remaining non-conference games will be important, as it faces Youngstown State and Massachusetts on Sept. 17 and 19, respectively, at the Oakland University Soccer Field. The non-conference schedule ends with Oakland traveling to Indianapolis on Sept. 24 to play Butler.

"We're just getting ourselves ready for conference play," O'Shea said of the upcoming opponents. "Just trying to find players that work well, make sure everyone is in shape getting into conference. We have three games to get that done, so we'll have to see. We'll prepare based on the opponent and working on ourselves."

Oakland's lead in the all-time series against Detroit is now 10-3-1.

Independent cheerleading squad all about pride

By **KYLE BAUER**
Staff Intern

The Detroit Lions are a franchise with such lowly feats as the 2008 winless season and one play-off win since 1957. The on-field futility could be leaving Detroit football fans looking for a more entertaining overall product at Ford Field. With no guarantee it will come on the field, the "Detroit Pride" cheer squad wants to be that extra form of entertainment.

"We think there is a definite void that needs to be filled and that the fans deserve something they have asked for, for years", Detroit Pride Operations Co-Director Andrea Wilamowski said. She feels the Detroit Lions need sanctioned cheerleaders.

The Pride plans on buying a row of seats in a visible section

where they will perform standard professional cheerleading.

"We'll be doing some routines to the classic rock-n-roll 'tailgate' type music, but we are also going to throw in some hip-hop style dances too," Wilamowski said.

Lions fans have been accustomed to amateur cheerleaders on the sidelines before. For years, cheerleaders from Metro Detroit high schools were given a chance to show off at the Silverdome. Since the team moved to Ford Field in 2002, no cheerleaders have performed at Lions games. Wilamowski believes the Lions lacking cheerleaders is not only a slight against the fans but also the players.

"They've gone through an amazing rebuilding period and they deserve to be celebrated," she said. Yet, the players are a reason

the Lions brass has cited for not having an official cheer squad.

With the Detroit Pride announcing their plans to add additional entertainment at games, Detroit Lions Team President Tom Lewand spoke out to The Detroit News, "I don't think that the folks in Green Bay and Pittsburgh and some of the other places get asked a lot about cheerleaders," he said. "The more entertainment we can provide by winning football games, that's where our focus should be."

Despite the apparent lack of interest by the Lions organization, the Detroit Pride remain humble about their situation.

"We completely understand that the Lions are not ready to have a sanctioned cheerleading squad and we respect that," Wilamowski said. "We can only

hope that when the Lions organization, or any other professional Detroit sports team, feels our positive influence on the community and on the fans, that one of them will want to call us their own."

Wilamowski's positive nature is rooted firmly in the ideal that the Pride can serve as positive role models in Detroit. They have plans on doing charity work on top of appearing at games.

Oakland University "Images" Dance squad coach Sara Porzondek said she is excited for what the Pride is looking to accomplish.

"I think it would be a great addition to the atmosphere of the game. This area certainly has the talent."

Porzondek is firmly on the side of the Pride's stance that Detroit needs a sanctioned squad and believes the Lions should allow the

Pride on the field.

Ryan Spitler of Warren, 24, is a Detroit Lions season ticket holder. He thinks it isn't necessary but says he wouldn't complain.

"When they went 0-16 and then 2-14 and every game was blacked out I think it would have helped to bring some people to the stadium," Spitler said.

Bettering the fan experience is one of the many goals Wilamowski and the rest of the Pride have set. On the surface, the objective is to become a sanctioned team, but Wilamowski will tell you that their main goal is right in the team's name.

"The Detroit area has received enough negative publicity," she said. "We feel this is the best time to start turning things around and bring some positive spirit and pride back to Detroit."

Golf teams finding early success

By RYAN HEGEDUS
Senior Reporter

In the short time golf coach Brian Costello has been at Oakland University, his men's and women's golf teams have seen an immense amount of success.

He is hoping 2010 will maintain that trend.

"Both programs have come a long way in the four years I've been here," Costello said. "We want to continue to get better every year, and hopefully capture the Summit League championship this year. That was my goal when I started here — to start winning championships that the program had never won and to bring in players like Liz (Ecker) and Jakob (Ziegler) that have anchored our programs."

Those anchors, junior Liz Ecker and sophomore Jakob Ziegler, are two of OU's golfers that have enjoyed success so far in the early part of the season.

Ziegler won the Turning Stone Tiger Invitational on Sept. 6 with a final round score of 1-under-par 71, scoring 215 for the entire invitational. As a whole, the men's team finished in eighth place, shooting a combined 922.

The Berlin-born sophomore is the first Oakland golfer to win tournaments in consecutive seasons since Brian Stuard and Jon Pauli in 2004 and 2005.

"That was a fantastic course," Ziegler said. "I think it's one of the hardest courses I've ever played, especially with the wind. We had pretty hard conditions there — there was a lot of wind, the greens were fast, lots of slope. I just kept it on the fairway and stayed out of trouble; I didn't lose one ball there, which helps."

At the Bucknell Invitational on Sept. 12, Ecker shot a final round score of 7-over-par 77 to finish in a tie for ninth place, with a final score of 229 for the invitational. The women's squad also finished in eighth place with a score of 970.

"I had just come off of an injury, so I was happy to finish in the top 10, but I definitely feel like I could have performed a lot better," Ecker said. "I felt going in I had the ability to win that tournament, but I'm happy with the turnout."

In a season with just one tournament being played in Michigan (the women's team will take part in the Detroit Titans Invitational), both teams have grown accustomed to the travel and look

forward to visiting the various courses on their schedules.

"I'm really excited for the Florida International University tournament because I'm from Florida. I'll be playing against some of the girls I played junior golf with from three or four years ago," said Ecker. "I'm really looking forward to getting home and playing a tournament there."

Despite the differences in the teams travel plans, Costello has enjoyed the duty of scheduling for both teams.

"All tournaments in college are invitational, so what you get invited to is what determines what you play in. We've played some great tournaments the last three years, and this year is no exception," Costello said. "It's pretty taxing on me, for sure. I have to be in two places at one time; it's kind of impossible to do until we can figure out this cloning thing."

One key figure that OU is missing this season is Frank McAuliffe, who graduated this past semester.

The two-time All-League performer ended his career with the fifth-best all-time scoring average (76.1) in Oakland history, as well as consecutive top-five finishes in the Summit League champion-



Photo courtesy of OU Athletic Communications

Sophomore Jakob Ziegler sizes up a putt during competition. Ziegler has been the leader of the OU men's golf team this season.

ships in 2008 and 2009.

With new recruits, as well as key returning golfers, both teams look to be competitive once again.

The women's team will host

Detroit Sept. 19 for the OU Challenge, while the men's team will travel to Lemont, Ill. on Sept. 25 to take on DePaul for the John Dallio Memorial.

Men's basketball releases full season schedule

By DAN FENNER
Senior Editor

After months of rumors and speculation about the final look of the 2010-11 men's basketball schedule, Oakland University released what will undoubtedly be a marathon of difficult matchups for the defending Summit League Champions.

Among the highlights of this season's slate of games are five meetings with Big Ten opponents as well as matchups with perennial contender Tennessee and last year's Final Four participant West Virginia.

"We have six non-league games against teams that have been ranked in the pre-

season top 20," head coach Greg Kampe said. "Three of those teams are among the top five. So I think the only thing missing from this schedule is a date with the Miami Heat. I tried to get the Heat but they wouldn't come to the O'Rena."

Last season featured a similarly daunting stretch of non-conference games, but the Grizzlies were unable to pull off any upsets.

"For those (top ranked) schools, we're a good RPI win for them because they expect to beat us," Kampe said. "We have to go in and get a win against one of these top six or seven teams this year."

The marquee home game comes Dec. 11 when Oakland faces Michigan State in a

game played at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

OU will also face the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this season for the first time in a couple years.

The Grizzlies will also participate in two tournaments as part of their non-conference schedule. OU will host a portion of the Lou Henson Award Tournament at the O'Rena Dec. 21 and 22. The team will also be a part of the Chicago Invitational Challenge in November.

"It's almost like every year we try and outdo the season before," Kampe said. "At some point during the season, I'll probably scratch my head and wonder, 'Why did we do this?' I know our team is really excited.

We'll play five Big Ten teams and we're smack dab in the middle of Big Ten country. We'll be on the Big Ten Network like it's our home station. We'll get a lot of media attention in the areas that Oakland recruits in, so I don't think you could ask for a better schedule than this."

Despite a schedule loaded with top opponents, the Grizzlies will have the benefit of less strenuous travel, with most of their games being played in the Midwest.

Oakland will begin its defense of the Summit League title with its first conference game Dec. 2.

To see the complete schedule of games, visit ougizzlies.com



ECO-FRIENDLY FLOOR IN VANDENBERG

In the Vandenberg residence halls, an entire eco-friendly floor has been developed by OU alum Avery Neale.

The rooms on this floor have 100 percent sustainable carpet squares, a dual-flush toilet and water saver, environmentally friendly "green" paint and water-efficient shower heads.

"These projects aren't limited to just that floor," said maintenance manager of university housing Frank Moss. "We've actually been applying them wherever applicable. We've even made efforts to get green cleaning chemicals used all around campus."

There are two suites for men and women in Hamlin Hall, and two suites in Vandenberg.

If you need to warm up or defrost small amounts of food, use a microwave instead of the stove to save energy. Microwave ovens use around 50 percent less energy than conventional ovens do.

Eco Initiatives

Earth-friendly projects take shape on campus

Written by Nichole Seguin // Designed by Carla Butwin & Jason Willis // Photos by Brett Socia

Going green has grown into a global phenomenon recently and is making its way to Oakland University. From zero-emission vehicles to energy-efficient light fixtures, OU is not stopping on its quest to reduce its carbon footprint.

EFFICIENT LIGHTING

In an effort to save money, provide better lighting, require less maintenance and use less energy, OU has partnered up with Detroit Edison to promote the use of LED energy-efficient light fixtures and bulbs.

"We're putting in eight different manufacturers lighting systems so we can compare fixtures and figure out which ones work the best," said Jim Liedel, OU energy manager. "In October, we're actually going to have a questionnaire online that will allow students to vote and decide which ones they think are the best."

More information on OU energy is available at www.oakland.edu/energy.

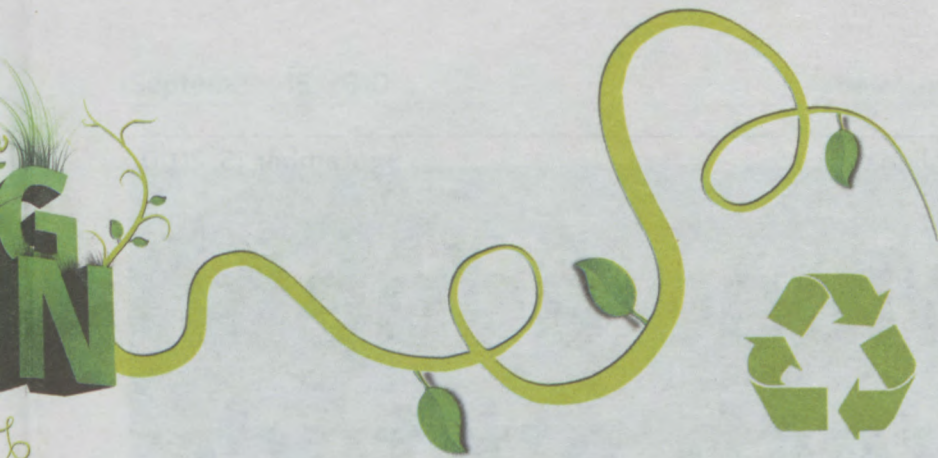


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ZERO EMISSION CARS

In other attempts to create a cleaner atmosphere, three electric trucks were purchased for the use of the facilities management department in 2009.

The vehicles, which cost approximately \$14,000 each, emit zero carbon emissions and have a carrying capacity of over 1,000 pounds.

Capable of charging from a regular 110-volt outlet, the batteries on the Miles ZX40ST trucks can sustain for up to 25,000 miles and have a full charge distance of 30-40 miles.

By using these vehicles, facilities management plans on saving up to \$2,500 annually by using these street legal maintenance vehicles all around campus.

These vehicles can be spotted in three different locations on campus: facilities management, central heating, and building and grounds.



CHARTWELLS, ORGANIC FOOD AND RECYCLING

Chartwells, Oakland's food service provider, has made a recycling commitment through a multitude of different techniques in the Pioneer food court.

Located in the Oakland Center, the cafeteria kitchen recycles cooking oil, cardboard materials, paper products, tin cans and biodegradable containers.

To promote an organic eating environment, Chartwells also uses only cage-free eggs, antibiotic and hormone free poultry and pork, fair trade certified coffee, Monterey Bay approved seafood and locally grown vegetables.

They also provide balanced food meals, superfoods and initiatives like Project Clean Plate, which encourages Vandenberg residents to take only as much food as they can eat, and a reusable mug program.

Chartwells also offers food donations to Forgotten Harvest, a perishable food-rescue program that provides food to people across the metro Detroit area.

GEO THERMAL PUMP

With the help of a \$2,752,163 grant given to OU by the U.S. Department of Energy in April, OU has been building a new Human Health Center that includes a geothermal heat pump system.

The project, which started as a plan for a gold rating in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental design, will provide the building with cooling, heating and water as well as its own dehumidification of ventilation air.

Expected to be completed in 2012, the project would make OU the first education facility in Michigan to have a system of this kind.

SOLAR ELECTRIC ROOF



Using 550 photovoltaic shingles, the roof on one of the apartment complexes on campus produces its own electricity once exposed to the sun.

Installed in 2003, the roof provides power to the community building locally and is delivered to the campus power grid. The shingles use no batteries and are 100 percent grid inter-tied.

Funding for this project was provided by a grant from the state of Michigan and OU.

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local briefs

Writer's conference registration opens

ROCHESTER — The annual Rochester Writer's Conference is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2.

The conference is held at Oakland University. Workshops will be offered on several topics, including creating believable characters, building an online presence, writing applications for smart phones, as well as both basic and advanced instruction in various forms of writing.

The event will also feature panels of publishers and magazine editors.

To register for the conference or for more information, visit www.rochesterwriters.com
— Annie Stodola, Local Editor

US judge sets 1st conference in Kilpatrick case

DETROIT — Lawyers defending former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick are going to federal court for the first pretrial hearing since charges were filed in June.

Kilpatrick is accused of turning the Civic Fund charity into a personal slush fund for cash, travel, yoga, summer camp and anti-bugging equipment when he was in office. He has pleaded not guilty.

Kilpatrick is in prison in a separate Michigan criminal case after a Wayne County judge said the ex-mayor violated probation by failing to turn over assets toward \$1 million restitution to Detroit.

— Associated Press Report

Tienken Road project revised, set for 2012

ROCHESTER — After receiving a large amount of negative feedback from the community, the Road Commission for Oakland County has agreed to modify the original plans to widen Tienken between Livernois and Sheldon Roads.

The plan originally proposed to make Tienken a five-lane road. The modified plan will instead include a center turn lane, occasional right-turn lanes and a two-lane traffic circle.

The road commission will begin the Tienken Road project in 2012.

— Annie Stodola, Local Editor

Bernero requests debates with Snyder

DETROIT — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Virg Bernero says talks with Republican Rick Snyder have failed to produce agreement on where, when and how they'll debate.

In response to the impasse, Bernero says he's written to all Michigan TV stations urging them to invite him and Snyder to debate. He says he still believes there's time to plan and hold three debates before the Nov. 2 election.

— Associated Press Report

Café Muse adopts farm fresh attitude

By ANNIE STODOLA
Local Editor

Although the idea of organic and health conscious restaurants is not necessarily a new trend, some local restaurants are taking the farm fresh attitude a step further.

Café Muse in Royal Oak, as well as several other local eateries, have begun to utilize locally grown produce in their menus.

David Smith, owner of Café Muse, said that while organic has always been a priority for the restaurant, purchasing ingredients locally has also been important.

"We've always wanted the freshest ingredients possible," Smith said. "It made sense to reach out to local farmers."

About three months ago, Café Muse became involved with the Royal Oak community farm. The community farm is a project of Royal Oak Forward, a community-oriented nonprofit organization.

David Baldwin, executive director of Royal Oak Forward, said the farm started this year as an attempt to benefit several different segments of the community.

"It really helps restaurants market themselves as supporting the community by buying local ingredients," Baldwin said. "It's beneficial to the farm and the restaurant, as well as to



Photo Courtesy of David Smith

Greg Reyner, owner of Café Muse, picks fresh produce at the Royal Oak community farm.

residents who can go to a restaurant and get locally grown produce."

After a volunteer for the farm brought the farm's vegetables to Café Muse, a partnership was formed.

Thus far, the Royal Oak Community Farm, located off 11 Mile Road, has received positive responses from those who visit the garden, who purchase produce from the garden at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market, and from patrons of Café Muse.

"People are glad to see something positive happening on this land instead of it just sitting here," Baldwin said. "It enhances the community, which was a founding principle of the farm."

In addition to using produce from the community farm, Smith and Café Muse executive chef Greg Reyner have been working with other farms.

"It's important to use local farms as much as possible because it has a big impact, both economically and environmentally," Smith said. "It both strengthens the local economy by putting money back into the local farms and it's also for businesses that want to reduce their carbon footprint. When you don't have to transport vegetables, you reduce that process."

This past year, the restaurant began working with a farm in Clinton Township that sets aside a plot for Café Muse and grows whatever they request. Additionally, they have been developing a partnership with a new Highland Park farm.

"It's nice to be able to work with the farmers to decide what you want to grow and coordinate the harvesting," Smith said.

The Michigan Micro Farms organization has started selling produce to local restaurants as well, including Café Muse and The Hills in Grosse Pointe.

Mike Berschback of Michigan Micro Farms, located in Chesterfield Township, said that his organization is largely trying to get people back to a more personalized approach to growing food.

"Local food is out there and this is how it used to be; small farmers are growing their own crops and selling them," Berschback said. "In the last 40 years, it's been large corporations growing the food, which isn't how it should be or how it was meant to be."

Smith agrees that it's important for people to not only support local restaurants, but to purchase locally grown food themselves. Reyner purchases ingredients from the Royal Oak Farmers Market each week for the restaurant's menu.

"It's important to use as many local products as possible," Smith said. "People don't necessarily think about that. You buy eggs from a local farm and you keep that money in the community."



Photo Courtesy of David Smith

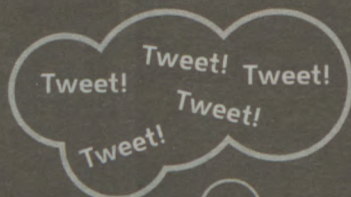
Locally grown tomatoes at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market.



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Various vegetables at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market.

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"I feel really proud of last year's staff with being able to pull it off again," said 2009-10 Editor-in-Chief Colleen Miller. "Hopefully we can actually bring a Pacemaker home this year."

Pacemaker winners will be announced at the end of October during the Associated Collegiate Press/College Media Advisers National College Media Convention in Louisville, Ky. Members of our staff will be in attendance.

Professional journalists in the Washington, D.C. area judged college newspapers entered in the contest from the United States and Canada. All submissions were from the 2009-10 school year.

About 300 student publications submitted their work in the four-year college non-daily category this year.

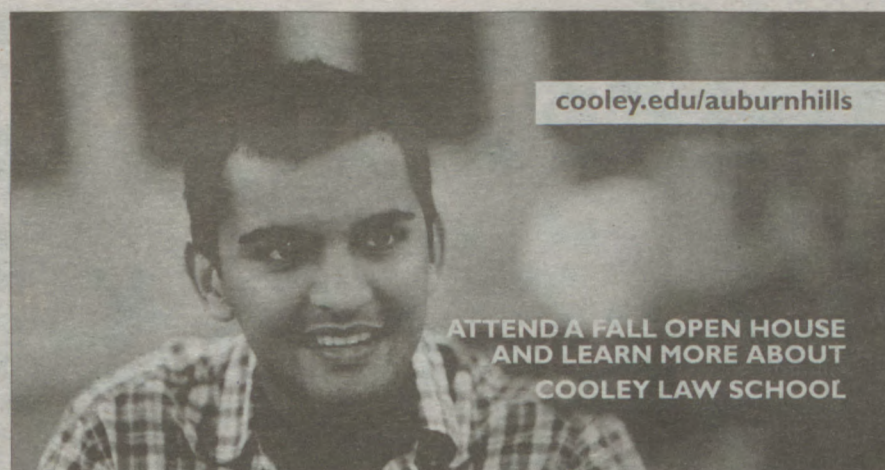
"It's been a long time coming and I'm not surprised the paper has been recognized," said adviser Holly Gilbert.

According to the Associated Collegiate Press, entries were judged in the following areas: coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, layout, design, photography and other art.

Relatively new to the Associated Collegiate Press awards scene, The Post's staffers aim to continue the momentum they've built into the 2010-11 school year.

"I hope they see the error of their ways in not giving it to us last year and give us the award this year," said Gilbert.

The publication is competing against newspapers like The News-Letter from Johns Hopkins University, Central Michigan Life from Central Michigan University, The Villanovan from Villanova University, The Calgary Journal from Mount Royal University and The Columbia Chronicle from Columbia College for the prestigious distinction of being a Pacemaker.

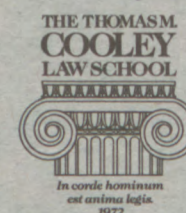


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1 Alaska, U.S.

Tens of thousands of walrus have come ashore in northwest Alaska because the sea ice they normally rest on has melted. Federal scientists said that the massive move to shore by the walrus is unusual in the United States but has happened at least twice before, in 2007 and 2009. In those years, the Arctic sea ice was also at or near record-low levels. Scientists are most concerned that the walrus, weighing one ton each, will stampede and crush each other.

2 Paris, France

An anonymous phone threat led to the evacuation of 2,000 visitors to the Eiffel Tower and surrounding areas Tuesday. About 150 police officers and bomb experts came to the scene to check for a bomb and suspicious activity, but nothing was found and the tower reopened. The call was traced to a phone booth in a neighborhood in northeast Paris. The Eiffel Tower was last evacuated on Oct. 15, 2005, also due to a bomb threat.

3 Japan

Japan's Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada apologized to former World War II prisoners of war who are visiting from the United States. Okada told the six POWs and relatives of two who died while in Japan that they were treated unfairly. The group's leader, 90-year-old Lester Tenney, said he welcomed the government's apology but still seeks recognition from companies that used prisoners in their factories under brutal conditions. The group is the first of U.S. POWs to receive the apology from Japan.

4 Chile

Trapped Chilean miner Ariel Tiscona had something to celebrate on Tuesday when his wife, Elizabeth Segovia, gave birth to their daughter. The baby was originally to be named Carolina but the name was changed to Esperanza, Spanish for "Hope," when the miners were found alive. A maternity ward nurse said that the baby girl weighed nearly seven pounds and was nearly 19 inches long. The 33 miners have been trapped for over 40 days and Esperanza is the first new baby for any of them.

5 South Africa

A 17-year-old teen was shot dead by South African police while participating in a group protesting that a teachers strike gave them insufficient time to prepare for exams. An investigator said that the students marching allegedly threw stones at police officers who confronted them Monday morning. A spokesperson for an agency that investigates complaints against police said that an officer fired a warning shot toward the ground and the bullet rebounded and hit the victim, Nontsikelelo Anna Nokela, in the back.

6 Iran

American hiker Sarah Shourd was released from Iran on Tuesday after more than a year in prison. Shourd was reunited with her mother in Oman after a \$500,000 bail was paid to win her release. She was arrested along the border of Iran and Iraq in July 2009 and accused of spying. Two other Americans were with her on the hike and remain in custody. Shourd said she was "grateful" and "very humbled by this moment."

— Compiled by Rhiannon Zielinski
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Students promote "green"

Aiming for a healthier environment, students develop projects

By JAMIE GASPER
Staff Reporter

Going green is no small task, but there are many things individuals can do to help with their share of global greening. Whether it be recycling, picking up trash or planting a tree, the small efforts add up. Some students and alumni at Oakland University have not only done their share to go green, but have gone above and beyond to make a bigger impact on campus and in the community.

Sustaining Our Planet Earth

In 2007, 2009 alum Avery Neale founded the Environmental Coalition at OU. The coalition's purpose is to establish campus-wide programs that promote recycling, waste reduction and energy efficiency. They also strive to establish community service and educational opportunities for students on campus. Neale realized the effects of waste on campus, and wanted to make a change. Neale started with a recycling program and began to organize various greening events.

Neale's interest in greening did not stop with recycling. She also helped with the creation of the eco-floor in Vandenberg Hall, and piloted the student-run organization Sustaining Our Planet Earth (S.O.P.E.).

"I hired Avery as my office assistant, but her job switched real quick and she was instead in charge of making housing green," said Frank Moss, maintenance manager. "The project exploded from there."

Neale graduated from the OU Honors College in 2009, with a major in integrative studies and a minor in communication. She's currently attending Central Michigan University for graduate studies in speech pathology.

Green graduation

Brianna Isaac is a senior at OU, majoring in business and minoring in environmental science. This combination might not make sense to everyone, but Isaac sees it differently.

"Environmental Science is applicable to everyone. The Earth is something we all have in common, regardless of your personal views on sustainability," Isaac said.

Isaac is an active member in the Environmental Society and helping the environ-

ment is something she is passionate about.

"We only have one Earth, and I think it's everyone's responsibility to take care of it. Once you realize how much of a negative impact you have on it, you feel obligated to change. I always try to think of if the benefits are worth the detriment to the environment," Isaac said.

One large event Isaac is currently working on is greening graduation. After reading an article about MSU greening their graduation, Isaac and the rest of the ES group were interested in getting involved.

According to Isaac, standard gowns are made from petroleum-based polyester, leaving a huge negative impact on the environment. With a green graduation, approximately 23 plastic bottles are reclaimed to produce each environmentally-friendly cap and gown.

"That means that if our entire student body partook in a green graduation, OU could single-handedly be responsible for saving a half a million plastic bottles from entering a landfill," Isaac said. "Not to mention, recycled gowns lack the unflattering sheen of traditional gowns and are also much more breathable."

Isaac not only participates in events in the community but she is just as active with greening at her home. Isaac refuses to use plastic water bottles, and carries a reusable water bottle instead.

"Not only do I save tons of money by carrying a reusable bottle, but I also save petroleum from being used and space in a landfill. If Americans stopped drinking bottled water for one year, we would save enough petroleum to fuel 500,000 station wagons on coast-to-coast trips," Isaac said.

Isaac also set up her own worm compost bin in her apartment after learning about the benefits of compost while volunteering with student group Urban Farming at Oakland University.

Bio-diesel program

Originally a nursing major, Tom Dawda realized environmental studies was truly where he belonged.

"I switched to something that I loved. I'd rather work outside in any weather condition than be inside for work," Dawda, now in his fifth year at OU, said.

Although Dawda has always loved hunting and fishing, and has known all along that the environment was important, it was



BRETT SOCIA/The Oakland Post

Located in West Vandenberg Hall, the eco-floor was created by Avery Neale. Sustainable carpet, 'green' paint and recycled furniture are some of its unique features.

through a volunteer project cleaning up roads that he realized it could be a career.

He has been active in every event that the ES has held, but the bug certification stood out the most to him.

"We learned what the stream consisted of by counting the bugs that were present. We learned what pollutants were in the stream, by what bugs were missing," Dawda said.

Dawda single-handedly held a bottle and can drive to raise money for future ES events and projects. One project that Dawda said he is especially excited about is creating a bio-diesel program. He wishes to create a plant that would take the old oils from fast food restaurants and clean it, making it suitable for diesel vehicles.

"I want to be able to give students cheap fuel that has no emissions except for the smell of french fries," Dawda said.

The long-term goal of this project is to hopefully make a small business on campus, run by ES. For now, Dawda is excited just to test the ideas.

Even when he wants to just relax and

spend time with his friends, Dawda is always active in the environment.

"My friends and I like to go hunting and fishing all the time. We love just going out in the woods and seeing what's there and, more importantly, what's missing," Dawda said. "I like to see how nature is and how we can still make it suitable for us without hurting it."

Dawda firmly believes in living life as humans without hurting nature.

"Take what you need, leave what you want and you'll always have something to look forward to. If you take everything, there will be nothing left, and in the future you will have nothing," Dawda said.

Neale, Isaac, and Dawda all have high hopes for the future of the environment. These students hope that what they're doing now will grow and inspire more students to jump on board and transform the OU community.

Editor's note: Next week's issue will feature a story about organizations on campus and their effort to go green. Make sure to check it out in the campus section of the paper.

Next step: Waterford

Senior Justin Clarke runs for school board position



BRETT SOCIA/The Oakland Post

If selected, Justin Clarke would be the youngest member of Waterford's school district school board at 22 years old.

By **ALI ARMSTRONG**
Staff Reporter

A young politician in the making, senior Justin Clarke is an Oakland University student that has been making the headlines.

The political science major has just begun his campaign for the November school board elections.

Starting in November, citizens will vote on Waterford school board members in 16 different districts that spread over nine cities. Clarke is running against 14 other candidates to represent the Waterford School District, and there are only three spots available.

If he is elected, the 22-year-old OU student will be the youngest member on the school board.

"I think it's great that students like Justin run for public office," said Paul Kubicek, Clarke's Model United Nations club advisor. "It demonstrates a commitment to public service and a passion for trying to make a positive impact in the community."

Clarke is the first from his family to pursue a career within the school district. His mother works for the Oakland Intermediate School District, but is not involved with the Waterford school district.

Clarke recently held his campaign kick-off party, which raised money to support his campaign.

"When there are 14 people running, you have to get your name out there,"

said Clarke. "It's all about name recognition in a small community."

A 2006 graduate from Waterford Kettering High School, Clarke is devoted to this election and to giving back to his schools.

"Leaving high school and coming to OU with 18 college credits, I really appreciate what they did for me. I want to return the favor and give back to the schools," said Clarke.

When it comes to Waterford's school district, Clarke has many different ideas.

"Refinancing the district is the key project that I would like to work on."

— Justin Clarke

"I want to revitalize the school district," said Clarke. "I believe that some of these cuts need to be made to benefit education, but there are a lot of cuts that don't need to be made and money to be saved. Refinancing the district is the key project that I would like to work on."

Responsibilities on campus include the role as president of the Model United Nations club and involvement with the Model European Union, both of which helped him become more involved with local politics.

"My passion is international poli-

tics, but local politics are a lot more effective than international politics," said Clarke.

Graduating in the spring with a degree in political science, Clarke plans on coming back to OU for graduate school in public administration.

As far as bringing his campaign to the OU campus, Clarke has not really thought about it.

"I would like to do an on-campus phone bank, but I need donations," said Clarke.

In the past, The North Oakland Democratic Club and Oakland County Democratic Party have provided Clarke with available space and phone lines.

Clarke said he currently would like to stay involved with his local community by representing the school district, but hopes to one day become endorsed by the Waterford Democratic Club.

"Justin has shown a lot of energy and enthusiasm for Model United Nations, which he is president of, and I'm sure that this will spill over into his campaign as well," Kubicek said.

For the time being, Clarke is planning to focus on the local community and leave the bigger politics for a later time.

"Right now, I just want to stay with the school district. I want to represent the people and how their education should be," Clarke said.

Elections for the Waterford School District will take place Nov. 2.

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professor profiles

Weekly spotlight on OU professors

Linda Schweitzer
Director of Environmental Science and faculty advisor for the Environmental Society

Linda Schweitzer has a passion for keeping our planet healthy.

After earning a Bachelor's degree from University of California, Santa Barbara in environmental biology, Schweitzer worked in the pharmaceutical field for six years and was focused on preventative health care.



Schweitzer's interest in environmental science grew during her time in California where she surfed the waves in her spare time.

Schweitzer received her master's degree in toxicology and a Ph.D in ecotoxicology from University of California, Los Angeles, and began to move more toward academia. She received a job offer from OU, and after visiting the campus, she was committed to getting the job.

Outside of the classroom, Schweitzer works alongside researchers at water treatment plants, examining the quality of drinking water, as well as studying surface water toxicology.

Schweitzer is also interested in learning how to grow food.

Taking an active role in getting her students involved in organic gardening, Schweitzer teaches from an ecological approach.

"Everyone wants healthy, ethical and safe food," she said.

One of her favorite methods of teaching is to incorporate the "big picture" to integrate and bring information into context. This puts things into a broader spectrum for students to filter in details about what they are learning.

"It's hard to put together a puzzle if you don't have the box with the picture on it in front of you," said Schweitzer.

Schweitzer stresses to her students the importance of challenging the system to not be complacent with things that don't work.

"Earth's resources are limited, and the need for alternative energies is on the rise and more funding is needed," Schweitzer said.

This semester, Schweitzer's offers courses including: ENV 373, water resources; and ENV 375, introduction to apiculture and sustainability, a course on bee-keeping.

— Wanda Krotzer, Contributing Reporter

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DIA is "In Your Dreams"

The midtown art museum brings out their collection of prints



Photos by CHRIS HAGAN/ The Oakland Post

The "In Your Dreams" exhibit is made up of prints, etchings, and other art mediums. Magnifying glasses are provided to get an up-close look at prints like those from Dürer.

By CHRIS HAGAN
Scene Editor

The Detroit Institute of Arts' current exhibition of prints is proving to be quite the success.

"In Your Dreams: 500 years of Imaginary Prints" is located in the DIA's print gallery on the main floor of the museum. Opening last week, the exhibit showcases approximately 120 European and American prints from the DIA's collection.

"It's only been open for about a week, but the response has been amazing," said Nancy Barr, a DIA curator. "The gallery was packed on Wednesday and that's unusual being that it was a holiday weekend.

Artists from the late 1400s on ward, including Pablo Picasso, Francisco Goya, and one of the most notable for the DIA — Albert Dürer.

"The further down the exhibit you go the more contemporary the art becomes.

It starts though with more historic works," said Barr.

Three famous Dürer works greet the visitor at the entrance of the exhibit. The series, called "The Apocalypse," is a woodcut print original that is owned by the DIA.

Woodcut is a print making technique in which an image is carved out of a block of wood; later black ink is laid over top of it. The ink sinks in the low spots and, when it's wiped away, the image is revealed.

"We just try to think of interesting things to build on our permanent collection," said Barr. "Nancy Sojka came up with this idea just based on themes in our collection that's taken place in 500 years of print making."

Associate professor of art and director of Oakland University Art Gallery, Dick Goody, believes students at OU are extremely lucky to be so close to the DIA.

"What a great advantage not to have

to take a plane to see such major works," Goody said. "There's so much to see both in terms of history and geography."

Goody commented that people are audio and visual beings. He said seeing the art museum and even driving down to Detroit is an experience a television couldn't duplicate.

"Take a break and go and see some great art," Goody said. "Remember that the Detroit Institute of Arts has the fifth greatest collection of art in the country, which is extraordinarily lucky."

Another form of artistic medium is etching. Etching is a process of using acid to bite or cut into the metal to create a design. One of the most popular artists in the exhibit is Steven Hazard.

Barr said Hazard, a native of Michigan, combines myth with the industrial age. She said it's apparent in his art that his imagination was "set free". There are men with bird heads and other sorts of creatures.

Visitors are able to witness the precise detail up close. So much so, the DIA is providing magnifying glasses so viewers can see the detail down to every last line.

Barr said "In Your Dreams" took nearly a year to plan and organize.

"We have to go through print after print and decide which ones fit," she said. "Then we have to place them and see how they flow."

The exhibit runs from Sept. 8 - Jan. 2, 2011.

For more information on the exhibit and other DIA events visit www.dia.org

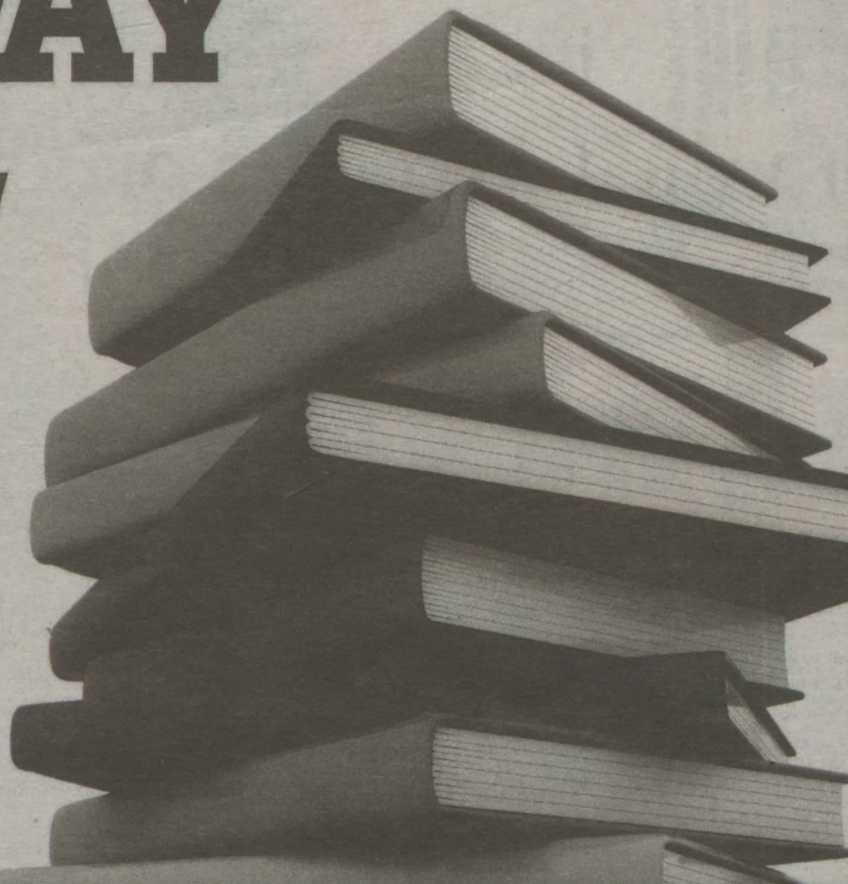


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Photos courtesy of Andrew Dettloff

Andrew Dettloff comes from a family of dancers and he'll keep the sibling tradition of alive when he graduates.

Third sibling to graduate from the OU dance program

By JEN BUCCIARELLI
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As the fall semester at Oakland University comes into full swing, so is the dance program as students begin rehearsal this week in preparation for the Oakland Theatre Dance, or OTD, show at the end of the semester.

Sophomore Andrew Dettloff is one of those students. But Dettloff is unique to the OU dance program.

He is the third member of his family to not only attend the university, but to be a dance major as well.

He is also one of only six male dance majors at OU, which has roughly 60 overall students in the program.

Growing up with his two sisters, Justine, 24, and Nicole, 29, the three siblings danced at their mother's Romeo-based studio The Dance Studio Inc.

Dettloff said he has been dancing since he could walk, participating in several competitions including tap, ballet, hip-hop and more over the years.

He began his OU dance career in 2009 after auditioning for the dance program, where he said Gregory Patterson, who is the director of the program, urged him to dance with the university.

Patterson said that with such a low male to female student ratio, this alone makes Dettloff quite valuable to the program.

"Not only were we lucky to get An-

drew because he is a man," Patterson said, "but also lucky because he is a man that has great talent."

Dettloff said dance at OU has been fun, hard work, and has also pushed him to grow as an individual.

When he first began the program, he mentioned that he didn't have the greatest ballet technique, but several different classes assisted him in sculpting his movement.

"They have helped me achieve many goals and many different things; so it's really cool," Dettloff said.

He credits the technique that he learned from the program as a freshman for helping him compete to become a company member of the traveling dance convention called L.A. DanceMagic.

The sophomore dancer is in his second year with LADM, with which he will travel several times a month to different dance competitions across the country once the circuit begins.

Patterson, who is beginning his 19th year with the university, has instructed the Dettloff sisters in previous years and is currently working with Andrew. He noted the incredible technique and beautiful movement of all three dancers.

But getting to the skill level of the three Dettloff dancers includes much work and time put into perfecting such technique.

A glimpse at the daily schedule of a sophomore dancer, such as Andrew, entails a morning technique class, followed by a ballet course at some

point during the day as well as his stretch class, a choreography course and dance history on alternating weekdays. But that is just his school schedule.

Dettloff also has ODT rehearsal for nearly 5 hours a couple times a week as well as working with his mother's dance studio too.

The dancer offered advice for interested high school students or those considering the dance program at OU, to not only be prepared, but to be ready to work hard as well.

"It's not just about the teachers, it's about yourself," Dettloff said. "You need to be able to push yourself to work harder to achieve your goals."

Although it is still quite a long way off, Dettloff has several options that he is considering for his future.

Being part of a modern dance company is not at the top of his list but still an option. He would prefer the industrial dance life, which would include moving to Los Angeles, to perform in commercials or music videos.

"I would love to travel and do everything," Dettloff said, adding that his main goal is to work with his mother's dance studio as a teacher and eventually take over the business when she retires.

For now, Dettloff and his dance program peers will work toward this semester's ODT show.

The performers will take the stage on Thursday, Dec. 2 and run until Saturday, Dec. 4.

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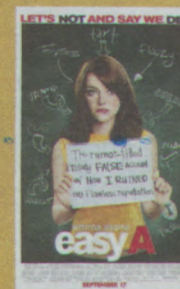


DEVIL // 80min // PG-13

In this psychological thriller, five strangers are trapped in an elevator, but one of the passengers is not who they seem. They soon realize that one of them is the Devil. Directed by John Dowdle (Quarantine) and written by Brian Nelson (30 Days of Night) and M. Night Shyamalan (The Sixth Sense).

EASY A // 92min // PG-13

Olive, played by Emma Stone (Superbad, Zombieland), lives a normal high school girl life that seems to parallel "The Scarlet Letter" until a little white lie gets her told changes everything. But instead of speaking the truth about the lie, Olive uses the new popularity to further her social and financial standing.



THE TOWN // 2hrs // R

Ben Affleck plays the leader of a group of bank robbers. In their latest job, they take the bank manager hostage. Even though they let her go, she remains cautious, knowing that the group knows her name and where she lives. Her guard is down for a new seemingly normal guy named Doug — not knowing that he is the same guy who took her hostage only days earlier.

LINKIN PARK // "A THOUSAND SUNS"

Since 2000, Linkin Park has been a pacemaker for rock music by incorporating other genres into their sound. A decade later, the California-based band is releasing its newest album. Co-produced by super-producer Rick Rubin, the band features music less tied to hip-hop that is more symphonic and guitar-driven this time around.



OF MONTREAL // "FALSE PRIEST"

In the past, Of Montreal has always had a knack for the different and bizarre, but their 10th studio album "False Priest" combines funk with their trademark indie sound.

Reinforcing their new funk endeavor, lead singer Kevin Barnes brings them on this wild ride.

Future news: Lions win Super Bowl

By KYLE BAUER
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Hey everybody, I just got back from the future!

No, it wasn't what you would expect. No jet packs, flying cars, or robots or any of the other awesome things from EPCOT Center.

I could be bitter, but I'm not. Because in all fairness, I didn't travel that far: Only to Feb. 1, 2011. It may have been only a few months, but do I have great news for you — historic news. Something we never thought would happen ... happened. The Lions won the Superbowl!

It began one cloudy afternoon when I was hanging out in the Summit Place Mall parking lot. I had planned on shopping but to my unhappy surprise, the short falls of "Reaganomics" finally caught up. The mall now stands abandoned.

I sat in my car, staring off into the abandoned movie theatre, thinking about all the great Jonathan Taylor Thomas films of the '90s.

I noticed off in the distance, a Volvo 240 with some weird stuff on the back. Examining further, I found the car unlocked and the keys sitting on the seat.

A joyride through the parking lot wouldn't hurt. Speeding up I hit 57 miles per hour. I felt a jolt and saw a bright flash of light.

On the other end of this flash, I regained my awareness and stopped the car, believing I maybe had a stroke from eating at the Old Country Buffet across the street. Then I noticed the chill of winter.

There was a trail of flame, ignited on the asphalt behind me. Suddenly it snapped into mind. The crap on the back of the car, the speedometer, abandoned mall parking lot, trail of flame, the feeling I had ascended — I must have traveled in time, just like in that movie, "Quantum Leap!"

Somewhere in time

I seemed to be in a dystopian future. Desolation. Petty crime being committed right in front of my eyes in broad daylight.

Then I remembered it was Pontiac, so it could be two weeks,



Photo by Brett Socia, photo illustration by Bryan Culver
Kyle Bauer (alias Rick Dwyer) knows well that hoverboards don't work on water.

could be 20 years.

I cautiously drove around. I tuned into sports talk radio to detach my brain from all that was on my mind.

There was a buzz bursting through the airwaves. Every caller was jubilant. Even the staged cynicism of the host had morphed into even-handed ambivalence. They were speaking the unspeakable. They were talking of the NFC North Division Champion Detroit Lions.

With a record of 14-2, the Lions were working on the greatest turn around in sports history. It was the off week before the Superbowl and yes — THE LIONS WERE IN THE SUPERBOWL.

I then realized I could just check my phone to find out what year it was. To my shock it was only 2011.

There was so much I wanted to find out about myself. Had I finally graduated? Had I gained weight? Was I still as stunningly handsome? What chick was I currently "smoothing over?" You know, the important stuff. But I knew my best bet was to stay inconspicuous.

Kyle & Leopold

I purchased a fake mustache and blonde wig and I checked into a cheap hotel.

I blended into the crowd. Talking to folks and getting perspective on this surprise Superbowl contender.

People were telling me this was the greatest time in their lives. Everyone was smiling.

Out of a job? Who cares? The Lions are in the Superbowl.

Your child has brain cancer? Who cares? The Lions are in the Superbowl!

Street musicians were playing the Lions' fight song. Harmonies of "FORWARD DOWN THE FIELD, THE LIONS TEAM, THEY WILL NOT YIELD!" cascaded from Royal Oak to Pontiac, back down to Detroit, on every street corner.

It could've been a scene from "It's A Wonderful Life" but with fight songs instead of Christmas carols. People in Lions paraphernalia skipped down the streets, high-fiving each other. It could've been a montage from the hit 1989 film "Major League."

Doctor who the hell

The night before, I didn't sleep. How could I? How dare I? Any Lions fan who waited through years of agony wasn't being true if they dared disrespect the levity of the Lions accomplishments by sleeping.

Unfortunately due to having to remain anonymous for the sake of the butterfly effect, I could not celebrate with my friends, like I imagined for years. Using my fake ID, I went to a local bar.

My new name: Rick Dwyer. Short, snappy and fitting of my mustache.

I gathered with other folks, who I'm sure weren't time-travelers like myself but who also were folks who seemed to have no one else at the moment, except the Lions.

Sports may not be largely important but it will give a city temporary relief and bring the loneliest souls, and the most diverse, common ground to bond with.

All nerves, all that was pensive, soon washed away with a Jahvid Best 67-yard break away touchdown run. Then came a Kyle Vanden Bosch forced fumble, picked up and returned all the way by Amari Spivey. A team full of rookies was dominating the veteran favorite Baltimore Ravens.

Soon the underdog Lions were about to uncork Detroit like the champagne bottles iced down in their locker room. The game wasn't even in contention. Our Detroit Lions, after 53 years, had won the championship, 31-12.

People paraded into the street all around, despite the cutting 20 mph windchill. Everyone was a friend to someone. Not a person went without embrace as drunken ecstasy prevailed. Detroit was ready to throw a party that had waited six decades.

Excellent adventure

I knew I would have to stick around for the parade despite my restlessness to either greet my future self, or get back to September 2010.

Unfortunately I was kind of forced to leave the next morning. Uhhh ... you know that whole Uranium enrichment thing going on in Iran?

Well, they were further along than we all feared and ... maybe all the news isn't so great like I first exclaimed.

I won't spoil that surprise for you. But I have spoiled that yes, through time travel, I know the Detroit Lions will win the Superbowl this season.

But next time someone jokes "If the Lions actually won the Superbowl, the world would end!" don't laugh uncomfortably at that generic humor, call the FBI. Just making a suggestion.



Real reasons for the tuition hike

By RORY McCARTY
Mouthing Off Editor

10. Hiring extra security for tryouts of The Grizz. The identity of The Grizz is a trade secret, like the formula for Coca-Cola.
9. Outfitting the Bear Bus with spinners, ground effects, and nitrous oxide.
8. Strengthening WXOU's signal by 50 percent. College radio can now be heard clearly in the parking lot of Red Ox.
7. Constructing an invisible deer reflector shield. Deer are harmlessly repelled back into traffic.
6. Creating a new wing of the OUPD devoted entirely to giving out parking tickets.
5. Promoting OU's football team: Undeclared since 1957!
4. Relocating Gary Russi's bat cave. Currently in his "Dark Knight" phase, Russi must stay on the lam to keep his friends safe and his enemies guessing.
3. Jetsons-style moving walkway to Pawley Hall. Construction time: eight years.
2. A lengthy campaign to retrieve the bike share bike from Beer Lake. Three people were lost in the effort.
1. Creating a more extensive "You Can Afford This" campaign.