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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

POETRY SLAM // Poet Panama Soweta, part of The Dynamic Duo, participates in the poetry slam on March 5 in the Oakland Center banquet rooms. In addition to The Dynamic Duo, there were a few walk up participants. Tweet us your photos @theoaklandpost for your chance to be featured as next week's photo of the week.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

How long does it take you to find a parking spot on campus?

- A Immediately. I park in the overflow lots
- B Five to 10 minutes
- C 10 minutes to 30 minutes — I troll
- D An hour or more — I need front row

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

How long does it take for you to commute to school?

A) 30 minutes to one hour

17 votes | 32%

B) 30 minutes or less

16 votes | 30%

C) Less than 30 minutes

17 votes | 32%

D) 1 hour or more

3 votes | 6%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

MARCH 15, 1968

Over 100 faculty members signed a petition to cancel classes on Monday, March 8 in order to focus on Vietnam. The faculty also reserved the auditorium in Wilson Hall and the Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center.

MARCH 11, 1991

OU began an office paper recycling program in North Foundation Hall on Feb. 1, 1991 in order to limit OU's contribution to overfilling landfills, and to reduce waste disposal costs.

MARCH 7, 2007

The bookstore in the basement of the Oakland Center was remodeled for the first time since 1999. Barnes & Noble invested \$550,000 in the project, which included the construction of the Book Nook on the first floor of the OC.



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CAMPUS

The creator of TOMS shoes will be coming to Oakland University this spring to speak about his company, which helps needy children countries around the world.



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LOCAL

Portions of Main Street in downtown Rochester have been under construction to replace a pipe and fix several sidewalk and roadways.



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LIFE

An Oakland University pianist and assistant professor of music will join the Varner Hall stage to play 16 separate Mozart sonatas alongside a violinist.

BY THE NUMBERS
MEADOW BROOK THEATRE

57

feet from the front row to the back of Meadow Brook Theatre

17

programs in the department of music, theatre and dance

1964

year the Meadow Brooke Music Festival was built

584

number of seats in Meadow Brook Theatre

14

artists featured at the current OU Art Gallery

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

For a commuter campus, parking really is a problem

Parking. Yeah, we know. It's not the most original topic. It's tired, overdone and we complain about it a lot.

As much as we hate to bring it up again, it is one of the more pertinent issues on campus right now.

Though it has been recently acknowledged by Oakland University Police Department Chief Samuel Lucido as a walking problem instead of a parking problem, we beg to differ.

Sure, there may be enough parking spots around campus, but it's the faulty placement of them that troubles us. And then there's the recent removal of 10 parking meters in P2, replaced by unused permit-only signs.

OU is a commuter school. One would think parking would be a primary concern of the university's administration.

Apparently, it's not.

John Beaghan, vice president of finance and administration, said the Human Health Building, which will be open for fall classes in 2012, won't pose any problems to the parking situation because it will only cater to students from the School of Nursing and the School of Health Science. Students from the William Beaumont

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School of Medicine will reside in O'Dowd Hall.

Alright, cool.

Except, there are only 50 OUWB students. There are, in comparison, 3,691 students in nursing and health science.

Considering people are constantly parking on the hill in P1, leaving their cars at metered spots for longer than 45 minutes, illegally parking in handicapped spots and double parking, we're curious to see what will happen when classes start next semester. You know, when 3,691 extra students are looking for spots there.

We're also curious to see what will happen when a portion of the P5 lot in front of Vandenberg Hall is removed for a new housing facility that is expected to be built in 2013.

The week before Spring Break, a number of metered parking spaces were converted into permit-only spaces

that are used every now and then by the Career Services office.

While we agree that sometimes Career Services may need spaces, we don't think those spaces should be permanent.

The P2 lot is adjacent to the OC, which is home to many different organizations including CSA, Chartwells, the ID card offices, most of the direct funded organizations and the Barnes & Noble bookstore. It also borders Wilson Hall, which houses the university's presidential council offices, the OU Art Gallery and Meadow Brook Theatre. It's also the main building for art students.

Why not make those permit-only areas temporary? Give them removable black OU bags that can be added and removed when they're needed — which doesn't appear to be that often.

The shift in department infrastructure means a shift in parking habits and we fear it's not going to turn out well.

We're not parking experts, but the university should have people on hand who are.

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- In the article "Firefighter-themed obstacle course coming to Michigan" it wasn't stated that there was a \$15 entrance fee.

Letters to the Editor

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parking is a real problem

Walerian Domanski,
Visitor

It's a very bad image of a university when cars are parking in the mud. The state is giving so much money for education and to Oakland University.

Part of the money should be used for parking structures — even for temporary solutions.

I did try to find places to park and it took me 15 minutes. I saw cars parking on the grass area and on the edge of the parking lot near Squirrel Road. Cars are ruining the grass area, creating almost a swamp. It looks bad for the officials of OU.

I read in your newspaper about tickets for parking violators. Tickets are no solution to the problem. The temporary solution will be removing grass and topsoil to create surfaces with sand and gravel. Do not forget about good compaction. If OU needs advice, I am geotechnical and structural engineer. It doesn't cost much. This way, students and visitors do not need to walk in the mud.

It will be a temporary solution, but something. Especially for the spring time and rainy season.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Athlete conduct at eating awareness events was disappointing

Ashley Bilkie,
Visitor, Event Participant

Thanks again for covering National Eating Disorder Awareness week. I thought that the story looked good.

I was disappointed in the general conduct of the Oakland University athletes, however.

I had two girls sitting behind me, muttering about how much it sucked to be there.

Yes, they may have had to spend two and a half hours thinking about something other than themselves, but that it incomparable to the hours and years that many, many people have spent fighting eating disorders.

I thought in general, the conduct was that of which could be expected of middle school boys.

In an education facility with semi-adults, I thought a majority of the whispers and snickers were reprehensible and entirely disrespectful to the sufferers of eating disorders, the loved ones who came, and the panel of experts.

My point in writing this is:

To the girl sitting behind me — If this film helps even one person in the community, it's more than you have done.

If this film encourages one person to seek treatment, it's a life saved.

If this film had one message, it was that eating disorders are life-threatening.

So when you sit behind me and say that "it's ridiculous," I want you to know that you are contributing to the stigmas of eating disorders.

Sincerely,

Next time, don't bother coming I found the conduct of many of the OU athletes to be immature and offensive.

To the person who made the vomiting sound in the background, I would like to tell that person to grow up.

These are real disorders that affect a lot of people — doctors, lawyers, healthcare professionals, CEOs, CFOs, intelligent and respected members of the Metro Detroit community.

Those people (and they know who they are) should be ashamed.

So that's a follow-up on the actual event.

I do appreciate The Oakland Post covering this, regardless of the athletes who found it to be a waste of time.

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Religion should be separate from government

Members of the Republican Party should stop bringing up the issue of religion, politics

For many years, members of the Republican Party have been trying to bring the issue of religion to the forefront of American politics, and with Sen. Rick Santorum running for election, the issue has once again arose.

Santorum and other members of the Republican Party have said this nation was created as a Christian state and religious views should be a part of political life.

There are fundamental problems in thinking that this nation was created as a Christian state, with the founders being at heart Christians.

Thomas Jefferson said in a letter to Danbury Baptist Association, "I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declare that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between church and state."

A passage in the Treaty of Tipoli signed in 1797 by former President John Adams states, "As the Government of the U.S. is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion."

But if the U.S. had been created as a Christian state then the founders were breaking some very



CHRIS LAURITSEN
senior reporter

iron clad rules laid down in the Bible.

In first Samuel 15:23 it states: "For rebellion as is the sin of witchcraft."

If this nation was created as a Christian state, I do not believe that the founding fathers would have wanted to commit an act of witchcraft.

The espousal Peter said in the book of Romans 13:1: "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from god, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore

whoever resist authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment."

After reading these passages, one is left to wonder if the founders where truly as religious as Santorum claims.

Religion, while a great thing in ones personal life, has no place in politics.

Decisions that one makes when regarding a state should be made simply in accordance with what is good for the nation, not good for ones religious views.

With the tensions in the Middle East close to a boil, the last thing that we as a country need is for someone in political power to start a holy war. After all, more people have been killed in the name of god

than any other singular reason.

We need someone in the position of power that will be able to set his personal view aside and realize that sometimes peace with a Muslim country is the best course of action, even if it goes against ones religious views.

Santorum has said he cannot make a distinction between his faith and his position of leadership. Furthermore, Santorum has stated he "almost threw up" when reading former President John F. Kennedy's speech about religion and politics.

While Santorum has said he wishes he could take back the commits he made about Kennedy's great speech, he was quick to add in comments made to ABC's show "This Week," "I don't believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute."

Santorum needs to realize that religion has no part in politics — it can cloud a leaders judgment and make him act in a way that hurts his country.

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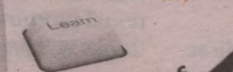
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Creator of TOMS shoes to visit campus

Blake Mycoskie gives shoes, medical attention to needy children

By Chris Lauritsen
Senior Reporter

With the drive to help needy children, Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS shoes, has given shoes to children in 28 countries.

Oakland University's Student Program Board will welcome Blake Mycoskie on April 5 as part of their Student Life Lecture Board series.

Mycoskie was unanimously chosen to visit OU from a list of candidates, which included Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Albom, who has previously spoken at OU.

VIP tickets include a meet and greet with Mycoskie and a book signing.

The cost of the event is \$10 for the general public. OU students, faculty and staff can attend for free. The event will start at 7:30 p.m. and run until 9 p.m.

OU students will have several opportunities to win free VIP tickets, as well as floor seats for the event at several showings of his documentary and at a book review. For details, visit the SPB table in the Oakland Center on March 27, or April 4 and 5.

An ongoing SPB Project

Christopher Jensen, assistant director of leadership and service learning, said scheduling Mycoskie has been an ongoing project.

"The last few years we have wanted to bring Mycoskie in to speak at OU, but because of scheduling it did not work out. This year, it did," he said.

Jensen said that SPB always looks for an expert in their field that would be educational and would attract the attention of the student body.

"Not only is Mycoskie an entrepreneur but he is a social entrepreneur," Jensen said.

SPB expressed excitement over the magnitude of the speaker.

"Something most people don't realize is how big Mycoskie is on the West coast," Amera Fattah, event director, said.

The event reminded Fattah of when SPB brought musician Drake in to perform a concert at OU. She said Drake wasn't nationally recognized at the time of the show. However, shortly



CHELSEA BISTUE/The Oakland Post

TOMS shoes has been helping needy children in 28 countries find shoes. Founder, Blake Mycoskie, is coming to OU on April 5.

after his concert at OU, he rose to national prominence and that it what she thinks will happen with Mycoskie.

More than just a company

Hailing from Texas, Mycoskie founded the TOMS line of shoes after learning that children in developing countries were growing up without shoes. Mycoskie decided TOMS would give a pair of shoes to children in need for every pair that was sold.

According to the website, they have given out "over one million pairs of new shoes to children through giving partners around the world in 28 countries."

Along with its shoe line, TOMS also offers eyeglasses, with the promise of providing eye tests, prescription glasses and "sight-saving surgery" to people in need.

Fattah explained something most people don't know about TOMS is that it doesn't just give new shoes, or glasses to people in need — it also provides them with medical care.

"Blake (Mycoskie) is really not only

a leader in his field, but is one that makes ethical decisions. We want our students to make ethical decisions as well," Jensen said.

Along with being the founder of TOMS, Mycoskie has also started five other business ventures. In 2002, he competed in the CBS show "The Amazing Race."

Fattah said shortly after Mycoskie comes to OU, he will host his second annual "One Day Without Shoes." According to the TOMS website, "the event is to raise awareness of the impact a pair of shoes can have on a child's life by going without shoes" by encouraging people to walk barefoot for a day.

Jensen hopes that students will come away from the event with the understanding that it is OK to fail at first in business ventures and that you should always follow your passions.

Fattah is excited that Mycoskie will be having a speaking engagement rather than a lecture-type presentation.

"Engagement means he engages with the audience. You're not going to

feel like you are in class, we want people to interact," Fattah said.

"This is intended to be a community event," Jensen, said.

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More Info

WHY Blake Mycoskie founded TOMS with the mindset of helping needy children around the world.

WHEN March 27, April 4 and 5

WHERE In the O'rena from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

CONTACT For more information visit SPB's website at oakland.edu/SLLB For more information about TOMS visit toms.com

Meadow Brook Hall receives national landmark recognition

Recognition makes federal grant more likely for restoration

By Justin Colman
Copy Editor

Meadow Brook Hall was recognized by the National Park Service as a national landmark on Monday.

The building, considered one of the finest Tudor Revival houses in the U.S., was named a national landmark because of its outstanding, grand-scale architecture and the design of the building.

There are less than 2,500 national landmarks in the U.S. including the White House, Empire State Building and the Hoover Dam. Meadow Brook Hall becomes the 35th national

landmark in the state of Michigan. Other landmarks in the state include the Fox Theater, Greenfield Village and the Fisher Building.

Geoff Upward, executive director of Meadow Brook Hall, said it was a tremendous honor for the university.

"We are thrilled and honored to receive ... designation from the National Park Service," Upward said. "This is really a testament to the achievements of John Dodge, his widow, Matilda Dodge Wilson and her second husband, Alfred Wilson whose combined work ethic and vision built one of the nation's great country estates and its centerpiece, Meadow Brook Hall."

The property on which Meadow Brook resides was purchased by Matilda Wilson's first husband, John F. Dodge. When Dodge died in 1920, Wilson used

some of the money given to her by Dodge to build the property.

The mansion was closed for a while, however, during the Great Depression.

The Meadow Brook website gives a description of the rich interior, noting its elaborately detailed carved wood and stone, handmade hardware and ceramic art tile, ornately molded and carved plaster ceilings, stained glass window insets, crystal and art glass lighting fixtures, and gold-plated bathroom fittings. The mansion is fully electric with a central heating system, two elevators, four kitchens and a full-sized home theatre.

"It's such a unique feature of OU ... this honor just adds to what OU is all about," Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center of Student Activities, said.

Recently, Meadow Brook



LEX LEE/The Oakland Post

Donated by Matilda Wilson, Meadow Brook Hall is now a national landmark.

Hall made the property open to filming companies. In 2008, "Youth In Revolt" was filmed in the mansion, and in 2010, Miley Cyrus filmed her music video, "Who Owns My Heart."

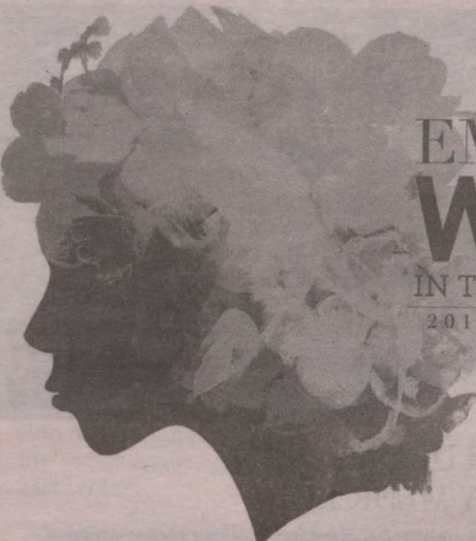
The same year that Cyrus filmed her music video, "Transformers 3" was shot partly inside the mansion.

Being named a national landmark, Upward said that now has the mansion a leg up on receiv-

ing a federal grant. The grant would go toward funding the restoration and preservation of the hall.

"Now the rest of the world can recognize it as a national landmark" Miller said. "How cool is that?"

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Medical students to work with Oakland County specialists

Hands-on program for students teaches the inner workings of the body and gain autopsies experience

By Dylan Dulberg
Staff Intern

Next semester, Oakland University medical students will be working with the dead in order to learn how to save the living.

The medical school will offer a program in which its students will work alongside the trained specialists of the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office to conduct autopsies.

The interactive, hands-on program will teach students not only about autopsies, but also the inner-workings of the body.

A brand new, state-of-the-art facility, located about 20 minutes from campus, will house the program. The facility is filled with brand new equipment and expert pathologists, ready to teach medical students studying pathology, neuroscience or working on their capstone project.

"This partnership has the potential to enhance medical student education. It gives students access to a research venue and it can help greatly with student's capstone projects."

Robert Folberg,
Dean of the Oakland University
William Beaumont School of Medicine

Dr. Robert Folberg, dean of medicine and professor of pathology, ophthalmol-

ogy and biomedical sciences, said the partnership aims to be a teaching tool, rather than a training tool.

"This partnership has the potential to enhance medical student education," he said. "It gives students access to a research venue and it can help greatly with student's capstone projects."

Folberg also said many other schools have adopted similar partnerships with their local medical examiners and have seen great results from them.

The opportunity to observe and learn from the autopsies is not limited to those students studying pathology, though.

Folberg said students who are interested in becoming crisis counselors could observe the autopsy of someone who has been a victim of domestic violence, which might give them a deeper understanding of the effects and results.

"And we are very excited to be able to combine (the Medical Examiner's) expertise with Oakland University's medical students ... we can show them how a metropolitan medical examiner's office functions and they can view the autopsies. Most importantly, they can learn from the autopsies," Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said.

Patterson said the idea was brought to the table about six months ago and will go into effect in about six more, due to funding from various grants and from Oakland County tax money.

This program will go into effect Sept. 4.

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Quick Facts

WHO William Beaumont school of Medicine students.

WHAT OU medical school partners up with Oakland County Medical Examiner's office to introduce a new program.

WHEN Starting Sept. 4.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN Students will work with trained specialists learning about autopsies and the inner workings of the body.

People to know



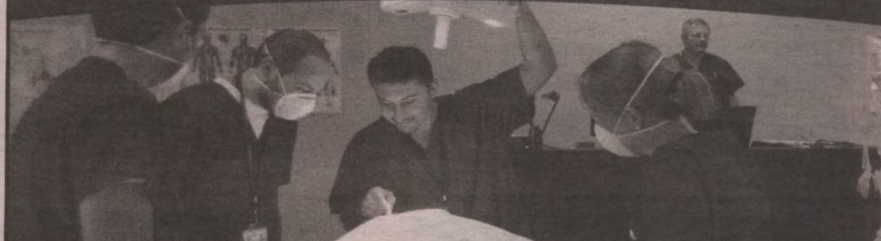
L. Brooks Patterson
Serving his fifth term as Oakland County Executive, Patterson helped create the partnership with OU and Oakland County.



Dr. Robert Folberg
Dean of medicine at OU and co-creator of the partnership, Folberg cited inspiration from similar programs at other universities.

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Symposium to discuss status of equality for women in the world

*Pulitzer prize winner
featured as keynote speaker*

By Kevin Graham
Staff Reporter

The 2012 Oakland Symposium, with the theme "Empowering Women in the Global Community," will take place on March 21.

Hosted by Oakland University Student Congress, the day-long event will feature a keynote speaker and several panels dedicated to discussion of women's status around the world and ways to better it.

Samantha Wolf, OUSC legislative affairs director and one of the event's principal organizers, discussed how the idea for the event came about.

"We want to show that there's still an issue that women and girls are treated negatively on all continents and then inspire a motivating thesis that we can actually still do something about this," she said. "We can solve the problem through economic, social (and) cultural issues."

The event kicks off at 9 a.m. with a keynote address by Sheryl WuDunn, Pulitzer prize-winning author of "Half the Sky," a book depicting the struggles of women in Africa and Asia.

"She's a phenomenal speaker and definitely a human rights leader," Ben Eveslage, OUSC president, said. "I think it will be really great to be able to listen to what she has to say."

Following the keynote, attendees will be given the opportunity to attend a number of panel discussions. Morning panels include "Not for Sale II," a discussion of sex trafficking and a dissection of the social challenges for women in the 21st century.

"WE WANT TO SHOW THAT THERE'S STILL AN ISSUE THAT WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE TREATED NEGATIVELY ON ALL CONTINENTS."

Samantha Wolf
OUSC Legislative Affairs Director

During the lunch period, there will be a panel on women's disability issues.

The first session of the afternoon panels will feature a discussion of the social and political status of women in various



Samantha Wolf, OUSC legislative affairs director, helped organize the women's symposium.

areas of the world.

The second panel will be a discussion of legal issues.

The second set of the afternoon sessions includes the topics of politics and media, religion and poverty.

Wolf talked about the importance of the panels.

"Everyone thinks we're equal, but in reality it's not," she said. "It would be cool to highlight all the things that women have to do and what students at Oakland University can do."

Following the panels, interested students can attend "OU Dream Day," described as a chance for attendees to network with panelists and discuss their aspirations.

"I know sometimes you go to events and you think, 'well look at all these amazing, esteemed individuals that are able to speak to me about all these different topics, but how did they get to where they're at?'" Eveslage said. "This is the opportunity for students to be able to ask these people those questions."

Evening activities begin with a dinner open to donors and a limited number of students.

The dinner will feature talks from Harpreet Saluja, vice president Eaton Corporation; Carolyn Woznicki vice president global purchasing Johnson Controls; and Mamatha Chamarthi, vice president and chief information officer Consumers Energy.

It will focus on how women can break

through barriers to advancement in business.

The evening will conclude with Grizzpose, an event featuring fashion, talent and music.

Money raised in all events will go towards building a school in India.

Students can register online at oakland.edu/symposium

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MORE INFO

WHO Hosted by Student Congress, "Empowering Women in the Global Community" is the theme of the Oakland symposium

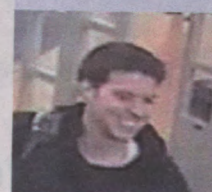
WHAT Several panels will direct discussions, including Pulitzer prize winner Sheryl WuDunn on the topic of women's status around the world and ways to better it.

FOLLOWED BY Grizzpose, an event featuring fashions from local stores. The first 120 students will get in free.

POLICE FILES

Person of interest caught by security camera in Kresge

OUPD has released photos of a person of interest linked to a larceny in Kresge Library. At 6 p.m. on March 5, a laptop was reported stolen from the library. The photos, which can be found on the Oakland University website, were taken by a security camera as the suspect left the library. After exiting the building, the suspect fled on foot



through parking lots 36 and 34, located between the Science and Engineering Building and Elliott and Varner halls. Police are

seeking information regarding the suspect and can be reached at 248-370-3331 or police@oakland.edu.

Theft in Recreation Center

OUPD was dispatched to the Recreation and Athletic Center in response to a larceny report. On March 1 at approximately 6:40 p.m., police met with a female student who said upon returning to the locker, she noticed her items were missing. The missing property included a coat, keys, boots, jeans, an MP3 player and the student's driver's license. The combined value of the items was valued at \$1,000. Police drove the student home to retrieve spare keys and brought her back to campus.

Bottle bombs near Hamlin Hall

OUPD heard an explosion around the south side of Hamlin Hall on Feb. 28 at approximately 2:10 a.m. At 9:05 a.m. the same day, police found several melted plastic bottles under the balcony on the south side of Hamlin Hall. This was the fourth incident of "bottle bombs" in this area since January. Police met with the two male occupants of the room for questioning. Both students later admitted to making the "bottle bombs" in their room and throwing them out of the window. One student said he made them because he was bored that nothing happened at OU and he thought he would shake things up.

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LEX LEE/The Oakland Post

Chartwells has recently reported two incidents of theft in the Pioneer Food Court.

Recent theft from Chartwells inside Pioneer Food Court

Chick-Fil-A sandwich, Naked Juice among stolen items

By Natalie Popovski
Staff Intern

Foul play has been reported at Chartwells in the last few weeks.

On Jan. 31 and Feb. 13, there were two reported incidents of theft in the Pioneer Food Court.

One incident involved theft from Chick-Fil-A and the other involved the theft of a Naked Juice.

The Pioneer Food Court is the largest of Chartwells' operations on OU's campus. Housing seven food vendors, the food court's large size and heavy traffic can make it "easy for things to go unnoticed," said senior majoring in health sciences, Jared Koverman.

Koverman, who works as a barista at Café O'Bear's and as a cashier at Grizz Express in the Oakland Center, believes the smaller the operation, the easier it is to keep an eye on customers.

However, Koverman does not believe theft is an issue at Chartwells.

"(Theft is) increasing but it's not a huge issue," he said. "It does need to get nipped in the bud."

Although there were recent thefts at Chartwells, Koverman said it has not implemented any new security measures.

Current security measures include security cameras and gates surrounding the retail locations.

Koverman believes that Chartwells is taking notice of the recent thefts.

"I know they've been talking about (the thefts) and have informed (Chartwells

employees)," Koverman said.

Chartwells employees are trained how to notice and handle theft.

"We're trained and told to be aware," Koverman said.

The suspect involved with the Chick-Fil-A theft was caught by Chartwells employees who witnessed the incident, according to police reports.

According to Capt. Mark Gordon of the OU Police Department, once OUPD receives a call of retail fraud they will meet with the store owner or manager.

OUPD and the complainant will then discuss what was stolen, determine its value and whether there is probable cause to make the arrest.

"If enough probable cause exists, (OUPD) can make a full custodial arrest and process the suspect on a charge of retail fraud," Gordon said. "During the process, the dollar amount of the stolen item determines the penalty and whether the suspect goes to jail or is released on a ticket."

According to police reports, the Jan. 31 stolen property value was \$6.30 and the Feb. 13 incident was \$3. Both thefts are considered third-degree retail fraud, according to Gordon.

"If the value is less than \$200, it is third-degree retail fraud which is a 93-day misdemeanor which is punishable in the county jail for up to 93 days," Gordon said.

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The end of the streak

Grizzlies fall in opening round of the Summit League tournament

By Kevin Romanchik
Sports Editor

After generating an 11-point lead late in the second half, the third-seeded Oakland University men's basketball team allowed the six-seeded Southern Utah Thunderbirds to crawl back and win 84-82 in the quarterfinals of the Summit League Tournament.

The SUU victory marks the first time a No. 6 seed has defeated a No. 3 seed in the Summit League Tournament since 2007.

Even though the Thunderbirds had trouble stopping guard Reggie Hamilton, who finished with 31 points, he missed three consecutive free throws with under two minutes left that would have given the Grizzlies a potential two-possession lead.

This season, Hamilton has shot 88 percent from the free-throw line. Sunday night, he shot 62 percent.

"(Hamilton) is really down on himself right now because he's a great player that wants to win," head coach Greg Kampe said. "That will all be forgotten and we'll remember all the great things that he did."

Kampe thinks Hamilton doesn't deserve the blame for the collapse during the game.

"Did it explode on him in the final minutes of the game? Yes, but we wouldn't even been in that situation without him," Kampe said. "I don't fault or put any blame on anyone."

Junior forward Drew Valentine finished with eight points and 11 rebounds and battled with SUU forward Jackson Stevenett, who had a team-high 26 points and nine rebounds.

"(Stevenett) is a good player," Valentine said. "He was hitting a lot of tough shots and I was trying to make it tough on him. He made shots when they needed them the most."

Guard Travis Bader had 24

points and is now tied for third place for the most three-pointers made in single-season Summit League History.

Guard Laval Lucas-Perry added eight points to an impressive performance from Grizzlies' bench. He was also a perfect 3-of-3 from the field.

"I think Laval had an outstanding game," Kampe said. "Our role players played great."

After trailing by two at half-time, the second half opened with OU going on a 12-6 run, which included consecutive three-pointers from Valentine, Hamilton and Bader.

After the Oakland lead reached 11 at the 3:13 mark, a big steal and jumper from SUU's Collie resulted in turning a double digit lead down to seven that led to the loss.

"This has kind of been the story of our season," Kampe said. "We've struggled with doing the little things, pulling away and getting distance."

Sunday's loss snaps a five-game winning streak for the Grizzlies in the quarterfinals and a six-game winning streak in the Sioux Falls Arena.

"We lost four pros off that team from a year ago. You're going to take a step back when you do that," Kampe said. "We replaced them with talented young players. That doesn't mean that this group can't be better (in the future)."

Regardless of the outcome of the conference tournament, Kampe believes that it isn't a true representation of the team and the season isn't over yet.

"By our standards, third place is not acceptable but it still was a good season," Kampe said. "It appears we will make the post season for the fourth year in the row."

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1. Co-captain Reggie Hamilton finished with 31 points, five rebounds and three assists.

2. Freshman center Corey Petros contributed eight points and four rebounds off the bench

3. Travis Bader added 24 points and was 6-of-11 from the three-point line.

4. Senior Laval Lucas-Perry played significant minutes and finished with eight points and was a perfect 3-of-3 from the field.

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Even though the Golden Grizzlies have had a previous 12-0 run against UMKC, Sunday's loss marked two in a row.

Can't bounce the Roos'

Women's basketball team falls to UMKC

By Bryan Everson
Staff Reporter

After playing the role of spoiler at the Summit League Tournament last season, a similar fate was not to be for the Oakland women's basketball team during Sunday's game.

Junior forward Bethany Watterworth was plagued with foul trouble for a majority of the contest and No. 6 seed Oakland fell to No. 3 UMKC, 72-59, in a tournament quarterfinal Sunday afternoon.

Watterworth, the second-leading scorer in the conference, picked up her third foul with under eight minutes to go in the first half of the game.

"It was definitely hard, but I thought in the first half that our team came right back in the game in spite of me being on the bench," Watterworth said. "It's just that fight we have."

Despite competing with a deficit that was never cut to single-digits in the second half, senior guard Sharise Calhoun (eight points) alluded to that fight, saying quitting was never an option, regardless of the score.

"My team ... I just know I can

never give up on them," Calhoun said. "They've been there for me through everything. We have so much fun. We were going to fight to the very end."

A layup by Calhoun would slim the Kangaroos' lead to two points with seconds left in the first half, but that lead would balloon to as large as 23 in the second half, aided by Watterworth picking up her fourth foul quickly in the second half.

Showing poise in maintaining the lead, UMKC coach Candace Whitaker talked about the experience of her team and the critical role it played for the Kangaroos (21-10).

"It's huge," Whitaker said. "This is the same team we had last year, so they're a year older, more experienced. You've been in the program longer, and hearing the same things over and over, so they start to click."

Watterworth played admirably, despite foul trouble, and finished with a team-high 15 points in 25 minutes.

Kangaroos junior forward Kim Neziyanya played the bigger impact in the tournament opener for both squads. Neziyanya's presence was felt with 15 points coupled with 14 rebounds, both team-highs for UMKC.

Whitaker spoke to the offense's reliance on a variety of scorers, not just Hall-Jones, as a

key to the team's progression.

"For (Oakland) I think Watterworth is their star," Whitaker said. "I don't feel like we necessarily have a star. Day (senior guard Dayon Hall-Jones) has stepped up and made a lot of plays, but we don't key on Dayon."

A bright spot on both ends of the floor for Oakland (12-16) was sophomore guard Victoria Lipscomb. She tied a career-high 14 points and added a team-high six rebounds, but her defensive prowess was equally substantial.

After holding UMKC's leading scorer Hall-Jones to 4-for-20 shooting in their last meeting, she quieted Hall-Jones, who scored the most points in a Summit League conference game (43) earlier this season, to 11 points on 3-of-10 attempts.

The Golden Grizzlies have traditionally had tremendous success against UMKC during the tenure of coach Candace Whitaker. But after reaching a 12-0 mark, Sunday's loss marked the second defeat in a row to the Kangaroos, the first coming just eight days prior on the road.

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Swimming and Diving gears up for NCAA, Olympic trials

Program prepares for post-season qualifier events

By Emma Claucherty
Staff Reporter

Three hundred seventy-nine.

That was the point differential the Oakland University Men and Women's swimming and diving team had in their advantage to claim their 13th Summit League Championship, which took place Feb. 16 to 18.

The men's team scored a total of 1,040 points and the women scored 1,041 points.

Oakland swept the top three medals for almost every event.

The win came with a few broken records.

Highlights include Vanessa Balogh, breaking her own 500-yard freestyle Summit League record, the women's 200-yard free relay team, setting a new league record, the women's 400 IM setting a new pool record and Tobias Hansen setting a new league record in the 200 IM.

In addition to broken records, 25 NCAA B cut times were swam.

No OU women qualified for NCAA nationals this year and it will not be determined if any men qualified for nationals until sometime this week.

Anders Jensen could potentially represent Oakland at nationals from the men's team.

He swam the 19th fastest 200-yard backstroke time in the nation.

"NCAAs are the fastest meet in the world," Shawn Kornoelje, assistant head coach, said. "To even be invited is pretty good. It means you are one of the best in the country."

Olympic aspirations

In addition to nationals, Oakland will send a few swimmers to the USA Grand Prix meet this weekend. This meet provides swimmers the opportunity for athletes to swim for Olympic qualifying times.

The Olympic trial hopefuls going to compete in Columbus include Scott Yarbrough, Joe Rodgers, Ben Vavra, Alyssa Busch and Zach Johnson. Johnson will be swimming 50 and 100 meter freestyle.

"They all want to get their cuts as much as I do," Johnson said. "This is almost like our last shot because the Olympics only come around every four years."

The opportunity to swim the Olympic trials would provide some of the greatest competition in the world for these athletes, according to Kornoelje.

"The Olympic trials are a really big deal. That will be the highlight of my career," Johnson said. "There is no place I could do as well. You can swim with the world's greatest athletes there."

Almost every athlete swam their best times at the championships.

The swimming and diving team will soon find out their national rank as a team this year.

Oakland is currently expected to place in the nation's top 40 teams.

A goal for next year is getting a few relays to qualify for nationals.

"It's always special to win a championship no matter when it is or how many you have. You can never take it for granted," Kornoelje said. "You still have to preform, and they did."

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THE SPORTING BLITZ

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Golden Grizzlies receive top Summit League honors

Three members of the Oakland University men's basketball team were honored by the Summit League on Thursday, gaining recognition based on their accomplishments during the regular season.

Freshman center, Corey Petros, was named to the All-Newcomer Team. Petros averaged 8.7 points per game this season, with a season-high 23 point performance coming against Ohio on Dec. 7.

While Petros' offensive presence helped the Grizzlies this season, his rebounding was key to Oakland's success.

Petros led the team with 7.2 boards per game, a mark that was second overall in the Summit League this season.

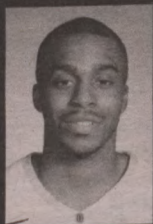
In that same game against Ohio on Dec. 7, Petros grabbed 16 rebounds, which was the highest single-game total in the conference this season.

Sophomore guard Travis Bader was an honorable mention. Bader dropped 104 three-pointers this season, leading the Summit League, and placing third in the entire country in that category.

The sharpshooter reached double-figures in 24 of the 31 games this season, including 11 straight games to finish out the season.

Bader obtained a career-high 37 points on Jan. 26 against South Dakota State. In that game he set a new school-record by hitting 10 shots from behind the arc. That performance earned Bader the Capital One Impact Player of the Week.

Senior guard Reggie Hamilton earned All-Summit League first team honors. Hamilton, the co-captain, broke the Summit League single-season scoring record with 790 points this year. He has also the most points in Division I.



Hamilton

He also set new school records with 216 successful free-throws and 14 30-point games.

Hamilton led all players in Division I with 25.5 points per game. The senior dropped 35 points against Tennessee on Nov. 28 in a nationally televised game on ESPNU at the O'rena.

Hamilton finished the regular season with six-straight games with points of 30 or more points.



JOSE JUAREZ/Oakland Athletics

Women's golf places well at Red Rocks Invitational

The women's golf team kicked off its spring season with a strong outing at the Red Rocks Invitational.

The event featured 20 schools from all over the country.

The Golden Grizzlies placed 12th, shooting a +76 on the course, with a combined team score of 652 strokes.

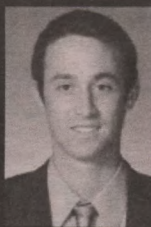
Junior Alanna Gerber led the Grizzlies with a +15 scorecard. Her 159 strokes for the two-day event placed her 32nd out of the 116 golfers in the competition.

Oakland continues their season with another trip out west next week, competing in the Jackrabbit Invitational on Mar. 12 to 13 in Primm, Nev.

Oakland baseball grabs first victory of the season

The baseball team (1-7) used a ninth inning rally to upset Cincinnati 6-5 on Saturday afternoon. Senior pitcher Greg Welke earned the win in relief, going through the final 1.1 innings, striking out a batter and giving up no runs.

Welke relieved junior pitcher Russell Luxton who gave the Golden Grizzlies 5.2 solid innings. Welke only surrendered four hits and one run while striking out two.



Welke

Coupled with the strong pitching, Oakland's batters supplied a solid offensive effort to secure the win. Senior John Estes notched two RBI's and junior Nolan Jacoby went 2-4 with a RBI.

In the top of the ninth inning, Oakland pushed two runs across the plate to complete a comeback.

Freshman Robby Enslen, who went 2-3 that day, drew a walk with the bases loaded to earn the game-winning RBI.

In the bottom of the ninth, senior Tim Ryan threw out the potential tying run at the plate to preserve the victory.

Oakland continues with a three-game series against Ohio starting on Mar. 9.

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Photos courtesy of David Marek

TOP The "Somewhere West" crew was made up of nine people, which is a fraction of crew in comparable films. **LEFT** The crew shot scenes across the country while living in an RV. The budget was around \$25,000. **RIGHT** In the film, the main character with cancer makes friends with people he meets on a cross-country road trip.

By Sarah Hunton
Senior Reporter

The Uptown Film Festival in Birmingham is celebrating its third anniversary this year with the debut of several films.

This year's festival will be held March 8 to 10 at two theaters — the Birmingham 8 and Palladium 12.

Over the three days of the festival, 60 short and full-length movies, created by students and professionals alike, will be shown.

These films include animated films, documentaries and features.

Some films are even making their Metro Detroit debut.

David Marek, a Traverse City native freelance filmmaker, created "Somewhere West." The film follows the road travels of Ian, a young man with brain cancer, while he searches for a beautiful place to spend his final days. He attempts to spend his last days in solitude. The relationships with people he meets along the way surprise him.

The film follows the journey

Marek took in 1995 when traveling from Traverse City to Boulder, Colo. where he was moving to attend school.

"Thankfully, the sort of cancer element in the film is fictional," Marek said. "But that was sort of the inspiration. I'm a road trip junkie and just love driving, so road films are near and dear to my heart."

The film was shot in 30 days with nine people. The crew traveled 4,982 miles in

an RV on a budget of \$25,000. Comparable films have larger crews and budgets, he said.

"I think the thing I learned was the more risks I took as an artist to interact with my environment and those around me, the more I was rewarded," Marek said. "The more I collaborated with the moment, and in the moment, I think I ended up with stronger scenes and a stronger film than the one I originally con-

ceived."

Marek is currently working on a documentary following the life of AIDS activist Mary Fisher.

"Dirty Energy" will also be making its Michigan premiere. The documentary follows the story of the people whose lives were affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and the resulting oil spill.

Prior to his career as a sto-

ryteller, Bryan D. Hopkins, the director of the film, worked in the finance industry, but left due to the economy.

During his career change, Hopkins saw news coverage of the explosion and the people who were affected.

Following this experience, Hopkins raised \$1,500 from friends and family and went down to Louisiana. He lived on the victims' couches and developed strong relationships with people other than filmmakers and reporters.

"For me, having lived there, I was able to get comfortable, get to know people off-line, get drunk with them a couple times and then I was able to get the real stuff," he said.

In addition to showing films, the festival presents the Michigan Film Awards.

"Somewhere West" is nominated for 10 awards in eight categories. "Dirty Energy" is nominated in the best documentary feature category. The ceremony will take place on the final day of the festival.

Tickets can be purchased at www.uptownfilmfestival.com

Filmmaker goes 'Somewhere West'

Filmmakers prepare themselves for a three-day film festival where they are nominated for awards

LOCAL BRIEFS

"Stuff the Truck"

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit is hosting an event March 7 through March 21 in hopes to help unemployed citizens of Metro Detroit. The group is accepting gently used clothing donations at the Village of Rochester Hills.

PAWS For reading

Bring a book to the Rochester Hills Public Library March 7 and let therapeutic Newfoundland dogs Annabelle and Lucy help a child by listening to them read it.

Contact Cate Fleming at 248-650-7143 to make an appointment.

"Mixed Nuts"

On Friday, March 9, the Avon Players will be performing the comedy, "Mixed Nuts," at the Avon Players Theatre in Rochester. Entry is \$15.

For more information, contact the Avon Players at avonplayers@att.net.

OUCARES bowling league

Any avid bowlers who are on the Autism Spectrum should sign up to participate in the OUCARES Bowling League, through the Autism Society of Oakland County.

There is an entry price of \$45, which pays for two games a week for nine weeks, as well as a bowling ball, shoes and an awards party at the end of the season.

This league is held at Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills.

Yellow Door market art fair

On March 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Yellow Door in Berkley will be hosting a Market Art Fair and open house.

As well as being able to receive 15 percent off most items, guests can also meet the artists throughout the day. Entry is free.

OU Mozart Concert

From the Oakland University Department of Music, Theater and Dance comes the Mozart Sonatas for Piano and Violin. This event is located at Varner Recital Hall on March 10. Violinist Bin Huang and OU Professor of Piano, Yin Zheng, are the performers. The concert is public and free.

Winthrop winds quartet

On March 11, you can catch the afternoon concert of a quintet of musicians playing wind instruments, known as the Winthrop Winds.

They will play both classic and contemporary music.

To register for this free event, go to the Rochester Hills Public Library's website and click on their events calendar.

Abstract Painting Course

On March 9, you can attend a class in abstract painting at the Firebrick Gallery and Pottery studio, followed by a wine outing. The price is \$25. To attend, register at the Firebrick Gallery's website www.firebrickgalleryandpotterystudio.com.

You must have an 18 x 24 canvas and a plastic squeegee, with can be found at any craft store.

Rochester clothes closet sale

The Rochester Area Neighborhood House Annual Spring Sale is going on now through March 21 at the Clothes Closet location on Mill Street in Downtown Rochester.

The Clothes Closet Spring Sale days and hours will be: Mondays and Tuesday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The sale is open to the public, as well as to Neighborhood House families. The sale will include new and slightly used casual and career clothing for men and women, clothes for teens and juniors and clothing for infants and small children.

Call 248-651-5836 for more information.

Home and Garden Show

The Michigan Home and Garden Show will return to the Pontiac Silverdome on March 9 through March 11.

The 2012 Home and Garden Show at the Silverdome will feature educational seminars, how-to demonstrations and ideas for gardens, home improvement, cooking and landscaping.

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Preparation for construction already a nuisance in Rochester

Construction affecting Rochester traffic, businesses

By Mark McMillan
Staff Intern

Main Street in downtown Rochester experienced construction last week, restricting the flow of southbound traffic to one lane after Albertson Street concluding at University Drive.

Consumer's Energy, a combination utilities company, began construction in order to replace a faulty pipe.

The pipe was changed to facilitate construction beginning in April and ceasing in August of this year that will repair downtown Rochester roads and

sidewalks.

The timing of the construction project is due to a combination of ongoing citizen complaints about the quality of roads and walkways and the fact that the current stimulus package allocated for downtown Rochester is almost up.

Unless the money from that stimulus package is spent before winter, the apportioned money will cease to be available.

The construction has affected some downtown businesses already while others reported no adverse effects.

Linda Lucaj, proprietor of Main Street Deli, reported a 35 percent decrease in sales last week due to restricted traffic.

Lucaj points out that Main Street Deli, located just south of Albertson Street, counts on

diners who are on their lunch break to come in. The increase in traffic and commute time due to the construction hinders lunch goers' ability to get to Main Street Deli and back to work on time, Lucaj said.

To counter the negative effects construction has on her business, Lucaj plans to expand her delivery radius and extend evening hours. In addition, she plans to offer special nights such as "Ladies Night" and promotional discounts such as "3's Company" (buy two get one free).

Some businesses in downtown Rochester, like Paint Creek Tavern, have reported no change in sales during construction. The future construction on Rochester Road does not concern them.

Tony, a chef for Paint



SHANNON COUGHLIN / The Oakland Post

Frustration from attempting to navigate the construction reduces patronage to local businesses, and constricts the flow of traffic.

Creek Tavern, even expressed optimism for the upcoming construction.

"It'll bring in construction workers," he said. "They'll get off of a long day's work, come in here and get a beer ... they might get something to eat too."

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Mozart moves

Pianist, professor joins Varner stage with violinist to play Mozart sonatas



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Professor Yin Zheng will be performing in the "A Journey with Mozart" series beginning March 10. She will be play piano alongside violinist Bin Huang. The Two will play a total of 16 of Mozart's sonatas during the period, free of charge.

By Clare La Torre
Life Editor

Assistant professor of music, Yin Zheng, continues to show students the attainability, attraction and beauty of classical music.

In the upcoming event, "A Journey with Mozart," the professor and keyboard program coordinator invites students from all fields of study to join violinist Bin Huang and herself in their love for Mozart, free of charge.

'A Journey with Mozart'

Comprised of 16 separate sonatas spanning three important time periods of Mozart's adulthood — the Mannheim period and two phases of his time in Vienna — the event will never repeat the same piece.

Within a span of four days, each performance will showcase four unique sonatas.

Spread over two weekends, the se-

ries serves as a great starting point for those interested in classical music, but are unfamiliar with the genre.

To keep the performances educational, multiple award-winning musicians Zheng and Huang will explain the history, context and creative process of each composition before performing. This way, the audience will know what to listen for and will understand it when they hear it.

Although complex, Mozart is not what people usually imagine when they think of classical music, Zheng said.

"It's not intimidating at all," she said. "It's easy to understand and easy to follow."

Alexandra Zetye, long-time student of Zheng's and a piano performance, engineering biology and mathematics major, also celebrates the welcoming element of Mozart's music.

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Professor background



Yin Zheng,
piano
professor

Yin Zheng, assistant professor of music, piano and keyboard program coordinator, has played at coveted venues such as Carnegie Hall and Steinway Hall in New York, the Berlin Konzerthaus and the

Shanghai Oriental Arts Center.

She earned her doctorate in musical studies from the Eastman School of Music in New York.

She is the youngest female in China to receive a doctorate in piano performance and literature.

Since starting her work at OU five years ago, Zheng has had a tremendous effect on her students.

"Dr. Zheng is an amazing and inspirational pianist and teacher who has an incredible ability to make music — all types of music — come alive," said Alexandra Zetye, who has been studying with Zheng for six semesters.

Zetye is very grateful to be working alongside Zheng.

"Since I began studying with (Zheng), my technical ability, musicality and my creativity have all skyrocketed."

Zheng enjoys the stability and creative space that OU provides her, both as a professor and a performer.

"I want to lead a very balanced life in regards to performing and teaching," she said. "OU has allowed me to shape my vision into creating a program."

Zheng is very grateful to be working with Bin Huang, a medalist at world-class international competitions.

"(Huang) is the most accomplished Chinese violinist of her generation," Zheng said.

Zheng encourages all students to discover classical music.

Yin Zheng can be contacted via email at 2zheng@oakland.edu

Performances

Presented in Varner Recital Hall and spread over four days, each performance will feature four distinct sonatas, totalling 16 compositions.

Saturday, March 10
8 p.m.

Sunday, March 11
3 p.m.

Saturday, March 17
8 p.m.

Sunday, March 18
8 p.m.

MOZART

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"One of the most amazing aspects of Mozart's music is that it is easily accessible to the average person, but that it still retains the highest standards of form and harmony," Zetye said. "Audiences at all levels of musical knowledge can appreciate his straightforward, yet beautiful melodies and his large palette of musical styles."

The series will be presented in Varner Hall.

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Alexandra Zetye,
Piano performance major

Far-reaching plans

OU is just the beginning for the

event. The two plan to play at other educational institutions across the U.S.

They are scheduled to play a four-day weekend in North Carolina directly after they finish at OU.

After touring the U.S., they will explore other opportunities to perform the collection in various Asian countries.

The two women and celebrated musicians are not only traveling to perform, but in search of the perfect place to record their classical renditions.

"The requirements of acoustics is very complex," Zheng said. "It has to work for both instruments."

The two will most likely record in Europe or Asia, she said.

If all goes as planned, recording will either start later this year, or in the beginning of 2013. The commercial recording will be released sometime in 2013.

A life-long love

Zheng has been playing Mozart since she was 5-years-old and has noted him as her favorite composer ever since.

Zheng said it has always been a dream of hers to record Mozart's work.

"I feel closest to Mozart because of the personality and the nature of the



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Yin Zheng has been playing piano since age four and Mozart since age

music," she said. "It's the drama — his music is so alive."

Music has always been referred to as

a universal language, but Mozart takes that theory to a whole new level, Zheng said.

"His work is like a musical language. The way he constructs (musical) phrases is very similar to the way we speak," she said.

Zetye also noted the superior construction of Mozart's work.

"Mozart's compositions are perfectly constructed musical masterpieces," she said

When it began

Zheng's and Huang's relationship goes back to their time at the Eastman School of Music.

Huang discovered Zheng while she was working on her doctorate.

"(Huang) heard me play and she loved the way I played Mozart," Zheng said.

The rest is about to become history.

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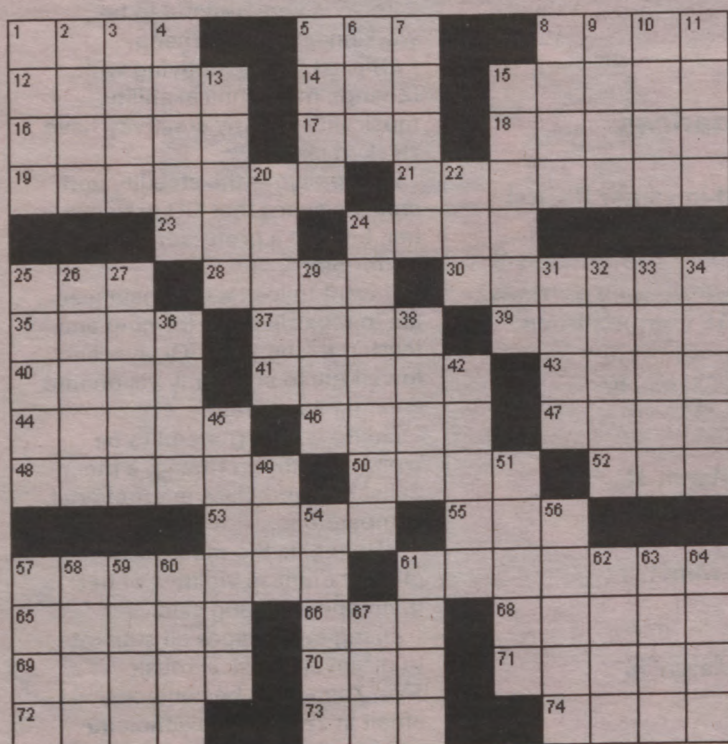
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16. Shaving tool
17. Steal
18. Dam
19. Gemstone
21. Incognizant
23. Female sheep
24. Celestial body
25. Alcoholic beverage
28. Endure
30. Be cautious about
35. Droop
37. Counterfoil
39. Claw
40. Affirm
41. Type of duck
43. Short letter
44. Happen again
46. Annoy
47. Disastrous

destiny

48. Respect
50. Aquatint
52. Cook on a hot surface
53. Domain
55. Unit of weight
57. Treachery
61. Supervisor
65. Assumed name
66. Prevarication
68. Promised solemnly
69. Hidden drawback
70. Metal-bearing mineral
71. Spooky
72. Hinge joint
73. Mesh
74. Metallic element

Down

1. Fiend
2. Unit of apothecary weight
3. Stupor
4. Breathe noisily while asleep
5. Cross a shallow river
6. Fuss
7. First appearance
8. Work party
9. Molten rock
10. Pitcher
11. Take flight
13. Dragnet
15. Red wine
20. Let for money
22. Apprehend
24. Considered in detail
25. Mindful
26. Exists
27. Choose by a vote
29. To begin moving
31. Baton
32. Remote in manner
33. Revolving mechanism
34. Foe
36. Genuine
38. Band with buckle
42. Right-hand page
45. Gusto
49. Insane
51. Herbivorous quadruped
54. Synthetic material
56. Stair post
57. Group of hunting animals
58. Panache
59. Customary practice
60. Vertical surface of a cliff
61. Pedal extremities
62. Additional
63. Song for solo voice
64. Requirement
67. Anger

Mediterranean and Moroccan food offered under one roof

REVIEW

Local unique and fresh food

By Tiffany Jones
Staff Intern

Finding fresh authentic food can be difficult — Palm Palace gives good reason to try something new and local.

Providing the best food is their number one priority, said CEO Mustafa Dakroub.

"Fresh chickpeas are the only way we make our hummus, most places use canned," Dakroub said. "Our food is authentic — our saying is 'real fresh, real good.'"

Vegetables are shipped daily from local vendors and all the meat they use is kosher.

"Nothing here comes from a can," Dakroub said.

Accompanying the authentic and unique food is the Dewaniya sitting area — the most notable design component of the restaurant.

It is the perfect place for people to meet up and socialize at the end of the day, Dakroub said.

The area is filled with plush seating, copper tables and colors of turquoise and blues, with hints of gold.

"You really don't feel like you are in Michigan when you are there."

Erin Katz,
OU student

"You really don't feel like you are in Michigan when you are there," said Erin Katz, an Oakland University student.

With an already extensive menu and décor to match, Palm

Palace has raised the bar by adding Moroccan cuisine. Similar to Mediterranean, Moroccan food has a little more kick to it due to the spices used.

Palm Palace offers many dishes, retail items, carryout services, catering and exceptional service from their team, so it is no surprise this restaurant was the winner of the Best of Detroit Award, two years in a row.

Their menu offers an array of salads, sandwiches and other entrees. They even offer combo and party trays for larger events.

Conveniently located at the corner of University Drive and North Squirrel Road, it is easy to use carry out services on the way to class, grab a chicken shwarma sandwich or an order of stuffed grape leaves.

OU students receive a 10 percent discount with presentation of their school ID.

Palm Palace is open Monday



Photo courtesy of Mustafa Dakroub

Palm Palace offers many different, authentic and fresh dishes.

Locations

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15750 Hall Rd.
586-416-4800

Ann Arbor
2370 Carpenter Road
734-971-5700

Auburn Hills
2065 N. Squirrel Road
248-371-9000

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Mouthing Off

SATIRE

Where are all of the bright pink bicycles?

By Brian Figurski
Mutimedia Reporter

I remember when I got my first bicycle. Jet black Mongoose, 18 gears, sweet neon lighting bolts attached to my spokes. When I felt like making a racket, I even stuck a holographic Charizard Pokémon card near my back tire. I was so excited when I pulled up to that first day of senior year in high school.

I was pelted with rocks and laughed at for still having Pokémon cards. Ah, the good ol' days.

Bicycles are a cornerstone of nearly everybody's childhood. Or in my case, post-pubescent period. I love feeling the rush of wind in my hair, shrieking like a banshee as I crest a tall hill, and the rush to the bottom.

So when I want to relive those exhilarating days five years past, where

the hell are those bright pink Bike Share bicycles?

Oh, look at that picture. That's where they are — the bottom of Beer Lake.

Besides being towed up from lakebeds covered in algae, our beloved bicycles have been popping up in Pontiac and Rochester, smashed and tattered on the side of Walton Boulevard, the chains trashed and smattered on the hill beside the parking garage. Recent Hubble telescope photographs show one on the moon.

From the 200 new bicycles brought on campus at the start of the last Fall semester, there has been a 60 percent mortality rate.

The bicycles have a high mortality rate, not the cyclists using them. So far, nobody has been reported deceased from riding the bikes.

These bikes came in mass quanti-



Photo Courtesy of Orlando Parham
A student drowns one of the Bike Share bicycles in Beer Lake during the summer.

ties. They aren't practical to ride long distances, like home to Waterford.

The Bike Share program is a great and generous idea, but you can't expect expensive mountain bikes with 24 gears and handbrakes here when the purpose is to take you a quarter mile to another campus locale.

You're not going to see Lance Armstrong touting the faded pink reverse-pedal brake bicycle on the Tour De France this year. By the way it's going, you're more likely to see an ESPN2 special featuring the tandems

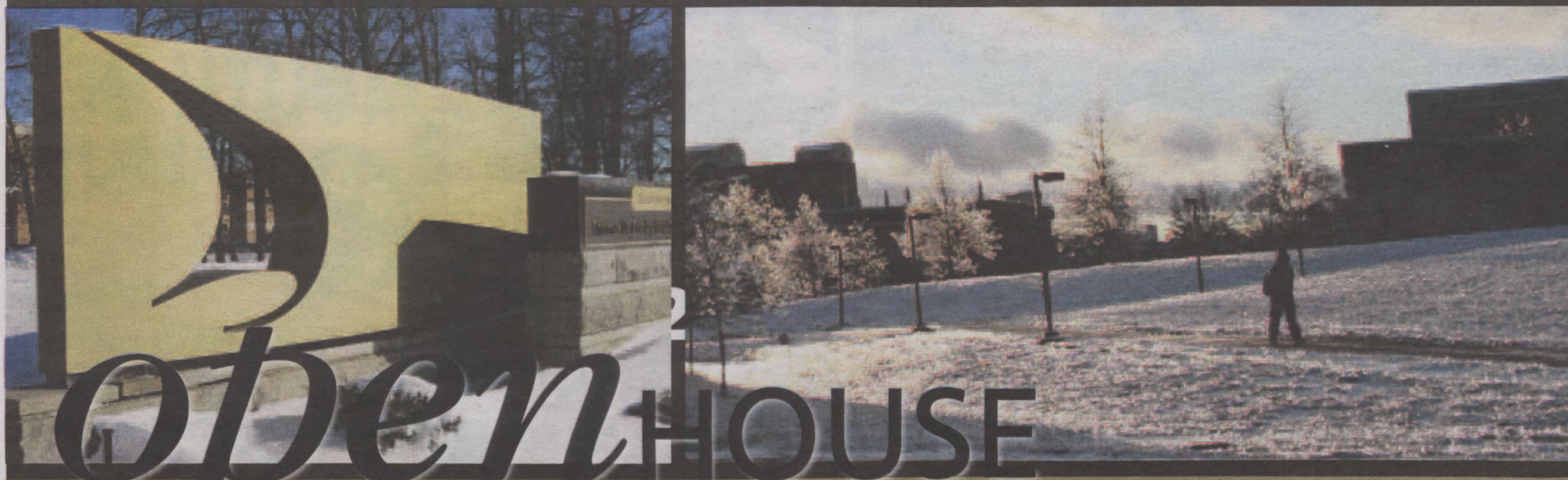
in a destruction derby.

The campus goof-offs like to treat the equipment like toys, rip the chains off and abandon the poor bikes all over campus and ghost-ride them off cliffs.

Use these bicycles with care. We aren't going to get any replicas to replace the destroyed models mashed up and tangled in the bushes near Oakland's main entrance.

Imagine your life without the bikes — you will have no choice but to walk everywhere. Oh, the horror.

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