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John Fricke, expert on all things Judy Garland, speaks on Tuesday, April 1 about his work as a biographer, creative consultant and more.

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**RED WHITE AND YELLOW** // This adorable violet turaco was seen at the Mathilda Wilson Free-Flight Aviary exhibit at The Detroit Zoo. The violet turaco is also known as the violaceous plantain eater and hails from Africa. If you thought this winter was freezing, imagine how this little guy feels. He enjoys eating fruit, especially figs, but will occasionally splurge a little and eat a slug or snail.

*Salwan Georges/The Oakland Post*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

What are your thoughts on legalizing marijuana?

- A** I think it should be legalized
- B** No way. Legalizing marijuana is a bad idea.
- C** I don't really mind either way.
- D** I think we should legalize all drugs, YOLO.

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

What did you think of OU's 'fake major' prank?

**A)** I thought it was pretty comical.

67.9%

**B)** A university is a place for learning and not humor.

7.1%

**C)** I never saw it.

17.9%

**D)** Fake? Yeah, sure. I'm a PASS major and proud of it.

7.1%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### APRIL 6, 1979

Snow and 60-mile-per-hour wind swept campus through the night and knocked out power for 30 hours. Classes were cancelled and dorms closed, instructing students to not return for two days.

### APRIL 7, 1993

The OU Senate set to vote on a smoking ban for campus. The ban was aimed at enclosed smoking areas, leaving outside areas unaffected by the vote. Exceptions included private residences, including student rooms.

### APRIL 9, 1965

Oakland invited Democratic New York Congressman John Lindsay to address the '65 graduating class. He recieved an honorary degree for his speech.



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### USING SHOCK TO SPEAK OUT

Pro-choice and pro-life advocates came to a head Monday and Tuesday after a graphic display of genocide and abortion images was brought to campus.



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### WHAT LURKS BENEATH?

A series of unfortunate events left a senior student's car partially submerged in Bear Lake on Wednesday, April 2.



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### TOILET TROUBLES

Editor-in-Chief Scott Wolchek shares some of his pet peeves and experiences with improper etiquette in the restroom.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Marijuana Facts

88,000

U.S. deaths each year caused by alcohol

0

Deaths caused by excess marijuana

54

Percent of Americans want legalization

2

States legalized recreational marijuana

12

Michigan cities with the issue on the ballot

# Perspectives

## STAFF EDITORIAL

### New research shows most think alcohol is deadlier than the leaf

It's green, it's fragrant and, according to the latest research from [pewresearch.org](http://pewresearch.org), viewed amongst Americans as a safer substance than alcohol. Marijuana is silently sweeping Michigan.

About seven out of ten Americans believe alcohol is more dangerous than cannabis, according to a Pew Research article written by Seth Motel. Even more interesting, Pew Research says 69 percent of generation Y's (people born after the 80's for the folks who are generationally declined,) think marijuana should be legalized.

We at The Oakland Post agree— if alcohol is legal, marijuana should be legalized as well.

Data from the Center for Disease Control says alcohol is responsible for about 88,000 U.S. deaths each year alone. There isn't any credible evidence of excessive marijuana killing anyone.

In fact, according to data compiled by Nick Wing at The Huffington Post, "a marijuana smoker would have to consume 20,000 to 40,000 times the amount of THC in a joint in order to

be at risk of dying."

Don't get us wrong, we're not encouraging anyone to start hanging out with Mary Jane. We're simply asking 'Why are we allowed to purchase the third-leading lifestyle-related cause of death for the nation, but not a substance that isn't deadly?'

It's not going to be the end of the world.

Look at Washington and Colorado for example, the only two states to legalize recreational use of marijuana. Society in those states hasn't ended as we know it. Heck, their football teams even made it (ironically) to the Super Bowl.

Last November, Michigan cities made strides to legalize cannabis as well. Ferndale, Jackson and Lansing all legalized small doses of marijuana for recreational use.

These ordinances are tricky because on one hand, they show that the public supports legalization. On the other hand, state law forbids the use of recreational marijuana, so in Ferndale, Jackson and Lansing, it's still technically illegal to be in possession.

"These ordinances get people's attention and we're hoping it results in the state Legislature passing a bill to decriminalize marijuana like they do in 17 other states," Tim Beck of Safer Michigan said in an interview with The Daily Tribune.

Safer Michigan is a statewide marijuana advocacy group. They've already gotten the issue on the next ballot for 12 more Michigan cities: East Lansing, Saginaw, Mount Pleasant, Oak Park, Hazel Park, Lapeer, Utica, Port Huron, Clare, Onaway, Harrison and Benzie County.

Sure they aren't Rochester, but the fact is that the attitudes toward cannabis are changing. The facts show that marijuana might not be so dangerous after all— so keep an open mind.

Who knows? Maybe Michigan can follow the trend of the other legalized states and the Lions can finally win a Super Bowl.

*The staff editorial is written by members of The Oakland Post's editorial board.*

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# Campus

## Two-day project shocks campus, draws protest



Mike Ferdinando / The Oakland Post

Protesters and students gather around the graphic images set up in campus center

*Students for Life brings Genocide Awareness Project, displays graphic images of abortions and genocides*

**Kaylee Kean**  
Managing Editor

On Monday and Tuesday pro-life activists displayed graphic images of aborted fetuses, comparing them to images of the Holocaust and other genocides. Dubbed the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP), these images were set up by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) in the center of campus next to the Oakland Center.

The project, which was up from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. on both days, was brought to campus by Students for Life.

"Our idea behind this is that in our generation we're educated about all these different kinds of genocide," said Secretary Christina Lo Piccolo. "We compare this to abortion because this is the genocide that's happening now."

Lo Piccolo said that genocide is defined by the United Nations General Assembly as a denial of the right to live based on race, religion, culture or "any other grounds that specifically targets a group of people."

The group here, Lo Piccolo said, is the unborn.

The project cost around \$10,000, according to Lo Piccolo. Students for Life and six other student organizations worked to raise \$5,000 and the CBR "support raised" the other \$5,000.

In response to this display, a counter-protest was arranged by student group Voices for Choices.

"It's actually horrifying that they're comparing this to genocide because

genocide is a widespread movement to eliminate people and abortion is a medical procedure people have when they need it," Treasure and co-founder Lauren Catoni said.

Sophomore Grace Smith stood to the side with a colorful sign that said "Freedom Means Choice: Keep Abortion Safe and Legal."

"I'm not really affiliated with the group, I just felt like I needed to be here," Smith said. "I'm trying to be as peaceful as possible... but people shouldn't have to see this. It's a personal matter and I think it has no business being out on this campus where everyone can see it."

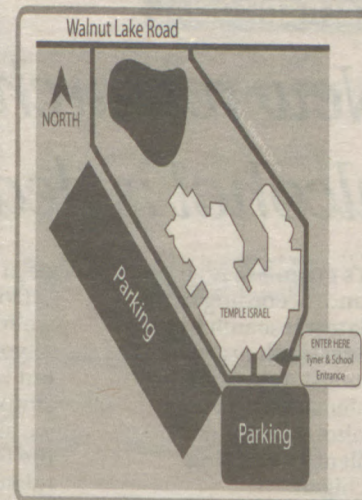
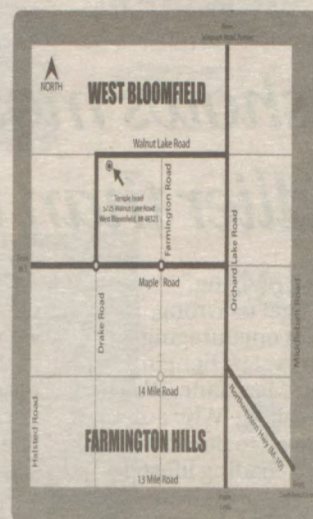
Another protester was Julia McGowen, a single mother and previous intern for the Gender and Sexualities Center.

"I think it's sort of a desperate attempt to stir up an argument that's already been resolved," McGowen said. "You can't compare genocide to a women's choice to chose what she does with her body."

Even with the protests, Oakland University has responded well compared to other schools, according to Maggie Egger, project director of the CBR.

Egger said that the CBR has done this at over 200 universities across the country. They have done mostly public campuses because "they can't deny us" but have taken legal action in a few cases if students' rights were being threatened.

"We want to emphasize the humanity of the unborn and the fact that abortion decapitates, mutilates and dehumanizes the unborn," Egger said. "It's a legalized mass killing in this country."



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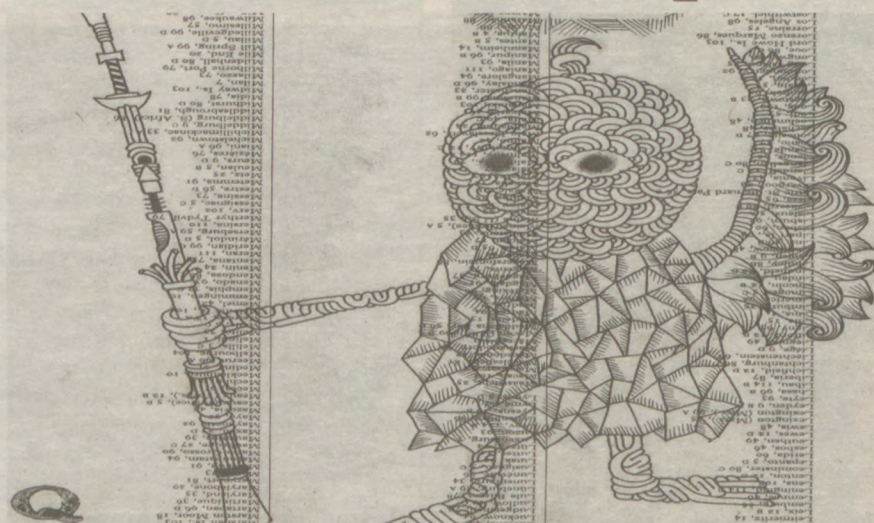
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# Students delve into America's cultural past



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This drawing depicts Queequeg, a harpooner and cannibal in Herman Melville's "Moby Dick."

*Students present essays at conference and share the stage with illustrator and keynote speaker, Matt Kish*

**Kailee Mathias**  
Staff Reporter

The American Studies program of the English Department held a conference of student presentations leading up to keynote speaker, Matt Kish, illustrator of Moby Dick.

The student-driven conference was set up into various panels examining different topics and time frames. Some of the topics presented consisted of the conquest in America, colonial conquest and settlement, Civil War era transformations, Native American representations in early America. Students presented on film such as "King Kong" and "Gone with the Wind."

"It's amazing what students can do when they get the opportunity," Andrea Knutson, American Studies faculty advisor said. "This conference is an extraordinary example of student initiative."

Knutson, teacher of Early American Literature, presented her English 317 class with the opportunity to get involved with the program. Benjamin Peterson, an English major seized the opportunity.

"I'm excited this is my first ever speaking thing at Oakland, and I feel very positive about it," Peterson said. "I know these people are interested, so it makes it fun when people can relate and be excited about what you're presenting."

Peterson's presentation examined how early European colonists established identities and how those identities influenced American identity today and

can still be seen in today's culture. He focused primarily on one of the settlers, John Smith, and also made references to the Disney film, "Pocahontas."

"It can be portrayed as a romantic Disney film but it can also be portrayed as very dark," Peterson said. "The dark side of the moon for this is we are able to be here, but it came at the cost of the Native American's homeland."

The event attracted a variety of majors. Each student presenting worked with a professor in their discipline to prepare.

"They are enthusiastic and dedicated to their college work," Knutson said. "It requires a great deal of dedication, organization and forethought to carry off a conference like this."

Julia Dorey's enthusiasm is what originally prompted the idea of bringing Matt Kish as the keynote speaker. Dorey's inspiration came from attending the conference last year, where she first saw images created by Matt Kish. After buying the book and studying some of his works she suggested that he should speak at OU.

"He's been promising if I bring the book, he'll draw me a little picture," Dorey said.

Kish has been interacting with students, promoting his speech and joking with students on the event's Facebook.

"Most amazing thing about Matt Kish coming to visit, aside from his presentation," Knutson said, "is that I can't wait to hear what kind of dedication it takes to draw a picture for every single page of Moby Dick."

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# Students play 'Guess Who's Gay'

*GSC creates activity to break down stereotypes, taboos and discomfort*

**Matt Saulino**  
Staff Reporter

It's often considered inappropriate to ask another human being whether or not they're gay, but in the Fireside Lounge Tuesday afternoon, the Gender and Sexuality Center put together an event to dismay the taboo.

"Guess Who's Gay" was the name of the event. It consisted of five volunteer panel members that allowed other students to ask questions that would help the guesser determine whether or not they were: gay, lesbian, bisexual, ally, queer, trans or other.

The questions ranged from "Who do you admire most?" to "What would you rather play with, cars or Barbies?"

"It's an adapted program from other colleges," said GSC Coordinator Grace Wojcik. "A few of us do them across the country, it's meant to break down some stereotypes and get people to start having those conversations."

Of the five volunteers, the students managed to guess two of the sexualities correctly, but the event was not about being right. It was something more than



The crowd tries to determine the sexuality of the volunteers in the panel.

that.

"It creates a fun and relaxing environment by encouraging people to ask those stereotypical questions so people can put the gates down," volunteer Justin Schnurer said. "If you really have a question and you don't know whether it's offensive or not, this is the time to go ahead and ask."

Danielle Turner, another volunteer, expressed that it was a way to spread awareness and help people when they may not know what to say.

One of the audience members expressed that he was uncomfortable labeling the panel members, which helped open the eyes of some spectators.

The event wanted to show over everything else that people shouldn't have to be labeled, but just accepted

as human beings above any sexual orientation standard some might hold.

Kara Leslie is a graduate from Oakland, but returned for graduate school and to volunteer for the event.

She is often called a "fem lesbian" because of how she dresses or looks.

"I think events like this are very important for the LGBT community, we do stereotype as a society and by having these events, it really puts the face to the name," Leslie said. "Everybody doesn't fit into a certain box."

The GSC organizes events often and has a full lineup for students to attend throughout the coming week including a drag show April 10, Pride Prom April 12 and Lavendar Graduation April 13.

To become involved in the GSC, email Grace Wojcik at gawojcik@oakland.edu.

## POLICE FILES

### Identity theft

OUPD was dispatched to the police department's lobby to help a professor file a report for identity theft March 31 at 1:25 p.m.

The professor told officers that he attempted to file his income tax March 12 using Liberty Tax. He was contacted by Liberty Tax March 28 because they had a return had already been filed under his name. The return was also filed using his social security number.

He is just one of the numerous staff members that have experienced identity theft this tax season.

### Disruptive patrons at Kresge

OUPD responded to a call of disruptive patrons at Kresge Library April 1 at 11:11 p.m.

Officers spoke with the cadet who had been making his rounds in the library. He stopped at room 336 on the third floor. The cadet saw that a couple inside had turned the lights out, which is a library violation. He asked the group to turn the lights on, but they became riled. They started cursing at the cadet and stepped into his personal space.

One of the officers remembered two of the group members. The officer had been making his rounds in the library March 27 when he saw them in the study room. The male appeared to be blocking the female from leaving the room, so the officer stepped in. The officer said that the room was very warm, the male was sweating and the female was nervous. The officer asked for identification, but both refused. The officer believed that they were using the room for sex or oral sex. They denied having sex, but said they were about to before the officer arrived. The cadet also saw the couple attempting sexual activity.

The male said that he and his girlfriend were watching a movie and not bothering anyone. He believed he was being singled out and that the cadet was rude for barging in.

The officer told them to leave for the day and if he had another complaint concerning them, he would issue the couple citations for disturbing the peace. Both agreed and left the library.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki  
Chief Copy Editor

## Grizzlies on the Prowl: "What did you think of the Genocide Awareness Project?"



**Allison Kemp, senior,**  
marketing

"I feel like there's a better way than blasting those pictures everywhere. I feel it's more harmful than helpful."



**Jessie Drews, junior,**  
psychology

"I thought it was really offensive. I'm surprised Oakland allowed it. I would not want to see that again, regardless of what view I have...There should always be positive ways to go about things."



**Dan Gildner, sophomore,**  
psychology and Spanish

"I feel that it was hard to look at but brought an important perspective to the table."

— Compiled by Kaylee Kean  
Managing Editor

# Student's car pushed into icy Bear Lake



Kaylee Kean / The Oakland Post

Students watch as the tow truck crew uses a crane to pull the car out from the lake.

*A red Chrysler Sebring was pushed into the cold depths of Bear Lake, required a four-hour rescue*

Ali DeRees  
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, April 2nd, at 12:30 p.m. at Oakland University a red Chrysler Sebring was pushed into Bear Lake. It was not pulled back out until shortly after 4 p.m.

According to Oakland University Police Department Chief of Police Mark Gordon, a motor home was towing a white van in parking lot P2. When the van was unhitched from the motor home, it was still in neutral and rolled down the hill, pushing the Sebring out of its spot and into the lake.

Nobody was injured, but the four-hour rescue mission required the assistance of a massive tow-truck equipped with a crane.

Dozens of people watched the afternoon-long drama, including the car's owner, Shauna Hazime.

Hazime said she was in class at Wilson and discovered her car in the lake after getting out of class.

"I come out finding out I could graduate in April and find my car in a lake," Hazime said. "There's nothing I can do."

Director of Pre-College Programs and Communication Program Lecturer Reginald McCloud was parked in the lot where the accident occurred and was there when it happened.

McCloud said the motor home was

trying to maneuver around a curve and that's why the drivers of the motor home unhitched the van.

Junior Gage Zurawski was outside of the OC by the lot when the accident occurred. He was getting ready for a Live Action Role Play practice when he saw what happened.

Zurawski said when he saw the van rolling downhill an older man cried out for help, and he ran over to try to stop the red Sebring from being pushed into the lake.

Another student who was walking across the bridge at the time ran over to help, as well.

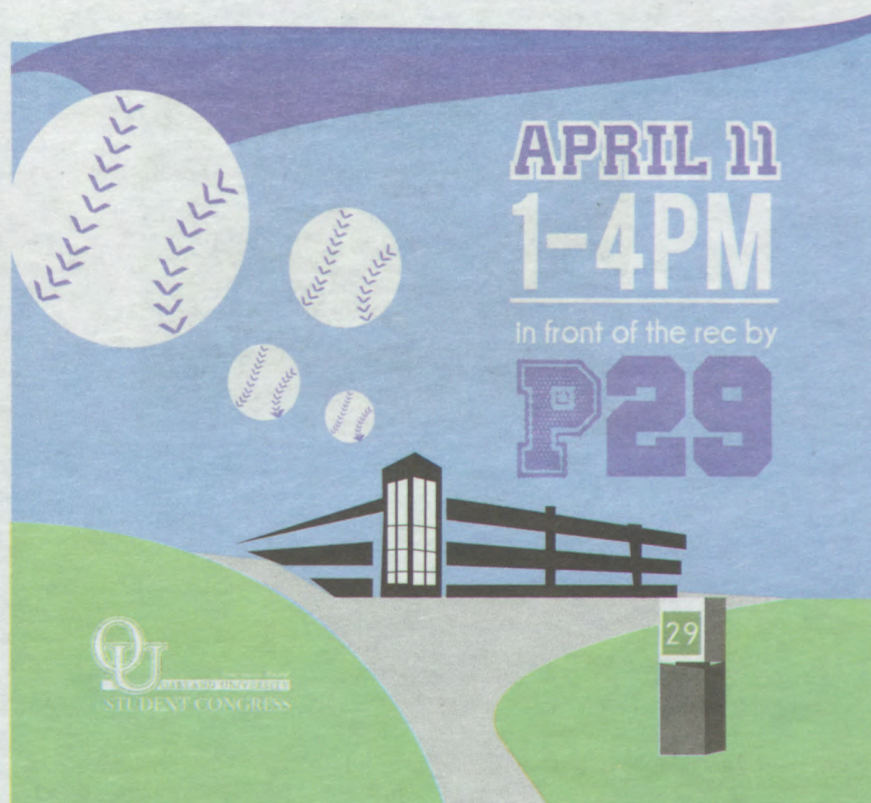
"Between the two of us we couldn't stop it," Zurawski said. "There's only so much you can do when it's moving so fast."

Admissions Ambassador Josh Rieck was giving a tour in Vandenberg Hall when he saw the accident take place through the glass doors of the front entrance of Vandenberg.

Hazime has already filed a police report.

*Go to [facebook.com/theoakpost](https://facebook.com/theoakpost) for more photos of the car being towed out. Read more about the men who helped tow the car at [oaklandpostonline.com](http://oaklandpostonline.com).*

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# What's lurking in Bear Lake?

Story by Oona Goodin-Smith

Photos by Kaylee Kean and Oakland Post Archives

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Courtesy of Heather Clements from the Oakland Post

2002- A muddy, mid-80s model GM station wagon was pulled from the bottom of the lake, having rested there since 1993 after a faulty parking brake caused it to roll in, according to Oakland Post archives. The car was only discovered after the lake was partially drained to repair the pedestrian bridge that runs over the water. According to the archives, inside the car, "police found clothing, shoes, a blow dryer and curling iron, suitcase and purse."



2014- A red Chrysler Sebring made local headlines after taking a dip in the ice cold waters of Bear Lake on the morning of Wednesday, April 2. According to university police reports, the car was pushed out of its parking spot in the P2 lot when a white van being towed by a motor home came unhitched from the home, rolling down the hill in neutral and bumping the car into the lake. Students and faculty alike ogled at the four-hour extraction process of the car, taking pictures and videos to post to social media. The campus celebrity car now has its own Twitter account, @OURedSebring.

## "Bear" vs. "Beer"



Alex Salar- Bear Lake  
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Christina Zammararelli-Bear Lake  
Junior, liberal studies



Matt Bowers- Bear Lake  
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Danny Santos- Bear Lake  
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Sam Gandhi- Beer Lake  
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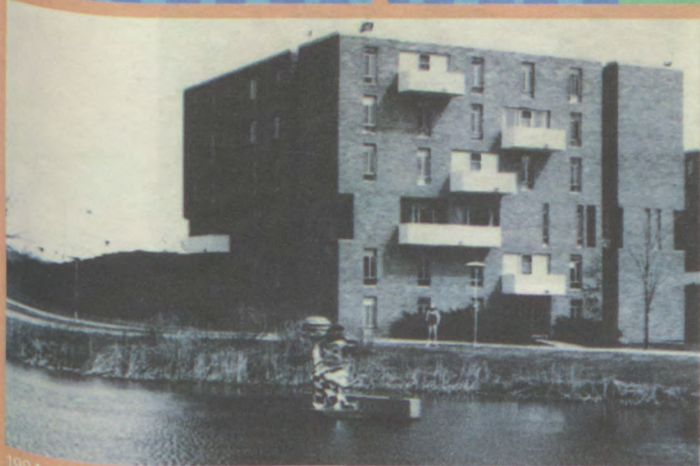
Caroline Haygood-Beer Lake  
Sophomore, biology  
"My boyfriend's father went here in the '70s, and he said that it was called beer lake." "It even says 'Beer Lake' on Google Maps."



Collin Kapernick- Beer Lake  
Senior, sports science  
"This used to be a party school."



Jesse Spaine - Beer Lake  
"Well, Beer Lake got its name from the original students who used to live on campus. In order to keep their beer cold, (often underaged) they would hide it in the lake during the day, and come back at night to grab it so the cops wouldn't see them."



1984- OU students woke up one spring morning to find a Big Boy statue floating in the middle of the lake, allegedly the result of a fraternity prank. According to OU alum and prank participant Steve Brandt via archived Facebook comments, the statue came from a Big Boy restaurant at University and Livernois roads. Following its tour in the lake, the statue "mysteriously wound up at Rochester High School," said Brandt. However, he prefers for the story to remain slightly ambiguous. "The truth would probably never live up to the legend," he said.

# LIFE OF ART AND LOVE

*OU mourns the loss of its fifth student over the last academic year with the death of 25-year-old Adam Wilson.*

Kaylee Kean  
Managing Editor

He was an artist, he was a musician, and above all, he was a friend.

Students and faculty at Oakland University are mourning the loss of a student for the fifth time this year after Adam Wilson, 25, died on Tuesday, April 1, in Leonard.

Wilson will be receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art later this month, according to Kevin Wilson, Adam's brother. One of the family members will stand in Adam's place.

"Art and music were everything to him," Kevin said. "He loved playing guitar... he also played the drums. His passion was his art. In all different forms of medium that was just his true passion."

Wilson planned on searching for a career in graphic design after college, according to Kevin. His art was "definitely distinct, very creative." One of his favorite artists was Salvador Dali.

Wilson also loved animals, basketball, t-shirts and being with his friends.

"He was a voracious reader," said Kevin, who said Wilson lent him books all the time. "They (his books) had bigger words than I could understand a lot of times."

The times they shared were simple but happy ones -

Kevin said his favorites were "playing horseshoes or sitting out at the bonfire."

"Adam would do anything for anyone," Kevin said. "He always had a smile on his face and was such a giving person. His gifts were just so thoughtful."

A perfect example of this, Kevin said, was when Wilson took Kevin's wedding pictures and transposed them onto wood as a gift.

Wilson was also a 2007 graduate of Romeo High School, where he met best friend Jonathan Geister in tenth grade.

"He was just a fantastic person," Geister said. "It's kind of hard to put into words... he was a passionate musician and probably the best friend anybody could ask for."

Geister, who plays the drums, said the best times were when he and Wilson would get together and make music.

"That's when you could really see how much of an artist he was, when he played guitar," Geister said. "He was just so talented... he could go for hours."

Anna Marchwinski, Geister's girlfriend, was also a close friend to Wilson.

"Not only did Adam show tremendous amounts of love, compassion and generosity to his closest loved ones, he



*Courtesy of Lynch & Son's Funeral Directors*

Wilson was a 2007 of Romeo High School and will receive his Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art later this month.

shared his positive energy with all those who were lucky enough to meet him," Marchwinski said.

The good times they shared were also simple ones, according to Marchwinski. They enjoyed playing yard games and took frequent trips to the Salvation Army.

Marchwinski said her happiest memory of Wilson is of two months ago, when Geister was sick and Marchwinski

and Wilson went "out on the town" to the local bar and pub with a few other friends.

"On our way home he let me jam out to Backstreet Boys in the car and he was laughing at me," Marchwinski said.

Marchwinski said she wants students to assess the loyalty in their lives.

"Keep it close and never take it for granted," Marchwinski said. "The greatest kind of friends are those you can

dance all night with."

Wilson is survived by parents Ralph and Elizabeth Wilson; brothers Kevin and Matthew; sister Tracy; niece Heather and nephew Rj.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 5 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors. The Wilson family asks that all donations be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

# Sports

## Saurin ready to make an impact at OU

*New head coach for women's soccer ready to lead squad to new heights*

**Matt Saulino**  
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University women's soccer team added a new piece to the puzzle to hopefully push them over the top in the Horizon League.

Last year, the Golden Grizzlies lost in the Horizon League Championship to the Milwaukee Panthers. OU has now named Margaret Saurin to succeed last year's interim head coach Dave Morgan.

"I knew this was a very successful program and I wanted to continue that success," Saurin said. "When I seen that the job was posted in January I decided to put in my resume."

Prior to this job, Saurin was head coach of Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for seven years. IPFW is a member of the Summit League, OU's former conference, so she has experience facing the Golden Grizzlies.

Saurin is 1-6 competing against OU, with her only win coming in 2012, it was Oakland's final season as a member of the Summit League. They played again in 2013, resulting in a 3-0 Oakland win.

The move to the Horizon League was a



Courtesy of Jose Juarez/OU Athletic Communications  
"I have high standards and high expectations for myself," Saurin said.

big deal for Saurin because the tougher competition makes her excited for the new opportunity.

"Any place I go I feel like there is that kind of pressure," Saurin said. "I have high standards and high expectations for myself."

Oakland was a good fit for Saurin because she thinks the Grizzlies' playing style is something she finds comfortable and familiar: a possession-oriented

style that Saurin applied in her previous programs.

"My teams will be competitive, hard-working, possession-oriented, but always with a purpose," Saurin said.

She has already begun working with the team and says right now they're working on defensive shape. Saurin wants her teams to be difficult to breakdown defensively so that they're ready to execute off of turnovers.

Saurin arrived at Oakland on March 17 to watch the girls play that day and then start working with them the day after. The new coach realizes the balance of being a player's coach and a nose-to-the-grindstone coach.

She wants to maintain an open-door policy with the players, as well as making sure everybody knows their role and responsibility to the team. But mostly, she wants to win.

"I realize this is a high profile sport with high expectations, and I'm really looking forward to competing in the Horizon League this year."

Saurin played for the Irish national team from 1996-2003. She played collegiately at Christian Brothers University in Tennessee from 2001-2002 where her 1.36 assists per game career average is the best across all three NCAA divisions.

## Felder amongst nation's top freshmen

**Adam Kujawski**  
Staff Reporter

Kahlil Felder, Oakland University's starting point guard, was named to the 2014 Kyle Macy Freshman All-America team and was one of 30 finalists for Wayman Tisdale Award for the nation's top freshman player.

OU assistant coach Saddi Washington was extremely proud when he found out Felder was named one of the top freshman in the country. With the team facing some tough competition early in the year, he felt Felder was groomed to be a top point guard in the Horizon League this season.

"There couldn't have been many other first-year freshman who had to endure the kind of schedule he played," Washington said. "When you look at some of the teams and players he faced in the non-conference schedule, it shows how resilient of a kid he is."

When he first heard the news, Felder was beaming with excitement and was absolutely shocked.

"The first thing I did was call my parents," he said.

He averaged just over 12 points and seven assists per game in the Horizon League and was a critical component in Oakland's lineup this season. Washington reaffirmed that the team got it right in recruiting Felder out of Detroit Pershing High School.

"He was thrown into the frying pan early in his career and was expected to lead this team from day one," he said. "He has a chance to be a very special player at Oakland University."

The Grizzlies' campaign was full of memorable moments, whether it was traveling out west to take on some of the nation's premier teams in the country or making history with Travis Bader's 3-point record. Felder, however, recalled another memory when looking back on the season.

"Sweeping Detroit is what stuck out to me," Felder said. "I'm looking forward to playing them every year, it will be a pretty fun rivalry."

Felder, who recorded a triple-double during Oakland's second meeting with the University of Detroit, will be expected to take the reins with the departures of key seniors Duke Mondy and Travis Bader.

"Obviously Kay will be the guy commanding the ship," Washington said. "But the core of our team is back and ready to get back to our winning ways."



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# Playing through the pain

*Prolific scorer reflects on historic college career at Oakland*

**Matt Saulino**  
Staff Reporter

**B**ethany Watterworth capped a historic career as a Golden Grizzly for the women's basketball team, making second-team All-Horizon League this season.

Watterworth finishes her career 23rd on the NCAA's active scoring list with over 1,900 points. Only five other players in program history have eclipsed that total.

"It's an honor to be named second-team All-Horizon in our first year in the league," she said. "It means a lot to me, but it's more of a team award."

Watterworth was named first-team All-Summit League when the Grizzlies were a member of the conference.

What makes this award special, though, is the fact that Watterworth overcame a back injury that kept her out for over a year.

She led the Grizzlies with 14.5 points per game while shooting 48.5 percent from the field. She averaged 18.7 per game in her junior year before the injury.

"With all that I had to go through the past couple years, it was just really cool to play,"



Courtesy of Jose Juarez/OU Athletic Communications  
Bethany Watterworth leaves OU 23rd on the NCAA's all-time scoring list.

Watterworth said. "I had to wait over a year-and-a-half, so the fact that I was just able to go out and play and pick up where I left off is amazing."

Watterworth returned to action this season with a minute-count that limited her playing time. She was only prac-

ticing half-court with the team through their first two games, and it wasn't until the team's third game where she saw over 10 minutes of playing time.

She had her biggest game of the year against Green Bay, scoring 28 points. That big outing took place in the middle of a

15-game stretch where she averaged double-digit points against Horizon League opponents.

The team finished 8-8 during league play under first-year head Jeff Tugate.

Watterworth is currently pursuing a doctorate of physical therapy program and says there is a chance she may remain close to the team.

"There's a possibility, I'd like to remain involved," Watterworth said. "We'll see what happens, but I'll definitely be keeping tabs with the team."

She hopes for the opportunity to integrate her training in physical therapy back to the locker rooms.

"I feel like I can relate to people who have injuries," Watterworth said. "One of the biggest things and complaints people come in with into a physical therapy clinic is with their back. I can say, 'look I know exactly what you're going through, I've had that pain.'"

She loved her experience at Oakland University, and liked the fact that she came from just down the road. The athletic department gave her the chance to live with a softball player, track player, and a soccer player.

"Overall my experience has been great and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. Just to play Division I basketball at Oakland University."

## THE SPORTING BLITZ

### Men's basketball

Senior Oakland University basketball star Travis Bader finished in second place in the Quicken Loans college 3-point competition Thursday. The event was held at SMU's Moody Coliseum. Bader was only edged out by Brady Heslip of Baylor, who managed to outscore Bader 18-14 in the final round. Former OU player Erik Kangas finished second in the event in 2009 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

### Track and field

The OU men and women's track and field teams both suffered defeats against the University of Detroit over the weekend, despite strong performances from both teams. Ashley Jemison set a new school record in discus with a heave of 122'8". Andrew Stebbins captured a victory in the shot put with a throw of 44'3". George O'Connor won the 3,000-meter run in 8:47.97 and Miranda Haas won the steeplechase in 7:22.27. The team will next compete at the Siena Heights Invite April 12 in Adrian.

### Men's baseball

The men's baseball team traveled to conference rival Milwaukee over the weekend for a three-game series. The first two games were close losses, both 4-3. The third game wasn't so close, with Oakland falling 8-2. Mike Brosseau currently leads the team in batting average at .359, and has five doubles on the season. Jake Paulson has a 3.03 era with a 2-3 record. Oakland is scheduled to play a game against Central Michigan Wednesday, April 9 at 3:05 p.m.

Compiled by Staff Reporter  
Jackson Gilbert

## Slow start for OU baseball

*Incliment weather delays games, Grizzlies winless in interleague play for first half of a losing season*

**Adam Kujawski**  
Staff Reporter

**T**he Oakland University baseball season has been hindered by unfavorable weather and a slow start in regard to wins and losses, but the team looks to improve as the season carries on, with its eyes on the NCAA tournament this May.

Despite game cancellations accompanying a record that leaves much to be desired, Head Coach John Musachio is confident the team can overcome a 4-17 start that features a winless record in the Horizon League.

"There are pockets of things

we do well, but we've got to do better to win those close games," he said. "I'd like to see consistency in (the team's) ability to maintain its confidence - pitch-to-pitch, inning-to-inning and game-to-game."

With 22 games remaining - 18 of which are in the Horizon League - there is plenty of time to turn the season around.

"We're going to have our ups and downs but it's critical that we stay playing at a high level mentally and not let the struggles pull us down," senior pitcher Jason Hager said.

OU has found it difficult to gain consistency given the fact

that each of the team's seven home games have been cancelled.

Musachio has made it a point not to stress over the weather, though, a factor he recognizes as an unmanageable element.

"We can't control the weather, and we talk about focusing on things we can control," he said.

With the absence of games affecting the fluidity of the schedule, the coaching staff is responsible for replacing missed games with a mixture of workouts, off days and simulations.

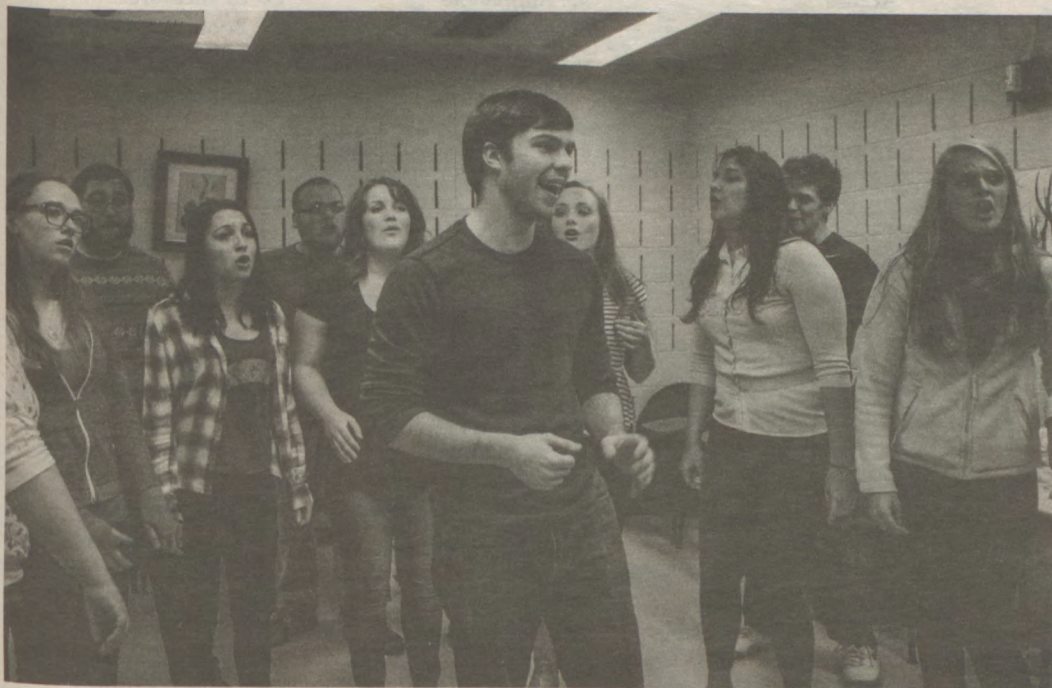
For Musachio, he gauges the attitude of the team before deciding how to handle a weekend

without games.

"We try to keep them on their toes," he said. "Sometimes we'll get them some game action indoors. But if they've been traveling like crazy, a few days off here and there isn't so bad."

In his final season with the squad, Hager wants to be competitive as a team and is confident Oakland has what it takes to make some noise in the post-season.

"We've been knocking on the doorstep of a conference championship for the last two years and there's no doubt in my mind that this team has the make-up to get it done this year."



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Gold Vibrations rehearses "Not Over You" by Daughtry, arranged by Christopher Brody.

## 'Pickin' up good vibrations'

Oakland's acapella group places second in college championship

**Kailee Mathias**  
Staff Reporter

**G**old Vibrations, Oakland University's a cappella group, placed second this year in the International Championship for Colligate Acappella (ICCA) and won best arrangement for "Say Something," arranged by group member Christopher Brody.

The group has been around for five years and is striving to grow and improve with each new year.

"We were really shooting for third place at semi-finals," Justin Donoghue, president of Gold Vibrations, said. "We were just shooting at doing better than the year before."

The "Say Something" arrangement also drew interest from three other groups at ICCA who were interested in buying it from Gold Vibrations.

"It's really nice to get the recognition and know that they thought my arrangement was the best one there," Brody said. "It's very humbling and cool."

A group of the ICCA judges come together to do a ranking of

"Going to Gold Vibrations rehearsals is the highlight of my week. It's really fun and we have a great time making music,"

Colleen Bielman  
Member of Gold Vibrations

the best a cappella groups. Gold Vibrations is ranked number ten in the Great Lakes Sector.

"My favorite part, aside from the little moments in rehearsal where we all blend as one, would be competing," Amandalynne Walker said. "We all come together to show everyone how hard we worked."

### Unforgettable Bonds

"Going to Gold Vibrations rehearsals is the highlight of my week," Group member Colleen Bielman said. "It's really fun and we have a great time making music."

A Disney medley, "Us" by Regina Spektor, "Counting Stars" by One Republic and "Ordinary People" by John Legend are just some of the songs they've been

practicing.

Their arrangements will be showcased at their concert coming up on April 11 at Varner Recital Hall.

For each arrangement, Brody has the difficult task of deciding what spin to take on it. The group also must audition members for solo parts. The members auditioning each have an opportunity to perform the song for the members not auditioning. After each person who wants the solo performance, the rest of the group takes a vote based on who sounded the best.

"We do a good job taking politics out of it," Donoghue said. "There are guys I know that will stand up in my wedding from this group."

"At the end of the day we make sure to leave with a group hug," Bielman said.

The group holds auditions for new members at the beginning of every semester.

For students interested in learning more check out their Facebook and Twitter pages.

Watch the performance at the ICCA Semifinals on YouTube.

## Players hit the jackpot for nostalgia

Attendees take a trip down memory lane when pinball expo comes to Oakland campus

**Andrew Wernette**  
Staff Reporter

**A**mid a sea of blinking lights and whizzing sounds, a crowd of middle-agers and students alike came to experience the annual Michigan Pinball Expo at Oakland University.

The event began on Thursday, April 3, and continued on through the weekend.

Pinball machines of all types and ages were set up on display inside and outside of the Banquet Rooms in the Oakland Center, transforming the atmosphere into that of an arcade. Different businesses and owners of the games came together to show them off at the exposition.

The machines were all set up for the public to play, free of charge.

"[It's a] little bit of nostalgia," said Brent Edwards, a non-student who took the day off from work to attend the exposition. "I kind of grew up with them."

John Kosmal, the show president of the Michigan Pinball Expo, estimated there were about 110 machines being displayed this year.

"This is our fifth year at Oakland," he said.

Kosmal said it always gets a bit chaotic when the game owners first converge at OU to set up their machines, but he noted their passion.

"It's just people that are really into the hobby," he said.



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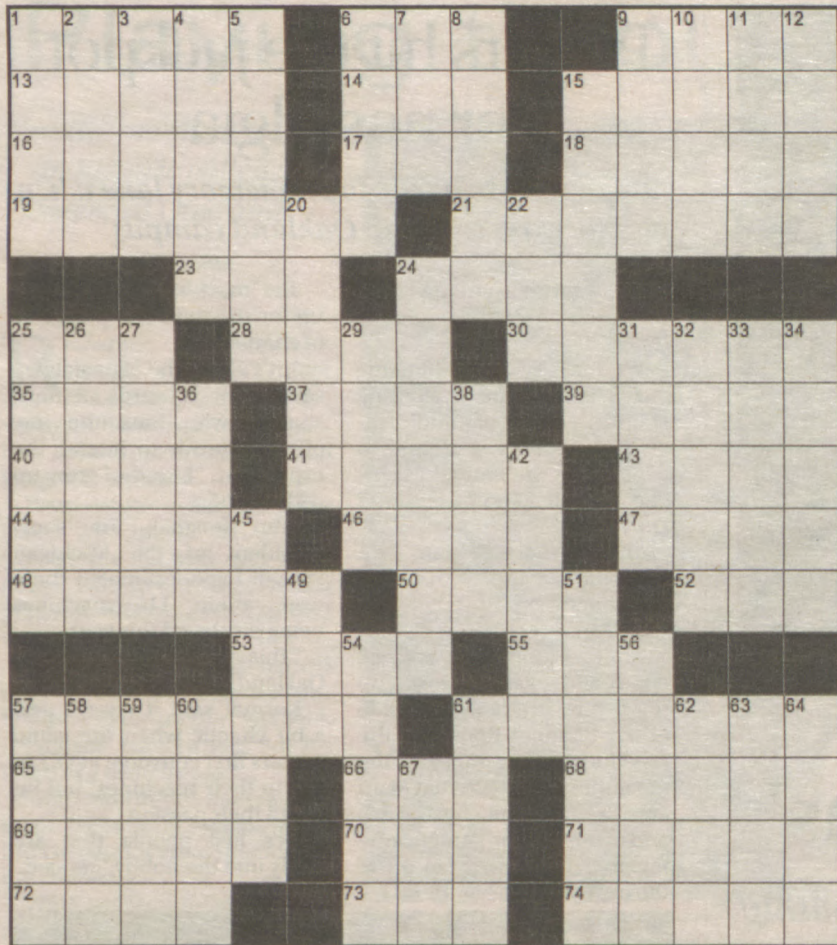
A "The Wizard of Oz" themed machine was just one of the many themed games on display at the pinball expo.



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Students and non-students alike gathered at the pinball expo, some reviving childhood memories, some just looking for a day of fun.

# Puzzles



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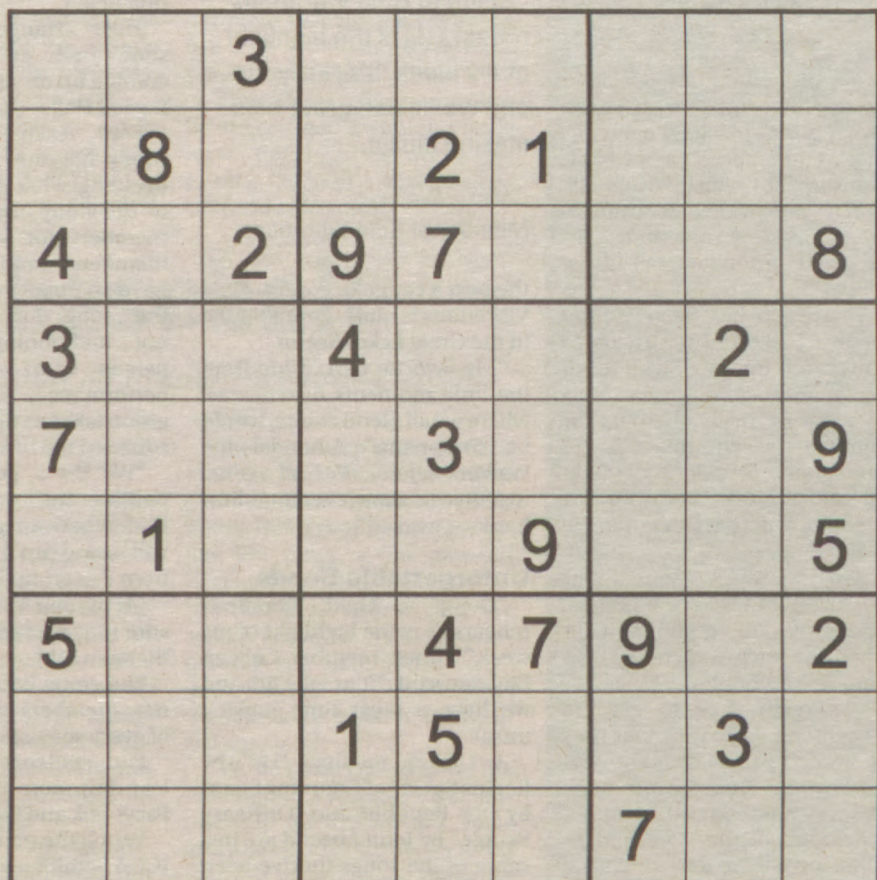
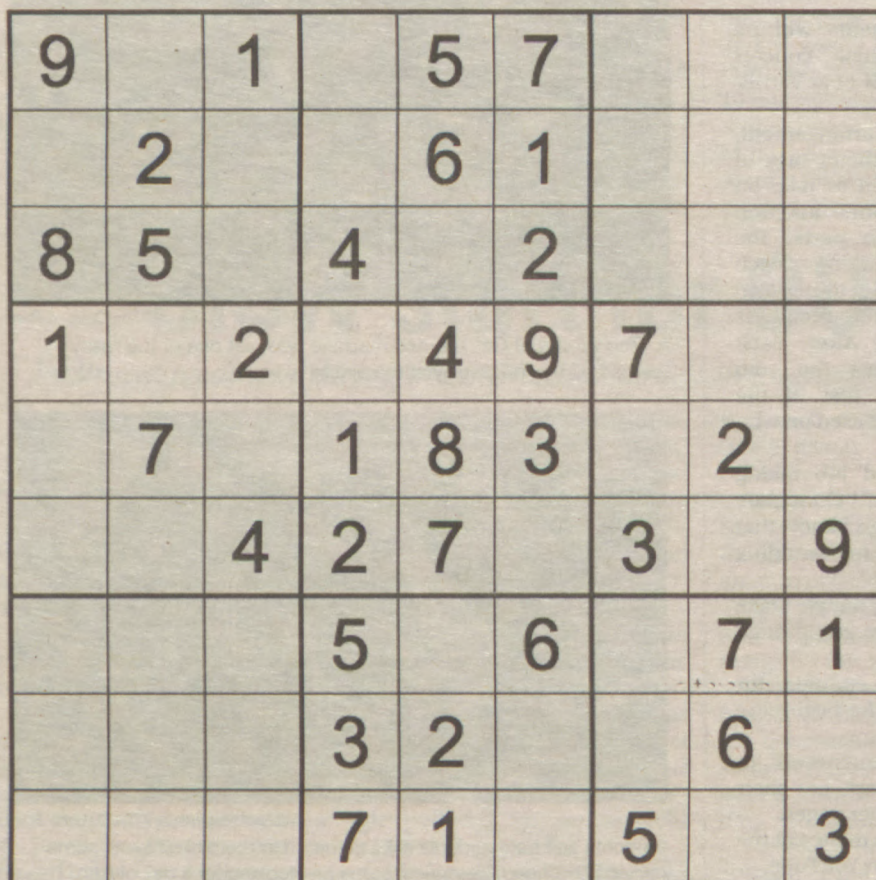
1. Hurricane hazards
6. Sailor, in slang
9. Precious stones
13. Breathing problem
14. Piano man Charles
15. Playful sprite
16. Score unit
17. Sternward
18. Ammonia compound
19. Came in
21. Recrudesced
23. Ancient mariner
24. Ancient Egyptian emblems
25. Fifth calendar page
28. Deep purple
30. Chest decorations
35. Listen to
37. Short and not so sweet
39. Muscle
40. Either of the racing Earnhardts
41. Chamber pieces
43. Span's inches
44. Bodybuilder Charles
46. Like a dangerous wire
47. Package carrier
48. Pupil's reading
50. Island souvenirs
52. Logic circuit element
53. Wimbledon hits

## Down

55. Apprehend
57. Child
61. Electronic data transmission, briefly
65. Yet to occur
66. 'Quadrophenia' band, with 'The'
68. Skiing area
69. Windblown soil
70. Cyclotron bit
71. Wanted poster word
72. Legend
73. Chicken-to-be
74. Gets a signature on the dotted line, perhaps

## Down

22. LP measure
24. Boom box attachments
25. \_\_\_ auxiliary (verb like can or might)
26. Ease off
27. Hollers
29. Gutter adjoiner
31. Force
32. Charged particle
33. Slowly, in music
34. Short partner?
36. Senate votes
38. Ripped apart
42. Historic river through Paris
45. Pyramids, prisms, et al.
49. Dauphin's denial
51. Some condiments
54. David of 'The Man Who Fell to Earth'
56. Ball bigwig
57. Aromatic salve
58. Sailor's greeting
59. Bump into
60. Celebration
61. Use a grasping device at the barbecue
62. Ignition \_\_\_
63. October birthstone
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# Mouthing Off

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## Keep your pants on

Scott Wolchek

Editor-in-Chief/Sanitation Engineer

Last week, I walked into the bathroom to one of the strangest sights a guy can see—a grown man using the urinal with his pants around his ankles.

Most boys stop doing that around the age of five. It doesn't take that much coordination to master the art of the zipper. If your pants are around your ankles, they're touching the sticky floors of the bathroom, caked with god-knows-what and pee. You don't want that. Just like how I don't want to see your hairy butt.

My initial reaction to the pants-dropper was that it was completely out of the bathroom etiquette norm. It didn't really shock me though, because over the last year, I've seen a lot of strange behavior go down in public restrooms.

Being the editor of The Post, I practically live in the Oakland Center. This means I'm forced to use the public restroom more than I'd like.

I'm not particularly picky, and our custodial staff does a great job of keeping the restrooms clean, but man, people do some strange and nasty stuff in the bathrooms.

For example, some like to place pounds of toilet paper over the seat to protect their bottom from germs. This is understandable—a public bathroom is an infected setting. What isn't reasonable is that Mr. Germaphobe left their toilet paper barrier on the seat instead of flushing it down.

I get it—you don't want your butt to touch a toilet seat. But I don't want to touch paper that has been on your butt. It's very simple.

The most disgusting thing I've witnessed (twice) is when somebody came in, snorted ferociously and hawked a massive loogie into the toilet. Memories of the congealed blob striking that water still haunt me. If you're that congested, get some Claritin or blow your nose! I know we're amongst brute men, but dear lord, we don't have to act like

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Scott Wolchek prepares for what is sure to be a raging battle in the OC bathroom stalls. savages! I came close to throwing up.

And why do people talk on the phone while they're in the stalls? The person they're talking to will hear the echo of the bathroom cavern, the grunting of Mother Nature's calling and the steady backslash of water.

If my friend called me and I could tell they were taking a dump, I'd have to say something or hang up. I could understand if somebody was hurt or you absolutely had to call your

boss at a very specific time, but you'd be giving the term 'business call' a whole new meaning.

One time I came in and somebody was changing their clothes by the urinals. Why didn't they do it in the stalls? Can I please use the bathroom without looking at somebody's crack?

Historically, bathrooms have always been a private place. But this is a civilized world now—let's try and clean up our act.

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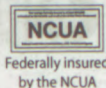


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