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Biological Studies professor for over 40 years Barry Winkler will be retiring in August. Read about his last formal lecture at our website.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

CHALK WARS // A campus duo known as the Pokechalkers drew pictures of Pokémon outside the Oakland Center. Student Erin Russell shined when she decided to try drawing her own Pokémon character.

Tweet us your photos @theoaklandpost for your chance to be featured as next week's photo of the week.

BRYAN EVERSON/ *The Oakland Post*



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POLL OF THE WEEK

Will you be voting in next week's Oakland University Student Congress elections?

- A** Yes, I am voting for Wolf/Williford
- B** Yes, I am voting for Sklar/Chen
- C** Yes, but I am undecided
- D** No, I don't care

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

What are your thoughts on the Kony 2012 Invisible Children efforts?

- A** I think they're great — bring him down
10 votes | 21%
- B** It's overrated — Facebook can't change the world
22 votes | 47%
- C** What's Kony? Extra chili please
9 votes | 19%
- D** I don't care
6 votes | 13%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

MARCH 20, 1964

Oakland University talked about an exchange program with the University of Valle in Columbia. The program would allow two students to receive tuition scholarships to attend the University of Valle, while two Colombian students would attend OU.

MARCH 24, 1980

Room and board rates would jump by over \$150 over the summer following a vote by the OU Board of Trustees.

MARCH 22, 2006

Student Congress passed a resolution to educate students on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiatives.



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A Ferndale marketplace provides a place for small business owners and musicians to sell their goods to the community. Products include homemade jewelry, art and clothing.



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Oakland University radio station WXOU steals the title of Radio Station of the Year from Michigan State University's radio station — ending their 11-year winning streak.

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International Night celebrated cultures from all around the world with ethnic foods, dance, music and entertainment. The event pulls together the cultural celebrations that happen all year.

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The Golden Grizzlies men's basketball team defeated Rice in the third-round of the CollegeInsider.com Tournament. This marks the first final four appearance of any Summit League team.

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KRESGE LIBRARY

100

number of student study rooms at Kresge Library

70

staff at Kresge Library

156

hours the library is open per week

765,000

number of printed volumes at Kresge Library

115,000

square feet of Kresge Library

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

Make sure to think carefully before voting casually in OUSC elections

It's that time of the year again. Oakland University Student Congress elections are in progress and on March 26, you will be voting to elect your next student government.

But, why should you care? Because whomever you decide to elect will represent you for the next year and will be in charge of making decisions and working towards the betterment of the university as you know it. Choose wisely.

You wouldn't vote for the president of the U.S. without knowing at least a little bit about each candidate, so why wouldn't you take the time to learn about each of the candidates for student body president?

OUSC represents the student body through various events like Grizz Madnezz and tailgates, through campus initiatives like the Bike Share program, the 24-hour library, hammocks and the readership program, receiving about \$80,000 to do so.

They also have a lot of power.

The president and VP meet regularly with university officials to determine how to address student concerns.

This year, there are only two presidential candidates.

With elections taking place March 26-28, we've tried to learn as much as we can about each ticket.

Though you'll find more

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information in this week's center spread, we've decided to give you a little rundown:

Wolf/Williford ticket

Samantha Wolf and Robbie Williford are both current OUSC members.

Wolf, a sophomore dual-majoring in international relations and communication, currently serves as the legislative affairs director for OUSC. She has helped plan many events, including this week's Woman's Symposium.

Williford, a junior majoring in English, is the residence hall association president and a member of OUSC legislature.

Their initiatives include plans to lobby the administration to reduce tuition, building a better Bike Share program, alternatives for parking, installing a Scantron machine in the library, pushing to get more professors to utilize Moodle and converting the university into a 24-hour campus.

Skylar/Chen ticket

While James Skylar and Thomas Chen don't have as much OUSC experience as Wolf/Williford, they still have many plans.

Skylar, a sophomore majoring in political science, currently serves as an OUSC legislator and as treasurer for Sigma Pi and Oakland's Interfraternity Council.

Chen, a sophomore majoring in biomedical diagnostic and therapeutic science, is a student in the Honor's College and founded the Anatomical Society of OU. He's also a member of the Pre-Med Society, Neurology Club and Biomedical Science Society.

Their platform includes providing support to campus athletic programs, improving Greek life, bringing back the free Scantron program, renovating the residence hall basketball and volleyball courts, bringing in the support of local businesses and putting a Grizz Express in Vandenberg Hall.

While The Oakland Post has decided not to endorse any specific candidate, we do encourage you to ask them any questions you may have.

Now's your chance to make your voice heard, so make sure to speak loudly.

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EDITORIAL

The problem with Paul, a warning to students

Republican presidential nominee should not be endorsed by students

Last month, a sizable group of Michigan State University students did something remarkable.

Four thousand college kids, millennials living in the age of apathy, dragged themselves across campus and piled into their school's auditorium. No, not for a concert and no, not for a basketball game, but to sit and listen to a 76-year-old Texan congressman talk politics.

With the general election season slowly but steadily taking form, Ron Paul appears to have wooed the young vote.

In the same way that Obama's 2008 effort grabbed hold of this demographic, the Paul campaign has gained vocal and ardent young supporters, especially online via social networks (Take a look at comment sections of politically-oriented YouTube videos or CNN articles and you're bound to find somewhere in all caps, whether relevant to the conversation or not, "RON PAUL 2012!").

The Congressman's libertarian views (his stance against the War on Drugs, his stance against wars of all kinds, his general "undermy-watch-the-government-won't-get-into-any-of-your-business" rhetoric) seem to resonate with many young adults, even a large number of college liberals. And while on the surface Paul's platform may seem like a dream ticket for a young voter, many should take a second look at the man's ideals.

Our generation grew up hearing horror stories of atrocities committed by a federal government out of control.

Bush's executive powers



MIKE ESPEJO
guest columnist

lent us two gruesome wars and a wake of messes the current administration is still attempting to reverse.

So for many young adults, to hear the word "government" is to see images of wire-tapping NSA agents

listening in on their phone calls and reading their emails.

According to Paul and his supporters, the federal government, in nearly all forms, is responsible for restricting and infringing upon your rights as a citizen.

But here's where the trouble begins.

While Paul vows to do away with all those scary things the government can do, he has vowed to severely slash funding to and completely abolish many governmental programs and agencies we should not be afraid of. This is what I mean:

■ Those who care about our environment have no business voting for Paul, who plans on abolishing the Environmental Protection Agency, allowing corporations to pollute themselves when it comes to pollution and emissions.

■ Young Americans who benefit from the Affordable Care Act would most likely kiss their health insurance goodbye, as Paul is a staunch enemy of "Obamacare" insurance companies would be free to exploit their customers, erasing all the advancements this last administration has made.

■ Future teachers take note: Ron Paul is anti-union.

■ Women and men who take interest in protecting women's rights ought not vote for Paul, who would likely lead an effort to repeal Roe v. Wade and pave way for a future of governmental

violations of a female's rights. A twisted irony coming from a candidate with such strong libertarian leanings.

But what should baffle us most about the Ron Paul craze (and the new philosophy of the Republican Party, for that matter) is how a candidate can be so anti-federal government when the job he's applying for is exactly that — running the federal government.

The office he's asking you to vote him into, he wishes to make obsolete.

It is this writer's opinion that a strong society needs taxation and a responsible government to fund programs and services.

Highways, parks and energy all come from — you guessed it — the government.

In the same sense, we certainly do need to keep a close eye on all branches and levels of government as these powers can often be abused. But deregulation and cuts in funding to our most important federal programs is certainly not the answer.

The chances of Paul making it to the general election and grabbing the nomination are slim to none.

His strong group of supporters really stands no chance against the powerhouses of Romney and now Santorum who lead polls in every state.

But even if you still vote for him — despite the numbers and the politics (over 100,000 Michiganders voted for Paul last month) — please try and think beyond voting for an icon.

Just because Ron Paul stands out among the normal selection of politicians and is an outspoken voice in Washington, doesn't necessarily mean that his policies will benefit you or your fellow Americans.

Join the conversation on Twitter: #studentsvspaul

EDITORIAL

Alumni goes to UN for women's conference

The Commission on the Status of Women is a part of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The main goal of the CSW is to work in global policy decisions pertaining to gender equality and the advancement of women.

This year, the CSW met for the 56th session at the UN Headquarters in New York City.

Each year, the conference takes on a different theme pertaining to the rights of women.

This year, the conference focused on the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges.

One of the key issues debated at the conference was sexual and reproductive rights of women.

Although abortion is a highly sensitive topic, it is one that was discussed heavily at the conference.

I attended this conference as an intern with C-FAM, the Catholic Family Human Rights Institute, a pro-life, pro-family non-governmental organization.

During the conference, I worked with 10 other interns from the U.S., Austria, Mexico and Argentina in attending parallel events regarding rural women as well as writing about our experiences on a blog for the International Youth Coalition.

A remarkable moment at the conference for me was the viewing of a documentary on human trafficking entitled, "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls," which was an emotional and powerful documentary on the horrors of the biggest criminal industry in the world. It shows how widespread human trafficking is and how impactful it is to those who partook in acts of sexual trafficking. Relevantly, the upcoming Women's Symposium at Oakland University will feature a special discussion on human trafficking.

The recent mandate by the Obama administration for religious institutions to provide contraceptives and other forms of birth control to its employees has been a highly debated topic in recent news.

Personally, I believe the right to life is the most fundamental rights that must be protected.

Women deserve better than abortion and children like women also deserve rights. At the UN conference, I got a sense of not only how bureaucratic the UN is, but also how gender was such an important concept and phrase which was used in most literature I came across.

Women's rights and abortion were simultaneously used throughout various talks I attended, however, China's one child policy is an example of how abortion is more harm than good.

A lecture I attended by Dr. Susan Yoshihara, senior vice president for research and director of the International Organizations Research Group, talked about how the whole idea of population control in China and sex-selective abortion.

The CSW conference gave me a better understanding of how human rights are enforced and enacted at the international level, it also alerted me to the importance of standing up for the unborn, for they also an important part the future of society.



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Human trafficking on the rise



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Ryan King, co-founder of The Justice Project, explains the state of human trafficking in the world. King said human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world.

Activists visit OU, discuss state of modern slavery in the world

Jordan Gonzalez
Assistant Campus Editor

They inhabit the facade of suburban neighborhoods and they fill the void between the walls, where they eat, drink and sleep. Some are servants, some are soldiers and some work behind closed doors. Toys are replaced with guns, families are replaced with masters and bodies with money.

From slums to suburban neighborhoods, they are there, inhabiting every continent.

Modern day slaves

The topic of modern day slavery has made its way to Oakland University through two events on campus, "Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery," sponsored by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, and "Not For Sale 2," hosted by the OU Student Congress.

Human trafficking is defined by most governments as the industrialization, recruitment, transportation, harboring and receipt of persons for the purpose of exploitation. They can be child soldiers, servants, prostitutes or anyone who is forced to do any type of work.

Global numbers growing

Statistics from UNICEF, the U.N. and the U.S. government show human trafficking is increasing yearly. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said it is the second largest criminal industry in the world, after

the drug industry, and the fastest growing criminal industry.

The U.S. Department of State's annual Trafficking in Persons Report in 2011 estimated the number of trafficked victims to be around 27 million.

Half of that number is children, according to the U.N.'s 2012 State of the World's Children report.

Ryan King is an activist and co-founder of The Justice Project, a non-profit organization based in Western Europe that works against human trafficking. He spoke at the Modern Day Slavery event at OU on March 8. He said the severity of the problem can be judged based off the few statistics that can be obtained.

"When we started the organization in 2006, the figures estimated 4 million children under the age of 14 globally in human trafficking," King said. "You come now, five years later, and that number is at 13 million and growing ... and we aren't even talking about the whole number, just children."

A difficult crime to track

The growth of human trafficking is because it is unique among organized crime, King said.

"(Human trafficking) is unique in the sense that it is one of the only non-centralized criminal issues. There is no way to say it is a problem in Asia it is everywhere," King said.

Of the estimated 27 million victims, the U.N. reports 80 percent to be victims of the sex trade. King said the sex trade is prevalent because it is the basis of the industrialization side of human trafficking.

"Like it or not, capitalism makes the world go, everybody is out to make a buck. In (the sex trade), it has become a

very defined industry," King said. "One girl can make a trafficker \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year."

The process of becoming a victim varies, said King, from outright kidnapping to deceit. The victims are told about a job and hired, but when they arrive at the job they are kidnapped. In order to convince them to become prostitutes, the traffickers often threaten to kill their families.

For those who still refuse, King said traffickers will break them in by starting them off as strippers because it is easier for them to accept right away. Once they accustom them to that lifestyle, they will keep pushing their limits.

"If you can start them at a much less moral balance, then it is a lot easier of a transition (into prostitution)," he said.

King explained several steps to identify businesses or buildings that potentially traffic or house victims.

Massage parlors and strip clubs are major fronts to prostitution rings, but any business or even suburban area can house such activities. Red flags can be security cameras outside, extra locks, tinted windows and excess amounts of people going in and out.

A life-long healing process

A victim may be rescued, but the process of healing is just beginning.

Dr. Scott Pickett, professor of clinical psychology and a licensed clinical psychologist, said the psychological effects of a trafficked victim, whether it be sexual, violent or both, can be prolonged.

"Somebody who has experienced sexual assault is at increased risk for development of post-traumatic stress disorder," he said. "After they have left

the situation, they still have to potentially attempt to deal with those experiences for, I would say, probably a lifetime."

Pickett said most people are disturbed after just one traumatic incident, and if there are multiple experiences, which is the case with child soldiers and sexual victims, the chance of PTSD is multiplied.

"Once you reach that level of having diagnosable PTSD, that is, in my book, pretty severe," he said.

Though the numbers, facts and realities seem daunting, King said the only way there will ever be any hope is when people take a stand and get involved.

"We are all responsible to act on our convictions," King said. "When we do not, it makes who we are a lie, and every little compromise in our standards only makes the world a more ethereal place and our personal existence less valuable. It is better to say I do not know how or be honest that you do not want to (help) than to try and lie to yourself and God."

The 2012 Oakland Symposium will feature Pulitzer Prize winning author Sheryl WuDunn and Director of human trafficking clinic at the University of Michigan Bridgett Carr; both who will speak at "Not for Sale II," a workshop that will discuss modern state of human trafficking.

For more information on human trafficking, how to help and The Justice Project, visit www.thejusticeproject.wordpress.com

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Fighting for higher education

Global movement of religious persecution to petition Iranian gov't

By Nichole Seguin
Editor-in-Chief

Imagine being denied the right to attend college because of your faith or your personal convictions.

In Iran, this is a reality for individuals who practice the Bahá'í religion.

Spurned from the system, many of these students have sought learning in the Bahá'í Institute of Higher Education, an underground university that has been operating since 1987.

Effective immediately, Oakland University will accept credits, on a case-by-case basis, from the BIHE.

"OU is among the ranks of Harvard and Stanford," said Adina Schneeweis, an assistant professor of journalism who has organized an Education Under Fire informational event scheduled at 3 p.m. Thursday, to publicize the plight of Bahá'ís in Iran. "I feel like this event is already a success."

It was also Schneeweis who asked OU administrators to consider accepting the BIHE credit.

Currently, more than 65 universities around the world accept BIHE credit.

At OU, students are also required to petition for possible credits on a subject by subject basis, according to Ted Montgomery, director of media relations at OU.

Prospective students will also be required to have their course content and syllabi reviewed by faculty.

Focusing on faith

Founded by Bahá'u'lláh a century and a half ago, Bahá'í is the youngest independent and fastest-growing religion in the world, according to the Bahá'í International Community. It's essential message is that of unity, and has taught that there is only one God, one human race and that all the world's religions represent stages in the revelation of God's will and purpose for humanity.

For more than 30 years, the Iranian government has persecuted practitioners of the religion. It has also declared the BIHE illegal.

In May 2011, Iranian authorities attacked the BHIE and detained at least 30 Bahá'ís who were involved with the institution, according to David Hoffman, executive producer of the "Education Under Fire" documentary and campaign.

The campaign is a global movement designed to encourage awareness about the religious persecution and urge citizens to petition the Iranian government to cease the oppression.

"Under the current regime, the persecution of the Bahá'ís has really been systematic and state mandated," Hoffman said. "When the attack happened last May, it just really struck me as an extraordinary situation to have an entire population of a country ... to have been denied

this religious right for almost 30 years."

Making it local

Schneeweis said there are currently only two people who practice the Bahá'í religion at OU — one student and herself.

However, she says there's a significant Bahá'í community around Oakland County.

Schneeweis organized the Thursday EUF event, which will feature the campaign's 30-minute documentary and a panel discussion on the universal right to education.

Though she said she's never faced discrimination, Schneeweis said she has faced personal rejection and misjudgment.

"We've have to dispel stereotypes," she said. "Sometimes I felt treated as an outsider, but I would never describe it as discrimination. Not in comparison to the Bahá'ís in Iran."

Education Under Fire

Hoffman, who is also Bahá'í, created the EUF documentary after he watched many individuals get persecuted for their beliefs.

"We're really pleased to see how extraordinary the collaborations have been with universities like yours, with deans and department heads and others that have taken place throughout the U.S. and Canada," he said. "We're really heartened by the response we've had."

Geoffrey Tyson, the general manager for the "Education Under Fire" campaign said he feels fortunate that OU has begun accepting BIHE credits. He said

students need more help, too.

"That's just one action," Tyson said. "We're in conversation with one university that wants to offer scholarships, and others that want to do other elements, which are just as needed and as profound as recognizing the transcripts."

The campaign is currently collecting petition signatures, with a goal to obtain 25,000 by the one-year anniversary of the raid against BHIE in May, to send to Iranian officials.

Though Hoffman said the signatures are behind pace currently, he's more interested in seeing the campaign conversations continue.

For more information on the campaign and to sign the petition, visit www.educationunderfire.org

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MORE INFO

WHAT "Education Under Fire," a documentary and panel discussion

WHEN March 22 from 3 until 4:30 p.m.

WHERE Gold Room C in the Oakland Center

ON THE WEB www.educationunderfire.org

POLICE FILES

Counterfeit money used at Pioneer Food Court

On March 6, OUPD was dispatched to the Oakland Center to meet with a representative from Chartwells. The representative stated that \$10 in counterfeit money was used in the Pioneer Food Court. The female suspect was not on scene when police arrived, but had made contact with the representative prior to OUPD's arrival. The suspect told the Chartwells representative that the money was given to her as change from a Panera Bread located on Hall Road. The representative provided police with the name of the suspect and gave police the counterfeit money. Police kept the counterfeit money as evidence.

Student's vehicle damaged while parked

On March 14, a female victim reported to OUPD that her vehicle had been damaged. The victim stated that she had parked her vehicle in parking lot 37 at noon. Upon returning to her vehicle at approximately 1:07 p.m., she noticed that an unknown suspect had scratched the hood of her vehicle. The victim told police that she has no idea who might have damaged her vehicle.

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THE WOMEN BEHIND OU

By Stephanie Preweda
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To suggest someone to be featured in our Women's Series, email campus@oaklandpostonline.com

NANCY SCMITZ

Assistant vice president for Student Affairs, Nancy Scmitz has been at OU for 28 years.

Scmitz is known as a problem solver and tries to help resolve differences and create a positive atmosphere.

She is currently working on the development of the First Year Academic Affairs, a collabora-



Assistant vice president for Student Affairs

tive initiative with both Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. It is a shift in how freshman are advised.

This helps advise freshman to stay on track to graduation and get them more involved on campus to help the retention rate.

"A career is something that brings you satisfaction," she said. "We work for many years of our lives and through many phases of our lives as such. It's important for your life's work to be something that resonates with you, your values and your interests."

JUDITH VENUTI

Vice-chair and associate professor of biomedical sciences, Judith Venuti is a newer member at Oakland University. She has been at OU since this past July.

Recently, she was selected as a fellow of the American Association of Anatomists.

Venuti helps



Vice-chair and Associate Professor of Biomedical Science

the faculty in her department understand and get started on medical education research.

She is part of a peer mentoring group that meets to talk about ideas for innovated teacher and research in the medical education field.

Currently, she is discipline director of embryology for M1 and M2 year medical school classes. She also helps with histology and gross anatomy.

"Always be open to learning new things, life is your experiment and only you can do the research," Venuti said.

Satellite campus expansion shortens trip for commuters

Anton-Franklin Center to offer over 85 classes next Fall

Chris Lauritsen
Senior Reporter

Crafted out of an office building in downtown Mount Clemens, Oakland University's Anton/Frankel Center is growing and growing fast, according to the director of enrollment and community outreach Julie Trube.

Betty Youngblood, associate vice president for outreach and executive director for OU-Macomb, said the center serves as a gateway to the main OU campus and provides students in Macomb the opportunity to go to OU.

The Anton/Frankel Center

first opened in August 2011 and offered 35 classes in various areas of study.

The 25,000 square foot, two-story building drew about 400 students in both fall and winter semesters this year, but according to Trube and Youngblood, it could accommodate up to 1,000 students if needed.

Trube said one benefit of a small campus is that the furthest parking spot is about 400 steps from the building.

Big expansion of classes

The campus will offer 85 to 90 classes next fall, said Youngblood. Many of these classes will be in areas that the center currently doesn't offer, including philosophy, foreign language and film studies.

According to Trube, there is an approval pending for the Anton/Frankel Center to be able to

offer a criminal justice program.

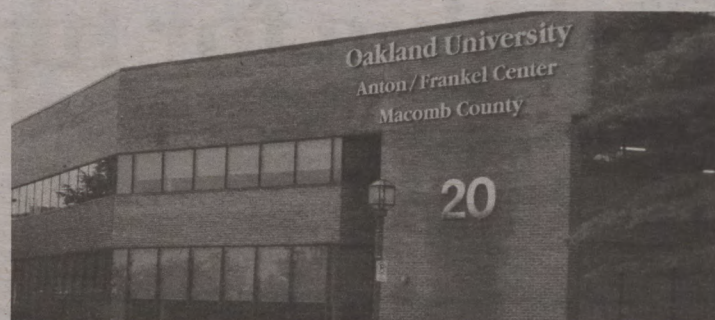
The center is a short walk away from the Macomb County Court House and both Trube and Youngblood feel this would give criminal justice students a great opportunity to learn and obtain internships.

While the center may not offer the same variety of general education classes found at OU's main campus, Trube and Youngblood explained the center offers at least one course in each of the general education categories.

All of the full-time faculty that teach classes at the Anton/Frankel Center are from OU's main campus and several of the classes have been taught by OU department heads.

"OU is conscious of how they grow," Youngblood said.

He added that they strive to ensure that the environment



MEGAN SEMERAZ/The Oakland Post

The Anton-Frankel center is located in downtown Mt. Clemens.

at the center is on par with the main campus of OU.

New technology, growth

Trube and Youngblood said the classrooms that do not have teacher stations equipped with the latest technology, but will be getting them soon.

The average classroom at the center seats around 32 students, but there are rooms that can hold up to 56 students.

Youngblood and Trube both indicated that the center is growing and changing rapidly.

"It is exciting to be a part of," Youngblood said, referring to

the center's growth.

"People in Macomb say that they don't have their own university and I tell them that they do, it is just called Oakland."

Over the coming weeks, Trube said the center will be holding an open house in hopes of attracting more students.

For more information on the Anton/Frankel Center visit www.oakland.edu/afc

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Now hiring: Editor-in-Chief

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Editor-in-Chief for the fall 2012 and winter 2013 semesters. Applications are due Friday, March 23.

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Applicants should possess superior oral and written communication skills, a working knowledge of news media and have a solid command of digital technologies. Proficiency in Adobe publication software and Wordpress is required.

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Compensation includes weekly salary and a tuition stipend. Applicants need not be journalism majors, but prior experience in a newsroom is preferable.

Applicants should send a digital portfolio including a cover letter, resume and work samples to Holly Shreve Gilbert, shreve@oakland.edu



Cultures unite on campus grounds

'International Night' displays cultural roots

By Chelsea Bistue
Photo Editor

The International Students and Scholars office hosted "International Night," on March 16.

This annual event sums up all other events that go on throughout the year.

"We all get caught up in this busy society," Petra Knoche, assistant director of international students and scholars office, said. "We are exposing another side of the world to the students and staff — showing them the bigger picture."

Each culture featured a display which showed specific points of their location and traditions.

The displays were equipped

with food to match the culture.

In three hours, attendees were able to explore a number of different cultures, while enjoying music courtesy of WXOU and performances that showcased talents.

Aaron Segel, a senior majoring in cinema studies, said the Goggin-Carroll School of Irish Dance did a good job at representing the culture.

"I was amazed when they went 'a cappella. The music stopped and it made everyone realize how in unison they had to be,'" he said.

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PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE WORLD Held in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center, International Night was filled with cultures from about the world. Bringing together a night of food, dance and cultural routines to express their cultural roots, each culture featured displays of traditions and significant points of their location.

2012 OUSC ELECTIONS

By Kevin Graham

Photos taken by Lex Lee

Design by Rifath Hoque



Sklar / Chen

Major campaign platform points:

- Return of free Scantron program
- Adding a Grizz Express in Vandenberg Hall
- Fixing and replacing basketball and volleyball courts in the student residence areas
- Partnerships with local businesses to hold events with the intent of keeping commuters on campus

Briefly describe your platform:

Sklar: One of our big things is (to) bring back the Scantron program that OUSC used to offer. That's a program that reaches out to all students. We want to bring local businesses from around the area in to help sponsor events. We (would) like to address the parking issue as well. This campus is beautiful and when you see students parking up in P1 in the grass ... it's kind of sad.

What are your hobbies?

Sklar: I love watching and playing sports. Basketball, football and hockey are my favorite. My favorite teams are the Lions, Tigers and Red Wings.

What do you see as the role of OUSC? What is one thing you would change about the current setup?

Chen: (My goal) is to be the bridge between the students and the administration. I would make (communication) much easier for students to let their opinions be known. I would also let the rest of the students criticize and mold the proposals so that the Student Congress has a more defined idea to work with.

What's your guilty pleasure?

Chen: My guilty pleasure is the TV show "The Walking Dead." If there were ever a zombie apocalypse, I'd be the guy to follow around and watch destroy zombies.

James Sklar

Running for: President

Major: Political science

Class Rank: Sophomore

Campus Involvement: OUSC legislator, Sigma Pi fraternity treasurer, social chair and special events chair

Tommy Chen

Running for: Vice President

Major: Biomedical diagnostic and therapeutic sciences

Class Rank: Sophomore

Campus Involvement: President, Anatomical Society of OU; Biomedical Science Society; Neurology Club; Pre-Med Society, honors college

OU Student Congress elections are being held March 26-28. Need some help figuring out who you're voting for? We've got you covered.

Students can vote for elections online at www.oakland.edu/voteou
Winners will be announced on Friday, March 30 at noon in Pioneer Food Court

Major campaign platform points:

- Communicate with administration in an effort to curb tuition
- Continue the dialogue on parking issues
- Get a Scantron machine in the 24-hour library
- Work with student organizations to have bigger, better events

Briefly describe your platform:

Wolf: With administration, we want to continue talks about parking and tuition. Parking has been an issue and will only become worse with the growth of Oakland University. Tuition last year (was) raised 7.1 percent and we do not want to see this happen again, so we would like to work with (the) administration closer. We want to collaborate with more student organizations on campus to have bigger and better events. With more events, there will be a reason for students to stay on campus at night, as well as weekends.

What's one thing the world doesn't know about you?

Wolf: I love reading. I love to grab a good book or newspaper, lay in the hammocks with a Cafe O'Bears smoothie all day. My favorite reads are memoirs or the political section of the newspaper.

What do you see as the role of OUSC? What is one thing you would change about the current setup?

Williford: Overall, the Student Congress is in place to better the student's experience through diverse initiatives, events and programs. It's the link between the students and administration and it provides that link to communicating and working as a team to promote a better "Oakland Experience." I would revamp the levels of communication within the organization- specifically between the legislators and the executive board. The two need to work more as a unit and they both need to be on the same page. Increasing the communication would help promote unity.

What's your guilty pleasure?

Williford: Spoken-word poetry. I can't get enough of it.



Samantha Wolf

Running for: President

Majors: International relations, communication

Class Rank: Sophomore

Campus Involvement: OUSC legislative affairs director, Residence Halls Association, OU recreation Center lifeguard, OGL, Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Meadow Brook Ball Committee head of donations

Robbie Williford

Running for: Vice President

Major: English

Class Rank: Junior

Campus Involvement: President, Residence Halls Association; National Residence Halls Honorary; Student Life Lecture Board; Housing Building Proposal Committee; OUSC ex officio member

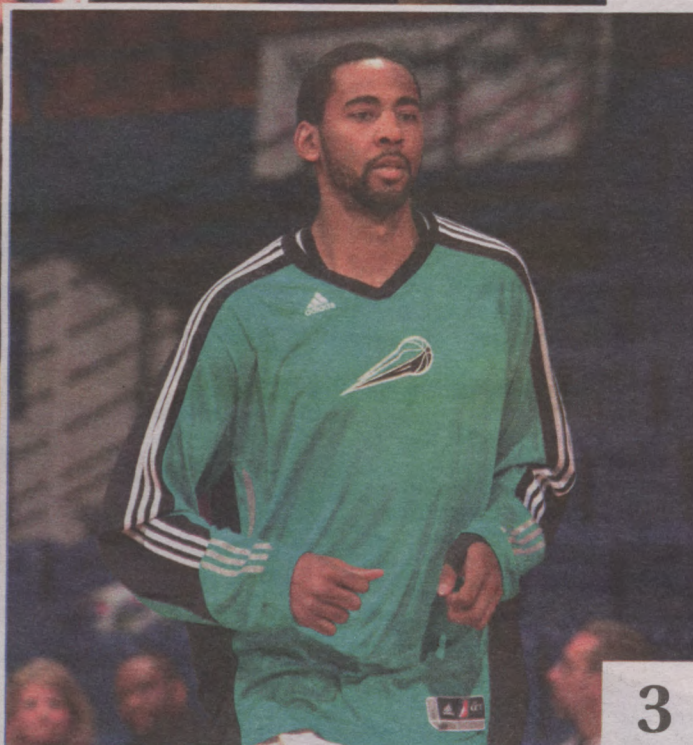
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1. After getting drafted by the Atlanta Hawks with the 44th pick overall in the 2011 NBA Draft, Keith Benson was waived on Dec. 23, 2011. He was picked first by the Sioux Falls Skyforce on the waiver wire.

Photo courtesy of the Sioux Falls Skyforce

2. During his tenure at Oakland University, Kito posted a school record 49 double-doubles. He is also the two-time Summit League Player of the Year (2010, 2011); Summit League Defensive POY for 2011. Kito was also ranked as the nation's No. 5 Center according to Rivals.com
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3. In his 18 games played with the Skyforce, Benson has averaged 15.1 points and 7.7 rebounds. He also recorded six double-doubles.
Photo courtesy of the Sioux Falls Skyforce

CATCHING UP WITH KITO

Former Oakland center, Keith Benson, looks to standout in the D-League

By Timothy Pontzer
Senior Reporter

On a cold March evening in South Dakota, Keith Benson heads to the Sioux Falls Arena to play on the same court where he earned two consecutive conference titles. Only tonight, he is not wearing the familiar black and gold uniform of

the Golden Grizzlies. Instead, 'Kito' dons the bright teal jersey of the Sioux Falls Skyforce.

The Skyforce might not ring a bell with Oakland fans because they are one of the teams in the NBA Development League, a sort of "farm system" for the NBA.

The team is the D-League affiliate of the Miami Heat, Minnesota Timberwolves and

Orlando Magic.

The team consists of players looking to establish themselves and earn call-up to the NBA.

Benson believes his chance in the NBA will come soon, drawing confidence from his experience in college.

"At Oakland, I worked my way up and had to start from the bottom, so I'm just going to use it all as motivation," Benson said. "I'm really confident about my chances to show people what I can."

Until that chance comes, Benson looks to prove himself in the D-League and make the adjustments necessary to play at a higher level.

"For me, the only adjustment has been that I got more

playing time at the college level," Benson said. "Here, you just have to take advantage of whatever minutes you (get)."

Benson has made the most of his minutes, averaging 15.1 points and 7.7 rebounds in 18 games. During that time, he has notched six double-doubles and posted a season-high 27 points against the Erie Bay Hawks.

During his tenure with Skyforce, Benson has only seen the team win six out of a possible 18 games and is currently near the bottom of the D-League standings with a record of 13-29.

"I love to win, so it is just kind of disappointing," Benson said. "I'm trying my best to be a part of the rebuilding

process."

Coach Morris McHone has been impressed with Benson's play despite the failures of the team.

"Every time Keith catches it, there's probably six hands in there on the ball," McHone said. "He's learning how to play in one of the toughest leagues you will have to play in as a big man."

Regardless of the team's record, McHone sees Kito wearing an NBA jersey someday.

"He's got good soft hands, a really good shot, and he can play the high post extremely well," McHone said. "I definitely think e has the potential to move up to the next level, there's no question."

Cooking up some Rice

Oakland advances to final four of the CIT

By Kevin Romanchik
Sports Editor

For the fans that travelled from Texas to witness Rice take on the Oakland Golden Grizzlies, it might be a long drive home.

The Grizzlies threw it on thick early, taking out the Owls 77-70 in the third round of the **CollegeInsider.com** tournament to advance to the Summit League's first post-season final-four appearance.

"I'm as happy as you can be," Greg Kampe, head coach, said. "I told them (in the locker room), we made it to a final four. It's not the big dance, it may be a little dance. But I don't care if it's the old folks home's dance ... no team in our league has (made it to the final four) before."

Senior guard Reggie Hamilton finished with 30 points and was



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Reggie Hamilton finished with 30 points, which was his 10th-straight game with 29 points or more. Hamilton was also perfect from the free-throw line.

a perfect 14-for-14 from the free-throw line. This was his 10th-straight game of 29 points or more.

Freshman center Corey Petros was tied for second in scoring with 16 points and seven rebounds.

He credited the rest of the team's awareness for getting him involved.

"It all starts from the guards

with them looking for me," Petros said. "They did a great job looking for me down low."

Junior forward Drew Valentine had 13 point and seven rebounds. Ryan Bass added 10 points and four steals.

After Petros put Oakland on the board with the opening possession, the Grizzlies didn't take their foot off the gas for the rest of the first half.

For the first three minutes, Oakland was 4-of-5 from the field, a different look considering the slow starts of the team in the earlier opening rounds of the CIT.

Aided by a 10-2 run within the first 10 minutes and a 12-0 run with 3:25 minutes left in the first half, Oakland's offense was nothing but efficient with shooting 56.7 percent from the FG.

The Grizzlies sent Rice into halftime with an 18 point deficit.

"Our first half was flawless," Kampe said. "It was textbook Oakland basketball against a (good) Conference-USA school."

Even with the hot shooting of the first half, Oakland didn't start the second half quite the same.

The Grizzlies opened the half shooting 2-of-9 from the field and let Rice take advantage by letting them go on a 10-1 run. Oakland failed to hit 10 three pointers for the first time in seven games, going just 4-of-18 from outside the arc.

Rice was able to cut the OU

lead to as little as three, but Oakland never let them take fully take over.

"We were getting great looks at the basket, we just couldn't knock them down tonight," Hamilton said. "Like Coach (Kampe) said, 'sometimes that's going to happen.' Fortunately we still pulled out the win even with us not making shots."

The Grizzlies ended a 17-straight winning streak for Rice when they outrebound their opponent.

Even though this is the first meeting between Rice and OU, the Owls have a 4-3 against the current Summit League membership.

Their last matchup was against the departing Oral Roberts in the Las Vegas Invitational in December 2010.

The Grizzlies will face the winner of the Utah State and Loyola Marymount game on Wednesday March 21.

"This a special season," Kampe said. "I can't tell you how proud I am of this team."

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Compiled by Timothy Pontzer,
Senior Reporter

Late rally leads OU softball to first league victory



Galloway

The Oakland softball team (2-14, 1-5 Summit League) scored six runs in the final inning to notch their first league win, beating IPFW 7-3 in Fort Wayne, Ind. on Saturday March 17.

The Golden Grizzlies entered the seventh inning trailing IPFW 3-1.

With one out, Oakland loaded the bases to start the rally.

Freshman Morgan Muron began the comeback with an RBI single. Junior Erin Galloway followed with a double that pushed two

more runs across the plate.

Galloway's hit proved to be the game-winner, but the Grizzlies added insurance with three more runs.

Galloway had two hits and three RBIs on the day to lead the Oakland campaign.

Fellow junior Abbie Richardson picked up her first victory of the season, pitching 2.2 innings in relief while giving up only hit and recording a strikeout.

Oakland hopes to carry its momentum with a matchup with rival Detroit on March 21.

The Golden Grizzlies face the Titans in a doubleheader at Buysee Ballpark starting at 2 p.m.

Baseball team out hits Dayton but loses second straight game



Cieslak

The Oakland baseball team (3-12) fell just short to the Dayton Flyers on Sunday, 8-7. The Golden Grizzlies managed to rally from a 5-1 deficit at one point, but ultimately fell in the late innings.

OU out hit Dayton 11-10 being led by the performance of senior Aaron Cieslak, who went 3-3 with a home run.

Despite the barrage of hits, Oakland stranded nine base runners.

Sophomore Jason Hager took the loss for the Golden Grizzlies in relief. Hager notched four strikeouts in 3.1 innings. Oakland went 1-3 for the weekend, splitting two games against Canisius and dropping both matches against Dayton.

Oakland continues their season with a game at Toledo on March 21 at 3 p.m.

Coriasso leads men's golf in Louisiana competition

The Oakland men's golf team is currently competing in the Carter Plantation Intercollegiate Invitational, being hosted by Southeastern Louisiana.

Senior Michael Coriasso shot a 151 (+7 for the course) through two rounds to place 16th in the competition.

Coriasso shot an impressive second round 73 (+1) to finish out the first day of play.

Junior Nick Cunningham matched Coriasso's second round performance with an identical 73.

After concluding this event on the morning of March 21, the men continue their season with an event in Bloomington, Ind. on April 4.



Coriasso

Conference and local teams earn first team honors

On March 14, senior guard Reggie Hamilton was named to the 2012 National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I All-District 12 first team.

Hamilton broke numerous school and conference offensive records this season.

The senior went over 2,000 career points this season while running the point for Oakland's high octane offense.

Three other Summit League players made the NABC All-District 12 first team, including Dominique Morrison from Oral Roberts,

Alex Young of IUPUI and South Dakota State's Nate Wolters.

Detroit's Ray McCallum, although not a Summit League member, was also named to the first team. McCallum led the Titans to their first NCAA tournament since 1999. They lost to the No.1 seed Kansas on Saturday, 60-55.

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Local

Rust Belt market showcases crafters

Market sells handmade goods in community atmosphere

By Sarah Hunton
Senior Reporter

Similar to online marketplace **etsy.com**, the Rust Belt Market, located at 9 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue in Ferndale, is a place for creative small business owners to come and present their goods to the community. However, unlike Etsy, there are no shipping charges.

Unique vendors and goods

Vendors at the Rust Belt sell a variety of items. Products include, but are not limited to, works of visual art, jewelry, clothing, food and handmade soaps.

Dawn Nelson sells handmade jewelry, hats, dolls and art canvases at the market. She can't remember a time when she wasn't creating jewelry.

As a child, Nelson would repair and untangle her grandmother's jewelry while her adult family members would play Monopoly. She remembers making the jewelry with whatever she could find, which was frequently safety pins, floss and seed beads.

Not all vendors at the market have been crafting, in this sense at least, their whole lives.

Gary Holdwick began creating birdhouses in April 2000 when he had a serious work accident that almost resulted in the loss of his arm. While rethinking what to do with his life, Holdwick started creating birdhouses out of old tree stumps.

"I came close to cutting my arm off, so it was one of the lose life-threatening, career-altering injuries, so this came out of a need to really sort of reinvent myself," he said.

Holdwick drives 108 miles from Kinde, Mich. every weekend to be a part of the Rust Belt. His works are often one-of-a-kind because he uses materials in his work that are sometimes close to 100-years-old.

Working together for success

Tiffany Best, who founded the market with her husband Chris, enjoys the collective atmosphere in which one person alone cannot make the market successful.

"Everyone has to come together and work for the greater market, essentially, and that's what makes it the Rust Belt," she said.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities, said she frequents the Rust Belt Market for their handcrafted



SARAH HUNTON/The Oakland Post

Dawn Nelson, a vendor at the Rust Belt Market, sells hand-crafted jewelry, hats, dolls and art canvases. Nelson has been making jewelry and crafting goods since she was a child.

goods.

"There are just unique items to look at shop and buy," Miller said. "It really is a unique shopping experience. They have something for everyone at all ages."

According to Chris Best, co-founder of the market, one of the most difficult parts about the day-to-day operation of the market is policing vendors to make ensure quality products.

"Nothing is mass-produced overseas, we can't take that — I hate that," Best said. "I've had to constantly go around and make sure no one's being sneaky and if they have too many offenses I have to ask them to reconsider their participation in the market."

Best also said that he would rather lose the money the vendor brings in than allow someone to sell something of a poor quality.

The market is open exclusively from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Local bands often play on the stage in the middle of the market's floor.



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Rust Belt founder, Chris Best, stands outside the back entrance of the market.

For more information on the market, or to get a line-up of the musicians who will be playing, visit www.rustbeltmarket.com

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Troy restaurant week

From Sunday, March 25 through Friday, March 30, 12 restaurants in Troy will participate in the spring edition of Troy Restaurant Week.

Participating restaurants will offer guests three-course lunch specials for \$15 a person and three-course dinner specials for \$25, \$30 and \$35 a person.

For more information about participating restaurants, featured menus, directions and reservation information, visit www.troyrestaurantweek.com

Old school BMX bike show

The Royal Oak Modern Skate Park will host the 2012 Old School BMX Show from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25.

The event will include a display of various classic bikes as well as sale tables. Beginning at 6 p.m., the park will open up its indoor ramps, riding space and rails to guests for an additional \$14. The event costs \$15 and is open to all ages.

For more information, call 248-546-7275.

Euro garden workshop

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, the Waterford Oaks Greenhouses will host the Euro Garden Workshop. Attendees will be able to learn about horticulture and create an indoor garden plot.

The event costs \$20 per person and an additional \$20 for materials. Registration by Friday, March 23 is required. To register, send an email to greenhouse@oakgov.com

Jewelry trunk show

From 1 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23, Patricia Zabre-ski Venaleck of PZV Glass will bring her entire line of interchangeable pendants to Firebrick Gallery and Pottery Studio in Downtown Rochester.

Venaleck will be available to help customers design their own custom ensembles.

The event is free and there will be light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

For event details visit, www.firebrickgalleryandpotterystudio.com

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Local

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County opens new office in Auburn Hills

New office focuses on teen and young adult counseling

By Natalie Povoski
Staff Intern

With offices in Auburn Hills, Royal Oak, Lake Orion and Waterford, the Catholic Social Services of Oakland County provides a variety of counseling services.

Some of the counseling services provided are focused to treat substance abuse, anxiety, stress, depression and eating disorders, according to the CSSOC's website.

The CSSOC provides counseling services that help treat issues that people of any age struggle with, according to An-

drea Foley.

"Not only do we address the mental health and substance abuse needs of children and adolescents, we see adults through their senior years as well," Foley said.

Andrea Foley has been the Director of Family Counseling Services for two years at the CSSOC. Foley is also an adjunct faculty member at Wayne State University, where she teaches courses on cognitive behavioral therapy at the graduate-level in the School of Social Work.

Among the issues children and teens face, the topic of bullying and cyberbullying is one that Foley finds to be receiving national attention.

"While we are seeing more focus and emphasis on bullying, cyber bullying in particular, nationally, all of our offices

(in Oakland County) have been providing counseling services to these communities' adolescents and children for many years," Foley said.

A behavior that the CSSOC counseling sessions help treat is self-injury. Foley believes that self-injury behaviors are common among adolescents struggling with stressors.

"Self injury is not a healthy way to manage these stressors," Foley said. "Counseling can help kids find alternative ways to deal with their problems."

The CSSOC accepts most insurance coverage and Medicaid HMOs to cover the cost of these sessions. But those who cannot afford treatment have other options, according to Foley.

"There is a grant through Oakland County for Oakland County residents who meet income re-

quirements can access for these services," Foley said.

Counseling sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Auburn Hills location.

An Oakland option

For students of Oakland University and Cooley Law School, the Graham Counseling Center also offers various services, including personal counseling and substance abuse evaluation, treatment and prevention.

These various services are provided by licensed psychologists and supervised interns.

"(The Graham Counseling Center has) two or three usually doctoral level clinical psychology interns that provide services under supervision," Dr. James Franklin said.

Dr. Franklin is a clinical psychologist at the Graham Coun-

seling Center, which is located within the Graham Health Center in OU's campus.

Students of OU and Cooley Law School can receive six free counseling sessions, according to Dr. Franklin. After the first six sessions, these sessions cost \$12 for students and can be covered by student insurance.

According to Franklin, student counseling sessions generally last 45 minutes and meet once a week.

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WXOU: Bringing home the gold

WXOU breaks MSUs Station of the Year Award 11-year winning streak

By Kevin Graham
Staff Reporter

WXOU, Oakland University's student radio station, accepted the Station of the Year award from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters this past week.

The station's victory brings to an end an 11-year run of dominance by IMPACT 89 FM, the college radio station at Michigan State University.

Station General Manager Phil Berard put into perspective what the win means to him.

"Personally, this award means more to me than anything I have accomplished here at Oakland," Berard said. "I may value it over my degree, but only time will tell. It is the culmination of an entire year of hard work and it feels amazing to be validated. WXOU pulled together as a team and we won this award."

What it takes

Submissions, the bulk of which were recorded after May of last year, covered a range of categories including sports, public service announcements, news and promotions.

"As the year has gone on, we're constantly recording our shows and putting together our submissions," said Programming Director Katie Hepfinger. "Every submission was listened to by a committee we assembled so we could analyze it from all angles, and tweak anything necessary."

Pocket went on to commend the hard work of WXOU students.

"(Berard) busted his tail on nearly every game in the 2009-



"In addition to just being a great college radio station, WXOU is, to me, a second home, and frankly a little community of societal microcosm in and of itself."

Luke Phillips, Music Director

10 basketball season, working in the studio," he said. "Chris Nesbitt, who is no longer at WXOU, was a huge part of that year, too. Both of those guys worked a ton of games and I think that's where the work ethic of this staff, under Phil, was really established."

Berard talked about the extra motivation this staff had to win this year courtesy of their rivals at MSU.

In an article in the (Michigan) State News said that their student radio station kept their awards — given in the form of gold records — on the floor.

"It began when we went to the MAB awards in 2011 and had to sit there and watch them take home the Station of the Year Award," Berard said.

"Their demeanor, their smugness, all of it just really left those of us who attended with a bad impression of them. That was when I first decided that we were going to have to win this thing."

Keeping it going

WXOU has 11 executive staff members and around 100 volunteer DJs. Promotions director Sean Varicalli said the group is aware of the target on their back.

"For next year, it's important that we get an earlier start on our submissions and improve on submitting in a few different categories," he said. "There are categories we didn't even place in, so we want to do better there. We want to repeat,



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badly."

Music director Luke Phillips talked about his experience at WXOU and the effect winning the award has had.

"In my four years at OU, I've spent nearly all of my time between classes at the station, and I've come to consider it as a kind of sacred ground," he said. "In addition to just being a great college radio station, WXOU is, to me, a second home, and frankly a little community or societal microcosm in and of itself."

WXOU can be heard at 88.3 FM on campus or online at

www.wxou.org.

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TOP WXOU wins the Station of the Year Award, which comes in the shape of a gold record. WXOU's win marks the first time in 11 years that the award didn't go to Michigan State University.

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Last Lecture



Barry Winkler, Professor of Biomedical Sciences

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Working at the Eye Research Institute, researcher and professor Barry Winkler has been working at Oakland University for over 40 years.

On Monday, March 19, Winkler, who is set to retire in August 2012, held a formal final lecture in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center.

Titled, "Form Growing Up in Brooklyn, to Maturing (Sort of) After 40.8 Years in the Eye Research Institute," Winkler's presentation was a humorous and reminiscent look back at his life's achievements.

From meeting his wife as a teenager in New York, to making a family and discovering his love for biomedical research, Winkler spoke of every avenue of his life with a profound joy.

Professor and director of the ERI, Frank Giblin, introduced Winkler.

"(We commend Winkler) not only for his research, but for his very fine records of teaching and serving," Giblin said. "He is by far the leading expert in the world (of retinal research)."

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Junior Bassam Hanna studies using his iPad in Kresge Library. "The iPad is much more convenient in everything you do," he said. "I read all my books and slides on it — it's a lot lighter and easier to carry around."

Tradition vs. technology

Traditional textbooks still stand strong against the emergence of e-books

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With the advent of e-books, the idea of a physical textbook may seem silly. With just one click, students can download a five pound textbook to their laptops, which they would be carrying around anyway. This also gives students an excuse to have their laptop open during class.

To some students at Oakland University, however, this is not the case.

Although Alicia Bianchette, a senior social work student, admitted that e-books are sometimes cheaper and that she enjoys being able to look up unknown words at the click of her mouse, she also said that she would rather have the physical textbook.

"I can highlight in textbooks and sell them back if I need the money," she said. "But book sales have to be going down."

Beth Dennis, a junior social work student, also prefers physical books to the e-reader versions. She said she prefers to physically verify how far along in a book she is and sometimes e-books can be difficult to loan to people with different software.

Even though she has a laptop, Dennis also said she prints off every article needed for class instead of just reading it on her computer, like many of her classmates.

According to Katie DeSandre, sales associate at the OU bookstore, sometimes professors' policies can prevent students from buying the e-version of their textbooks as well.

"Some of the professors don't allow computers in class, so (students) figure, 'why waste the money,' when they can't even use it during the class time," Katie DeSandre said.

The issue of compatibility across multiple platforms and different types of software can also prevent students from buying e-books, Anna Lankin, a sales associate at OU's bookstore, said.

"The e-books aren't compatible with the iPads, Nooks or Kindles yet, so be-

cause they'd rather take their iPad than their computer to class, and it's not compatible, they'd rather buy the book," she said.

The Barnes & Noble website states that e-books are not available on Nooks because "textbooks do not display well on small screen."

The website further elaborates on the company's reasoning behind why only computers support Nook software.

"In support of the research we conducted and with sensitivity to the economic realities most students face, we chose to build the first generation of Nook Study to work on PC and Mac computers, devices students most commonly use for studying. (The website) will continue to innovate Nook Study, expanding its capabilities and usages to meet students' diverse needs and wants — stay tuned."

In addition to the limitations of e-books, Lankin believes the benefits of renting books often appeal students as well. Renting books is cheaper than buying the physical or e-version of textbooks.

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The Internet is no place to air your dirty laundry

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I remember a time when you actually had to interact with someone in person to resolve an issue. For me, this usually ended in a bloody nose and running home to my mother.

Now every intimate debacle is posted on the web for the world of spectators to judge, like and hashtag.

Is it impossible to keep anything private anymore?

Facebook has become an external extension of our lives, sharing every thought, location and photograph without remote hesitation.

Personally, I utilize the Internet to write sexist jokes and share disturbing pictures of dysfunctional, gruesome looking genitals, but that's just weirdo me.

None of my friends really need to know what I'm eating or my

geographical location when I'm not home. I feel this also would prompt them to break in my house and rob me blind.

In fact, less than ten percent of those people I actually converse with on a regular basis in the real world, and I'm positive most of them don't give a hoot how I feel ever.

It's become an addiction that has seeped its way into the fabric of our existence. It's almost as bad as the crack epidemic of the 80s, but a lot less fun.

Doing some research for this assignment, I heard about a cousin who was Facebooking (goodness, it can even be used as a verb now) while she was in labor.

While a human being was being born, a preoccupied mother felt the need to clasp her phone with a death-grip and scream in all caps, rather than interact with her baby daddy in

real life.

Unknown if she immediately threw her newborn to a delivery nurse so she could tweet a picture.

The disregard for privacy is repulsive. The other day I was perusing my newsfeed on Facebook to see one of my "friends" quarrels with people not answering their phone. Then I scrolled through the subsequent 19 comments between the two parties bickering and insulting each other, like we used to do around the old flagpole of the elementary school.

Another "friend" recently got some kind of ticket, and decided to post three subsequent statuses proclaiming — let's just say he indirectly quoted N.W.A.

When you go out and apply for jobs, people know how the Internet is used. You are scouted out on a search engine. Everything tagged to your name, belittling police officers or scrutinizing women or pictures of you half-naked passed out with a 40 ounce and doodled with a Sharpie is at their fingertips.

I know this personally, as a friend (the real life kind) called me in an

uproar because I had tagged him in an activity — drugs. He did not get his job at the DEA.

Now the timeline has become an even more revealing tool.

I can use the shortcut to find out what you were up to on any date you had been a member to the website.

I was even tempted to go back through and relive the entire cinematic plot of one of my failed relationships, and then cried.

It disturbs me what people will put on the Internet, where there is no real erasing. Once your thoughts are posted, they're on there.

Memories fade but a text document does not.

At least until some electro-magnetic plague wipes out our worldwide connector, but then we're screwed for all different reasons.

Now excuse me, I have to go post a link to this article on my timeline.

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