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NOTHING SUITS ME LIKE A SUIT // Sophomore biology major Anna Petovello of Gamma Phi Beta and senior mechanical engineering major Daniel Studt of Sigma Alpha Epsilon perform a dance to 'Suit & Tie' by Justin Timberlake at the opening event of Greek Week. This year's theme is the Greek Olympics.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

How do you help raise awareness about human rights issues like same-sex marriage?

- A** Volunteering for nonprofits
- B** Participating in peaceful protests
- C** Signing petitions
- D** I don't do anything

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

Which piece of legislation do you consider to be the most important in the Supreme Court right now?

- A) DOMA**
17 votes | 50%
- B) Proposition 8**
6 votes | 18%
- C) Affirmative action**
5 votes | 15%
- D) I don't care**
6 votes | 18%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

APRIL 5, 1963

Oakland University had 576 prospective students apply for fall enrollment, setting a record number of applications. Oakland predicted that 600-700 new students would be enrolled by the start of the semester.

APRIL 7, 1972

University President Donald O'Dowd made a motion to introduce evening classes to OU after a drop in full-time day students. The initial idea was to have separate colleges for day and night classes, where transfer students were designated for the latter.

APRIL 5, 1979

In a string of fires, an arsonist set the sixth floor of Van Wagoner on fire. It was the first in six weeks and made public safety officers commit to heavier patrols of the building.



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BREAK THE SILENCE

In honor of Women's History Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Gender and Sexuality Center sponsored Take Back the Night — a rally, march and speak-out.



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BUNNY HOP

An Easter celebration including an egg hunt and other activities was hosted at The Detroit Zoo Saturday. The event was sponsored by local company Meijer.



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DINO-RAWR

Steven Spielberg's classic 'Jurassic Park' will be re-released in 3D and iMax later this month. Intern Chris Peralta is already sharing his excitement with the rest of the staff.

BY THE NUMBERS

COLLEGE-AGE VOTERS

1/3

of the electoral will be the millennial generation by 2015

18-29

age group which makes up 21% of voting population

58.4%

of 18-24 year old Americans vote

46 million

of Americans ages 18-29 are eligible to vote

81.2%

of Americans who hold a bachelor's degree vote

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

We've talked the talk, now let's walk the walk

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court held oral hearings on three high profile human rights issues — Proposition 8, the Defense of Marriage Act and Affirmative Action.

If you were anywhere close to the Internet during the week, you probably saw a bit of information about them — mainly in the form of small, red equal signs on your Facebook newsfeed.

Proposition 8, a piece of California legislation from 2008, strictly defines marriage. "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California," the document reads. While Proposition 8 was overturned in 2010, the case has been appealed and challenged multiple times. It now sits before the Supreme Court.

The Defense of Marriage Act, enacted in 1996, recognizes only opposite-sex marriages. Same-sex couples are denied government benefits such as insurance, Social Security and the ability to file joint tax returns as a married couple.

The Supreme Court is also reviewing a Michigan ballot proposal that would ban racial preference when it comes to university admissions. The 2006 bill passed with a 58 per-

cent majority, but an appeals court struck down the section on higher education.

Naturally, people turned to the Internet and social media to show their support — or lack thereof. People of all ages changed their Facebook profile photos in either support or opposition of the same-sex marriage laws — this is where those equal signs we mentioned come in. Others took their stance through heated political debates, status updates or Tweets.

While it is encouraging to see heated debate on such monumental issues, it's one thing to talk the talk, but now's the time to walk the walk.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, voting and Registration, only 58.5 percent of American citizens aged 18-24 vote in major elections.

Similarly, only 66.4 percent of citizens between the ages of 25 and 34 vote.

These numbers are way too low compared to the 76.6 percent of voters aged 75 or older who visit the polls every election.

The issues currently at hand are those which directly affect

our generation. This fact and the age-old sentiment that one day our age group will be running the country should be enough motivation to take action.

Changing a photo or creating a status is one thing, but getting involved requires much more work.

If you really want to create change, there are multiple things you can do. Join an organization and go to meetings, write letters to your congressmen or participate in a local peaceful protest.

Foundations like Equality Michigan are always looking for more help. Donate or go to an event to help raise awareness and push to change laws. As their website www.equalitymi.org says, "Don't change yourself, change the law."

You can even stay closer to home and work with groups on campus. Student resources like the Gender and Sexuality Center are an excellent place to start.

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FINDING THE FINAL FOUR

Search continues to find permanent replacement for College of Arts and Sciences Dean

By Katie Phelan
Staff Reporter

The ongoing, nationwide search for a permanent Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oakland University has announced the four final candidates for the position.

A committee was formed in the fall of 2012 and is currently working with a search firm called Academic Search. The committee has 12 members, and professor of psychology Todd Shackelford is serving as chair.

"Academic Search is also engaged with assisting the current open searches for provost, as well as the dean for the School

of Business Administration," said Tamara Jhashi, acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

According to the Academic Search guidelines, "A successful candidate will possess an earned doctorate and the credentials necessary for a tenured appointment in a college department at the rank of professor."

OU is also looking for a candidate that has significant leadership in an academic environment.

The candidates

After narrowing down the applicants, James Meernick, Kathy Tiemann, John La Duke and Kevin Corcoran have been

chosen to participate in the campus visits as part of the search. Their visits are scheduled as follows:

■ Meernick, professor of political sciences at the University of North Texas, came to campus March 26-27.

■ Tiemann, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Dakota, came March 28-29.

■ Corcoran, a professor in the department of psychological sciences at Northern Kentucky University, came to OU April 1-2.

■ La Duke, dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska Kearney, will conclude the candidate visits April 4-5.

During their time at OU, the candidates will participate in public presentations open to the OU community.

The next step

According to Shackelford, it is very important to get feedback from a wide range of university members.

Each candidate will have a survey which can be completed by OU students and faculty that will be available the morning of each candidate's visit to OU.

The new dean will assume office July 2013.

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POLICE FILES

Property damage reported at Hill House dorms

OUPD arrived at Hill House March 26 11:30 p.m. for a follow-up interview with a student who had broken a window in that building.

He stated he was playing around outside with his friend when he fell through a window March 24.

OU officers tried to interview him in the hospital, but they believed the student was intoxicated. They set up an interview two days later.

The student explained he was drinking and tried to enter the Hill House dorms.

He said he did not have his I.D. at the time and knew he could not pass through nightwatch.

The student said he saw a cracked window and tried to gain entrance by pushing it and it broke.

Professor reports malicious destruction at Dodge Hall

OUPD was dispatched to Dodge

Hall March 25 at 3:40 p.m. for a report of malicious destruction.

A professor reported that his nameplate, as well as those of two of his colleagues, had been removed from the wall March 18. The nameplates were found and replaced, but the next day, his nameplate was missing again.

The professor noticed a penis drawn in blue marker where his nameplate had been March 25.

The professor told OUPD he did

not believe anyone was upset with him, but he felt it was a personal attack.

Marijuana use reported in Hamlin Hall dorm rooms

OUPD officers were alerted by a resident assistant March 23 at 2:11 a.m. that there were people smoking marijuana in Hamlin Hall.

Upon examining the dorm, officers could not find the substance. They cross referenced the system

to see if the visitors had prior criminal histories. One visitor was found with a warrant for a failure to appear out of Eastpointe and Madison Heights.

Officers contacted both departments, and they advised officers to release the visitor. No citations were written.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki,
Copy Editor

OUSC elections commissioner reviews grievances

Amera/Fattah ticket lose 40 percent of votes during validations due to violations

By Jon Davis
and Kevin Graham
Staff Intern/Senior Reporter

In the wake of last week's election results, unelected candidates Amera Fattah and Maria Arellano lost 40 percent of their total vote due to grievances filed against them by the Brandon Hanna and Jibran Ahmed campaign.

Elections Commissioner Emily Collins said two of the more contentious issues surrounding this year's campaign season involved where and when candidates could campaign, and whether T-shirts were permitted.

Collins said she found it easiest to interpret the bylaws literally to avoid gray areas.

"What stinks about the job of Elections Commission Chair is the person in my position is literally asked the same question about the same bylaw over and

over again," she said. "My mentality was, it helps to think about them literally because it helps with those gray areas. Most of the time, that helps me. In this case, it hurt me."

The Oakland Post challenged the interpretation of a bylaw which would have prevented candidates from buying advertisements on grounds that the prohibition violated the First Amendment. Because The Post is in the basement of the Oakland Center, buying an advertisement would have potentially caused the candidates to receive a grievance since campaigning in the basement of the OC is prohibited according to the bylaws.

Collins feels bylaw revisions needs to be made, citing specifically that prohibiting the wearing of T-shirts at events is a violation of first amendment rights.

Student Congress Adviser Allison Webster said candidates are

responsible to know the regulations and the consequences that come with violating them.

"When they run, they are told up front that any of their campaign materials they are responsible for, so they have to be careful of who they give that stuff to," Webster said. "Those people could turn around and do things that are inappropriate with them and could end up as a filed grievance."

What constitutes a bylaw violation is decided by the elections commission, but often decisions are left up to Collins.

"Their opinions are definitely involved in my decision-making process," Collins said. "There are some that I believe you need interpretation on. There are some that are very simple, black and white. Of course you can't put flippers on someone else's car. That's pretty standard. The ones like downstairs, representing OUSC,

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Student Congress Adviser

those are items that are a little more tricky. They kind of left it up to me. 'We stand behind you and your decisions.'"

Collins said she feels bylaws need to be changed for elections next year, starting with the recommendation that the changes need to be made in the summer versus in the winter.

"I think part of the problem with us doing it in January was everyone was already in elections mode, so it was kind of hard to have a levelheaded conversation."

Collins also recommends reworking the restrictions in the OC basement, allowing for campaigning everywhere except for the OUSC office.

"Obviously, the office needs to be neutral because we have work to do," she said. "But why not just let them be downstairs? When it comes to elections you want elections everywhere because you want people to know about it. You want people to vote."

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Passing the baton

OUSC president, vice president say goodbye, work on updating org's Constitution

By Jon Davis
Staff Intern

Oakland University Student Congress held its last meeting Monday in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center, and ended with farewells from the departing Student Body president and vice president, Samantha Wolf and Robbie Williford.



WOLF

The meeting began with talks on the committee to amend the current OUSC Constitution.

The committee will consist of Wolf, President-Elect Brandon Hanna, two serving legislators and two students from outside OUSC.

"There are a lot of inadequate things in the constitution, as well as a lot of outdated bylaws," Wolf said. "It will be a long process and it's necessary for everyone to be involved."

The meeting came to a close as the president and vice president gave out hopeful farewells, asking legislators to stay involved and work together in efforts to improve the campus.



WILLIFORD

"It (the year) started off rough for us," Williford said. "But we got to exactly where we wanted to be, plus more."

Williford said all OUSC accomplished in the year was due to good teamwork, a strong relationship with his legislators and his ambitious executive board.

"I know it sounds like a cliché, but we couldn't have done it without you guys," Williford said. "We couldn't have gotten here and made a real difference on campus if it weren't for you. It was a good year."

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Current OUSC President

UPCOMING OUSC EVENTS

Leadership ExplOuration Series: Entrepreneurship

When: April 4, from noon until 1 p.m.

Where: Lake Superior Room A in the OC

This is a four-part series. For the final event Professor Mark Simon will do a presentation on OU's current initiatives

Student Activities and Leadership Award Night

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Keeping the memory alive

OU to host first Anatomy Memorial Ceremony

By Kailee Mathias
Multimedia Reporter

Oakland University will host its first Anatomy Memorial Ceremony April 11 from 6 to 7 p.m.

The ceremony was created to honor those who have donated their bodies to science.

Exploring the labs

According to Dr. Mark Hankin, professor of biomedical sciences, these donations provide students with hands-on learning, as well as the opportunity to take their studies beyond the photos in their textbooks.

"Learning anatomy through the dissection of a cadaver (i.e.,

a real human body) is a defining experience for students in medical school," Hankin said. "It is a traditional rite of passage and medical students know they are on their way for real in becoming a doctor when they take — and pass — anatomy."

Megan Desmet, a physical therapy student, said students learn about everything underneath the skin, and this is a chance for them to take everything they learn and get hands-on experience.

"When we're working on people, we make the connection of when we had the muscle in your hand it just makes you a better clinician," Desmet said.

Desmet said this is her first year in physical therapy school, and gross anatomy has made a huge impact on her college career.

"It's a very intense experience because you walk into this lab

and there are around 10 to 12 bodies out on gurneys, and they look just like you and me," Desmet said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience that you can't get at every school. If you ever get the opportunity to take it — take it."

The cadaver dissections made in class allow students to observe the individuality of each body and give them a visual understanding of the body.

"Many medical students come to appreciate the cadaver as their first patient, many encounter death first-hand for the first time and, in doing so, develop a better understanding it as a part of life," Hankin said.

Donation process

The decision to donate your body to science includes filling out consent forms, keeping a copy of those forms in your records and sharing your decision

to donate with your family members.

"If you asked me that before having a cadaver lab I would have said no," Desmet said in regard to donating her body. "After realizing what an intense learning experience it is, it's something you'll never forget and use in your practice every day. It's a tough choice to make, because your family has to be okay with it too."

The ceremony

Hankin and Meaghan Walters, coordinator for student activities at Oakland, are working together to bring the first memorial ceremony to campus.

"At Oakland, cadavers have been used for teaching in many courses, so establishing a tradition of a memorial service to honor individuals who donated their bodies has wider meaning than only for the medical school," Hankin said.

Walters said she was excited to learn the inner workings of this ceremony and has relied on the expertise of many individuals, most notably Dr. Hankin.

The ceremony provides medical students, physical therapy students and faculty members a chance to reflect and honor the donations made to science.

"Honoring body donors is one way to say thank you to those who made such a selfless gift," Hankin said. "It also provides a sense of closing the circle for the students, even allowing them to mourn, particularly for the donor they had the opportunity to dissect."

Throughout the ceremony, there will be spotlight speakers, student reflections and some students will be offering their gratitude through music or poetry.

Either a candle ceremony or a flower ceremony will take place to honor each of the bodies donated to Oakland's science program.

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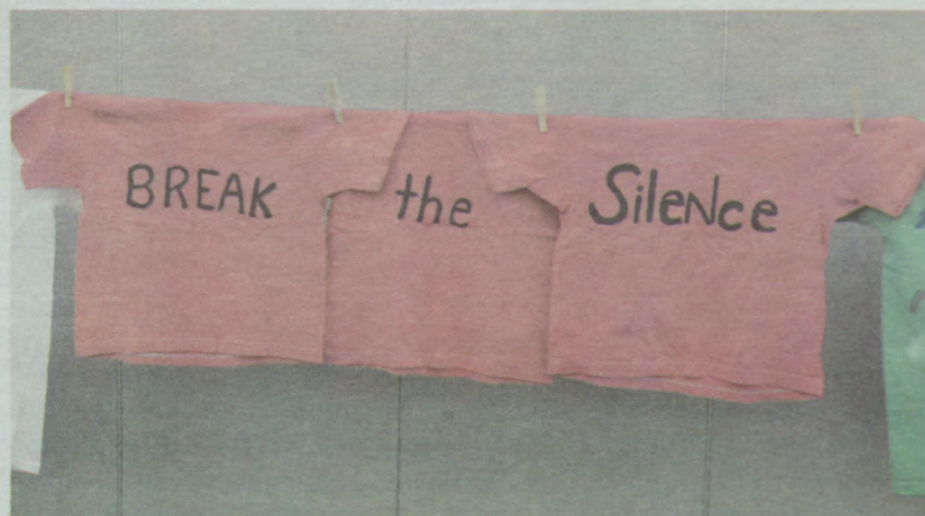
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The Gender and Sexuality Center sponsored the annual "Take Back the Night" rally March 28. The event concluded Women's History month and led into Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Taking back the night

Gender and Sexuality Center hosts event to address sexual assault in the U.S.

By Deleon Miner
Copy Editing Intern

Take Back the Night was held March 28 to round off Women's History Month and led into Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Oakland University.

The event, sponsored by the Gender and Sexuality Center, consisted of a rally, march and speak-out.

The speeches at the rally addressed rape culture in the U.S. and post traumatic stress disorder in trauma patients. Two counselors from Graham Health Center, Tony McMahan and Laura Richardson, were there to explain why sexual trauma patients experience PTSD.

After the rally, the group marched through campus.

In an effort to make themselves heard and visible, the group chanted, "We have the power, we have the might, the streets are ours, take back the night."

The speak-out followed the march. Several sur-

vivors stood to tell their stories.

One woman told her story of being a 13-year-old girl who was molested by an adult that she trusted. It took her a year to report the crime, and when she did, she found she was only one of 21 young girls who had reported him.

Another survivor told of the sexual abuse she and her sibling experienced at the hands of a family member. She was called obscenities and a liar when she spoke out about it.

"Allowing people to tell their stories gives them a sense of control," Grace Wojcik, the coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality center, said. "By giving them space to tell exactly what happened and own it without someone saying, 'No you're wrong or maybe you're misunderstood or you sent some signals that were misunderstood.' It helps them to feel like their feelings are more valid."

Nan Gilman has been a police officer for 27 years and said she has seen a lot of change in the way sexual assault cases are handled.

"The focus of the investigation was to prove

that it didn't happen now it is to prove that it did happen. It was victim-focused now its victim centered and offender-focused," Gilman said.

Wojcik and Gilman, along with other members OU's staff, are trying to bring the Havens MVP program to Oakland. The program is an intensive workshop that will focus on bystander intervention.

Wojcik said the bystander intervention part of the training to help people understand how to intervene when they see a potentially harmful situation.

"If you at a party, and you see someone being plied with alcohol, instead of letting that person leave with the person who is supplying all that alcohol, you should find their friends and make sure they get home safe. Because alcohol is a factor in a lot of sexual assaults, when you see something like that chances are that is a predatory situation," Wojcik said.

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DR. JANE GOODALL: "SOWING

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“If you could describe your job with one word, what would it be?” one fifth grader from Notre Dame Preparatory School asked Dr. Jane Goodall during a press conference for her March 27 lecture.

“I can’t choose just one,” Goodall responded.

Goodall, a prominent ethologist, primatologist and conservationist, came to Oakland University March 27 to share her lecture, “Sowing the Seeds of Hope.”

The event, sponsored by Academic Affairs, Varner Vitality Lecture Series, Student Life Lecture Board and the

Oakland University Alumni Association, sold over 3000 tickets, resulting in a full waiting list.

In her lecture, Goodall took the audience into the world of Gombe chimpanzees by sharing personal observations and experiences, ranging from her research work in Kakombe Valley in 1960, to current efforts in spreading messages of hope for the planet’s future.

While discussing the threats facing Earth and her reasons for preserving hope, Goodall encouraged the audience to do their part in making a positive difference every day.

“We have been harming this planet since I was your age,” she said to students in the audience. “But is it too late to change the course our world is

spinning in?”

In light of spreading optimism, Goodall also spoke about Roots & Shoots, a program that elicits positive change around the world, both socially and environmentally. What began with members consisting of 12 children in Tanzania has now grown into thousands of youth in more than 120 countries.

She said the name of the organization came from idea of the strength of roots from the seeds of trees.

“When that seed began to grow, little white roots appeared, and a little tiny shoot. It seems so tiny and weak, yet in it there’s a life force so strong, so powerful,” Goodall said. “Those little roots, to reach the water, can break through rocks and eventually knock

them aside. That little shoot to reach the sunlight can work its way through cracks in a brick wall and eventually knock it down. Think of the rocks and walls as the problems we’ve inflicted on our planet. Hundreds of thousands of roots and shoots, hundreds of thousands of young people around the world, can break through these walls.”

Goodall gave the example of Detroit when mentioning “people who tackle seemingly impossible tasks and won’t give up” in terms of the economical movement.

“I was in Detroit before the economic collapse,” she said. “I came back again after that and I saw all the changes.”

Goodall also said she noticed more farmers markets and more sense of community.



NG THE SEEDS OF HOPE"

"It was truly an honor to have Jane Goodall come to OU," said Nusrat Zaman, Student Congress Legislator. "I loved how she talked about never giving up hope just because things haven't been working out. I also loved how Dr. Goodall's mother was supportive of her as a child, as an adolescent, and as an adult. I feel that parents, especially mothers, play such an important role in our upbringing and Dr. Goodall acknowledged that during the lecture."

Her sold-out event took place at Oakland's O'rena.

Members of Michigan State University's Zoology club, residents of Ann Arbor, various Girl Scout troops, members of OU's first graduating class and residents of Ohio and Florida bought tickets for Jane Goodall's lecture, according to Jean Ann Miller, administrative chair of the Student Life and Lecture Board and director of the Center for Student Activities.

Following her lecture, Goodall answered a few selected questions and was also available for book signing for all 3,000 guests in attendance.

"It was amazing how Dr. Goodall had the caliber to deliver a public book signing without any window of time. She made sure everyone got a signa-

ture and a photo," Miller said.

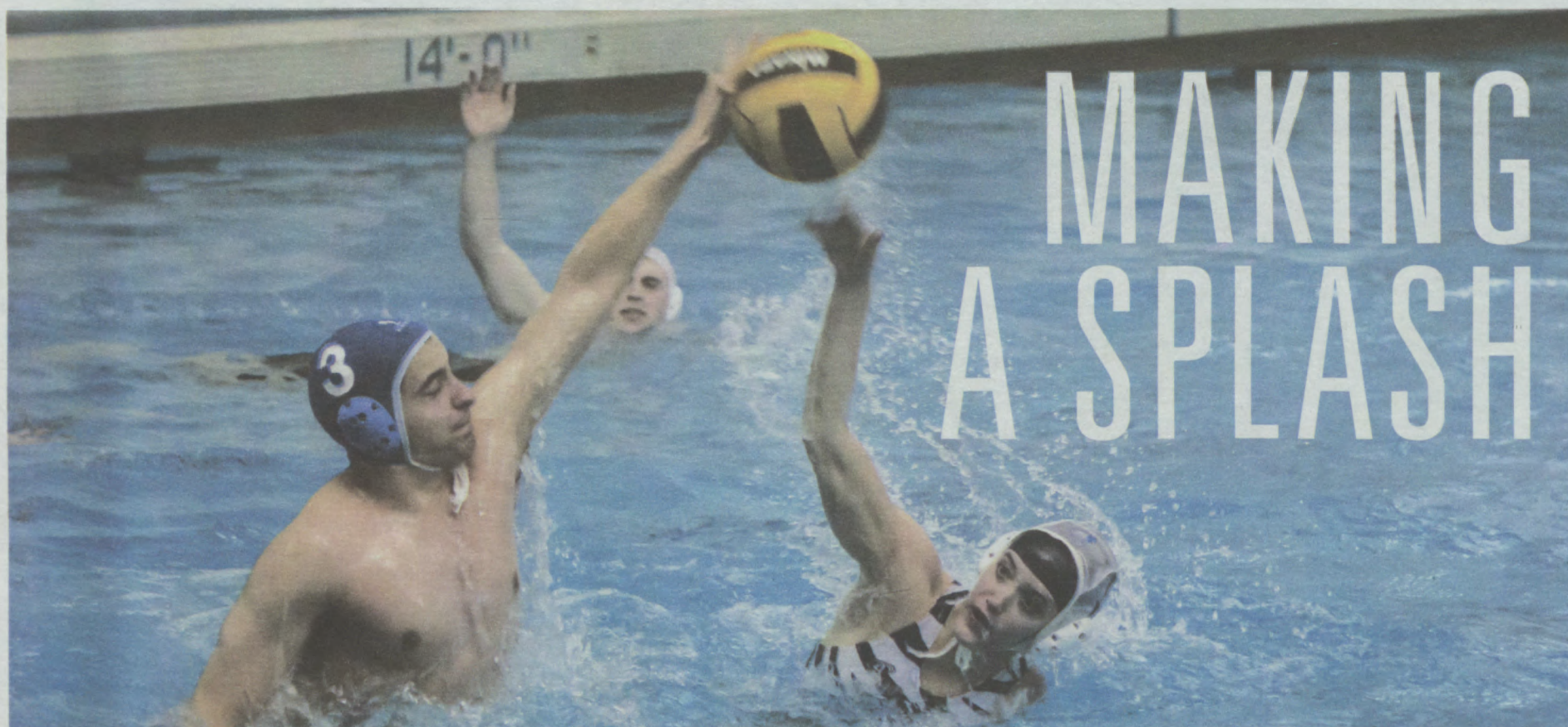
Goodall urged her audience to reflect on how our decisions now will affect people in generations to come.

"If we start making small changes, millions of small changes will lead towards a suitable world for our great-grandchildren to inherit," she said.

Goodall's greatest reason for hope was simply that there is change.

"Everyone is wanting to make a difference," she said. "Hearts are becoming more engaged. It's about understanding that each one of us matters. Each one of us makes a difference in this world every single day."

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MAKING A SPLASH

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Senior Nencho Teller (LEFT) and junior Kendall DiGiacomo practice in the pool at the Recreation Center March 26. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday to practice from 9-10 p.m.

Oakland's water polo club brings together men and women

By Lindsay Beaver
Sports Editor

Imagine a combination of soccer, basketball and hockey. Then imagine playing a combination of all of these sports while also treading water in a deep pool. Water polo is a team sport that brings aspects of all of these sports together.

Oakland University is home to a coed water polo club that meets for practices in the Recreation Center pool Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 p.m.

How it's played

Water polo consists of six field players and one goalkeeper. Each game lasts about 45 minutes with four 7-minute quarters. There is a two-minute rest between each quarter.

Each goal is worth one point. No player except the goalie can touch the ball with more than one hand.

Getting involved

Sophomore criminal justice major Brittany Lang is the president of the wa-

ter polo club. While a student at Walled Lake Northern High School, her friends encouraged her to get involved with the sport.

"My friends played water polo in high school their sophomore year and convinced me to play my junior year," Lang said. "Ever since then, I've played water polo, and I'm glad I've stuck with it. I've made so many new friends."

For junior management information systems major and club treasurer Josh Super, he decided to join the water polo club in his first year at Oakland. He played it a few times in high school and said he figured he'd give it a shot.

"During the first semester of my freshman year, I saw some flyers in Vandenberg where I lived and thought it would be fun to try," Super said. "Turned out to be a lot different from what I played (in high school), but I stuck with it because of the people and because it gets you into such good shape."

Growing interest

The club, formed in 2010, is still relatively new and Oakland is continuing to adjust to the competition.

"Lately our team attendance has spiked as we have started winning games, namely against Central (Michigan)," Super said. "Water polo is extremely competitive and is actually quite brutal, especially with some of

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Josh Super,
Water Polo Club Treasurer

the things you can get away with under the water."

Lang said while there are currently no tryouts for the team, anyone is welcome to join.

"As of now, there are no tryouts. But if the team becomes too big, we will be needing them," Lang said. "We accept any experience. Even if you can't swim, we will teach you."

Super said that while there is no specific criteria to play, the club looks for players that have certain abilities.

"You have to be ready to swim a lot, and work hard," Super said. "Stamina is very important in the sport."

Echoing what Lang said, Super said that it is possible that tryouts will be held in the future due to the growing interest in the club.

Boys and girls allowed

Water polo is an aggressive sport for

both males and females. For the coed club at Oakland, Lang sees advantages and disadvantages to having a mixed team.

"An advantage to coed is having good support from both sides, like teaching different techniques," Lang said. "A downside would be the men are typically stronger and for the not-as-experienced players, it's more difficult."

Super said he sees swimming as a neutral sport as far as gender advantage is concerned.

"I like coed and I think it's pretty cool when guys and girls can play together," Super said. "Most athletes play at the same level, regardless of gender."

"The only disadvantage is that some guys feel they have to take it easy on the girls, which definitely shouldn't happen."

Lang said that the team has bonding nights, even if it's just hanging out at the cafe in Vandenberg Hall.

"We are very friendly and energetic," Lang said. "There is absolutely no team drama and if there's a problem we're all open to talk to (each other)."

The water polo club will head to Ohio for the 2nd Annual Lake Erie Classic at Cleveland State University April 12-14.

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THE KING OF THE HILL

Junior Tim Koons was recently named Summit League Pitcher of the Week

By Lindsay Beaver
Sports Editor

With two brothers who played baseball, a mother who was a three-sport athlete in college and a father who coached him growing up, junior right-handed pitcher and integrative studies major Tim Koons was bound to play the sport.

"Growing up, we never had video games that we played," Koons said. "We played sports outside all of the time. We're a pretty athletic family."

Koons' brother, Mike, currently plays in the North American Baseball League (NABL).

After watching his brother go on to play college ball, Koons said he decided that would be the right path for him as well.

For the week of March 11, Koons was named the Summit League Pitcher of the Week, which also earned him OU Student-Athlete of the Week honors. The league and school recognized him after giving up two runs on four hits in eight innings in a 6-2 victory over Ohio March 10.

"I'm pretty relaxed going into it," Koons said of how he feels before he pitches. "I like to stay relaxed, I do some yoga and just listen to music."

From Colorado to Michigan

Koons was raised in Castle Rock, Colo. He attended Castle View High School, where he was a four-year varsity letter-winner. For two years, he was a student-athlete at Fort Scott Community College.

At FSCC, Koons put up a 2.60 ERA with 59 strikeouts. He was also named to the All-Star team for the Florida Collegiate Summer League. When choosing where to go next, Koons said he felt comfortable with Oakland University.

"I kind of just found a place with Coach Musachio here," Koons said. "I liked the program. I liked what they were doing. I liked where I could have potential playing, starting off."

Easy transition

Head coach John Musachio was impressed with Koons from the start.

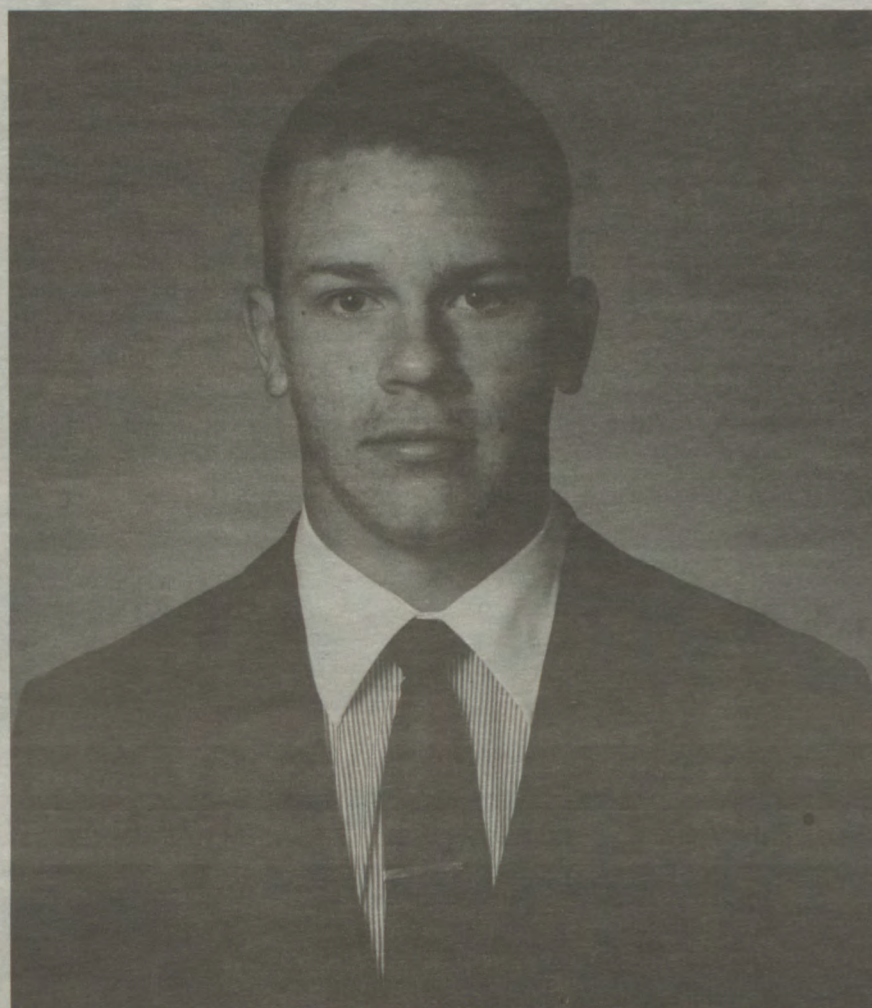


Photo courtesy of Oakland University Athletic Department

Prior to transferring to Oakland University, junior right-handed pitcher Tim Koons was named to the All-Star team for the Florida Collegiate Summer League.

"As a player, he's very polished," Musachio said. "We knew he wouldn't be intimidated and we play such a challenging non-league schedule that the mental toughness part and the emotional toughness part are really important. We knew Tim had those qualities and we knew he was going to hit the ground running when he got here."

When it comes to his strengths as a pitcher, Musachio points to Koons' "outstanding" breaking ball pitches, a fastball in the upper 80s and his ability to throw strikes. But according

to Musachio, Koons brings qualities to the table that go beyond what he delivers on the mound.

"He's a happy-go-lucky guy," Musachio said. "He works hard when it's time to work hard. He likes to have fun. He's very unselfish. He's always hanging around the field. He's always trying to help teammates. He's a joy to coach."

Koons said the transition into play for the Grizzlies has been easy.

"The team has a great group of guys," Koons said. "It's like a bunch of brothers. We hang out together on

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and off the field. We're always hanging out."

Leading by example

Musachio said while the Golden Grizzlies boast a team full of leaders and each player does so in their own way. Some are quieter than others and some are more vocal.

"Tim leads by example with how hard he works and how he competes on the field with poise and with confidence," Musachio said. "Part of the responsibility of the older guys is to teach and guide the underclassmen and he does a great job with that."

As Koons' career with the Grizzlies takes off, Musachio is confident in his future.

"Each outing that Tim has, he's going to get a little better with that experience," Musachio said. "I think after his senior year, he's going to turn some heads and possibly compete at the next level."

Oakland's first home game of the season is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3 against Olivet College.

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A hoppin' place

By Stephanie Sokol and Kailee Mathias
Local Editor
and Multimedia Reporter

The Detroit Zoo hosted their annual Bunnyville event March 30, providing an egg hunt and bunny-inspired events for families and children.

Sponsored by Meijer, 16,804 people were in attendance at this year's event.

"Bunnyville 2013 was a huge success, a great way for the community to celebrate Easter weekend and a wonderful kick-off to the zoo's busy season," Patricia Janeway, communications director for the zoo, said. "The gorgeous weather was a bonus."

1. A musical was held for guests at the start of the Detroit Zoo's annual Bunnyville event.

2. Animals were out for viewing. People observed polar bears through the underground 'Arctic Ring of Life.' The polar bears swim in a 300,000 gallon salt water pool.

3. Max, Lisa and Molly Turner of Beverly Hills see the Easter Bunny during the event. It was Max's first year attending the event, while Molly has visited Bunnyville three times.

4. Annabel Gorman participates in the bucket toss. She attended the event with her family. The bunny ears were donated by Meijer to add a festive touch to the event.

A Dessert Oasis

Local coffee roaster opens shop in downtown Rochester, roasts in-house

By Irum Ibrahim
Staff Reporter

At 17, Nathan Hamood developed his love for coffee roasting into a full-blown coffee shop business.

"Coffee roasting is my passion in terms of all the facets: from getting new coffee from new farms, to brewing it, to talking to customers," Hamood said.

Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters opened on the corner of Main Street in Rochester Hills about four years ago. Though the shop was more focused on dessert and music, its initial stages were where Nathan Hamood's dedication to coffee and coffee roasting developed.

After extensive research, he convinced his dad to invest in a \$600 roaster and began roasting in-house. With a steady growth in business, Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters was able to upgrade to a bigger and more time efficient roaster soon after.

The coffee shop moved to a larger location on South Main Street last January. Dessert Oasis has developed its theme into a contemporary with a slight vintage background. The building itself is more than 100 years old, with exposed brick walls and wooden floors, according to Hamood.

"The atmosphere at Dessert Oasis is definitely something that keeps me wanting to go back," customer Olivia Lizadek said. "After that, the quality and rich flavor of their coffees."



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The cafe's building is more than 100 years

The brick walls are refreshed with local artwork each month, local musicians play live every night and all coffee beans are locally roasted.

Whether it's art, music or coffee, Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters is known for cultivating beauty through local talent.

"I don't think (I'd relocate)," Hamood



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Nathan Hamood, head roaster at Dessert Oasis, prepares coffee for a customer.

said. "I love Michigan and the Rochester area. I especially enjoy the fact that there's a developing coffee culture in the Metro Detroit area."

Coffees are imported from farms around the world, including Organic Columbia Valle de Cauca Finca Potosi, Kona Greenwell Farm, Tanzania Mbeya Mshikamano, El Salvador Finca Nazareth, Costa Rica Tarrazu Rio Jorco Microlot #10, Rwanda Kigeyo SACOF and Guatemala Santa Rosa Finca Santa Ana.

In addition to imported coffees and desserts, cappuccinos, mochas, lattes, frappuccinos, signature hot cocoas, fruit smoothies, sandwiches and flatbreads are also on the menu.

"What makes our coffee unique is our attention to detail," Hamood said. "Through importers, we work with small farms that produce great quality. We roast in small batches, paying attention to how each coffee should be roasted, and how we brew it as well. Every coffee is brewed by the hand, with the pour-over technique, which allows you to be in more control of the process."

Hours are Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. — 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. — midnight, and Sunday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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A SATURDAY TO REMEMBER

*A Day to Remember plays sold-out
show at Royal Oak Music Theater*

By Dylan Dulberg
Multimedia Editor

1. A Day To Remember vocalist Jeremy McKinnon belts out the chorus to "I'm Made of Wax, Larry, What Are You Made Of?" during the opening portion of their 21-song set.
2. Jeremy Gilmore of local opening act SycAmour sings a cover of Adele's "Set Fire to the Rain." SycAmour was called to replace Of Mice and Men a few hours before the show.
3. Mathias Rigal, bassist for Chunk! No, Captain Chunk! CNCC was the second band to take the stage.
4. Jeremy McKinnon gestures toward the crowd. All three bands made sure to include the crowd. SycAmour vocalist Tony Sugent even jumped off the stage into the sea of fans during one of their songs.
5. Bertrand Poncet, a vocalist for five-piece band Chunk! No, Captain Chunk!, hails from Paris, France.



"There's a lot of symbolic things in here that just keep me grounded as far as how I'm thinking and what I do."

Nick McCormick,
SPB Executive Director



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WHAT'S IN YOUR OFFICE

SPB Executive Director gives his workspace a personal touch

By Shannon Coughlin
Life Editor

Nick McCormick, Student Program Board's executive director, keeps meaningful items in his office to make it feel more comfortable.

1. McCormick is double majoring in cinema studies and communication and will graduate in April. He's been involved with SPB, OUSC and his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, since his Freshman year.

2. McCormick served as president of TKE from 2010-11. He said it's a symbolic gesture to take the gavel at the end of a term. "Just because I've given up the power to somebody else doesn't mean I've given up that image," he said. The gavel reminds him that he always needs to be conscious of who he is and how he's representing himself.

3. "I wanted to go above and beyond and challenge the norm of what we usually do," McCormick said. "I'm always going to challenge them to dream." McCormick spent a couple of hours one day creating this collage, which serves as a reminder of that goal.

4. Each paddle is from one of McCormick's little brothers in TKE. "They say a lot about them as well as our relationship," he said. TKE members traditionally give a paddle to their big brother as part of a gift exchange upon initiation.

5. McCormick picked up these records while at a thrift store. "I'm a film major, and I kind of want to show that off so I bought a bunch of the film records."



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TOP HONORS

Honors College students explore senior thesis projects

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Just across the bridge from the Oakland Center, in the corner of Vandenberg Hall, sits a small wing dedicated to the Honors College. Countless residents must pass it on the way to their rooms while having no idea what goes on there. Every year though, Honors College seniors show off their skills with the presentation of their senior thesis projects.

Seniors must find an adviser, present their plans and submit them to a committee made up of both current and retired professors who are experts in a number of fields.

If they get past this, the real work starts. What follows is an account of the projects of four Oakland Honors College students.



SURVEYING SERVICE

Candace Savonen, a double major in psychology and biology, set out to find out if what people said online about their level of community service correlated with what they actually ended up doing.

Before starting on her own work, Savonen looked at the results of previous studies.

"Contrary to what a lot of us may think as far as Facebook representation, people's Facebook (pages) often are fairly representative of what they do offline, especially compared to other online sites that have been used in the past, like dating websites," she said.

Savonen also looked at whether people with narcissistic tendencies would exaggerate their level of community service.

Data was gathered through surveys given to psychology students. Savonen ended up with mixed results.

"My study did find that online and offline behaviors are pretty well related," she said. "The piece as far as narcissism, that was a little bit cloudier because it didn't come out as significant that narcissism would help predict the difference between online and offline."



LOST IN TRANSLATION

Rachel Butler, a double-major in Spanish and English, teamed up with fellow senior Kaitlin Huff to work on a translation of three short stories from the Spanish Civil War.

The two had originally planned to do individual projects but decided to expand on something they had done in a previous class.

"We met up later and said, 'what if we did this translation again and made it really professional, really, really polished it and then did a paper on the process,'" Butler said. "Because we're complete nerds, we really enjoyed it."

Butler said it was difficult dealing with phrases in Spanish that didn't have an exact translation. The two of them would follow a multi-step process including a rough translation, tweaking the vocabulary and making the sentences flow naturally in English.

Butler said she really gained appreciation for the work that goes into translation.

"I have this new-found appreciation for translation and the work that goes into writing literature, editing literature and the publishing of translation work," she said. "It's just been mind-boggling, but it's so much fun in a weird way."



AN EYE ON THE EYE

Amaal Haimout, who wishes to go to medical school after OU, was inspired to do her project after working at the Eye Research Institute on campus.

"When I met my boss and he told me the type of research he did with the eyes and the metabolic effects on the processes of the eye, I found that very intriguing," she said.

Haimout's grandfather suffers from age-related macular degeneration, a condition affecting the back of the retina. She wanted to see if the zinc supplements he was taking had any beneficial effect.

The condition is caused by something called oxidative stress. The body creates energy by combining digested food with the oxygen intake caused by breathing.

Although the process is controlled by the metabolism, it can have dangerous effects that wreak havoc on the system, resulting in oxidative stress, Haimout said.

In conducting the experiment, Haimout exposed eye cells to zinc and other transition metals.

The results were inconclusive. "What our research demonstrated was that high levels of zinc were actually toxic to the retinal cells," she said. "Lower levels were actually beneficial."



GETTING ANIMATED

Studio art major Laura Eagan, normally a painter, decided to go in a different direction for her senior project.

Instead of focusing on a medium she was familiar with, Eagan wanted to challenge herself instead by putting her efforts into learning about a new technique.

"I went with animation because I was kind of new to the medium," Eagan said. "I'm a painting major. They don't have an animation department. I did the animation not only because it was an opportunity to create something new, it was an educational experience as well."

In order to give herself room for experimentation, Eagan chose to go with the freeform plot line of a dream sequence.

She said a big challenge was making sequences that could be 70-80 drawings long, amounting to only a few seconds of film, look natural.

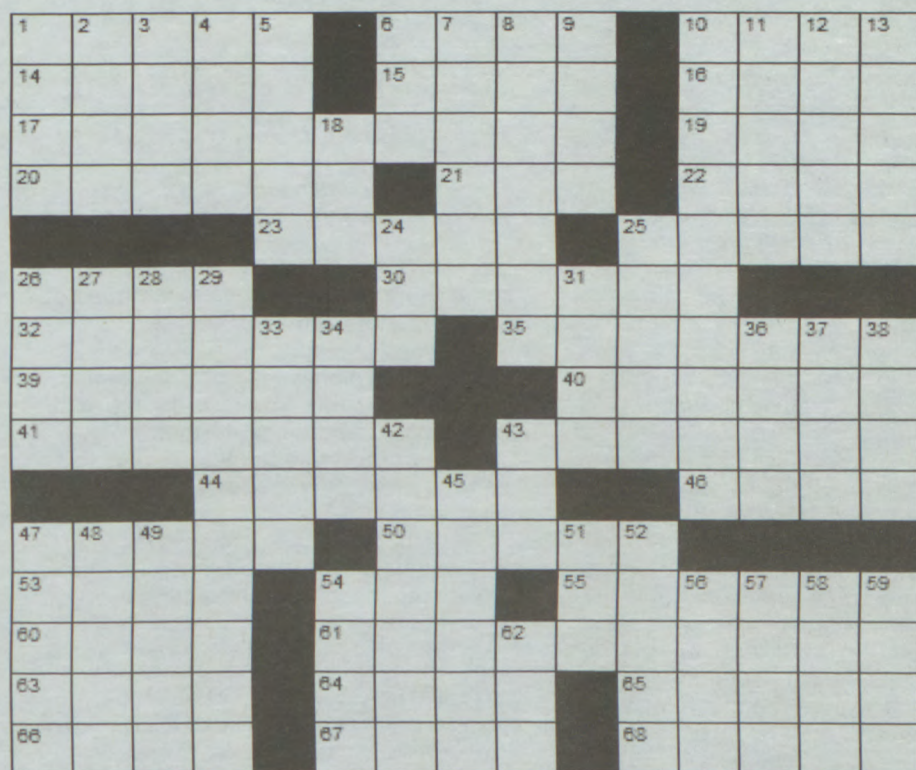
"In your mind, you've got to think about how something would move," she said. "If I draw some legs walking, I'm kind of walking in my head even though I'm sitting down."

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Puzzles

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. Lukewarm
6. God of love
10. Matured
14. Small African antelope
15. Pervert
16. A ball of yarn
17. Frighten
19. Center
20. Decrease
21. Lay turf
22. Train track
23. Meddle
25. Tropical nut
26. Catholic church service
30. New
32. An abusive word or phrase
35. Pixies
39. High regard
40. Clothing
41. Hopelessness
43. Receive from a predecessor
44. Brook
46. Sleep in a convenient place or location
47. Foundation

DOWN

50. Of the highest quality
53. Flows
54. Soviet space station
55. Financial
60. Modify
61. Dental medicine
63. Assistant
64. Certain
65. Carcinoid
66. One who accomplishes
67. Nipple
68. Platform

DOWN

1. Hard work
2. Sea eagle
3. Quarries
4. Nile bird
5. 10 cent coins
6. A late time of life
7. A rational motive
8. Devilfish
9. Outbuilding
10. Recognized
11. Boast
12. Creepy
13. Inhabit
18. Hotel

24. Not in
25. A bed on a ship
26. A fitting reward (archaic)
27. Church alcove
28. Seats oneself
29. Daughter of a step-parent
31. Extent
33. Warms
34. Arab chieftain
36. Novice
37. Twin sister of Ares
38. Collections
42. Ash
43. Evil spirit
45. Dawn goddess
47. Slang for money
48. Sound
49. Malicious
51. Eastern newt
52. Violent disturbances
54. The bulk
56. A promiscuous woman
57. Unwakeupable state
58. All excited
59. Stringed instrument
62. Mesh

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The veloci-rapture

Dinosaur enthusiasts prep for the coming of 'Jurassic Park 3D'

By Chris Peralta/dinosaur freak
Staff Intern

So here I am, sitting in the middle of the Oakland Center with my copy of "The Ultimate Book of Dinosaurs" and I'm wondering why a Carcharodontosaurus is on the cover instead of a T-Rex. However, I'm not wondering what I'll be doing on the night of April 5.

I'll be seeing Spielberg's "Jurassic Park 3D."

Don't go the "They're just rehashing the old stuff to get more of your money" route, because I've been there. I said the same thing when "Titanic 3D," "Finding Nemo 3D" and "Star Wars: Episode 1: The Phantom Menace 3D" were released last year.

But "Jurassic Park" and I have history.

You see, when I was a young boy at the age of three, my parents wanted to pull a prank on me. They thought that it would be funny to take me to see "Jurassic Park," grab a large popcorn, sit back and enjoy watching my reactions to Velociraptors and a T-Rex hunting pre-teens and archaeologists.

But oh, how they thought wrong.

I walked out of that theater grinning instead of trembling. I still remember the look on my mom's face, a look that said: "What kind of child are you?"

She and my father forgot that toddlers don't feel fear. Ever. And that lack of fear resulted in my cheering for the dinosaurs to eat all of the people. When the movie was over, I had a smile on my face but I was just a little upset that not all of the people were eaten.

As I grew older my love of dinosaurs grew to enormous lengths. I had all of the "Jurassic Park" movies and I watched them every weekend. Science projects were based on dinosaurs. I had the whole "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" playset — you know, the one with the big RV from the movie and a tiny baby T-rex with a splint on its leg. I had rows of dinosaur books, and my closet was full of dinosaur clothes.

If that wasn't bad enough, I got to the point in my childhood where I made dinosaur noises, at home and in public. That's right, back in the day I sat in front of my

TV pressing the rewind button again and again, making sure that I got the calls of the T-Rex and Velociraptor perfectly.

I was basically the dinosaur version of the people who call themselves "birders."

Now, I want you to picture a kid running around his backyard with a piece of grilled chicken in his mouth and his arms in a T-Rex position, waving his head to the left and to the right as he chewed, stopping only to roar at the squirrels that were hanging on the telephone wires.

I did that until I developed shame at the age of 12.

Having watched "Jurassic Park" as an adult, I have realized that I had no idea what the movie was about when I was a kid. The island wasn't meant to feed people to dinosaurs in the first place, the guy with the Barbasol tries to steal the dinosaur DNA, and I'm pretty sure that I missed the fact that Samuel L. Jackson stars in it.

Another thing, the Velociraptors in "Jurassic Park" aren't Velociraptors at all. They may behave the same way, but the dinosaurs depicted are Deinonychuses. I guess that Spielberg didn't think that Deinonychus rolls off the tongue the same way that Velociraptor does.

That being said, I wouldn't change a thing when it comes to my childhood. Even with the relatively new feeling of shame I still fully embrace my dinosaur ways. Every now and then while I'm driving I'll scream at people in T-Rex and not everyone can say: "I love you" in Velociraptor/Deinonychus.

So on the night of April 5, I'll be at the movie theater with my friends or with a date. Because let's be honest, nothing is more attractive or appealing than a guy/girl who appreciates the best movie of all time.

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SATIRE



Photo illustration by DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post
The staff of The Oakland Post is already in full preparation for the release of 'Jurassic Park 3D.'

WEEKLY TOP 10

The dangers of drinking and texting

By Dylan Dulberg
Multimedia Editor

You don't need me to tell you that you shouldn't drink and drive, but arguably just as important is the fact you should not drink and text either.

Somehow, when we become inebriated, our phones become a magical source of wonder, beckoning us to use them.

"Come on! Text people! It can't hurt and it will certainly not come back to bite you," my phone said.

In retrospect, I should not have listened. But now you can learn from my mistakes. Here are the top 10 reasons why you should not drink and text:

10. Just like the pattern of YouTube comments on any video, your messages will slowly become more overtly aggressive and/or sexual.

9. Your parents will not be as proud of your inebriation as you might think.

8. Nor will your boss.

7. That girl who stood you up last August? It's not a good idea to call her up and tell her how much she missed out, while slurring every word.

6. As much as you wish it were true, you are no Casanova. I am. So texting someone "Hey, sweetheart," turns into "Herrrry sweueatheart. :)"

5. The word "Hey," should only have one y. "Heyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy ;)" is not cute, nor will it ever work.

4. Also, the winky face is not your friend. Use it with discretion.

3. You remember that time you texted your girlfriend and told her she could stand to lose a few pounds? Didn't think so. Oh, you're not together anymore? Shocker. I wonder why.

2. Uh oh. You didn't just text Kelly your girlfriend. You just texted Kelly your co-worker. Get ready for that sexual harassment lawsuit.

1. Sometimes auto-correct can be a real batch.