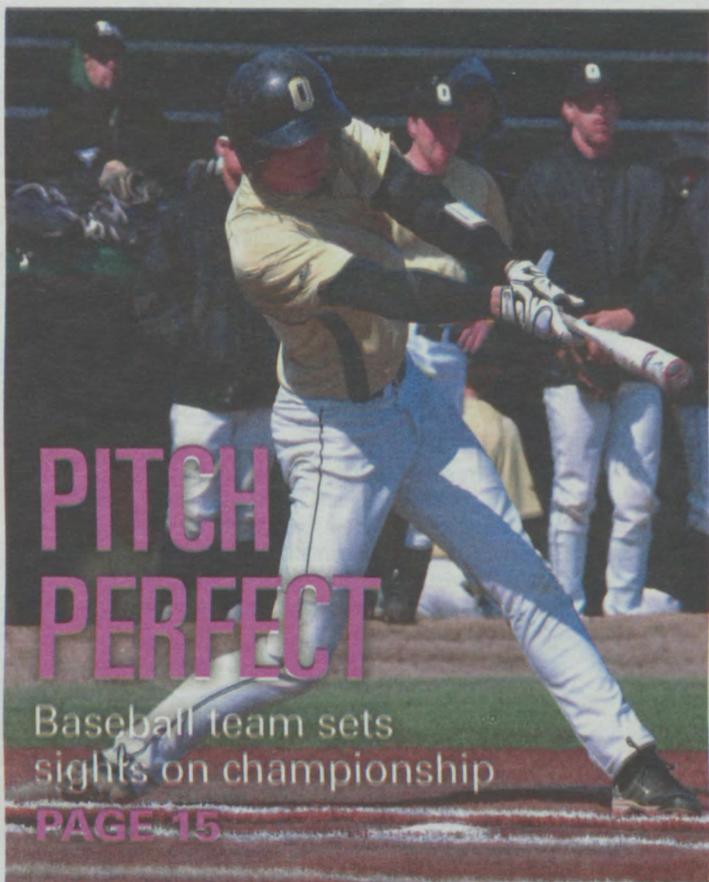


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The Grizzlies won their fifth straight game on Saturday Feb. 5 in the O'rena. The team beat South Dakota State 88-83. Read the whole story online:

www.oaklandpostonline.com



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

LET IT SNOW // Oakland University was one of the only schools in the Metro Detroit area to stay open as Michigan was blanketed in snow by winter storm Nemo Friday. Freshman Stephanie Carey took this picture of the field between the Oakland Center and Kresge Library as the snow continued to fall.

STEPHANIE CAREY // Freshman, Nutrition and Exercise Science

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POLL OF THE WEEK

Which campus expansion project are you excited about the most?

- A** New student housing
- B** A second parking garage
- C** Renovations to the Upper Fields
- D** The Library Drive expansion

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Where is the best place to hook up on campus?

- A** The study rooms in Varner and Elliot
5 votes | 9%
- B** Kresge Library
26 votes | 48%
- C** The parking garage
13 votes | 24%
- D** The Rec Center
10 votes | 19%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 14, 1969

Judges interviewed the finalists of the 1969 Miss OU pageant. The winner received savings bonds, roses and reigned over the social activities for the year.

FEBRUARY 15, 1963

Michigan State University Oakland officially changed its name to Oakland University. Matilda Wilson donated Meadow Brook Farms, her estate and \$2 million to build the first academic buildings.

FEBRUARY 17, 1971

The office of President Donald O'Dowd was bombed. The Pontiac Arson Squad spent 20 minutes putting out a fire. An anonymous letter was sent to the campus newspaper, suggesting the bombing was a rebellion against the "pig establishment." O'Dowd doubted there were any political roots to the event and the university's insurance refurbished his office.



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William Beaumont School of Medicine pairs with the Downtown Youth Boxing Gym.



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UNDIE THE WEATHER

Residents gather to Detroit for Cupid's Undie Run to show off their skivvies and raise money.



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Oakland University students make a fashion statement with their favorite frames.

BY THE NUMBERS
STIs and STDs in the US

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million new cases of
Chlamydia a year

1 in 4

teens will contract an
STD/STI each year

40%

of men will contract
Herpes by 2025

48,079

cases of HIV
reported yearly

\$8

billion spent to diagnose
and treat STDs/STIs yearly

STAFF EDITORIAL

Get tested or be tested — the importance of contraception

Flip a coin. If you're a sexually active college student 25 years old or under, those are your odds of catching a sexually transmitted infection, according to the Get Yourself Tested Campaign.

Almost 38,000 cases of Chlamydia are reported for every 100,000 people aged 15-24 in Michigan, as well as 8,605 cases of Syphilis, according to the Center for Disease Control.

Every 9.5 minutes, someone in the United States is infected with HIV, according to www.aids.gov and the Center for Disease Control. Currently there are 1.1 million cases. One in five are unaware of their infection.

Chlamydia, Syphilis, Herpes, HPV and more have all found homes at Oakland University, according to Graham Health Center director Nancy Jansen.

These statistics alone may be surprising, but there's more.

Almost half of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended. In women 20-24, that figure rises to 64 percent.

It can cost \$250,000 to raise a child for 17 years at minimum, not including college tuition, according to a USA Today article.

For those who think that's

It may seem inconvenient and maybe even expensive to get an STI test and purchase contraception. But consider how much STI treatments or child-raising will cost. Which would you rather pay?

too much to pay, child support is around \$430 a month, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's \$5,150 a year. Failure to pay child support could net a negligent parent four years in prison, according to www.michigan.gov

All of this can be prevented easily and cheaply. Contraception is readily available on campus at both the Graham Health Center and the Gender and Sexuality Center.

The Graham Health Center provides multiple forms of birth control at a low cost.

For those who qualify for Michigan's "Plan First" program, some of those forms may be free, according to Jansen.

The Graham Health Center also has low-cost tests for sexually transmitted infec-

tions. In Vandenberg Hall Feb. 26, 75 of those tests will be free and anonymous.

There exists yet another way to prevent disease and unintended pregnancy, and it costs nothing — ait until you and your partner are both sure before pursuing a physical relationship.

If both partners are sure, get tested first.

It may seem inconvenient and maybe even expensive to get an STI test and purchase contraception. But consider how much STI treatments or child-raising will cost.

Which would you rather pay — \$2.50 for a pack of condoms at Graham Health Center, or \$250,000 to raise a baby?

Between a dwindling economy, test scores, internships, post-graduation employment and a million other things, college students have enough to worry about.

Sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancies should not be on that list.

Protect yourself. And don't trust anyone else to do it for you.

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COLUMN

Student reps advocate for campus improvements

The initiatives proposed to the Board of Trustees at the Feb. 12 meeting include some of the most discussed and desired initiatives by the students. We support Oakland University's investment in these areas.

As addressed in the Dec. 3 BOT meeting, the inadequate on-campus housing capacity has affected the amount of high-achieving students Oakland can attract from a more regional, national and international level.

Our programs and prestige have grown beyond the tri-county area, and our on-campus housing needs to accommodate for this sort of growth.

For these reasons, students were relieved when the BOT approved plans to initiate the design and build process of a new housing building. The amount of money the administration proposed to sell in bonds also provided for additional campus improvements, which were presented at the BOT meeting Tuesday.

The other major projects brought to the board as part of the bonds issuance included the construction of a parking structure and a set of improvements to the upper play fields. Both of these projects are



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columnist

highly desired among students.

Students, faculty and community members often remark on the poor parking availability at OU during peak hours. This will undoubtedly become worse when nearly half of P5 is taken offline for the construction of the housing building.

The engineering building currently underway and the completed Human Health Building are already affecting the parking availability.

In order to regain the lost spaces and continue to meet the "convenient commuter university" market that OU attracts, a parking structure is absolutely required. The structure's location, which is proposed to be between Elliot, Kresge Library, SEB and the new engineering building, will help alleviate that very congested academic section of campus. It's the perfect location.

The upper playing fields' improvements are another student-desired proposal.

In a survey completed by almost 700 students last year, 68 percent of students said OU should invest in improving the upper fields as the plan described and 64 percent said they would use the fields regularly for their recreation.

The proposal includes a running track,

eight tennis courts and a number of turf fields, meaning that OU's track and field and tennis teams no longer need to practice at local high school facilities. This initiative has been a long time coming, but well deserved on many fronts.

An important consideration in introducing these proposals is how students' pocketbooks will be affected. There are a number of ways in which students can receive more but pay less for these projects. The housing building's construction will be funded by the housing department, which is separate from student's tuition, but the parking and upper play fields are part of general fund expenditures.

From initial plans, the Upper Fields would be maintained through the Department of Recreation and Athletics — also separate from students' tuition.

Although the construction costs of the upper playing fields and parking structure will fall on the students, much is being done to reduce this cost.

First, the student representatives at the BOT meetings advocated for a fee-free parking facility, which reduces the massive long term cost of regulating and issuing parking passes or other technology/personnel necessary for such procedures. It

was also advocated that the costs should be rolled into tuition, which would maintain OU's competitive tuition with "no fees". This makes it easier for students that are planning to study at OU and need to consider the costs involved.

Regardless, with the \$65 million in new expenditures approved in Tuesday's meeting, students can expect a minimum of 1.5 percent increase to tuition next year that will be carried over through the next 30 some years. Fortunately, students can find resolve because a total tuition increase this summer will not exceed Governor Snyder's 4 percent cap, which the BOT and administration agreed upon.

The housing, parking and upper play fields proposals are altogether a well-coordinated plan that addresses the largest student concerns, some of which have been building-up over the past several years.

These improvements will greatly contribute to student life, the growth of our university, and the value every graduate holds in their diploma. We, as student representatives, are excited for the future.

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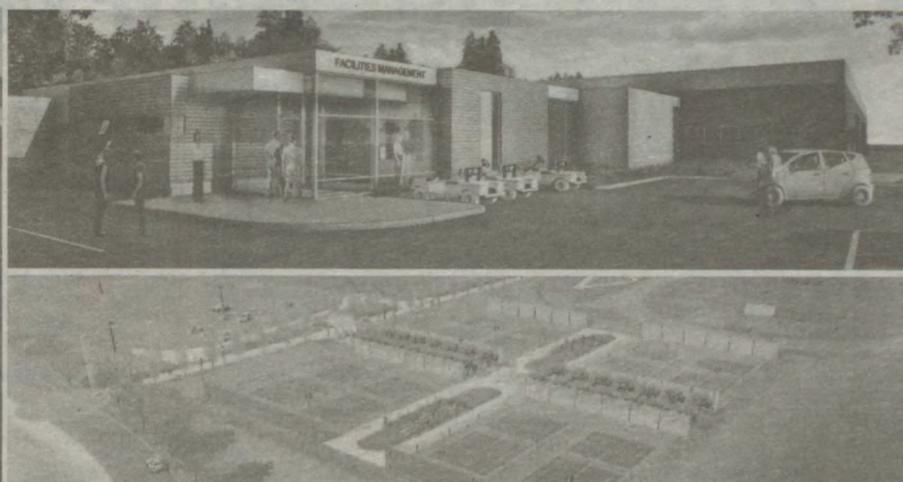
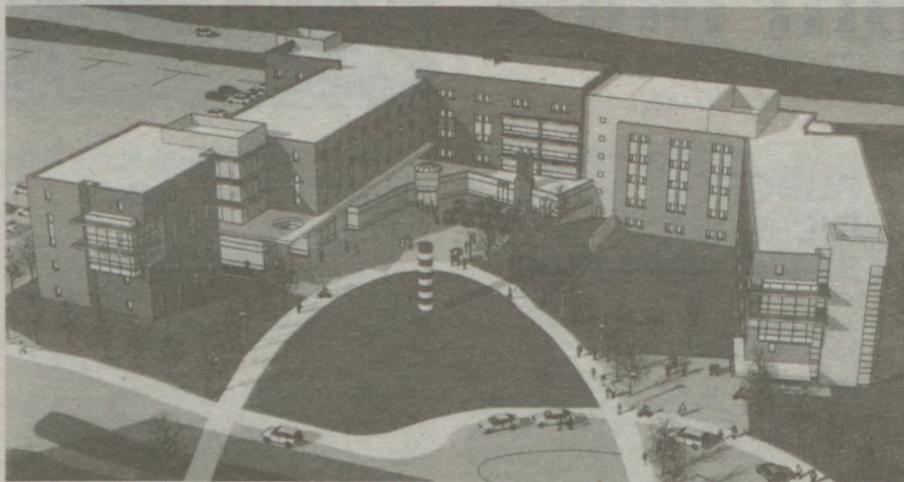
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The Oakland University Board of Trustees approved several schematics Tuesday, including a new student housing facility, Upper Fields renovations and a facilities management building.

If you build it, they will come

Board of Trustees approve schematics for housing facility, parking structure and more

By Nichole Seguin
Editor-in-Chief

The Oakland University Board of Trustees approved the schematics for four buildings Tuesday, including a student housing facility, a four-story parking structure, an expansion to the Upper Fields, the expansion of Library Drive and a facilities maintenance building. The total cost for all projects is \$65 million.

New student housing facility

Plans for the new \$30 million housing structure were approved by the BOT Dec. 3, but after realizing the soil was not capable of supporting the facility, the building plans had to be rotated 120 degrees westward.

The horseshoe-shaped building, designed by Neumann Smith/Frank Rewold, will be located across from Vandenberg and Hamlin Halls on Meadow Brook Road.

The freshmen and sophomore housing facility will have five floors, a café, freshmen lounge and quad. It will also be the new home for the Honors College, which is currently located in Vandenberg Hall.

"One of the things we don't have in housing is really the ability to gather. This building has that emphasis," said Terry Stollsteimer, associate vice president of facilities management.

The facility will provide approximately 510-530 beds and will be built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental De-

sign standards. It is expected to be completed fall 2014.

Four-story parking structure

The BOT also approved schematics for a new \$22.8 million parking structure, which will replace Parking Lot 32.

The four-level facility, to be located by the Science and Engineering Building, will contain approximately 1,240 parking spaces — a net gain of 930 spaces — according to BOT documents.

"About five years ago, we got rid of all of our fees on campus, including parking fees," said John Beaghan, vice president for finance and administration. "We rolled that into tuition ... we know we're the only public university in the state that has no fees. Not only do we sell 'no fees,' we sell 'free parking' ... we've talked about it (charging for parking) extensively and we believe our current practice of no parking fees is the best strategy."

The parking structure will be financed through the sale of General Revenue Bonds and is expected to be completed fall 2014.

Expansion to the upper fields, creation of athletics complex

Due to the increase in the number of OU Club Sports, the BOT approved schematics for a \$7.8 million expansion to the upper fields and the creation of an upper fields athletics complex.

The expansion, funded by the sale of General Revenue Bonds, will include improved fields, overhead lights, the addition of eight tennis courts and a track and

field complex with stadium seating on the upper fields. The updates will meet NCAA Division I competition requirements and serve to attract high-caliber athletes, according to BOT documents.

"We see this as a multi-purposed and multi-dimensional facility where you can have many activities going on all at once," said Tracy Huth, director of athletics. "This could be a place for students to congregate for a variety of activities."

"(The expansion) will not only fulfill needs for athletics, but will enhance overall quality of campus life," said Trustee Monica Emerson.

The facility is expected to be completed fall 2014.

Facilities management building

Also approved during Tuesday's BOT meeting were the schematics for a \$1.7 million facilities management building.

The current facility — three construction trailers built in 1987 — were deemed in need of "complete replacement" by the State of Michigan, according to BOT documents. In addition to deteriorating foundation and an inability to control heating and cooling, the building "provides inadequate space for capital project management and storage of Oakland University historical archives."

"Truthfully, it's not a good conducive environment to work in (currently)," Stollsteimer said. "We don't really complain, but we've had environmental issues like animals leaving their feces in our office and having to work with that ... our problem is really that campus is

filled. We're doing everything around people, so we don't have turnaround space. Unfortunately, we just do not have enough space."

The building, designed by Hobbs and Blacks architects, will be funded by the sale of general revenue bonds. It is expected to be completed by fall 2014.

Library Drive expansion

The OU BOT also approved the schematics for a \$2 million expansion to Library Drive, depending on cooperation from Auburn Hills and Oakland County.

The road will extend through Parking Lot 35 and 37, making an entrance/exit out to Squirrel Road.

The Board would like to see a Michigan Left or a left turn signal light to help alleviate congestion and is seeking an update.

"They (Oakland County) hears us, but frankly they haven't provided any solutions yet," Stollsteimer said.

The expansion will also be funded by the sale of general revenue bonds.

"We believe that this extension of Library Drive out to Squirrel will relieve a great deal of traffic," Beaghan said. "The biggest problem is folks coming out and trying to make a Michigan Left on Squirrel to M-59."

Additional considerations

Other items discussed at the meeting included the acceptance of \$5.5 million in grants and contracts and the presentation of honorary degrees to Baroness Caroline Cox and Sergio Marchionne.

Getting more for your buck

Gov. Snyder proposes \$24.9 million boost for local colleges

By Nichole Seguin
Editor-in-Chief

Gov. Rick Snyder made several proposals for the 2014 fiscal year budget Feb. 7, including a \$24.9 million (2 percent) budget increase for Michigan universities if they meet certain standards.

The Republican governor's proposed budget would require universities to keep tuition increases to less than 4 percent. The budget could control the amount of state aid universities can receive by measuring their ability to meet performance standards including graduation rates, research and graduates of high-demand programs.

This is following a similar restraint passed by legislation for the current fiscal year, in which Oakland received \$45 million in state aid and an additional one-time \$930,800 tuition-rate bonus for keeping its tuition increase under 4 percent.

"Educating our children is a top priority for families in Michigan, and it should be a top priority in our state budget, as well," Snyder said. "That's why I'm proposing an increase in state spending on education, from early childhood all the way through higher education."

Further proposal details

Snyder's proposal also includes spending \$130 million during the next two years for early childhood educational opportunities expansions, \$11.5 billion in state funds for K-12 education, a total of \$10 million for online learning and \$5.8 mil-

"EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR FAMILIES IN MICHIGAN, AND IT SHOULD BE A TOP PRIORITY IN OUR STATE BUDGET, AS WELL."

Rick Snyder,
Governor of Michigan

lion for community college operations.

"We certainly applaud the governor's interest in boosting the state's investment in higher education, as we know that the people of Michigan will be paid substantial dividends on that investment over time," said Oakland University President Gary Russi. "We also support Gov. Snyder's goals to broaden access to college education, improve student retention rates and focus on research with potential to strengthen the state's economy and overall quality of life. With these issues in mind, we'll be watching the state's budget development process closely and advocating the boldest measures the state can take to support Michigan students."

Current increases

Oakland's tuition increase was 2.96 percent for undergraduate students and 2.94 percent for graduate students for the 2012-13 school year.

The budget was approved by the OU Board of Trustees on Aug. 6, 2012. The increase was the fifth-lowest among Michigan's 15 public universities and Oakland's lowest since a 1 percent increase in 2004.

BUDGET INCREASE BY THE NUMBERS

\$24.9 MILLION
the amount added to the 2014 fiscal budget

2%
How much the budget will increase

\$45 MILLION
the amount of state aid for the previous fiscal year

\$930,800
the one-time tuition rate bonus

\$130 MILLION
the amount Snyder proposed to spend on early childhood education during the next two years

WXOU nominated for 2013 mtvU Woodie Award

By Dylan Dulberg
Multimedia Editor

Just two weeks after their unofficial victory in the Michigan Associate of Broadcasters Station of the Year awards, WXOU has again been recognized for their prowess — this time by MTV.

WXOU has been nominated for the 2013 mtvU College Radio Station of the Year Woodie Award.

The mtvU Woodie Awards, which were started in 2004, meant to award the music voted best by college students, as well as the college radio stations that provide the music.

WXOU has never been selected as one of the top 25 stations until this year.

"I think it really goes to show what we have accomplished," WXOU Program Director Christina Venditti said. "It is an effect of the exposure we have received, the work we have done and the changes we have made to our station and how we do things."

WXOU is nominated among 24 other stations across the nation, from California to New York.

They are one of two stations from Michigan to be nominated, alongside Michigan State University's station, WDBM.

Last year's winner was Appalachian

State University's station, WASU, who is not in the race for this year's award.

"It's national recognition," Venditti said. "It isn't so much of a bragging right, but more of a prestige, or an honor. It goes to show that we are good at what we do, and that we have worked hard to get there, and that hard work has paid off."

The ten stations with the most votes will move on to the next round, with one winner to be selected from those ten.

Voting for the top 25 round is open until Wednesday, Feb. 20.

You can vote for WXOU by visiting <http://bit.ly/Xw2yoJ>

There are no limits on the amount of times you can vote.

Contact Multimedia Editor Dylan Dulberg via email at dsdulber@oakland.edu or follow on Twitter @dylde64

POLICE FILES

Malicious destruction of property in student apartments

Police were called to the Ann V. Nicholson Apartments for a report of damage to private property Feb. 10 at 1:40 a.m.

A student informed police of a white male in a plaid shirt and blue baseball cap breaking rearview mirrors off of vehicles — a blue Ford Escort and a white Pontiac G6.

A person was then spotted leaving a room in the Ann V. Nicholson Apartments who matched the suspect's description.

Police questioned the suspect, who was later identified by the complainant.

Police arrested the suspect for two counts of malicious destruction of property.

The suspect was cooperative, but only admitted to breaking the mirror from one vehicle.

A breathalyzer test showed a blood alcohol level of .138.

The arresting officer is seeking warrants for minor in possession and malicious destruction of property.

Marijuana use reported in Van Wagoner House

Police responded to an odor complaint in Van Wagoner House Feb. 8 at 7:25 p.m.

The police knocked on the door of a male student, who allowed the police into his apartment.

When asked if he had any marijuana, the student replied, "yes."

The suspect then opened a desk drawer and gave police a plastic bag containing marijuana.

The suspect and his female guest denied smoking marijuana that evening.

Police did not detect any signs of intoxication in either party.

An NIK test showed the bag tested positive for marijuana.

The student was issued a ticket for marijuana use.

— Compiled by Brian Johnston,
Chief Copy Editor

Global Brigades expands volunteer efforts, plans to create new chapters

By Stephanie Sokol
Local Editor

The Oakland University Global Brigades chapter, formed in 2010, gives students the opportunity to volunteer and travel out of the country to help the people of Honduras and Panama.

Laura Collier, adviser and founder of Global Brigades at OU, sees the group growing from four to all nine of the Global Brigades.

Medical Brigades

The Medical Brigades chapter, led by President Nadiya Sorych and Vice President Charlotte Massol, works in both Honduras and Panama.

Their first trip was in 2011, and during each visit, students provided health treatment and medication to citizens.

Physicians, dentists and gynecologists go on the trip with the students.

"When this opportunity came for me, I enjoyed it so much. I got more and more involved with it," Sorych said. "I fell in love with the idea of a nonprofit and doing work with it, because you really feel like you are changing the world and making a difference, and that's an amazing feeling."

Public Health Brigades

The Public Health Brigades aim to improve living conditions and prevent medical problems, according to President Alana Hartley.

On their last trip in December, the group traveled to work with families, looking at their homes and finding improvements to make.

They installed concrete floors to prevent respiratory problems

and foot fungus, since the houses all had dirt flooring, according to Hartley.

"I have benefited a lot from (Global Brigades) both in personal growth, as well as, leadership, teaching," Hartley said.

Architecture Brigades

The Architecture Brigades focuses on restructuring communities.

During their last trip in December, they went for seven days, building a public health building and school, according to Monica Dallo, the group's president.

"I think anyone can do the Architecture Brigades," Dallo said.

Their time consists of manual labor, pouring concrete and pickaxing and educating children about the process of architecture, so they can keep up the buildings and rebuild them-



PHOTO COURTESY NADIYA SORYCH

The Medical Brigades learns about the water program at the site of the future water basin for the community of El Canton, Honduras.

selves if necessary, Dallo said.

Business Brigades

While other chapters of OU Global Brigades have more of a medical and health focus, the new Business Brigades provides students with the opportunity to help people of Panama with financial planning and other aspects of running a company, according to Collier.

The goal of Business Brigades is to create sustainable economic development solutions to improve the overall socioeconomic level of under-resourced communities, according to the Global Brigades website.

The first meeting for the new group is Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

In order for the Global Brigades to take the trip, a minimum of 15 members is required.

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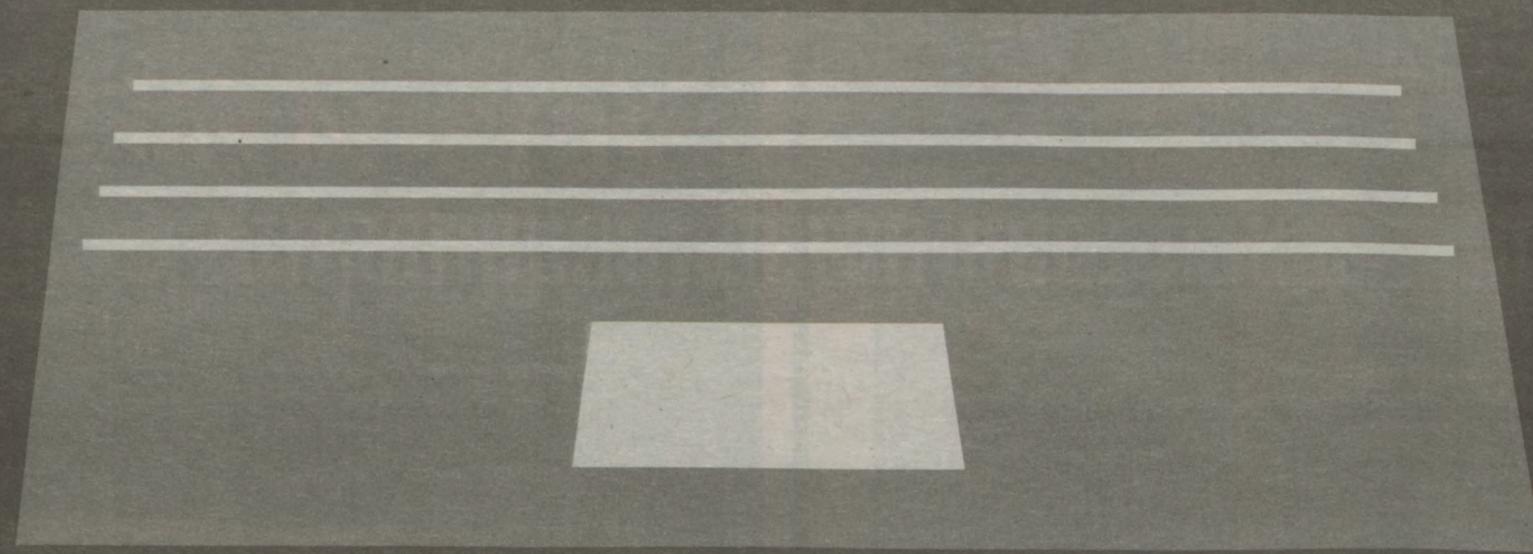
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CULTURE AROUND CAMPUS

Oakland Center plays host to Spring Hoedown, Women in Islam event

Written and photographed by
Lilly Reid
Staff Reporter

During the past week, Oakland University Student Congress and Student Program Board put on a variety of events celebrating culture.

SPB hosted the Spring Hoedown Feb. 6 in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center and OUSC hosted the Women in Islam Feb. 7 in the Fireside Lounge.

1. A panel of Islamic students participate in a question and answer session with the audience at the Women in Islam event.

2. Students, faculty and guests come together to watch a presentation of Islamic history.

3. Singer-songwriter Brynn Marie performs one of her own ballads for the students at this year's Spring Hoedown.

4. Students share their own stories of the Islamic culture at the event.

5. While waiting for the line dancing to begin, students in attendance enjoy a country meal.

The meal included, country-themed food such as chili, fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, cornbread muffins and root beer.



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ALLEN JORDAN/The Oakland Post

David Jasso (LEFT) and Daniel Jasso practice their technique at Downtown Youth Boxing.

Building better citizens

William Beaumont School of Medicine, local boxing school team up to improve the lives of Detroit youth

By Allen Jordan
Staff Reporter

NBC Nightly News recently visited the campus of Oakland University and the William Beaumont School of Medicine as part of a feature story on the Downtown Youth Boxing Gym. The special is scheduled to air later this month.

News correspondent and former first daughter Chelsea Clinton visited the boxing gym, located in Detroit, to discuss how the DYBG works with area youths.

The DYBG is a nonprofit organization that develops good citizenship in urban youth through boxing programs, academic support and volunteer service.

An Oakland connection

The DYBG joined with OUWB to participate in mentoring sessions with children ages eight through 18, with the focus of preparing them for a productive adult life.

Jessica Hauser, executive director of DYBG, said the inspiration for reaching out to OU came from students who want to become doctors in the future.

"Once they expressed that's what they wanted to do, we wanted to provide one of the best resources available," Hauser said. "I reached out to a source and Oakland greeted us with open arms."

The organization now participates monthly with instructors at OUWB, according to Hauser, who graduated from OU with a degree in political science.

"With the tutoring that these kids go through, we push academics and hard work to better prepare them for medical school when it's time to take that step," Hauser said.

The mentoring sessions take place on campus and throughout the tri-county area with various community service activities.

Improving the lives of students

The students participate in year-long volunteering, from picking up trash to working with Forgotten Harvest by helping field the produce.

"We want to teach them the importance of education and what it can do to put you in a better position of life," founder and head trainer Coach Khali said.

Khali does not want his athletes to focus solely on boxing for a living, but a life beyond the ring with all of his students graduating from high school.

He believes with so many distractions in the world, the students will be unprepared for many things.

But he hopes through community involvement, students will gain a better understanding of the importance of what's around them.

"We feel if they learn the value of their community early on in life, they will eventually want to be impact citizens for the next generation like we have," Khali said.

For more information on the DYBG, visit www.downtownyouthboxing.org

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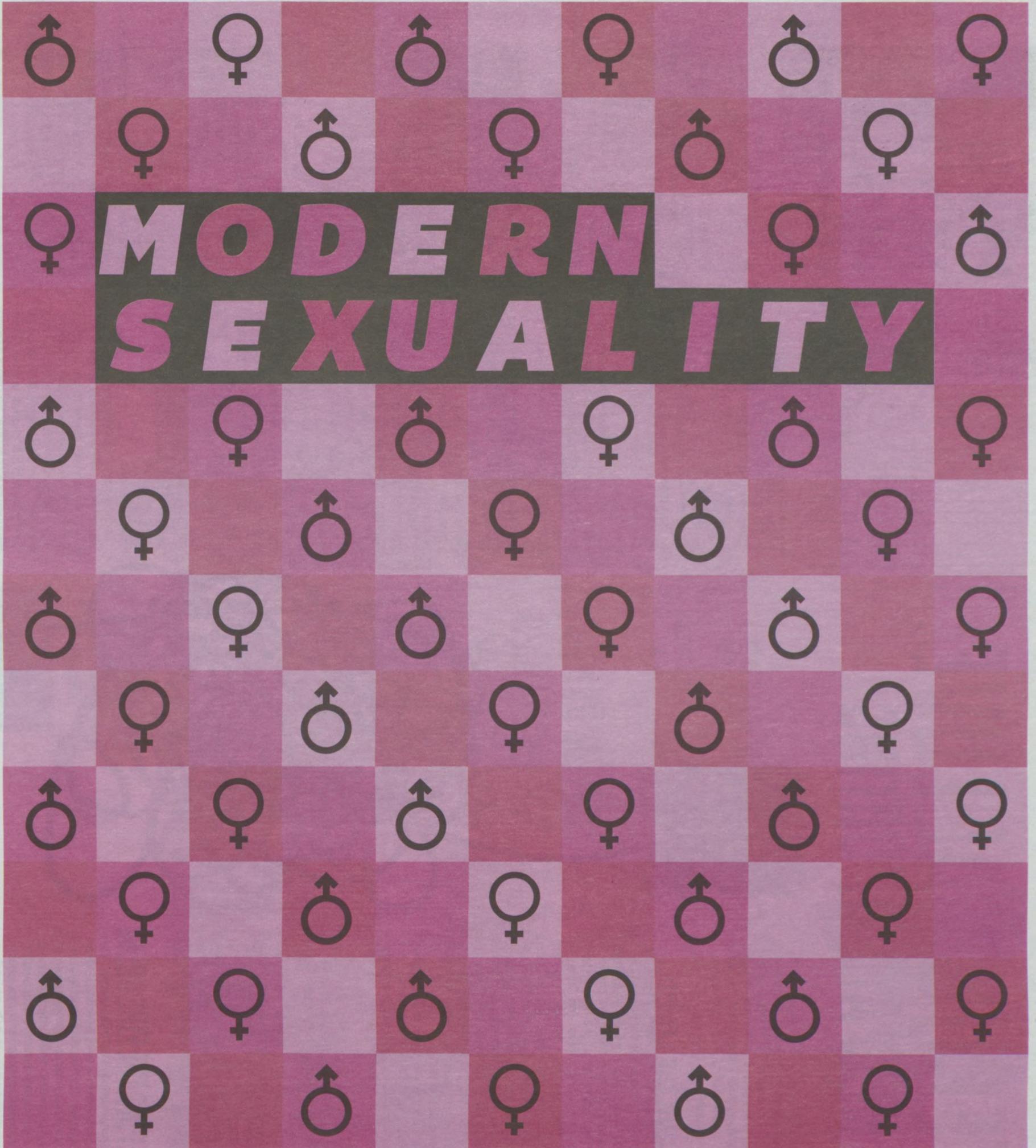
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TECHNICAL LOVE: A NEW AGE OF DATING

Technology plays a huge part in the everyday life of people everywhere. Now it has started to play a role in the way people meet. Online dating and relationships have increased in popularity due to a variety of factors such as age, time and ease

BEHIND THE MAGIC

With the demand for online relationships growing, more and more websites have been created to help make the connection easier. Trending right now are websites such as eHarmony, Match, and Christian Mingle. Each attracts a different type of users; however it comes at a cost. Dating sites bring in yearly revenue of 1.049 billion dollars. (statisticbrain.com). Most of these sites require payment and to fill out lengthy surveys. For those who can't afford or choose not to use these sites, Facebook is on its way to making a name for itself in the online dating world.

"I actually met my boyfriend on Facebook," said freshman Colleen Vann. "It seemed crazy to me at first but actually doing it has changed my opinion on the whole thing."

Most common is students meeting each other through others profiles. Other times it is a simple as liking a photo as it was in Vann's case.

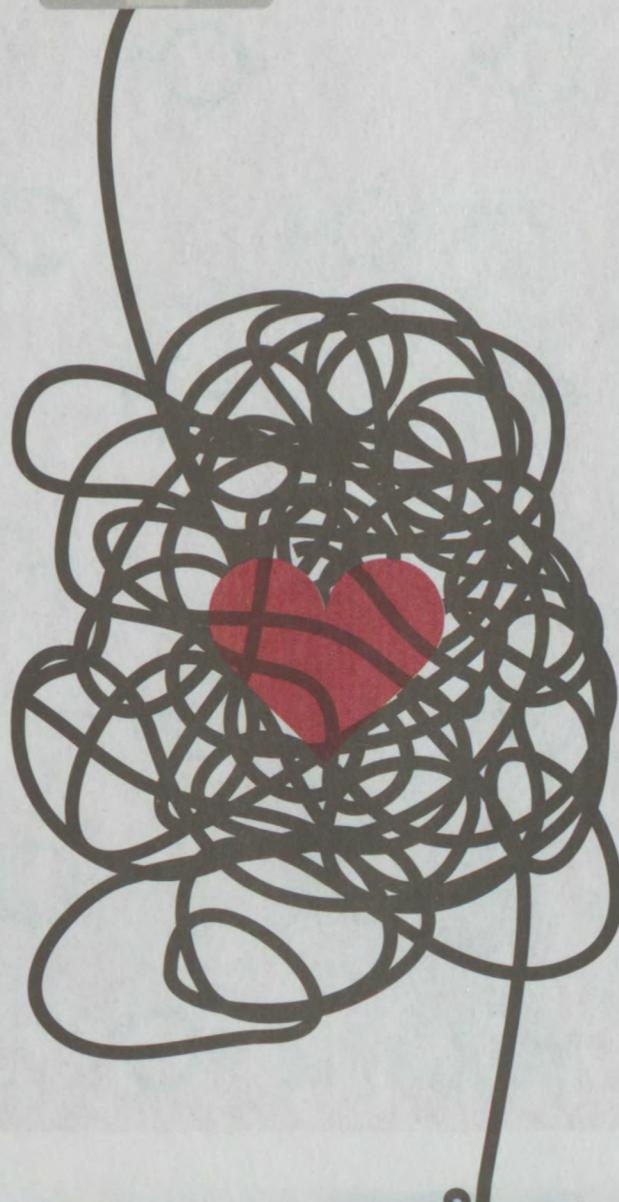
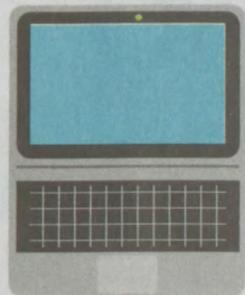
"It all started with a photo of his that I liked," said Vann. "It turned into a poke war and led to a never ending strand of conversations."

Students can be quite hesitant meeting someone they met online for the first time. However others are find ways to settle the nerves.

KEEPING THE FIRE GOING

For those already in a relationship, the online world has its own benefits. Statistics show that 32.5% of college relationships are long distance (campusexplorer.com). A new trend had started thanks to Skype, an online program that allows its users to have conversations via webcam. Skype provides a way to help maintain a long distance relationship easier.

"Skype has really helped me to keep my relationship strong," said Freshman



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like this."

THE POWER OF LOVE

Trust plays a key factor in online relationships. Barriers and trust are two key things to keeping a relationship strong, Jacob said.

The barriers for online relationships differ than those of an average relationship. For what an online relationship lacks in physical presence makes up in a deeper connection.

"When you can't always be with each other, it longs for you to truly know the other person," Jacob said. "You have to break down barriers and be willing to tell each other everything and anything."

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

The future is often a common topic for online relationships. Looking toward the future helps to ease the distance, Jacob said.

Most relationships make end dates to plan when they will meet again. Some go simple as watching a movie and staying in for the night to getting dressed up and spending a romantic evening together. These dates add an extra special vibe to the relationship.

"I'm very pleased with how my relationship turned out," Jacob said. Even though this all may seem unconventional to some, Jacob doesn't think so.

"How our relationship is structured may be different," she said. "But in the end our love is the same as everyone else."

LOOKING BEYOND THE SURFACE

Technology is the basis for online relationships. However they aren't always what they appear to be. Students wanting to fit in use the power of online relationships to make false accounts and identities. Some even go the distance to having prepaid cell phones to make the identity more concrete. Students looking for online relationships can sometimes run into these fake accounts and start communicating with an impersonator. This happened to be the case for Menti

HOW TO MAINTAIN AN ONLINE RELATIONSHIP

GET TO KNOW THEM:

Start to look into who they really are, yet don't bombard them with questions too fast. Progressively work towards a deep knowledge of one another.

SCHEDULE END DATES:

These are days to physically meet up and spend time together. These can be simple like watching a movie together, to a full-blown romantic evening.

ESTABLISH BARRIERS:

Barriers for average relationships and online relationships differ. Average relationships hold barriers for conversation and physical actions. Most online relationships don't have these boundaries increasing in the amount of in depth communication.

TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE:

Talk about how you see your relationship after a certain amount of time. It probably won't work if neither of you see it going anywhere. However keep subjects like marriage or children out of the conversation. Talking about these things can give the other person the wrong impression of what you are trying to get across.

BUILD TRUST:

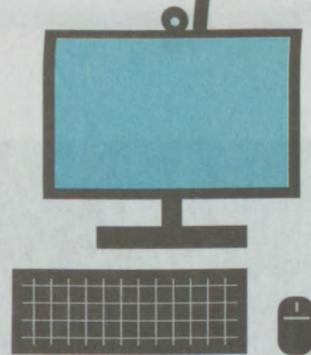
Trust is the foundation to an online relationship. The constant worry that the other person might be untruthful can ruin the chances of the relationship lasting. Make sure the other person knows the trust you have in them, it gives a positive message but also lets them know that it is not something to be taken for granted.

FORM RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE AROUND

"Skype has really helped me to keep my relationship strong," said Freshman Jennifer Jacob. "My boyfriend Jordan and I make a point to Skype every day."

Communication is the main factor in maintaining a long distance relationship, said Jacob. She has used the internet to better her relationship with her boyfriend.

"I feel in an online relationship you can't have the same kind of relationship as if you were to have a tangible relationship," Jacob said. "It takes a certain type of people to be able to sustain a relationship



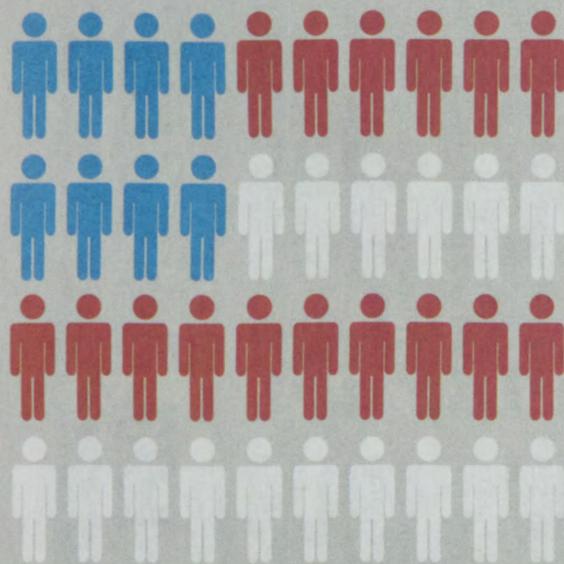
run into these fake accounts and start communicating with an impersonator. This happened to be the case for Manti Te'o. He ran into the problem of maintaining contact with Lennay Kekua, who happened to not exist at all. The realm of online dating has given students many possibilities to find love, just remember to check to see what's really under the surface.

FORM RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE AROUND THEM:

Try to connect with the friends of the other person. It'll show that you are dedicated to the relationship and help to make the struggle between friends and significant other less of a hassle.

ONLINE DATING STATISTICS

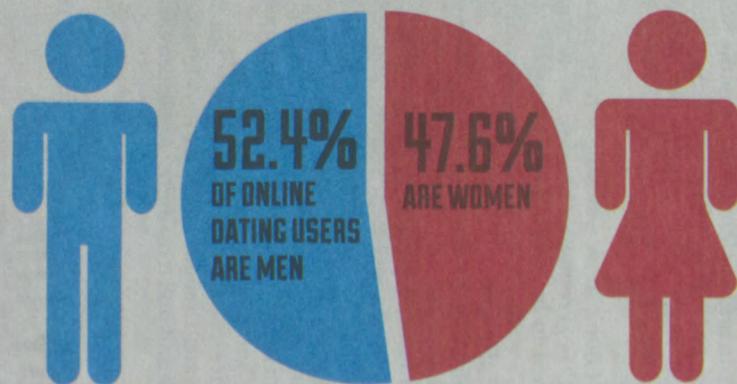
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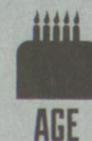
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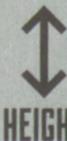
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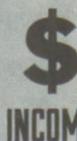
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PHYSICAL BUILD

Getting caught in the act

Students, faculty attempting to access pornographic material on Grizznet could face repercussions

By Natalie Popovski
Campus Editor

With the growing number of pornographic sites, the creation of smartphones and mobile devices with Internet access and phone applications that offer pornographic material, obtaining adult content is now easier than ever.

However, Oakland University students, faculty and staff who attempt to access this type of content using Grizznet may end up in hot water.

A common practice

In 2010, more than 70 percent of men age 18 to 34 visited a pornographic site in a typical month, and women were found to make up 25-30 percent of online porn users, according to www.sfgate.com

In addition, out of the top million most-trafficked websites of 2010, 42,337, or 4 percent, were sex-related, according to www.forbes.com

An increase of usage has also come with an increase in acceptability, according to a 2011 Gallup poll. The poll determined that 42 percent of Americans ages 18-34 find pornography to be morally acceptable.

Kayla Dimick, a senior studying journalism and student assistant at the Student Technology Center, said she thinks there is now less of a stigma against watching porn but it should be kept at home.

"I don't think watching it here in the STC is acceptable, because we're supposed to be keeping it professional. In private you can choose what you want to do," she said.

She did say that students have been caught watching there, however.

Angela Nyaleairu, a senior studying general management student and lead student assistant at the STC, said pornography is more prevalent. She said there are more adult stores out there than in the past, and the gas station near her home even offers adult DVDs.

"It's more socially acceptable but in private, though. Don't go to an Internet café and pull it up there," Nyaleairu said.



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With growing technology advancements, access to pornography has become more accessible. At Oakland, if you get caught, you're in trouble.

Grizzlies Gone Wild

Theresa Rowe, chief information officer of University Technology Services, said OU does not directly monitor students' online activities, but students may engage in behaviors that are monitored by external entities.

Users of university technology resources must apply contemporary community standards, and the dominant theme of any electronic resource taken as a whole shall not appeal to prurient interest such as pornography,

according to OU Administrative Policy 890.

Rowe said students are informed of these rules when they go through the orientation process, the student handbook and each time they log on to use Grizznet.

"Every time you log on at Oakland, you click through that you understand and you have the opportunity to read the material again," Rowe said.

A full list of employee and student violations are available in this policy,

but those found to violate these rules might lose access technology resources, disciplinary action, dismissal from the university and legal action.

In all cases of an actual or suspected violation of this policy, access to resources will be suspended until a final resolution is determined and appeals can be implemented, according to the policy.

For more information about OU's technology policies, visit www.oakland.edu/policies/890

BY THE NUMBERS

13%

of searches for for erotic content from July 2009-10

42%

18-34 year olds who find it morally acceptable to look at porn

13,588

hardcore porn film releases in 2006

70%

of men 18-34 who have visited a pornographic site in a month

Eyeing the Summit League title

Baseball team sets sights on first conference title

By Timothy Pontzer
Staff Reporter

Following their best season in program history, the Oakland University baseball team has high expectations this year. Led by a respected coach, a strong group of returners and exciting freshmen, Oakland has its sights set on the conference title.

Trusted leader

Head coach John Musachio enters his fifth year at the helm of the Grizzlies. Known as "Moose" around the diamond, the skipper was named Summit League Coach of the Year last season after leading his squad to a 15-6 conference record — the most league wins in OU history.

"It (the Coach of the Year award) was very special to me, because it was a reflection of what the entire team was committing to doing," Musachio said. "The award was definitely more about the program than just me."

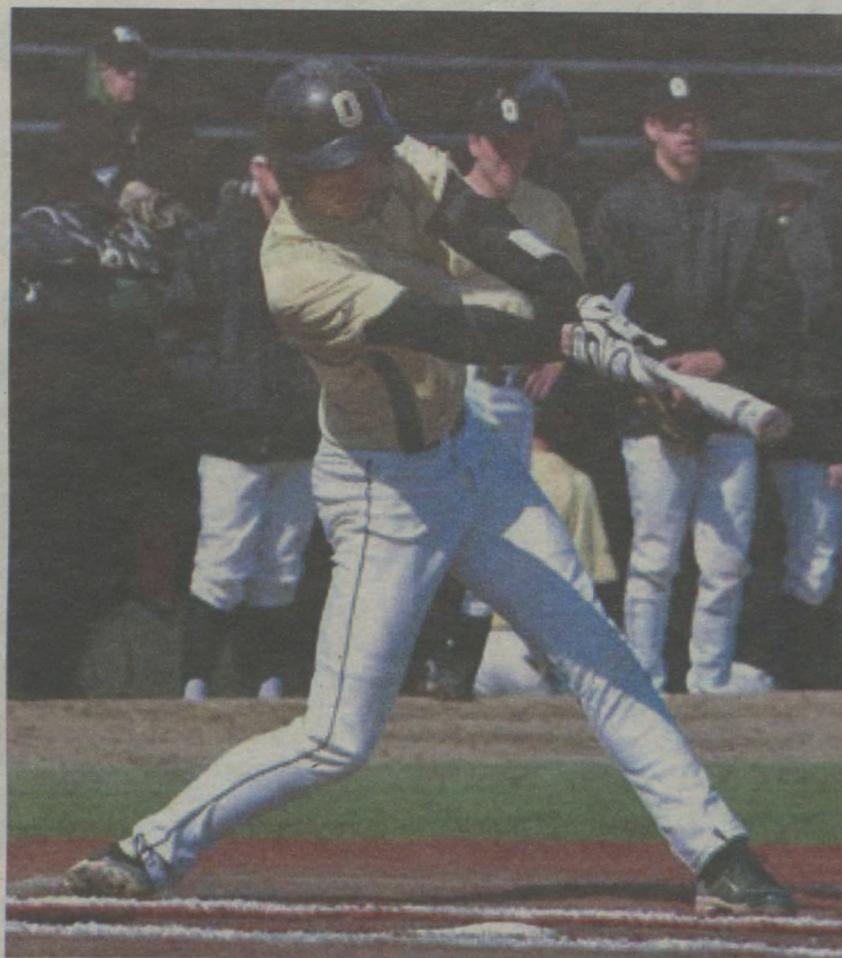
While he is quick to brush off accolades, Musachio is part of the turnaround for the Oakland program. Prior to his arrival in 2008, the Grizzlies only had three appearances in the league tournament over the course of eight seasons. Since Musachio has taken over, Oakland has made tournament appearances in two of the past three seasons and will host this year's Summit League Championship for the first time in school history.

Establishing a focus

"Winning breeds winning, and the standard has been raised," Musachio said. "That to me is the most important thing, that the players themselves have raised that bar, and they go out and are focused on bettering themselves every single day."

Musachio highlights that focus, attributing the Golden Grizzlies recent success not just to their physical achievements on the field, but also to their mental strength. His entire staff echoes that mindset, including new assistant coach Ty Rogers.

"Each day, minute and second has a purpose," Rogers said. "These guys are working within a structure that is



Oakland Post file photo

The Grizzlies are looking to capitalize on their successful 2012 season when the 2013 campaign kicks off Feb. 22 in Maryland. The team has its sights set on a conference win.

allowing them to develop each day. Athleticism, talent, fundamentals and experience are all important, but nothing is more important than energy and mental toughness. We have to bring that every day."

Musachio's message has not only had a positive effect on the team's current performance, it has also raised expectations of future performances. Todd Dunham, a senior middle infielder, calls this current OU roster the best team he has ever been a part of and also a team that is ready to make a huge statement.

"This group of guys has the best focus, concentration and work ethic that I've experienced," Dunham said. "Our team goal has always been winning a championship, and this is our year."

Dunham and his fellow teammates

are extremely confident in themselves despite losing 10 seniors from last year's squad.

"The seniors from last year were a huge part of our team, and it is a challenge to replace some of them," Dunham said. "Our current team is up to the challenge, and our lineup will be extremely strong. Everyone on our team pushes each other to be the best they can be, on and off the field."

High expectations

Musachio believes he has the right combination of both seasoned veterans and younger guys to have a successful season. The mix of experience and talent has both the coach and the team thinking that the conference title is within reach.

"We are very talented, and we have

everything we need to win a championship," Musachio said. "We have a tremendous senior class that is a blue collar group and some exciting freshmen and younger guys that are ready to step up. The guys believe that we are going to raise that trophy on our field at the end of the year."

OU placed a conference-leading 10 players on the All-Summit League Preseason teams, five on the first team and five on the second team. In addition, newcomer Drew Bechtel was named Preseason Freshman of the Year.

One player in particular that Musachio is excited for is Mike Carson. Carson, a four-year starter at third base, drew high praise from the skipper.

"He hits in the middle of our order and is one of the best hitters in the league," Musachio said. "We expect big things from him, and I expect him to have a breakout year."

Summit League opponents will shudder to think what a breakout year can be for Carson, given his performance last year. Carson led Oakland with 46 runs batted in and a .495 slugging percentage. The senior was third on the team with a .303 batting average and hit six home runs.

"As a player I do not have goals statistically, but rather my goals are to bring energy to the team and contribute as much as I can to help my team win ballgames," Carson said. "Our lineup, starting rotation, and bullpen are all strong and we are going to go into every game expecting to win."

Oakland's first game will be in Maryland Feb. 22. OU will not play at home until the beginning of April. Musachio has scheduled a tough slate of nonconference opponents, including Kansas State, Ohio, Michigan State and Illinois.

"We don't design our non-league schedule to jump out to a 20-win start," Musachio said. Obviously we want to win, but we are trying to play in the most hostile environments against the toughest competition possible so that we can get better."

If the high expectations can be met, Oakland will be finishing in a very friendly environment, looking to capture their first league title.

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THE SPORTING BLITZ

Junior Duke Mondy named Student-Athlete of the Week

The 6-foot-4 guard from Grand Rapids was given OU Student-Athlete of the Week honors after breaking Oakland's single-season steals record against South Dakota State Feb. 9. Mondy finished the game with four steals, giving him 82 for the season.



MONDY

Rawle Marshall previously held the record with 80 steals during the 2002-03 season.

Mondy also contributed with 26 points, six rebounds and six assists.

Mondy helped lead the Grizzlies to victory over North Dakota State at the Athletics Center O'rena Feb. 7. Mondy made the game-winning shot with 20.2 seconds remaining. He finished that game with 16 points and five rebounds.

Track and field student-athletes break records at GVSU meet

Freshman Karli Keur and senior Breanna Peabody broke school records at the GVSU Big Meet Feb. 9. On the same day, senior Brittni Hutton set a new school record in the 5,000m run at the Husky Classic at the University of Washington.

Keur, breaking her own record in the 800m run, finished with a time of 2:13.13, which was good for

seventh place. Peabody also broke her own record in the 60m hurdles event with a time of 8.64 and earned herself a fifth-place finish.

Junior Serena San Cartier finished eighth in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.73.

For Hutton, her time of 16:54.31 in the 5,000m run gave her the win in her heat, breaking the previous record by almost 12 seconds.

On day two of the event at GVSU, Keur finished runner-up in the one-mile run and Peabody came in third-place in the 60m dash.

Women's golf selected fourth in Summit League Preseason Poll

The league coaches chose the Oakland women's golf team to finish fourth in The Summit League Preseason Poll announced Jan. 31. OU received 52 points in the poll.

North Dakota earned seven first-place votes as the favorite to win.

IUPUI received two first-place votes in the poll, finishing with 56 points. Kansas City was selected as third in the preseason poll with 52 points.

Junior Kasandra Komma was fifth in The Summit League Top Scoring Averages with a fall average of 77.40.

The women will open the spring season at the Red Rocks Invitational on March 2-3.

— Compiled by Lindsay Beaver, Sports Editor

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Stripping down for a cause

Written and photographed by
Allen Jordan
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day came early to downtown Detroit for the city's first Cupid's Undie Run.

The Feb. 9 outdoor matinee took runners on roughly a mile-long run near Comerica Park and Ford Field, with pre-run and post-run festivities held at Cheli's Chili Bar.

The Undie Run raises donations for the Children's Tumor Foundation, which helps children suffering from the genetic disease neurofibromatosis (NF).

NF causes a tumor to grow over the nervous system and can cause blindness, deafness, learning disabilities and severe chronic pain, according to the National Institutes of Health.

1. To date, the Undie Run has raised over \$1 million around the world for the Children's Tumor Foundation, including \$80,000 raised in Metro Detroit this year, according to www.undierun.com

2. Channel 955 and Mojo in the Morning were sponsors of the Undie Race.

3. Participants run in the mile-long race. The CTF is the world's largest non-government organization and is dedicated to ending neurofibromatosis through research.

4. People stand at points throughout the race, holding up signs to encourage runners. "It's amazing that in such frigid temperatures so many people are willing to get out here in next to nothing for people around the world they don't even know," volunteer Jessie Sanders said.



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The Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan bring their Cookie Van to the Winter Blast.

Winter blasts Detroit

Festival celebrates snowy season at Campus Martius

By Allen Jordan
Staff Reporter

Metro Detroit may have missed out on the big winter storm that blew through the east last weekend, but the 2013 Motown Winter Blast helped bring winter to the area.

The event, which started in 2005 to begin the countdown to Super Bowl XL in Detroit, is produced by Jonathan Witz & Associates. A combination of activities centered around Campus Martius Park turned the downtown playground into a winter wonderland.

The family-friendly atmosphere showcased local food vendors, music acts and outdoor winter attractions made to give locals the winter vibe missing from the 2013 season.

New features this year included free skating at Campus Martius' ice rink and Hockey Haven in the D — a joint venture with the Detroit Red Wings and Olympia Entertainment.

Hockey-themed entertainment and interactive hockey games, including top shot, gave fans a chance to win prizes.

Also making their debut at the festival this year were the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan, which debuted its Cookie Van, a mobile cookie-selling unit. They also gave attendees the chance to win Girl Scout cookies for a year.

Greektown Casino-Hotel hosted the Taste of Detroit, featuring a wide variety of food and drinks from local restaurants, eateries and caterers.

"I just had possibly the best cheeseburger I ever tasted and who knew it would come from a food truck," local attendee Dante James said.

Food vendors included Greek dining from Santorini Estiatorio, classic Brazilian steakhouse experiences from Gaucho Brazilian Steak House, seafood dining from Detroit Seafood Market and Middle Eastern fare from Palm Palace.

Other outdoor activities included ice skating demonstrations with performances by the Detroit Skate Club, dog sledding, snowshoeing, marshmallow roasting and an Ice Garden with sculptures of Detroit Red Wings.

If patrons felt the need to warm up, there were plenty of places available. Inside entertainment venues called Comfort Zones, powered by Corrigan Propane, included music and tastes in addition to interactive exhibits from sponsors and media partners.

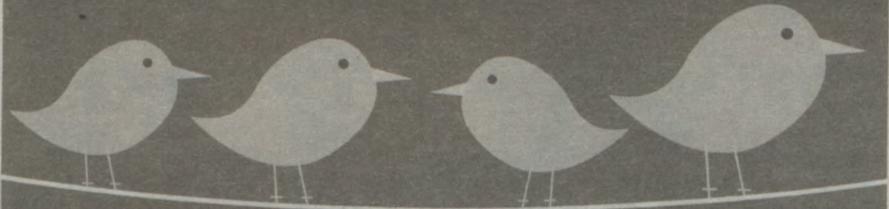
"As much as I work, I never get the chance to take the family up north to do some of the things that they offered here this year," local resident Jake Atwater said. "We drove an hour to head downtown here and it was our first time. The way it looks we might be visiting for years to come."

Sponsors for this year's event included Michigan Lottery, Quicken Loans, Blue Cross Blue Shield, General Motors Foundation, Flagstar Bank, Greektown Casino-Hotel, University of Phoenix, Meijer, Charter One, Metro PCS, Meridian Health Plan, Pepsi and DMC.

For more information and pictures from this year's Winter Blast visit www.winterblast.com

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Self-serve frozen yogurt growing in popularity

By Brian Figurski
Copy Editor

In a nation growing more health-conscious by the day, frozen yogurt is sprouting up all over Southeast Michigan. National chains like Menchie's have opened stores in Shelby Township and Canton in the past year, along with the Sept. 1 opening of Sweet Island Yogurt in downtown Rochester.

Larry Winkelmann, owner of Sweet Island Yogurt, said the idea of bringing frozen yogurt to Oakland County came while dropping his daughter off at college in South Carolina, where frozen treats are a hot commodity in the warmer regions of the U.S.

An article published by U.S. News reports a 31 percent jump in retail frozen yogurt shops between the fall of 2010 and 2011 nationwide, all this before shops started opening their doors in the Metro Detroit area.

Serve yourself

Winkelmann was truly enticed by the self-serve froyo shops because of their health benefits over traditional ice cream.

"Even through the freezing process, you still get the probiotics (live microorganisms believed to provide benefits to the digestive system), and you also get the health benefits in that it's non-fat," Winkelmann said.

While there's no denying there are benefits to eating yogurt, Julie Proctor, health and wellness coordinator at the Graham Health Center, said retail stores aren't as healthy as they make out.

"The first five ingredients were sugars, so that's all going to equate to calories," Proctor said. "It really doesn't matter if the calories are from dairy or if they're from yogurt."

While Sweet Island Yogurt displays their nutritional information on the wall, Proctor advised consumers to always read the nutritional facts. While



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Angela Corsetti (LEFT) and Shelby Lock, of Shelby Township, add toppings to their dessert treats at Sweet Island Yogurt. The shop offers more than 50 toppings. "(I like frozen yogurt because) it's healthy for you," Lock said. "It's a lot fluffier than ice cream. I like to add a lot of toppings, especially the fruit."

the non-fat option may look good to weight watchers, frozen yogurt can hold similar negative effects to ice cream.

"There's been a big push about yogurt being very healthy, which to a certain extent it is," she said. "But when you add all the sugars in, it becomes unhealthy, so because it says 'yogurt,' we assume that it must be a healthy food."

Winkelmann said the appeal of self-serve shops like his is that it allows the customer to choose to pile on the calories or keep them off, ranging from crushed cereal, fruits, nuts and fudge toppings.

"We tell (customers) you can make it as much as you want, you can make it as healthy as you want and as unhealthy as you want. You have all the choices there," he said.

Even with all the power being in the customer's hand, Proctor said yogurt is not an alternative to a healthy meal.

"When we pile on coconut and chocolate, all of that stuff

adds calories," she said. "It's not the yogurt we buy in the dairy aisle."

Surviving the bitter chill

While health benefits may be a concern for some customers, many people just have a sweet tooth to satisfy time and again. But how will serving ice cold treats stack up in a state known for its dramatic winters?

"I think (frozen yogurt has) been a bit slower to come here because of the cold weather, but I think you're starting to see them because they still are going to work," Winkelmann said.

Winkelmann said he thinks frozen yogurt shops in Michigan will survive through the colder months, with the spring thaw getting more customers to come out and indulge. In the meantime, the island theme is designed to feel like a vacation.

"Being in a colder state, having the island theme is fun and warmer," he said. "People still like sweet stuff year-round, so we figured if they had an

island spot to go to, then maybe it will help keep the draw during the winter."

Sweet Island Yogurt's sales can attest to that, with Winkelmann and business partner Bill Brandreth proud of the amount of customers coming in so far.

"Sales have been steady, but not too crazy or over-the-top, and without doing any advertising yet," Winkelmann said.

While there is certainly a slow season with snow on the ground, the summer surge will make up the difference.

Frozen yogurt stores in warmer climates "can go year-round without a dropoff, but they don't get that big insurgence in the summer like we do."

For more information about Sweet Island Yogurt, visit www.sweetislandyogurt.com

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Lindsay Beaver, a junior majoring in journalism, interviews Detroit Tigers catcher Alex Avila during the team's 2012 spring training in Florida.

Out of the park

Oakland Post sports editor named a finalist in national competition to report on baseball

By **Nichole Seguin**
Editor-in-Chief

Lindsay Beaver has been a fan of the Detroit Tigers since she was a little girl.

The junior journalism major is one of 52 finalists selected for this year's MLB Fan Cave.

But interacting with the baseball team isn't a new experience.

Beaver, who works as the sports editor at The Oakland Post, has been going to baseball games since she was in kindergarten. She has also traveled to Florida for spring training for the past six seasons. Last year, she went as press for her uncle's periodical, Grosse Pointe Magazine.

"I was nervous, since it was the first time I had ever done anything like that," she said. "I was really nervous being in the clubhouse by myself. Everyone was nice and it went really well, though. I got to meet a lot of people and it was an

"I already do what they want us to do — watch baseball, tweet about baseball, talk about baseball."

Lindsay Beaver
Junior

amazing experience. I hope I get to do it again this year."

Beaver said her main reason for entering the contest was her passion for the team. Her application included a two-minute video and an essay about why she should be selected.

"I know I'm perfect for it," she said. "When I first heard about it, I thought, 'I need to be here.'"

She was almost not allowed to apply for this round, however.

The original deadline for submissions was a week before Beaver's 21st birthday. The disappointed fan tweeted at the MLB

Fan Cave Twitter for weeks until she was notified that the application period had been extended until after her birthday.

"That's kind of weird. It's a little suspicious," she said. "I was literally, like every day, saying 'You guys, you've got to extend it a week or something because my birthday is Jan. 13. Is this a joke? I don't want to wait another year.' And when I found out they extended it to the 25th, I was like 'no way!'"

Beaver's video includes a list of five reasons she should be selected. She said she thinks she should be selected because she's "truly passionate about the team."

"I already do what they want us to do — watch baseball, tweet about baseball, talk about baseball. And you get paid, live in New York, meet baseball players and celebrities ... it's perfect."

Voting for the top 52 ends at 5 p.m. Feb. 13. The top 30 will go to Arizona for a week to audition in front of judges for the opportunity. There are only three Tigers fans in the top 52 — a man and one other woman.

"I would be a great representative for the Tigers as well as Oakland University because I think people can tell that I'm a really passionate fan. I love Oakland, I love going to school here and I think students should get behind one of their fellow students," Beaver said.

Watch Beaver's video and vote for her at www.mlbancave.mlb.com/fancave. **vote**

Q&A with The Love Dr.

In addition to her role as a research scientist at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan, psychologist Terri Orbuch is also a professor of sociology at Oakland University. Her studies focus on marriage, divorce, romance and relationship patterns. She has published over 40 articles, written five books and has been featured in USA Today,



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The New York Times, The Boston Globe and Reader's Digest.

The following are highlights of her advice for OU students:

What are the best ways to date on a budget?

You don't have to spend a lot of money when you date. There are many budget-conscious ways to date. For example, on campus there are lots of activities and events that people can do that are free.

Any activity that engages in exercise increases your adrenaline and your arousal — those are all great first dates. Research shows that if you do an activity that is exciting, that can get transferred to the two of you and increases passion and excitement. Plus, any kind of exercise is wonderful.

What can you do to make the best of the situation when you and your partner still live at home with your parents?

An important thing for both partners to remember is that you need to have respect for the parents of your partner. Not respecting or not acknowledging that there may be rules or limitations is unrealistic. Many parents have rules about curfews, not having this person coming to the house, or having this person meet the parents, having this person spend time with the family. ... Families have many different rules and it can depend on the religion, ethnicity, culture, age or many different things.

How important is the physical or sexual aspect of a relationship?

A physical component is an essential ingredient of a long-lasting relationship. There are different times and different stages of a relationship when that is included, and depending on your attitude, religious affiliation, or values that can enter in at different stages. It is not the only or most essential component — but it is one of many essential components.

— Compiled by Clare La Torre,
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MAKING A SPECTACLE

Students show off fashionable frames

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Staff Reporter

Glasses are a necessity for some. However, they can easily be a go-to accessory. Glasses come in a variety of styles, whether they are frameless, wire or plastic. Each offer a unique style all their own.

Some students prefer a certain shape as well. Rounded squares are a popular hit but some prefer a frame with circular lenses.

Frames come in a many colors, from a classic black to bright red

and even multicolored. Some even offer patterns such as stripes or swirls. Small jewels can be found on women's frames as well.

Gender plays a role when choosing style. Men prefer a cleaner line and sturdy frame, while women are more likely to sport more eccentric colors and patterns. Glasses can be made into a true staple for any outfit.

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"I like my black frames with the cool blue tint. They have a hexagonal design. It makes them interesting!"

— Sarah Pavliscak (LOWER LEFT CORNER)

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

Answers are available online at www.oaklandpostonline.com

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1. Sleigh
5. Leaf opening
10. Stare
14. Dry riverbed
15. Alpine call
16. God of love
17. Air force heroes
18. Solemnity
20. Renters
22. Candidate
23. Downwind
24. Tiny balls strung together
25. Heap
32. Beauty parlor
33. Dynamism
34. Type of hat
37. Farm equipment
38. American buffalo
39. Bluefin
40. Stitch
41. Formula 1 driver
42. A pinnacle of ice
43. Obstinate
45. Not domesticated
49. An unskilled actor
50. Distinguished
53. Not functioning properly
57. Stinky
59. Smell

DOWN

60. Gentle
61. Avoid
62. Bridle strap
63. If not
64. Drive
65. Cabbagelike vegetable
1. Smack
2. Shoestring
3. Biblical garden
4. Forbid
5. Scheme
6. Foot digits
7. Eccentric
8. Average
9. Countertenor
10. Wish granter
11. Sporting venue
12. Modelled
13. S S S S
19. Glowing remnant
21. A noble gas
25. Vipers
26. Storm
27. Radiate
28. Kick out
29. Part of a stair
30. Ancient Greek marketplace
31. 2,000 pounds

ACROSS

34. Curtail
35. A Freudian stage
36. Rate
38. Prohibit
39. Cooperation
41. Angered
42. Remain
44. Pursuer
45. French of "Woman"
46. Electronic letters
47. Streamlets
48. Positive pole
51. Gestures of assent
52. Gait faster than a walk
53. Large
54. Bright thought
55. Agitate
56. Sea eagle
58. Lyric poem



LAST WEEK'S WINNER

Lauren Eckhart

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SATIRE



Chief Copy Editor Brian Johnston prefers eavesdropping on his classmates to premium cable.

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Private parts in public places

When over-sharing becomes entertaining

By Brian Johnston
Chief Copy Editor/Eavesdropper

Despite my glamorous position as chief copy editor of The Oakland Post, I'm pretty much like the rest of you. I wake up every morning, put on relatively clean-ish clothes and try very hard to keep my eyes open during classes.

Like so many people who have become involved in campus life, I've taken to eating meals on campus. These meals are often accompanied by my favorite kind of entertainment: eavesdropping.

It's not as if I set out to spy on my fellow Grizzlies. It's just some of you can't seem to monitor the levels of your voices. Apparently, some of you labor under the delusion that invisible walls surround every table and booth in the common areas.

Well, they don't. But take solace, friends. You are far more entertaining than any television program.

A half-hour in any common area contains more entertainment, drama, suspense, intrigue and suspicion than a full week of network programming. You, my schoolmates, are my favorite network.

Just the other week I marveled at a confession of infidelity followed by an awkward shushing when the unaware significant other drew near. Would the guilty party be found out? Would there be a screaming match?

When that show ended in disappointment, I just changed the channel. On the other side of me were two students discussing the merits of their favorite

pornographic websites. Just as I was about to start scribbling down URLs for scientific research, the discussion quickly took a left turn into "My Little Pony" territory. My interest simultaneously waned both in the conversation and in my sandwich.

But sometimes the best mystery is one where you don't have all the answers. Sometimes you just want to absorb things in small doses. Here are some of the greatest hits I've received in passing, with absolutely no context:

■ "His girlfriend goes to a different college, so it's not like she'll find out."

■ "You can't catch it from doing that, can you?"

■ "All we need to do is find somebody with a lot of trunk space."

■ "I think I accidentally said 'happy birthday' to the wrong girl."

■ "Is there a way to delete something from Moodle before a professor sees it?"

■ "I'm pretty sure that tubby guy can hear us."

By now many of you are most likely seething with paranoia. It's all right. I have a solution — just speak with a lower register in public areas, or wait until you're in a private area to discuss private matters.

But as long as people continue to loudly and publicly discuss their personal business, there's no need for expensive headphones. The best entertainment is always free.

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Who's your daddy?

Students pimp themselves out to pay tuition bills

By Brian Figurski
Copy Editor/Alone

I have good news and bad news for you, Oakland University.

Good news: Four Michigan universities have made it within the top 30 growing campuses for www SeekingArrangement.com, a website setting up young, money-hungry college students with older, lonesome souls with excess cash.

Bad news: You're not on the list.

I'm terribly upset at this glitch, Grizzlies. This is your golden opportunity to get a little help with that tuition hike.

I don't want to hear the excuse of the old ill-informed OU campaign of "You can afford this," because Eastern Michigan University is on the list, and that school takes tuition payments in Ramen noodles.

I'll summarize the website's goal — YOLO.

I'm signing up right now. It's been a rather dreary year and I, for one, do not want to spend another Valentine's Day alone. On top of that, I'm falling further behind every day I push back buying my textbooks and carrying around pounds of Xeroxed pages.

Face it — we're all as young as we're ever going to get and the hands of time are never generous on looks. I'm willing to wear a dog collar and be walked in my underwear. YOLO.

I can't stomach the idea of any more generic-brand cereal — they'reeeeeee just

okay. A growing boy needs to eat. I need five-star steak dinners. I need caviar-sprinkled salmon and truffles sautéed in flakes of gold.

All I have to do in return is give my "companionship" to a "sugar mommy."

How has no one else thought of this before? This is a revolutionary and legal idea — exchanging monetary values for "companionship."

Oh, wait. This sounds strangely similar to prostitution, the oldest profession in the world — the one America has outlawed in nearly every state for a century.

Like I really care about the legal ramifications. I'll love some saggy hags for a damn good Philly cheese steak. My moral fiber disappeared a long time

ago. It's a consensually demanding website, which is perfectly okay within the conditions of my parole.

One drawback, fellas — There's 100 male sugar babies out there for every sugar mommy. So be ready

to share, or I'd think about searching for the daddy of your dreams/nightmares.

I don't think anyone is surprised that a site like this would be crawling with parasitic men of power. This seems right up the alley of a wealthy husband on an infidelity spree.

What surprises me the most is that a website like this flourishes, let alone exists. Either I have underestimated the power of the Internet again, or I have overestimated my faith in humanity, again.

I guess my dreams of hooking up in a retirement home with an old lady rocking an oxygen mask are out the window. I was this close to finally axing that off my bucket list.

"MY MORAL FIBER DISAPPEARED A LONG TIME AGO."