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**RAY OF SUNSHINE** // Sunlight shoots through the fence surrounding the construction site near Kresge Library, covering a handful of fallen leaves. The site is the future home of an engineering building on campus, and has blocked off a significant portion of P38. Despite the presence of fences and equipment, leaves still fall where gravity takes them. *SALWAN GEORGES // The Oakland Post*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

Have you ever experienced anything paranormal?

- A** Definitely. I can't explain it otherwise.
- B** Maybe. I can't be certain.
- C** No. I don't believe in the paranormal.
- D** I ain't afraid of no ghost.

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

What are your plans for Halloween this year?

- A) Go to a haunted house**  
28.4%
- B) Watch scary movies with friends**  
21.4%
- C) Go trick-or-treating**  
7.1%
- D) I don't celebrate Halloween**  
42.9%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### OCTOBER 29, 2003

OU and Cooley Law School celebrated the first anniversary of a partnership which let Cooley students take their first two years of classes, up to 60 credits, at OU.

### OCTOBER 30, 1978

Construction of O'Dowd Hall was approved, originally titled Classroom Office Building No. 2. The project was slated for \$7.3 million and estimated to take two years.

### OCTOBER 28, 1966

A strike of university personnel was averted. The union demanded maintenance and food service employees should have their two days off work in succession.



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### OAKLAND DIVERSITY

The campus diversity climate survey results were discussed at a town hall meeting Oct. 28. Students, staff and faculty were also invited to voice their concerns.



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### THE COSTUMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT

In this issue's Grizzlies on the Prowl, students are asked what their favorite costume is for members of the opposite sex. Find out what they had to say.



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### FRETS AND FAKIES

Student Caleb Balk can be seen around campus frequently singing, skateboard and playing guitar - all at the same time. Find out more about this multitasker.

## BY THE NUMBERS

The 2013 OU climate survey

3.6

overall student rating of campus diversity (out of 5)

6.9%

of students answered the climate survey

40

questions on the survey

34.7%

of OU staff members answered the survey

3.3

rating given by students with "other or missing" gender



# Perspectives

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Privacy is obsolete - What you can do about it

**Y**ou're being watched. As much as it might sound like paranoid fantasy or conjecture, you're being watched and there's not much being done to stop it.

This past summer Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee and NSA contractor, leaked information that the NSA had taken to spying on private citizens within the United States, using a data-mining program called "PRISM," according to The Guardian.

For his efforts, Snowden was branded a traitor and a dissident. He went into hiding, first to Hong Kong, then Russia.

PRISM is responsible for monitoring internet and telephone communications. Foreign governments and persons with relatives in other countries have been spied on. More shocking is that it collects data from Facebook, Google, Yahoo, Microsoft and other such companies, according to the Washington Post.

It would appear that your statuses and vacation pictures are being seen by someone other than your friends.

That's not all. The NSA is also listening in on your phone conversations, with companies like AT&T and Verizon raking a profit by allowing the NSA to listen in; a Forbes article shows hundreds of millions of dollars paid out from the NSA to AT&T and Verizon.

When taken to task on the

unconstitutionality of warrantless wiretapping, the NSA said it was all perfectly legal. According to CNN, the NSA just couldn't tell you why it was legal, because that decision was made by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court - and their decisions are above your security clearance, citizen.

To recap: You might not be guilty of a crime or even accused of one, but the NSA has a window to your life they can peek into any time they want. Plus, you're not allowed to know what sort of information they're gathering about you or what they plan to do with it.

Outraged yet?

This hasn't just affected things in the domestic sector, either. Accusations have come out accusing the United States of spying on allies including Germany, Spain, Mexico and more.

The Huffington Post obtained a report showing that over 60 million phone calls in Spain may have been listened to - in a single month.

The NSA's defense is that it's trying to stop terrorism. They still have not explained how exactly a Spanish citizen's phone call to his friends is of any national security interest.

This isn't a Tom Clancy novel. It's happening. Between the shutdown and spying, the United States has severely weakened its relationship with other countries.

It's more than just an embarrassment. It's an affront to

the privacy rights of the entire planet, and it's all being done without our consent.

There is some hope left, though. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), Rand Paul (R-KY) and two others are introducing legislation to overhaul secret courts and make surveillance agencies more accountable for their actions, according to an Ars Technica article.

If you thought the shutdown was the result of too much power at the hands of too few people, imagine a clandestine group who knows every dirty secret on the planet.

All the while, nobody's allowed to know what they're doing with the information.

This issue is big enough to get Democrats and Republicans working together for a change.

You can get involved, too. Write your representatives and tell them to support the bill. Tell them you might just forgive them for the shutdown. When the elections come around, make sure you support candidates who stand against domestic spying.

If you want to do something about it immediately, just call anyone you know and tell them about it.

Odds are, your message will reach more than just the person you called.

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EDITORIAL

# Stump the librarian - counting critters

Dearest readers,  
This week there was the luxury of choosing between several intriguing queries—if yours is not featured here, fear not! Your time will come.

## M writes in with “What is the animal to human ratio in the United States?”

Tricksy, M, very tricky. There are several variables to figure out, however, before The Librarian tackles this question. First, what is meant by “animal.” Are we talking domestic animals? Wild? How do you feel about invertebrates? (The Librarian prefers to pretend they don’t exist.)

Any hard figure given for this answer will necessarily be a best guess and not fully accurate because, well, rabbits and such. But by using handy government and organizational data, we can get at some numbers that might satisfy.

First, let’s tackle the easy part of the question: how many humans are there in the US? By going to census.gov, we see in the “quick facts” section that the 2012 population estimate (the most recent available) is 313,914,040.



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To get at the animal figures, there are a few different resources one could consult. Departments of Natural Resources within each state track wildlife population data, for example, and often make that information available to the public. In addition, there are resources such as the Global Population Dynamics Database (<http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/cpb/databases/gpdd>) which provides species-level population datasets.

For those interested in this type of research, there are several different methods by which animal species populations are measured. A quick search in Library OneSearch using the keywords “animal population estimate” provides many different resources illustrating how some of the experts do this.

The Librarian exists to help you help yourself, normally providing seekers with the resources to find the answers themselves, rather than just giving them the answer.

So if you came to the research help desk with this query, after some clarifying questions you would leave with a list of data sources and be equipped to answer this to the best of your ability. Resources that would allow you to answer this question have

population data broken down by species, so you could go to each of them, add up all the numbers, and get yourself the answer to this question.

The Librarian, unfortunately, has neither the time nor the column space for such a response. We can, however, quickly answer a simplified version of this query: let’s see how many pet dogs there are per humans in the United States.

We already have the human count from the Census, as illustrated above, now let’s tackle the number of dogs in the United States. Turning to the most recent Statistical Abstract of the United States, available from the Library’s database list, we will find a table of household pet ownership.

In 2011, the most recent year for which there are statistics, there were 69,900,000 pet dogs. So the ratio of pet dogs to humans in the US is around 69,000,000 to 313,914,040. Since The Librarian is not a mathematician, it is also up to you to make those numbers into a prettier ratio. Let it never be said that The Librarian is not good at delegating.

Until next time, remember that we are always available to answer your questions via our Ask-a-Librarian service! Send me your hardest questions here: <http://tinyurl.com/stumpOU>

# It just makes me sick to my stomach

## One student deals with health issues and prioritizing

Jon Davis

Photo Editor and Cartoonist

As I was getting half a liter of blood pumped from my stomach, I realized that yesterday just wasn’t my day.

Why was I being forced to vomit up such a heavy amount of life? Ulcers. Gastric ulcers. Three of them, to be exact. Right on top of each other.

I knew something was wrong Monday morning. I had a burning sensation in my lower-right side, and it hurt to move.

Regardless of this, I chose to continue my day as usual.

But when I started coughing up blood, I knew that was a poor decision.

I took a quick swing by my family’s doctors office and I was given my diagnosis. My first ulcer had popped, and I had two more waiting to follow suit.

I was told to go home, get some rest, and I’d be better in the morning.

Why I chose not to follow this advice, I’ll never know. But I instead decided to go back to class.

Call me a gamblin’ man.

It didn’t take long for that to go bad. I sat down too

hard (which I didn’t realize was a thing), and popped my second ulcer.

I realized then that I was probably going to die. In “Media Editing” class. Surrounded by journalists.

I kept thinking “so help me god, someone better not write a story about this.”

I survived, then started back to my car.

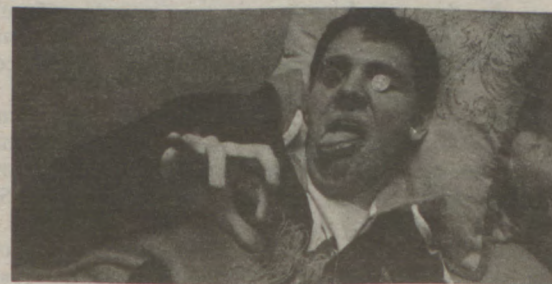
I felt pretty good. Not great, but good. I realize now this was because I had lost so much blood I couldn’t feel most of my body.

Instead of going to hospital, I went home. I hadn’t finished the Oakland Post Pete comic, and my deadline was coming.

Then I got the brilliant idea to draw Pete while I was in bed. Truly brilliant, until I fell out. That’s when the third ulcer popped.

I don’t remember much after that. I know I passed out, but it’s all a blur. My dad found me, got me to a hospital and before I knew it, they were sticking a tube down my throat to pump my stomach.

I kept thinking about all the people I would disappoint. Scott Wolchek was the first to come to mind. He hired me expecting a lot, and I failed him. Although, he is forcing me to include this obligatory sentence that says he wasn’t disappointed, seeing as how I was throwing up blood.



Kailey Johnson/The Oakland Post

Jon Davis prepares for the worst possible outcome.

I failed Parker Simmons, a distributor, who goes immediately to the Pete page when he receives new copies of The Post.

I failed my girlfriend, who reads Pete every week and looks for her name that’s hidden in every comic. I failed a lot of people. But most of all, I failed myself.

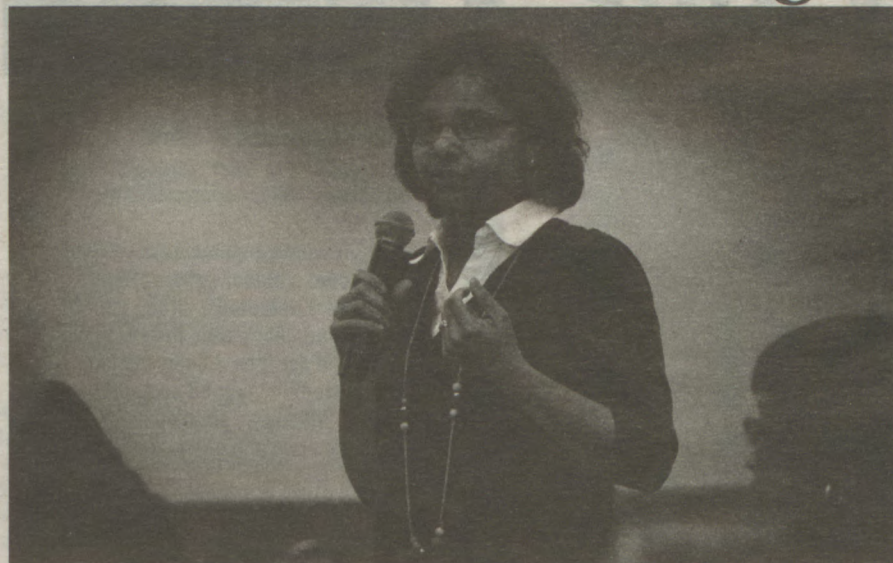
But time moves on, and so will I.

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# Campus

## Survey results reviewed: Is Oakland welcoming?



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Dr. Sowmya Anand (ABOVE) and Dr. Linda Owens of the Survey Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois found Oakland's atmosphere to be positive.

### Town hall meeting reveals positive emotional climate rating

Brian Johnston  
Managing Editor

**O**akland University and Interim President Betty Youngblood held a town hall meeting Monday, Oct. 28 to discuss the results of the Climate Survey, which gauged diversity on campus among faculty, staff and students.

Youngblood said the survey was intended to help steer OU toward becoming a more welcoming environment to as many as possible.

"We're moving forward at Oakland University," said Youngblood. "And we're moving forward on very, very important initiatives like this."

Patricia Dolly, Senior Advisor to the President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, was in charge of assembling the survey, which included Doctors Linda Owens and Sowmya Anand of the University of Illinois.

According to Owen, the survey was offered to students, faculty and staff via email, which led to an anonymous link.

"Anyone could click on it," Owens said. "It's not tied to your personal email."

"The faculty, staff and student groups have overall climate scores of 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7, respectively, on a scale where one is least favorable and five is most favorable," the executive summary of the study reads.

Roughly 6.9 percent of the student body participated in the survey, while 34.7 percent of staff and 13.6 percent of faculty responded, for a total of 9.2 percent of OU's population.

The survey showed that heterosexual students gave OU the highest score, while non-heterosexual students and those with "other or missing" gender information gave a slightly lower score.

According to Owens and Anand, the school's 3.6 climate rating places it squarely average with similarly-sized schools.

Owens said attempts were made to "weight" underrepresented segments of the student population, in order to more accurately reflect the demographic makeup at OU.

Students rated Oakland University above 3.5 in regards to "Belongingness and Personal Identity," and also gave the school above-average marks in regards to "Respect for Diversity" and "Academic Support."

Faculty, however, gave a 2.6 score when it came to being able to voice concerns without fear of negative consequences. Staff gave a 2.7 score in the same department.

Members of the OU community were then invited to voice their concerns about diversity and the climate, ranging from gender-neutral bathrooms to age discrimination.

According to Owens and Sowmya, future studies and focus groups will be conducted to help improve campus diversity.

The full report can be viewed at [www.oakland.edu/diversity](http://www.oakland.edu/diversity).

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## Student Profile of the Week

# Haley King

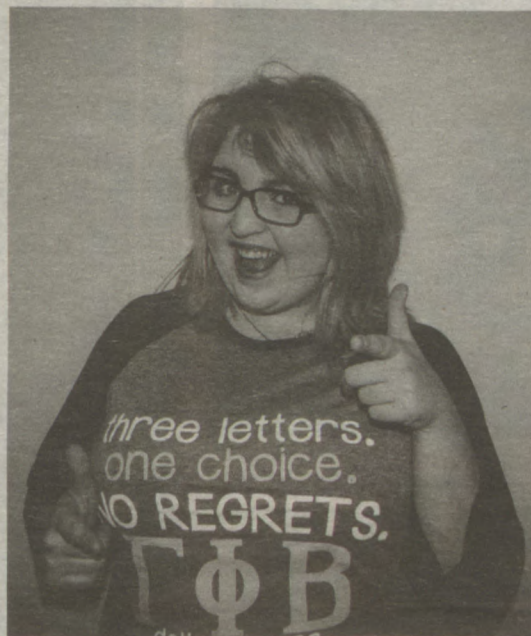
*Communication major, sophomore, relationship status: single, height: 5'5"*

Chris Peralta  
Staff Reporter

### Age/Level: 20

**Cross Stitch:** King has spent a lot of time learning how to sew and it has helped her to manage stress. In her sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, members are given a "little" in their second year of membership. She forced herself to sew to spend less money, but also provide her "little" with more unique and personalized gifts. "The more I sew the better I get at it," King said.

**Social Butterfly:** In her spare time, King likes to write. "I'm definitely more of a people person," King said. "So, she makes it a point to hang out with her Gamma Phi Beta sisters on campus."



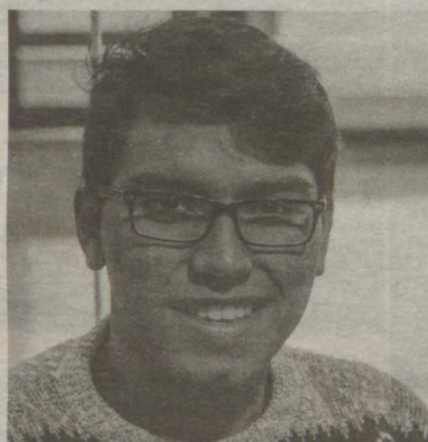
## Grizzlies on the Prowl:

*What is your favorite  
Halloween costume on  
the opposite sex?*



**Natalie Humphrey, pre-nursing, freshman**

"A lifeguard."



**Lorenzo, Aguilera, undecided, freshman**

"Something nerdy ... like a comic book superhero."



**Geena Tacconelli, undecided, freshman**

"Cowboys."

—Compiled by Kaylee Kean, Staff Reporter  
Photos by Kailey Johnson, Photographer

## POLICE FILES

### Marijuana use in dorms

Two officers were dispatched to a residency hall for possible marijuana use Oct. 11.

Nightwatch employees of the hall suspected a student of drug usage.

Officers detected a strong odor of burned marijuana from the student's room and ask if he'd been smoking.

The student laughed and said "yeah," stating he smoked before coming to campus and did not have any on him.

He was issued a citation for marijuana usage.

### Bear Bus struck by vehicle

A student reported health issues Oct. 22 after being involved in a car accident.

Three days prior, the student was on a Bear Bus when it was struck by another vehicle.

The student said her head hit the window during the collision and went to the Graham Health Center, but still experienced consistent headaches, dizziness, sensitivity to light and sound and fatigue.

The student filled out a statement regarding the bus accident.

### Student harrassed online

A student reported being harassed by another student he met online Oct. 24.

The students started talking after responding to an ad selling textbooks and evolved into communication via Facebook, email and texting.

After a few days of conversing, the victim said the other student made threatening remarks and communicated with his friends.

Officers made contact with the student and told him to cease all forms of contact with the victim from here on out.

—Compiled by Brian Figurski,  
Copy Editor



# Poet speaks on falling bricks and discovering inspiration

*U-M professor  
Laura Kasischke  
reads poem excerpts*

**Brian Figurski**  
Copy Editor

Laura Kasischke spoke as the honorary guest poet during the 26th Maurice Brown Memorial Poetry Reading Oct. 22.

## Who was Brown?

Maurice Brown was a professor at OU, who passed away in 1985.

He had a passion for poetry, according to creative writing department head and professor Ed Hoeppner.

The annual reading is dedicated to Brown's literary hopes for the university.

## Reading respect

Kasischke, who was raised in Grand Rapids, currently teaches in the Master's of Fine Arts program at the University of Michigan and is both a poet and fiction writer.

She has eight poetry books published and nine books of fiction.

"It's kind of cliché about poets, that poets walk around with a novel in them, but I'll tell you it's often a bad novel," Hoeppner said during the event. "It's strange to encounter a writer like Laura, who is a prodigy, a genuine star in both poetry and fiction."

## Where ideas come from

Kasischke read poems from her various works and showcased her spectrum of inspira-

tion, life experiences from fatal car crashes to having a pair of dirty shoes stolen from a gym locker room.

She shared stories and thoughts between her 14 poems and encouraged the crowd in the Gold Rooms, composed mostly of professors and students in the English department, to pick up a pen and write.

"When I have friends that have something unusual happen, I think, 'That's too bad you're not a writer,'" she said. "If you're walking down the street, and a brick falls on your head, and you're not a writer, you're just a person who had a brick fall on their head."

"If that happened to you, and you weren't a writer, you'd just be complaining."

Kasischke said she never sits down with the intent to write a



Jon Davis / The Oakland Post

Laura Kasischke reads from poetry collection in the Gold Rooms Oct. 22.

poem, it happens through brainstorming sessions, in which she tries to adhere to everyday.

"I try to write everyday. Some days I don't, but it's like vegetables - you know you should have," she said.

## Own a copy

Select copies are available in the Barnes & Noble bookstore for a limited time.

## AWARD WINNING

Laura Kasischke's 2011 poetry book "Space, in Chains" was awarded the National Book Critic's Circle Award and 2002's "Dance and Disappear" was awarded the Juniper Prize.

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# Nightmares

Story by  
Scott Wolchek

Around 20,000 students are enrolled at OU, and most of them spend their days in ignorant bliss. They only see the happy little commuter school as an innocent place, where one can get an education.

Little do they know of the spirits and the blood-curdling stories that lurk beneath the surface and beyond the textbooks at the very establishment that houses a cute and cuddly mascot like The Grizz.

One man studies the tales of horror at OU and passes his stories down to the Oakland Group Leaders for orientation.

That man is admissions adviser, Adam Panchenko.

All of the following stories come from reliable sources, according to Panchenko.

"Some people may deny them," Panchenko said. "I believe them. I believe that I've seen ghosts on campus."

These are his stories.

## PHANTOM FOOTSTEPS IN THE HALL

Meadow Brook Hall is a manor with mystery. It has more than 100 rooms, a secret staircase in Alfred Wilson's game room and beautiful paintings that have eyes which tend to follow people around. Not many other campuses have anything remotely like Meadow Brook Hall.

It's no wonder people think something supernatural is going on there.

"That building has to be haunted in some way," Panchenko said.

Panchenko's main story about hauntings at the hall involves a ghostly set of ectoplasmic footsteps that trodded along slowly and rhythmically through Mathilda Wilson's bedroom.

These footsteps from beyond were supposedly seen on a security camera.

Shannon O'Berski, the Marketing Communications Manager at Meadow Brook Hall says she's never heard of such footage.

"A lot of visitors inquire about ghost stories," O'Berski said. "I've never had any ghostly experiences working at the hall."

O'Berski has been working at Meadow Brook Hall for 10 years.

Other tales from that side of campus include a vanishing golfer, a malfunctioning printer that kept printing off photos of a child's boot and even sounds of ghostly horses, neighing in the moonlight.

There is an animal cemetery on the premises after all.

## DEMONIC VOICES, POSSESSED FANS AND THE SPIRITS OF FRAT BOYS

Vandenberg Hall is where some OU students call home, but perhaps there are other, more, malevolent beings that call it home, as well.

When it comes to this demonic dormitory, Panchenko has heard everything from ghostly and ethereal arms dangling from the ceiling to a box fan that would fall over at the same time every night.

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All of the decor in Meadow Brook Hall is reaved in an unsettling aesthetic. Photo by Shawn Georges



# es on University Drive

Photos by Jon Davis,  
Kailey Johnson and Sal Georges

One night the fan fell over, the student who owned it got out of bed to pick it back up, and it picked itself up and fell the other way.

"It just kept slamming back and forth back and forth," Panchenko said. "Pieces were flying off."

The student ran out of the room and grabbed his friends to come and see it.

"When he got back, the fan was just sitting on the desk, unharmed, untouched," Panchenko said.

Another of Panchenko's stories is about two girls who heard a demonic voice coming from under their bed.

"They were so hysterical that they didn't tell me what the voice was or what it said," Panchenko said. "But they were hysterical, crying and freaked the F out."

Perhaps the most notorious story Panchenko was willing to share, is one that involves two fraternity pledges who were given a mission to break into the building while it was being constructed, and shine flashlights out the windows of each room.

One of the pledges was wearing a hat, and he and his friend successfully shined the light out of a few windows. But eventually, they stopped shining their lights.

The fraternity brothers waited about 20 minutes before they decided to go into the building and get their pals.

"They go up to the building," Panchenko said. "The door is unlocked, but all they see is two flashlights rolling on the ground."

Nobody knows what happened to them.

Panchenko has also witnessed some ghostly activity in the dorms himself.

Panchenko spent the night in Vandenberg, and woke up to a ghostly figure staring at him, wearing a baseball cap.

Think about it.

## OPINION OF A GHOST HUNTER

Panchenko's stories are certainly spooky. But is the campus really haunted?

President of the ghost hunting club at OU, Ryan Hole has heard the tales and has a few explanations.

"When you're in a dark room, and you're in a dark room alone, your mind starts to wonder to all sorts of explanations as a defense mechanism to help you survive," said Hole. "Since Meadow Brook has a long history and people before have claimed that it's haunted, your mind is more inclined to jump to it's a ghost as an explanation."

Hole also gave his opinion on Meadow Brook's supposed spirits.

"It's quite possible that Meadow Brook has some legitimate hauntings," Hole said. "At the same time I'd have to say it's improbable because I don't believe there are any instances where spirits would want to linger on. I think it's been a pretty peaceful place for the most part."

As for anything from beyond the grave in

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Vandenberg, Hole said demonic hauntings are rare, but he couldn't say whether the stories happened or didn't happen.

"I'm not looking to declare something haunted or not haunted," Hole said. "I'm just here to help aid your thought process for you make that decision for yourself."

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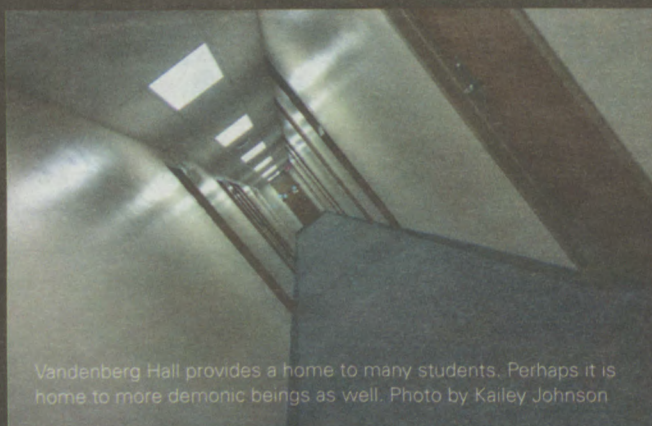
The architecture in Meadow Brook Hall may bring chills to some. But it stands for a level of elegance in its craft. Photo by Jon Davis



The dining hall of Meadow Brook Hall. Photo by Jon Davis



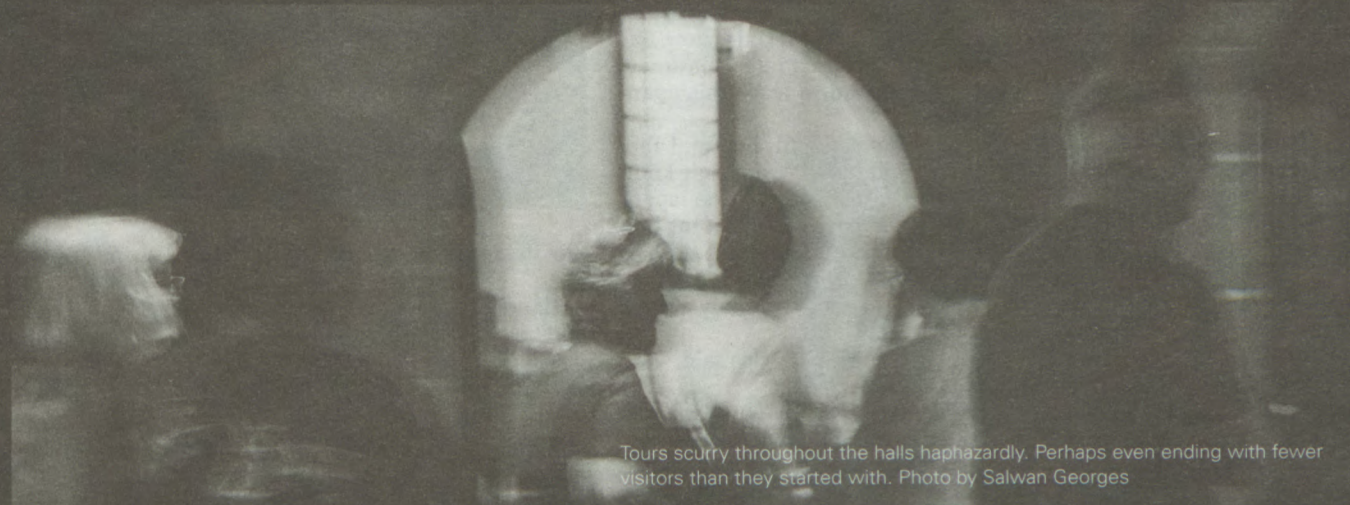
Each room in Meadow Brook Hall has a theme. This little fellow can be spotted inside Alfred Wilson's gameroom. Photo by Jon Davis



Vandenberg Hall provides a home to many students. Perhaps it is home to more demonic beings as well. Photo by Kailey Johnson



The mist takes Bear Lake early in the dawn. Students come and go. Maybe even spirits do as well. Photo by Kailey Johnson



Tours scurry throughout the halls haphazardly. Perhaps even ending with fewer visitors than they started with. Photo by Salwan Georges





Courtesy of Jessica Zacharias

**LEFT:** Hailey graduated from Troy High School in the class of 2011. **TOP RIGHT:** Hailey and her friend, Jessica Zacharias, outside of a Backstreet Boys concert. **BOTTOM:** Hailey and friends on her soccer team when she was five years old. From left to right: Chelsea Hall, Kristie Distelrath, Jessica Zacharias, Caity Bachelder and Hailey Brouillet.

# Hailey had 'Grizzly pride'

*Friend, sister, daughter loses her life five days after car accident*

**Scott Wolchek**  
Editor-in-Chief

**H**ailey Brouillet, a junior majoring in health sciences and 2011 graduate of Troy High School, died Monday, Oct. 28. She was 20.

The cause was from crash-related injuries sustained in a six car pileup at the corner of Rochester and Hamlin Roads. The accident happened Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Hailey took classes during the summer with OU's Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) study-abroad consortium.

During that time she studied in Amsterdam and London. She also took side trips to Rome, Barcelona and Scotland.

"She got that confidence, and she gained so much independence from that trip," Brouillet's mother, Lori said. "She had that Grizzly pride. She loved Oakland University."

Hailey also worked the tennis desk at Lifetime Fitness in Rochester Hills and was part of an intramural soccer team.

She had dreamed of being a physical therapist.

Three months ago, Hailey moved in with her friends, Jessica Zacharias and Autumn Hegner.

"We just finished painting our apartment," Jessica said. "She wanted the doorway to be bright. We each got to pick a color, and she picked yellow. She said 'I want to come to this apartment happy and I want to leave this apartment happy.'"

"I met Hailey right before Labor Day," Autumn said. "We didn't know each other at all before the apartment. She had become one of my best friends. I wish I had told her that."

Three things on Hailey's bucket list were to be independent, study abroad and find true love.

"She did them all," Jessica said. "And she was happy."

The true love Hailey found was her boyfriend, Dom Gaudino.

"She was the most beautiful girl I had ever seen," Dom said. "I was lucky to be a part of her life. She was pure. She was perfect. She was the love of my life."



She made me happier than I had ever been."

The couple met on a cruise in April and began dating in August.

Hailey is survived by her parents, Lori and Wayne. She is also survived by her younger sister, Morgan, who, according to their mother, was her best friend.

The visitation for Hailey is Friday, Nov. 1 from 4-8 p.m. at Desmond and Sons on Crooks road in Troy. The fu-

neral service will be held at St. Anastasia in Troy at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. The gathering will take place at 9 a.m. before the service.

Donations in Hailey's name can be made to CIEE.

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Corey Petros attempts a free throw in the first half of the Oct. 29 exhibition game at the O'rena.

Kailey Johnson/The Oakland Post

## Starting out strong

### Men's basketball wins 76-52 in first game

Matthew Saulino  
Staff Reporter

Oakland University men's basketball came out victorious 76-52 in their 2013-14 opener against Tiffin University Tuesday, Oct. 29. Head coach Greg Kampe was pleased with his team's opening night performance.

"I think this was a good day for us," Kampe said. "I think that having practiced for a month, getting a chance to play somebody else was good for us."

After starting out slow, OU gained their first lead at 8-6 and never looked back, going on a 21-6 run.

The Grizzlies went into the half leading 42-26, capped by a double-clutch, 3-point buzzer beater from sophomore forward Tommie McCune.

"I probably just got lucky," McCune said. "I actually thought Bader was going to shoot it, but he passed it and I just put it up."

It was his first game as a Grizzly, and he made it a memorable debut, leading the team with

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Greg Kampe,  
Men's basketball coach

22 points and seven rebounds.

Kampe is not certain on McCune's role for the upcoming season, who transferred from West Virginia and played high school basketball at Saginaw.

"I don't think we can think anything of Tommie," Kampe said. "It's his first game. He hasn't played in two years. He's a top 100 recruit. We've never had that before."

McCune spent last year with the team, but was unable to play. The NCAA requires transfers to sit out a year before they can play for their new school.

"I'm real comfortable," McCune said. "I got to know everyone last year, and we're like

family here."

Senior guard Duke Mondy made a defensive stamp, gathering six steals, all coming in the first half.

OU star Travis Bader is on pace to break the NCAA all-time record of 457 3-point field goals set by J.J. Redick in 2006, and started the Grizzlies' scoring off by dropping his first "Bader-Bomb" of the year.

He would cool off however, finishing only two of six from behind the arc.

OU freshman guard Kahlil Fielder also made his first start in his debut with the Grizzlies, finishing with nine points and five assists.

"He's a quick player," Bader said. "He's somebody you have to guard, which is great for a guy like me who's always attracting a lot of pressure."

Men's basketball plays next Nov. 3 against Lake Superior State at 4 p.m. in the Athletics Center O'rena.

OU's regular season begins Nov. 8 at North Carolina and will not return home until Nov. 30 against Rochester College.

## Football club falls to U-M Flint in 34-19 defeat

Jake Alsko  
Sports Editor

Sometimes it's just not your day. That was the case Oct. 26 as the Oakland University Football Club was defeated by U-M Flint 34-19.

The loss came on a night where there was a mix of light hail and rain for a good amount of the game.

The Grizzlies were stripped of depth, due to previous injuries and a couple more players going down Saturday.

The most noticeable of which was running back/linebacker Nick Taylor, a starter who brought consistency to spots where Oakland's depth is the thinnest.

"That was tough," OU head coach Al Manfroni said on losing Taylor. "We only have three legitimate linebackers, and when you take him out of the equation, we're putting in guys (who) just haven't played that much."

The lack of linebacker depth also compounded the difficulty Oakland had slowing down U-M Flint's brand new read-option offense, something they hadn't shown all season.

"It's tough because you have to rely on linebackers to basically stop that, and make the plays when they go to make plays, and unfortunately we weren't," Manfroni said. "In the second half, we shut it down reasonably well. But, by that time, the damage had already been done."

The offense didn't fare much

better, as the pressure of needing multiple scores while battling the weather conditions, as well as their own mistakes, proved to be just too disadvantageous.

The Grizzlies turned the ball over four times, including once on downs.

"We were moving it, moving it and then you could see the weather kind of came in and just kind of sent us for a loop," quarterback Brandon Tucker said.

Tucker finished the day with two rushing touchdowns, two interceptions and a fumble.

"I made a couple bad throws," Tucker said. "And just it kills us when I do that."

Oakland running back Marc Wise had one rushing touchdown and amassed more than 100 yards returning, a couple of which he had a chance to return for a touchdown.

Wise provided some big runs in the second half as the Grizzlies attempted to mount a comeback, using strong running and a well-placed stiff arm to break through several U-M Flint arm tackles.

The Grizzlies will be on bye this week, and it couldn't come at a better time.

"We're going to be ready to go," Tucker said. "Guys will be back from injuries and stuff, so we'll be ready to rock."

The Football Club will cap off their historic first regular season Nov. 10 at 5 p.m., traveling to Columbus, Ohio to take on the Ohio State Football Club.



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Football club plays a tough game, but loses to the other team.



# College radio anchor found her dream job

LeeAnn Brown  
Staff Reporter

**W**XOU breaks up the monotony of everyday life, according to Lauren Barthold, WXOU news director. Students can hear Oakland's award-winning college radio station, WXOU, echoing in the first-floor basement hallway of the Oakland Center, stream it online or tune-in at 88.3 on the FM dial.

"We are innovators of creative content," said Scott Hunter, WXOU promotions director. "We wish to have a great time, and make you smile during your walk through the OC."

Barthold sat down with the Post to talk about why her job, on the inside of the station, makes her smile.

## What shows do you anchor and when do they air?

Barthold: "I host two shows. The first is 'WXOU News' on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m., and the second is my own show 'The Loreo Show' on Monday afternoons from 1-2 p.m. I also co-host 'The Flannel' with another coworker on Monday evenings, from 5-6 p.m."

## What do you cover on your shows?

B: "On 'WXOU News' my team and I discuss campus, local and national/political news, as well as events that are happening in the area that weekend. 'The Loreo Show' is mostly a music show with some talk. I play throwback songs from the 80s, 90s and early 2000s. 'The Flannel' is mostly a talk show with some music. We talk about things going on in our lives and soft news stories."

## Do you have a favorite anchor in the local area or on any radio station?

B: "I am a big fan of Lauren Podell from Channel 4 - WDIV. Not only is she great at what she does, but she also graduated from Oakland University. She even had her own show on WXOU."

## Do you plan a career in radio?

B: "I entered college with plans to become a television broadcast journalist. However, now that I have gotten really involved with the station, I would be happy doing either television or radio."

## What would be a dream job for you?

B: "A local television broadcast journalist or morning radio show host. Most people would love to leave Michigan, but my hope is to stay right here."

## What is your favorite thing about working for WXOU?

B: "The experience that I have gained in my short time of working at the station has been tremendous. I essentially have my dream job, just on a much smaller scale."

## Getting involved

WXOU has more than 80 radio shows, and stations provide time blocks dedicated to Country, Folk, Reggae, Gospel and more.

The station encourages students to get involved in many ways, aside from simply tuning in to listen.

"Just come in, swing by the station," Hunter said. "Hang out. Get to know us. Fill out an app to be on air. Help us hang flyers. We have lots of jobs that you can help out with. Come in and ask, or send us an email at [promotions@wxou.org](mailto:promotions@wxou.org). Either way, we want to meet you."



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Lauren hangs out in the station, supplying students with good music and entertaining shows.

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# CREATING CHILLS ON CAMPUS

*Honors college, student orgs collaborate during the trick-or-treat season*

Kailee Mathias  
Staff Reporter

**T**he Honors College collaborated with several student organizations to celebrate the Halloween season.

The student organizations involved were Student Congress, Student Program Board and Multicultural Affairs.

Oakland University Student Congress presented "A Nightmare on Bear Lake," a haunted house for students to walk through before entering the Halloween Bash in the Oakland Gold Rooms Oct. 28.

"The haunted house was probably my favorite part," James Birmingham, freshmen, said.

Birmingham heard about the party through the flyers posted in his dorm lounge.

After getting a few screams, students could bob for apples, eat, color pumpkins, dance to music and participate in a doughnut-hanging-from-strings eating contest.

Liz Lawer, president of the Honors College, Kaitlin McNeal and Lisa Shammass, members of the Honors College dressed the part as they replaced doughnuts on strings for the contest.

"I've always wanted to be a flapper," Shammass said. "I think the Great Gatsby really inspired my look this year."

## Creative costumes

Some students got into the Halloween spirit and showed up in group costumes. Clue was one of the group costumes. Miranda Pelkey, sophomore came up with the idea of the group costume.

"We love the movie 'Clue' during Halloween time," Rachel Voight, junior said.

Another group came dressed as minions inspired from the movie, "Despicable Me." The whole costume was completely homemade—even the knitted hats. Freshman Aleena Hajek created the concept.

## Student Program Board

The Student Program Board also had a table there to provide students with information about who they are, and upcoming events.

"SPB is one of the largest directly funded organizations on campus,"



"WE (STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD) DO A LOT OF DIFFERENT EVENTS AT NO, OR LITTLE COST TO STUDENTS."

BRITTANY HALL,  
ANNUAL EVENTS DIRECTOR OF SPB

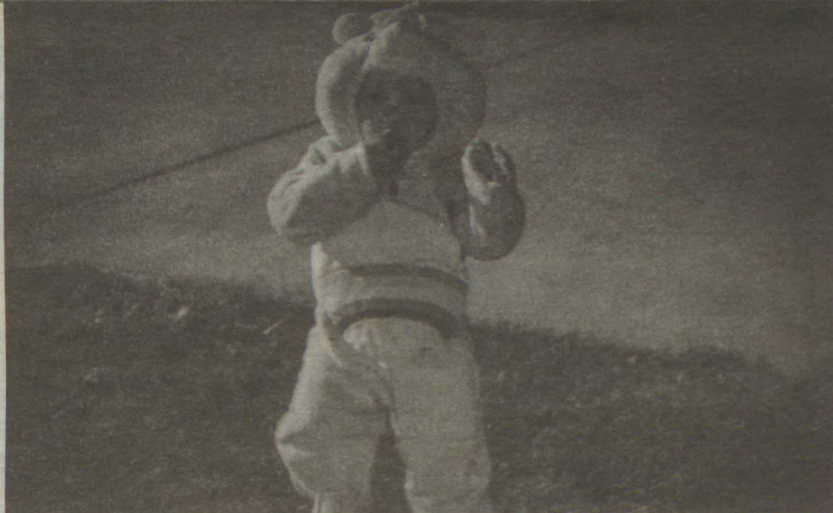
Brittany Hall, annual events director of SPB said. "We do a lot of different events at no, or little cost to students. We give away free prizes, too. We have trips we just went to Montreal."

They were also informing students of upcoming events they are having including the International Circus Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. and a live band karaoke Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. Both events are in the banquet rooms of the Oakland Center.

"We have live band karaoke coming up so you can literally sing to a live band playing behind you," Hall said. "They know (more than) 250 songs."

SPB will be setting up a bar atmosphere complete with a bar menu. Food will be served by committee members of the SPB.

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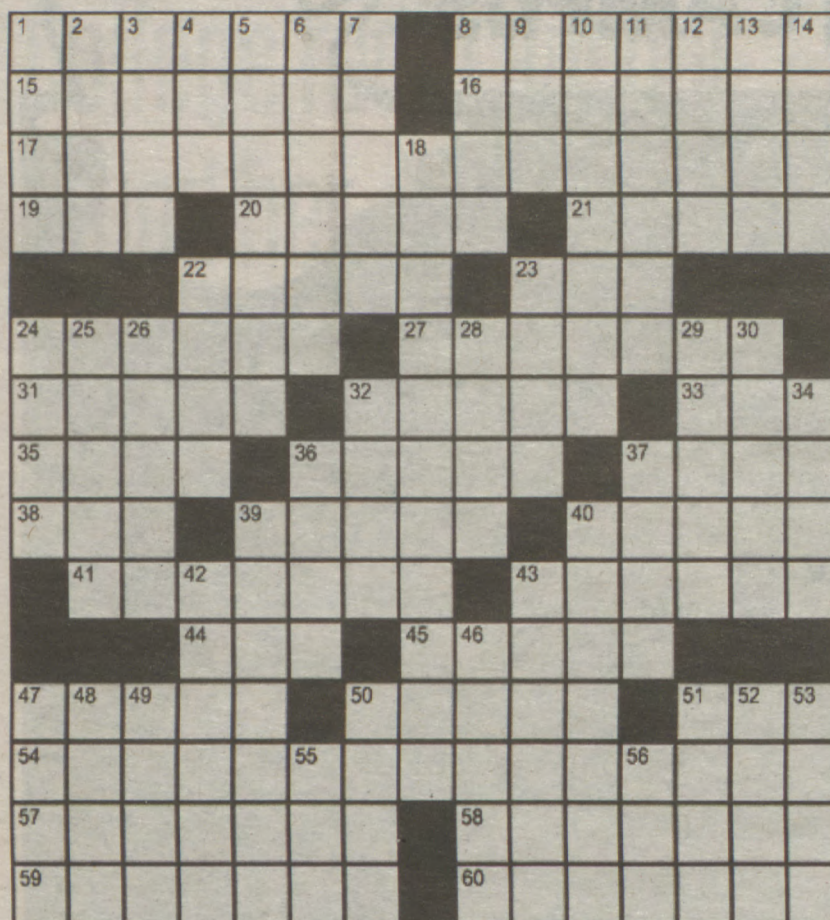
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**TOP:** Halloween Party 6-The Oakland University Student Congress presents "A Nightmare on Bear Lake," a haunted house for students to walk through located outside of the Oakland Center.

**BOTTOM:** Sophia Kanche dressed up as Cheer Bear, a Care Bear, at "A Nightmare on Bear Lake."



# Puzzle



## Across

1. Fused alumina
8. Tower and spire
15. Native of Italy's "la Superba"
17. Heavy downpour (4 wds)
19. Amazon, e.g.
20. "Encore!"
21. Max \_\_\_, German surrealist artist
22. Toll
23. Australian runner
24. Is frugal
27. Norsemen
31. Fifth canonical hour
32. Renaissance fiddle
33. Hangup
35. A chip, maybe
36. \_\_\_ Badenov, cartoon character
37. "Eh" (hyphenated)
38. The "p" in m.p.g.
39. High school formal dances
40. Even if, briefly
41. Promising
43. Drooling of the upper eyelid
44. Bunk
45. To be carried along by

## Down

47. The individual soul (Hinduism)
50. Native New Zealander
51. Freon (abbrev.)
54. Military operation involving nerve gas (2 wds)
57. Harvesting machines
58. Stores in a silo
59. Joins the military
60. Flusters
22. "Trick" joint
23. Barely gets, with "out"
24. Become unhinged
25. Contents of some cartridges
26. Foreward, for short
28. Storklike wading bird
29. Small caves
30. Bar offering
32. Carrot, e.g.
34. Shouts of disapproval
36. No angel
37. Coin opening
39. State flowers of Indiana
40. Initially (2 wds)
42. Seafood dish
43. Carnivorous fish
46. Crew member
47. "God's Little \_\_\_"
48. Accordingly
49. Breakfast, lunch or dinner
50. Come together
51. Poker action
52. At liberty
53. British tax
55. Computer monitor, for short
56. Hale

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# OU skateboarder shreds on concrete and guitars

## Caleb Balk shows multitasking skills

Kalee Mathias  
Staff Reporter

Music education major Caleb Balk can skateboard, sing and play guitar — at once.

On sunny days outside of Varner Hall, Balk will most likely be seen multi-tasking.

### Start skating

The music education major began his jam sessions on a spring day winter semester of 2013.

He came to school and discovered all the practice rooms are full.

By coincidence Balk has his skateboard in the trunk of his car and the tradition begins.

"I get times where I can't get out of my head," Balk said.

"Riding the board, strumming the guitar and singing allow me to do so many mechanical things at one time."

Although Balk says remembering proper chord changes and his place in the song can get tricky, his multitasking gives him a chance to get in extra practice.

"I'm not doing it for money so if I mess up occasionally I don't feel like I'm letting anyone down," Balk said.

Balk's favorite genre to strum is oldies while skating on his two-wheeled skateboard.

### Military life

He purchased his first two-wheeled skateboard while he was in the Air Force. He served for four years. His basic training was in San An-

tonio, Texas and he was also deployed to Kyrgyzstan for about five months.

"I never got very good at doing skateboard tricks," Balk said.

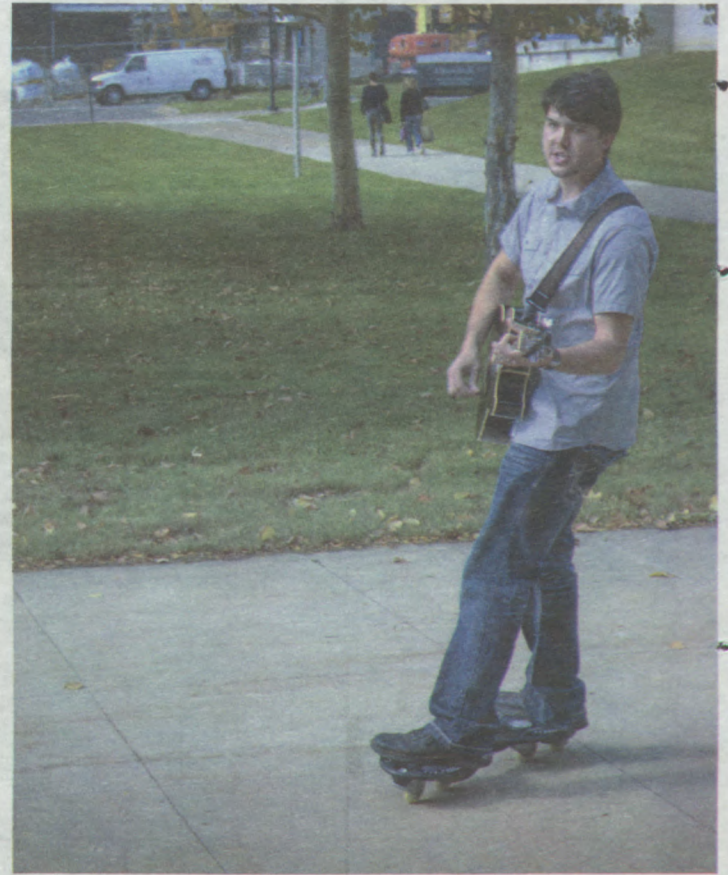
"But, in the military I got one of these with the two wheels because I thought it looked neat."

### Where to see him

He has locally performed at Red Ox Tavern in Utica every Tuesday night for about five hours, At Conor O'neills in Ann Arbor, The Island in Sterling Heights and has participated in open-mic nights.

"Sometimes if I'm really overwhelmed I'll do it just to clear my head," Balk said.

Some of his favorite songs to play are "Fire and Rain" by James Taylor, "Elenore" by The Turtles and "Runaround Sue" originally Dion.



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Caleb Balk skateboards at the corner between Elliot and Varner Hall.

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# Mouthing Off

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## THE WAR ON HALLOWEEN



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Managing Editor Brian Johnston doing some early trick-or-treating and spreading holiday cheer.

**Brian Johnston**  
Managing Editor

**N**ow just where are you going with that costume on, young'un? Don't you know there's a war on?

That's right. While Bill O'Reilly gets all chapped every year about the "war on Christmas," nobody ever mentions the war on Halloween.

Well, I'm about to, because I'm sick of it.

Halloween used to be awesome for kids. The entire neighborhood would be decorated. A young Brian and his brother would spend weeks putting together costumes, all for one glorious night of free candy and masquerading.

Neighbors would jump out from behind bushes and scare us, and we'd come home with enough sugar to make a dentist weep.

Don't get me wrong. There's still a Halloween, Virginia. It's just been dulled by anti-Halloween jerks.

I remember putting together the perfect Casey Jones costume, only for 99 percent of adults to think I was Jason Voorhees. After getting loads of candy in my bag, my mother drove my brother and I to the police station to have a metal detector waved over our candy bags.

They would take anything wrapped in a foil wrapper. My precious peanut butter cups and a few candy bars were gone with one swipe of an officer's hand.

Why did my candy have to go into a bin? Because the metal detector can't tell the difference between aluminum foil and a razor blade, said the nice man with the badge.

There have always been rumors of "Halloween Sadism," the polite term for kids receiving tampered treats,

where some anti-fun busybodies would always spread the message. "Your kid is going to get razors in his apples, or candy injected with LSD."

Some people spread these rumors because they believe they're saving kids' souls from "The Devil's Holiday."

They should look elsewhere in their books to see that part about not bearing false witness. I'm pretty sure that's pretty high up on a list with nine other things you shouldn't do.

Let me set the record straight. Actually, let's let Joel Best set the record straight. He's a professor of sociology and criminal justice at the University of Delaware, and he's the authority on "Halloween sadism."

To date, there have been zero substantiated cases of kids receiving tampered treats from strangers on Halloween. There have been a few reported cases, Best said, but further investigation showed every single one of the kids were injured in some other way. Halloween just happened to take the rap.

You have a bigger chance of being in a head-on airplane collision, getting hit by lightning on your way down, landing in a shark's mouth, and then having that shark get hit by a second bolt of lightning – all while holding a winning Lotto ticket (my apologies if this is how any of your friends or relatives died).

Halloween is full of playful scares, not too many real ones. The nephews, nieces, siblings and all other children in your life are safe. Don't let a few rotten caramel apples spoil the entire bag of candy.

So put those costumes on your little dudes and dudettes. The candy might only last a week, but the memories will last a lifetime. You wouldn't rob kids of some all-American fun, would you?

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