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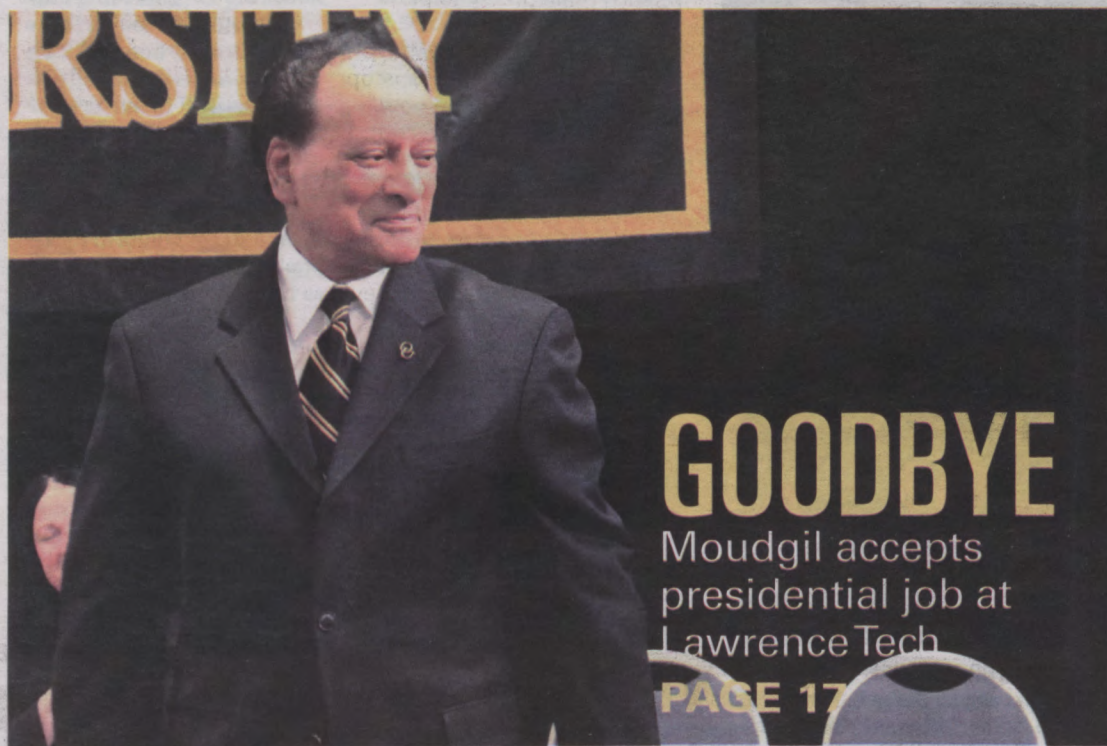
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A NEW BEGINNING // Cassandra Tordosinsky, advising intern for the school of nursing, helps incoming freshmen set up their SAIL accounts, sign up for classes, and activate their WebMail accounts during freshmen orientation. DYLAN DULBERG // *The Oakland Post*

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POLL OF THE MONTH

How would you solve the marijuana debate?

- A Make it legal
- B Keep it illegal
- C Make only legal for medical reasons
- D I don't care

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LAST MONTH'S POLL

What will you be doing this summer?

A) Internship

22 votes | 23%

B) Going on vacation

4 votes | 4%

C) Working

39 votes | 41%

D) Taking classes

29 votes | 31%

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

JUNE 12, 1964

After a straight month of strikes and picketing, the electricians return to work on the Hill House, with a new salary of \$4.60 per hour.

JUNE 17, 1998

The new OU SpiritCard is implemented, featuring the holder's picture, their digitally printed signature, and a magnetic strip like conventional debit or credit cards.

JUNE 11, 2003

Chemistry professor Ferman Chavez was injured after an explosion in the Engineering Building.



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NEW CLASSES

Three new classes including Organic Farming in the Urban Setting, Experimental Animation and Profile and Threat Assessment offer Oakland students new experiences.



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Oakland University's baseball team finished up their season with a loss to Oral Roberts University at the Summit League Tournament — finishing in third place.



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A RACE FOR THE CURE

The 21st annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure was held in downtown Detroit. More than 26,000 supporters participated to help find a cure for breast cancer.

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NUMBERS**
2012 Olympic Games

\$330

average ticket price for
an individual event

205

number of nations
participating

7,265

miles travelled in
the torch relay

\$11 billion

current estimated taxpayer cost
of the London Olympic Games

80,000

number of people
the stadium can seat

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

Synthetic marijuana is not worth the high

Sometimes you have to choose the lesser of two evils.

Take synthetic marijuana versus organic marijuana debate for instance, both of which have been grabbing headlines, especially locally.

In context of the many bizarre incidents related to synthetic marijuana, voting in favor of legalized organic marijuana suddenly doesn't seem too radical.

Many of these incidents have been local, bringing this drug's bizarre effects on its users right at our doorstep.

Several weeks ago, a West Bloomfield grandmother shot and killed her grandson, who has been reported as a K2 (a brand of synthetic marijuana) user. Another 18-year-old in Bloomfield Township died on a private beach after using the substance on May 26. Tucker Cipriano, who is being accused of killing his father and nearly killing his mother and brother, was also reported as high on K-2 as well.

On June 4, Macomb County officials signed what they described as an emergency order that will ban the sale of synthetic marijuana.

The fact that this virtually unregulated and cryptic drug has slipped under the radar is utterly irresponsible of the government, parents and all

In context of the growing popularity of synthetic marijuana, voting in favor of legalized marijuana suddenly doesn't seem too radical.

store owners who allowed it to be sold.

This is an extremely unpredictable drug, and early official studies are revealing some disturbing effects.

The scholarly journal Pediatrics revealed that the American Association of Poison Control Centers received 4,500 calls regarding synthetic marijuana incidents, in a May 19 publication. The report also noted a rise in teens in emergency rooms for synthetic marijuana-related incidents.

The Paediatrics study found symptoms such as fast heartbeats, slow breathing, extreme dizziness, convulsions, profuse sweating and hallucinations. Joanna Cohen, who co-authored the study, said she is most concerned about the "long term cognition problems, memory loss, and psychosis" that can affect teens in their development.

Perhaps the most alarming fact is that the drug doesn't

show up in most lab tests, causing a twofold problem — kids are more likely to partake, because they aren't afraid of getting caught, and at the same time, doctors are unable to properly diagnose a victim's symptoms.

These symptoms and side effects are like nothing seen in marijuana.

As far as the debate over whether marijuana should be legalized or not, it would make more sense to legalize the drug that slows the brain down instead of the one that has sent people into convulsions and hallucinations and can cause potential long-term damage to the brain.

According to reports from MLive, Detroit could be the first Michigan city to legalize pot. In August residents will vote on a law, which, if passed, would allow people 21 and older to possess up to one-ounce of marijuana and smoke it on private property without being arrested and prosecuted.

It doesn't make sense that organic marijuana is still banned while, as of a few days ago, the crazy synthetic stuff was readily available, and still is in many places.

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EDITORIAL

Romney's response fails to address growing issue

GOP Presidential Candidate's response, President Obama's lack of response highlights a missed opportunity to gain supporters

On May 10, Jason Horowitz of The Washington Post published a story about how five of Mitt Romney's peers at Cranbrook School recalled when they bullied a 17-year-old John Lauber.

Romney, according to the report, led the charge against Lauber. Romney was disturbed by how Lauber looked. With bleached blonde hair that slightly covered an eye, Romney said that Lauber "can't look like that."

Children in the school system see bullying as a problem, but Romney doesn't understand how worse bullying has become in schools.

Several weeks later, Romney's peers isolated Lauber, then pinned him to the floor and Romney, with a pair of scissors in hand, cut Lauber's hair.

Bullying has always been an issue, but it was not addressed in the media as much as it is now.

With increasing news coverage on bully-related suicides, the Republican Presidential nominee could have made a stronger statement than what he said to Fox News Radio.

"As to pranks that were played back then, I don't remember them all," Romney said. "But again, high school days, if I did stupid things, why, I'm afraid I've got to say sorry for it."

Romney's statement was rather disappointing. While bullying was not as serious in



JUSTIN COLMAN
chief copy editor

1965, it is an important and ever prevalent issue in 2012.

A survey was conducted by bullying-statistics.org in 2010 said that one in seven children in the K-12 education system has either been a bully or a victim of bullying.

Those in school believe that the trend is getting worse, as 71 percent of students said bullying is an on-going problem.

In addition, 42 percent of these children said they have been bullied while online, with one in four being verbally attacked more than once.

Children in the school system see bullying as a problem, but Romney doesn't understand how much worse bullying has become in schools.

"Bully" director Lee Hirsch invited Romney to see his film that documented bullying in schools, so he could see what is happening in the school system now. Romney did not attend to view the film. Hirsch saw this moment as a chance for people to rally around Romney.

"He could have said, 'Forty years ago, we as a society looked at bullying as 'kids will be kids' and 'boys will be boys.' The reality is that this is no longer OK,'" Hirsch wrote in a Businessweek column.

"He'd have such enormous support if he said, 'The way we looked at it then isn't acceptable anymore.'"

With the news media, film industry and students in schools believing that bullying is problematic, one would think that a man such as Romney, a presidential

candidate, would address this problem. Instead, he gives a mild response that shows he believes that bullying in 2012 is the same as bullying in 1965.

If Romney had made a statement that not only acknowledged his incident at Cranbrook, but also made a promise that he would increase efforts to eradicate bullying, he could have really helped his campaign.

Romney had a chance to make a good statement but did not. He downplayed the incident, offered a simple apology and moved on.

While this will not likely have any major role in the election, it would be nice to see Romney (and Obama as well) talk about things that are not on their platform.

That way, people could see that the candidates have something other than their platforms to talk about than what's just on their platform.

It should be the President's responsibility to ensure Americans that their children and their children's children can have a good future.

That starts with the school systems and the need to provide children with a safe, hostility-free environment.

Unfortunately, this has become a growing problem that Romney has deemed "mild" and Obama has not addressed.

Justin Colman was a victim of bullying throughout middle school.

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COLUMN

Let your voice be heard with OUSC

Oakland University Student Congress has hit the ground running. One month into the Wolf/Williford administration, OUSC has begun reorganizing and refocusing the overall mission that has been set in recent years.

Following the mantra that every year is a fresh start, we did just that, starting with the switching of some of the offices within the main office of OUSC and cleaning everything out. We started new.

With this fresh slate, we've moved into bigger things.

One of our main goals this summer was to figure out everything we wanted to do for the fall and winter semesters and put them in action. This includes initiatives, events and overall structure of the organization.

We've begun meeting with administration to discuss key issues for the upcoming school year in hopes that we can have them support what the students want to see happen on campus.

We've started planning for events in the fall which would include other organizations and departments on campus as well as in the community.

We've begun making the connections with organizations like Student Program Board, WXOU Radio and The Oakland Post in order to ensure the next year will be successful and memorable for everyone.

We've even been given the chance to attend multiple Orientation Resource Fairs in order to meet some of the incoming students next year, which has proven to be a very efficient way to reach out to the faces of tomorrow on Oakland's campus.

We're the voice for the students in a variety of ways. But we can't do it alone.

We're calling on the person reading this right now to help us make a difference.

With open legislator spots and multiple committees to get involved with, Student Congress is hoping to find people who are driven to make a difference on campus and let their voice be heard. We want people who want to help make their campus experience an amazing one. People don't think getting involved is an option here at Oakland and I'm here to tell you that's a myth.

It all begins with one step: taking action.

If you're looking to get involved and become a part of OUSC, stop by and visit us. We're in room 62 in the basement of the Oakland Center. We don't bite. We're always looking for people to stop by and tell us their thoughts on what is going on at Oakland.

Besides, we are the voice for the students. Why not let your voice be heard?



ROBBIE WILLIFORD
OUSC vice president

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Campus

Susan Awbrey named interim provost

Awbrey replaces Moudgil, national search for provost continues

By Sarah Hunton
Senior Reporter

In lieu of Provost Virinder Moudgil's departure from Oakland University, a national search will be conducted in order to choose the next best candidate. In the meantime, Interim Provost Susan Awbrey will serve in his place.

"Dr. Awbrey was suggested by many with whom I consulted as an excellent candidate for the interim provost position," Gary Russi, OU president, said. "She has served Oakland University for years in many key academic and administrative positions. I'm confident she'll do a great job in the coming months."

Awbrey has been an administrator at OU for 21 years. Prior to working at OU, she worked at the University of Illinois, Michigan State University and the University of Texas, where she was a faculty member and administrator.

In selecting Awbrey, Russi drew on members of the OU community.

"The process to select an interim senior vice president and provost involved soliciting suggestions from faculty and con-

sulting with OU's Distinguished Faculty on the selection criteria and the process for a national search," Russi said.

Temporary provosts may be titled as either 'acting' or 'interim.' Acting provosts are often those who have already retired from education administration and are ineligible to apply for the permanent position. As an interim provost, Awbrey will have the opportunity to apply for the permanent provost title at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

"As to whether or not I'd be interested, ask me again in six months," she said. "I'm very interested in helping to bring change to Oakland and to improve what we are doing."

Much like the search for an interim provost, the search for a permanent provost will be national and will include collaboration with OU faculty.

Awbrey has worked within the provost's office for more than 15 years. Before her work as a senior assistant provost, in which she oversaw programs such as the Honors College, the bachelor of integrative studies and international education, she oversaw the graduate studies

department.

She believes her new position can be compared to her previous work as the senior associate provost.

"The similarities I think are that (the interim provost) is a position that really is aimed at oversight of academics," she said. "My biggest priority is supporting quality academic experience, and that includes excellence in instruction, research, and in service opportunities, and so it is very similar in that way. And the differences, of course, are that at this point the academic units, the deans, report to the provost."

Although she has only held her position for about four weeks, Awbrey knows what she would like to accomplish in her new position.

"One of the things that I really want to work on is creating the best experience we possibly can for our students and making sure that we have quality academic programs," she said. "Those will be my priorities."

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Photo courtesy of Oakland's website

Susan Awbrey takes the place of previous Provost, Virinder Moudgil. Awbrey has been an administrator at Oakland University for 21 years.

New pre-medical class aimed to prepare students for medical school

By Katie Williams
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences has developed a new pre-medical council to aid students with the challenges associated with applying to medical school.

The council will serve as an advising resource for pre-med students, and as a way for faculty and

administrators to share information regarding academic programs and changes within the medical field.

The council was established in January and is composed of faculty members, professional advisers and alumni who are now practicing physicians. Representatives from varying departments were selected by Ronald Sudol, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Kathleen Moore, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Keith Berven, biology professor and pre-med concentration adviser.

"Attending medical school is a

career goal that needs to be nurtured from the time a student enters as a first year undergrad, and that's what we hope to accomplish," Moore said.

The group was created in response to a recent increase in student interest within the pre-medical concentration, including the medicine, dentistry, optometry and veterinary programs.

"It was time to make the pre-med concentration a broader effort," Moore said. "Medical schools are taking a more holistic approach when considering an applicant. It's not enough to have good grades and do well on

the MCAT, they're going to look at the bigger picture."

According to Moore, students applying to medical school need to understand how to prepare for the MCAT as well as interviews. Students also need to display an interest in the medical field through consistent volunteer work, and obtain letters of recommendation that set them apart from other applicants.

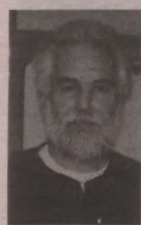
To address these challenges, the council plans on creating a pre-med center to offer workshops and advising beyond the curriculum. The center, to be located in Hannah Hall near the undergraduate labs, will provide assistance to faculty writing letters of recommendation. The group also plans on partnering with the Career Services office to provide mock interviews. The

council is awaiting a budget approval, but hopes to hire a professional pre-medical adviser some time next year.

Thomas Loss, a senior majoring in biomedical diagnostic and therapeutic sciences, plans on applying to an allopathic or osteopathic medical school in the fall of 2013.

"OU's biomedical diagnostic and therapeutic sciences program started to affirm my aspirations of becoming a physician," Loss said. "There are so many uncertainties being pre-med student and a council to help guide us through the process should make for a less anxiety-ridden application year."

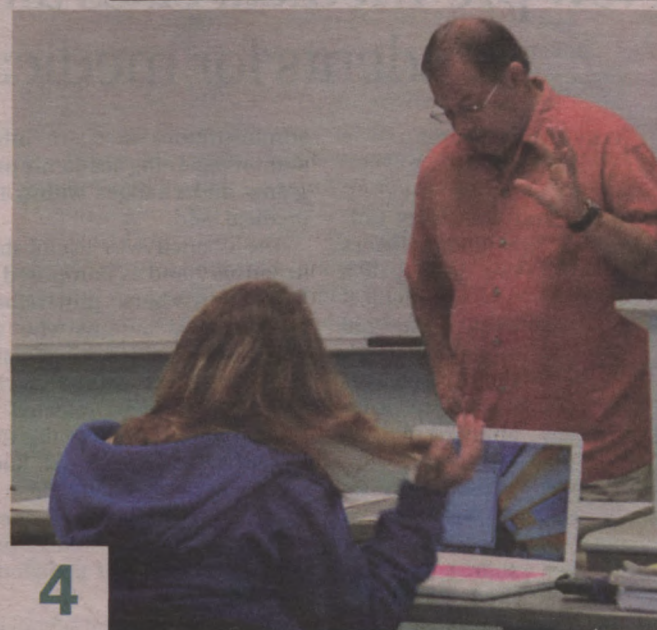
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Keith Berven, professor of biology



SHELBY REYNOLDS / The Oakland Post



New classes spring into summer

By Shelby Reynolds
Senior Reporter

Three new classes have sprung up this spring. Experimental Animation (SA 392), Organic Farming in the Urban Setting (BIO 491) and Profile and Threat Assessment (SOC 395) are in session and offering students a new experience.

Experimental Animation was created to emphasize the history, techniques and aesthetic of animation.

Organic Farming in the Urban Setting explores plants, soil and irrigation, meeting at the Pontiac-based non-profit Baldwin Center to plant, develop irrigation and harvest goods.

In Profile and Threat Assessment, students will learn about behavioral analysis.

1. Arielle Gellish, a senior majoring in health sciences, harvests lettuce with her class in the greenhouse.

2. Professor Leslie Raymond (right), was inspired to create SA 392 by her own curiosity. Raymond saw experimental animation as a great avenue for teaching new media and aesthetic appeal.

3. Students spent several mornings tending and harvesting the garden at the Kennedy Center. There is talk of the class moving to 100-level so more students can participate in the interactive course.

4. Daniel Kennedy, professor of criminal justice, lectures to his class about the concepts behind criminal analysis. The course load entails some cases that have twists to them. The class has already studied the subject of paraphilia. Kennedy has over 40 years of experience in the field.

Trustee chairperson Henry Baskin pleads no contest, seeks no-discipline charge

By Chris Lauritsen and Nichole Seguin
Local Editor, Editor-in-Chief

Oakland University Board of Trustees Chairperson Henry Baskin pled no contest Thursday to the sexual misconduct charges that were made against him by Attorney Grievance Commission Deputy Administrator Robert Edick in August 2011.



Baskin

He entered the plea during a hearing held Thursday at the Attorney Grievance Office in Detroit.

Now, Baskin must wait for a decision from the board, which is supposed to happen within 35 days after the receipt of the meeting's transcript.

Baskin's defense lawyers Steve Fisherman and Kenneth Mogil argued for a no-discipline charge, while Edick asked for a 30-day suspension. At times, the discussion became heated.

"This is still not an acknowledgement of his wrongfulness," Edick said. "In fact, there was already a conflict (in the case). My position is not per se misconduct, but it is per se a conflict that could lead to misconduct."

Baskin has been accused of having a sexual relationship with a client he was representing during the divorce case. Edick is alleging that Baskin's relationship with the woman is a conflict of interest and could have had an affect on her case.

The couple had a long-term relationship in 1999 but are no longer together. While they were dating, Baskin said the two would attend holiday parties, family gatherings and social events together, but he was unaware the relationship would have any ethical affect on the outcome of her settlement, which included more than \$50,000 in monthly alimony, a \$2.1 million home in Grosse Pointe Farms and half her husband's stake in the company J.M. Olson Corp.

Baskin's defense argued that there is no Michigan law that prohibits an attorney from having a sexual relationship with a client, and that she would have received the same type of representation regardless of the relationship. However, there is an old Michigan law prohibiting adultery but it hasn't been enforced.

"This was a sincere, mutual relationship that was long-term but did not happen to work out," Mogil said. "Mr. Baskin did not represent (the woman) alone. His daughter and (attorney) David Mendel-

"YOU CAN GET A GREAT RESULT FOR A CLIENT, BUT NOT A GREAT RESULT FOR THE HEART."

Henry Baskin,
Board of Trustees Chairperson

son were involved as well ... the risk of injury was extremely minimal ... Baskin has a history of quiet acts far out of the limelight."

Baskin has been an attorney for 54 years at the Baskin Law Firm, PC in Birmingham. He has served as chairperson of the BOT at Oakland University since 1996.

Baskin said the repercussions from the relationship with his client would follow him for the rest of his life.

"I do not believe that any lawyer should engage in any relationship in a divorce case," he said. "It's not worth destroying your family, your relationship, your years as a lawyer ... you have to be prepared to live with the 'A' on your forehead for committing a crime that doesn't even exist in Michigan, I thought."

"You can get a great result for a client, but not a great result for the heart."

POLICE FILES

Assault in student apartments

On Friday, April 13 at approximately midnight, OUPD responded to investigate a fight that occurred in the Ann V. Nicholson Student Apartments. The victim said the fight began after a non-student pushed him into a wall and began punching him. The fight continued outside and resulted in the non-student punching through a door's glass window. The student had injuries and was taken by his friends to the hospital.

After receiving a call that the non-student was at the same hospital, OUPD went to make contact with the non-student. The non-student said he confronted the student about a girl his friend dated, which resulted in the student getting in his face. The non-student stated that he pushed the victim and a fight broke out. The non-student said the fight occurred because the student provoked him. The non-student said he accidentally punched the door's window because the student closed the door on him.

Wallet stolen in Elliott Hall

On Wednesday, May 23, a female student reported that her wallet had been stolen from Elliott Hall. On Tuesday, May 22 at approximately 10 p.m., the student and her friends were studying in the building. They left the room to meet with a professor and returned at approximately 10:45 p.m. Upon leaving campus, the student noticed her wallet was missing. Among the items missing was a credit card that was used to make a fraudulent purchase.

Larceny in Oakland Center

On Thursday, May 31, a Chartwells employee reported to OUPD that her knife had been stolen from the Oakland Center on Friday, May 4. The employee stated that on May 4, she left her knife on either the dishwasher countertop in the Oakland Center or on her cart. The employee did not notice the knife was missing until she returned home. The knife is engraved with her name and is valued at \$150. The employee stated that her knife had been stolen before on Wednesday, April 11, but it was returned after she issued a reward.

Senate reaches deal on higher education funding

Proposed allocation could lead to increased state funding

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Oakland University would receive a state funding allocation of \$44,033,300 under the terms of a recommendation made by a joint committee of the Michigan Legislature Friday, June 1.

Oakland's allocation is part of a larger higher education funding bill, Senate Bill 955. All public universities in Michigan make their budget after they find out how

much they will receive in state aid.

The revised bill has been passed by the House of Representatives and awaits the approval of the Senate and the signature of Gov. Rick Snyder. The Senate is expected to take up the bill on Monday, June 4.

The proposed allocation for OU represents a 2.1 percent increase in state aid over the budget for the current fiscal year. Oakland's new budget would take effect Oct. 1.

This additional funding is based on metrics for measuring OU's performance.

The formula is based in part on degree completions in critical skill areas such as mathematics and the sciences, as well as overall degree completions.

Oakland University's Chief Financial

Officer John Beaghan said it is important that OU focus on improving graduation and retention rates while continuing to offer quality programs.

The deal also requires universities to limit tuition increases to four percent in order to receive full performance funding.

The proposal would also place certain reporting requirements on universities conducting stem cell research.

Director of Media Relations Ted Montgomery said administration officials plan to present a proposed budget to the board of trustees at its next meeting on June 11.

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BY THE NUMBERS

2.1%

proposed increase in state funding for OU funding

4%

recommended maximum tuition increase for full state funding

44,033,300

OU's proposed appropriation amount in dollars

— Compiled by Natalie Popovski,
Assistant Campus Editor

AAUP contract to expire in August

Negotiation process to create new teacher contract has begun

By Chris Lauritsen
Local Editor

With the current teachers' union, American Association of University Professors and the Oakland University teacher contract expiring Aug. 15, discussions have begun over a new three-year teacher contract.

The issues

"As of today all proposals from the AAUP are on the table," said Michael Latcha, AAUP chief negotiator.

The AAUP is most concerned about the university's current maternity policy and the issue of compression.

"It had legs like I am not used to seeing," Karen Miller, AAUP president, said about the professors' reaction to the current lack of a maternity policy at the university. "It was the one of the most volatile reactions and the emotional depth of the reaction was more than I expected."

Miller said the department in which the professor works, in conjunction with the time of year they give birth, has a big impact on how they are treated and the time they get off.

The AAUP wants to have a set maternity policy written into the contract, according to Miller.

"It was not like we were not going to ask for it but the priority changed after the reaction we got," she said.

According to both Miller and Latcha, compression is a real problem at OU that is starting to affect bringing in faculty.

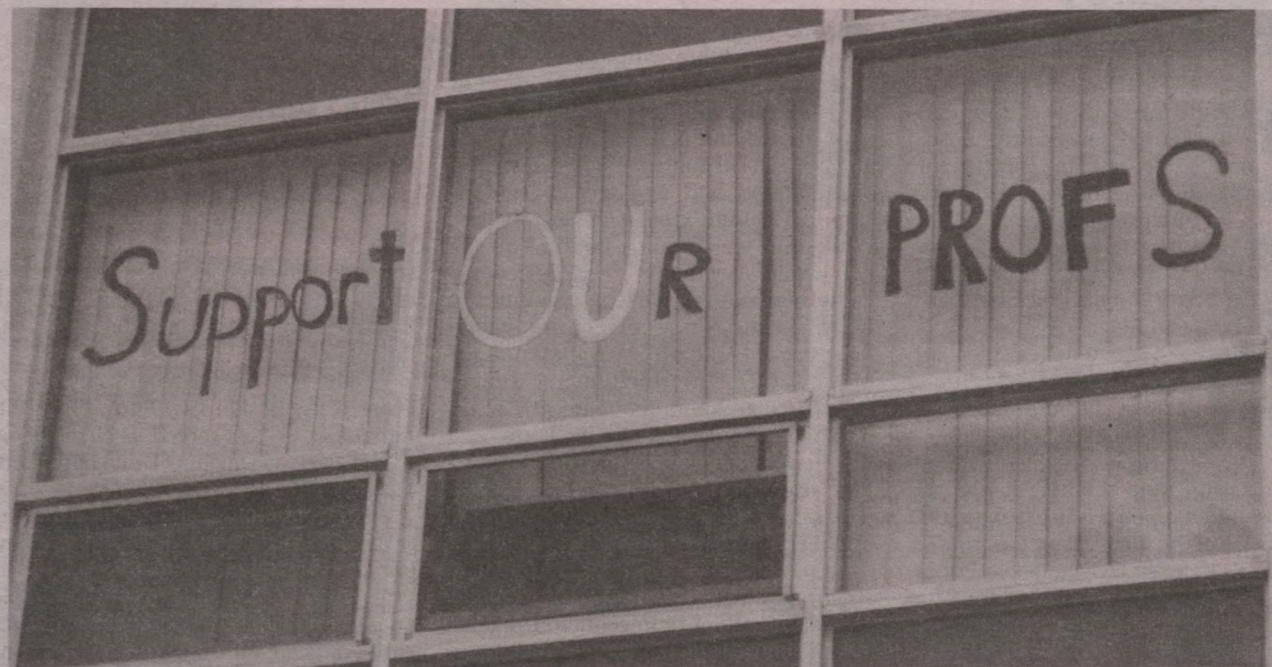
"When people at the top of the pay scale begin to get pay stripped by those at the bottom of the pay scale you get compression," Miller said.

According to Miller, the compression issue has increased since the last contract.

"People are getting hired in at salaries that are so high they get paid the same as people that have been here for a long time," she said.

Both Miller and Latcha explained that in 2006, the university and the AAUP formed a group to look into the issue of compression.

"The number of faculty affected was 60 to 70 percent," Miller said.



Oakland Post file photo

Contract disagreements caused Oakland University professors to strike in 2009. Students and teachers demonstrated through protests, graffiti and by decorating dorm room windows, among other things.

"IT IS STILL PROFOUNDLY UNLIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE A STRIKE."

Karen Miller,
AAUP President

Miller indicated that in 2009, the issue of compression was not dealt with in the contract.

"We are not going to be able to fix (compression) in one year," Miller said.

Miller said that the least painful solution to the issue of compression is to raise money over a period of time.

In order to deal with the issue of compression in this contract, Latcha said there is information the university has access to that the AAUP needs in order form a proposal.

"We have not been given and have been told we may not get, the information we need," Latcha said. "The university has access to national databases that are only open to universities and require subscriptions to access."

Latcha said it is illegal for the university to withhold information from the AAUP. He added that AAUP could take the university to court if it is unwilling to give them the information.

According to Latcha, AAUP would most likely avoid court and would instead be forced to put together a pro-

posal without the necessary information.

"We can not just let compression go away," Latcha said.

Latcha anticipates putting the financial proposal together and submitting it to the university by the end of July.

New kind of negotiation

Thus far, the AAUP have not received or been given any indication the university has proposals that will be presented to the AAUP, according to Latcha.

He indicated negotiations are being done differently than in the past.

"The reason for the change may be because of the university's new Chief Negotiator Robert Boonin who is the attorney for Butzel Long," Latcha said.

According to Latcha, this is the first time that the university has brought in someone who does not work for the university to be the chief negotiator.

"He is not part of the university community, he negotiates the contract and gets to leave; but, then again, his job is to get this thing done," Miller said.

Will there be a strike?

"No one was more surprised last time (there was a strike) than I was," Latcha said. "I have not yet talked with a faculty member who wants to go on strike. We are committed to having a contract and don't wanna go on strike."

Miller said she had recently spoken with University President Gary Russi, who said the university wants to have a new contract.

"It is still profoundly unlikely that there will be a strike," she said. "The first day of classes is really the drop dead date that an agreement needs to get reached."

Boonin did not want to discuss negotiation details at this time, but believes things are moving along at the correct pace.

"That said, please know that bargaining is proceeding in due course and that we are hopeful to have a new contract in place by the end of the Summer," he said.

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AAUP DETAILS

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Michael Latcha, AAUP chief negotiator

NEGOTIATING UPDATES

For more information, visit www.oaklandaaup.org

Social media explodes throughout campus

University embraces technology as a means to communicate

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

Recently, Oakland University has been increasing their presence on social networking sites as a means of communicating with students.

Hashtags #oaklanduniversity and #oaklandu were frequently used on the Twitter, so OU made an account. Within a couple days, the school gained over 100 Foursquare followers.

"People post a lot of photos of happenings on campus, so we figured it was time to connect," Colleen Campbell, OU online editorial assistant, said.

According to Campbell, OU's social networking system started with a Facebook page created by a student in 2009. The office of communications and marketing contacted the student and began running the page.

In the past year, OU's Facebook page increased from 10,645 'likes' to over 15,000 'likes,' reaching over 20,000 people a week.

Emily Stepanian-Bennett, an Admissions Adviser, said social media is most helpful because of the wide audience it reaches. In addition to their Facebook and Twitter pages, admissions advisers have special Facebook profiles where students can add and message them.

Whether it's regarding details about an event or reminders for new students, social media is sometimes more convenient for students. Many students are more comfortable using websites like Facebook instead of email or telephone to get their concerns and questions answered.

"It's a great avenue for us to use to communicate," Stepani-

"SOCIAL MEDIA CAN REALLY HELP MAKE THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE EASIER."

Colleen Campbell,
OU Online Editorial Assistant

an-Bennett said. "It's exciting and wonderful to have such a great way to meet students on their level and make the college transition easier."

As well as helping students and faculty connect, social media simplifies student organization planning. Almost all OU student organizations have Facebook and Twitter pages where they share organization details.

"(Facebook) really helps get the word out about events and is a place where you can get information to your members in a

very fast and efficient way," senior Marc Jacobs, Jewish Student Organization president, said.

Currently, there are 95 student organizations have a Facebook page to share their information online. Campbell said OU official pages support these student-run pages, helping get the word out about the organizations.

"It's really important for us to be where the students are," Campbell said. "Social networking brings together students, alumni and faculty. It connects everybody and helps get questions answered quickly. Social media can really help make the college experience easier."

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AROUND OAKLAND

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Jazz in the Garden

This summer, Meadow Brook Hall will host several events open to guests of all ages. On Thursday, June 21, Thursday, July 19 and Wednesday, Aug. 15, Meadow Brook Hall will host Jazz in the Garden from 7 to 10 p.m. According to Meadow Brook Hall's website, this concert series event will include performances from local jazz musicians including George "Sax" Benson, the Bob Mervak Trio and the Oakland Jazz Quartet. The evening will also include a tour of the main floor of Meadow Brook Hall and hors d'oeuvres. Jazz in the Garden was created to carry on former resident Matilda Dodge Wilson's tradition of entertaining guests, according to Madelyn Rzadkowolski, programs coordinator of Meadow Brook Hall. "(Jazz in the Garden) carries on Matilda's tradition of using the garden and using her space," Rzadkowolski said. According to Rzadkowolski, this annual event previously welcomed hundreds of guests. Last August, the event had its biggest turnout with roughly 215 guests.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson attended one of the Jazz in the Garden events last year and brought several dignitaries to the event, according to Rzadkowolski. This year, she expects the series to bring in at least 120 guests per event.

Tickets cost \$30 and can be purchased online or at the door. Tickets cost \$25 for OU students, staff and faculty.



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Twilight Tuesday

Meadow Brook Hall will host another event series titled "Twilight Tuesday" on June 12, July 31 and August 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. ("Twilight Tuesday") is a special evening tour," Rzadkowolski said. "It's a double tour." Event attendees can tour the interior and exterior of Meadow Brook Hall to examine the architecture of the building. Tours are self-guided and the evening will include music on the Loggia Terrace. Wine will be available for purchase, according to the Meadow Brook Hall website.

Tickets for this event cost \$10 and reservations are not required. For more information about both Jazz in the Garden and Twilight Tuesday, visit www.meadowbrookhall.org or call 248-364-6200.





Inside|Out

Most Metro Detroiters have gotten lost in the Detroit Institute of Art for a couple hours, but the museum's latest attraction can be found in numerous towns across the area. This summer marks the third year of their Inside|Out program — a collection of reproductions of well-known pieces of art, scattered throughout Metro Detroit. The 80 reproductions can be spotted in Clarkston, Bloomfield Hills, Mount Clemens, Grosse Pointe and other communities. Tours can be scheduled; Residents of participating communities can also enjoy free admission to the museum on select Sundays. The outside exhibit is scheduled through the end of June.

For more information, visit
<http://bit.ly/Hm6bFX>

The Price is Right

Michiganders will soon have the opportunity to play classic games like Plinko, Cliffhangers and even spin the Big Wheel — "The Price is Right, Live!" will be at Caesars Windsor June 27, 28, 29 and 30. Todd Newton will host the shows, which will take place at 8 p.m., except June 28, which will be a matinee. Tickets are \$25 a piece and are not necessary to register for a chance to play. Contestants must be 19 years or older to participate or attend the show.

For more information, visit
<http://bit.ly/AdJ3iy>

Music and Theater Events

Several box office locations provide tickets to students, staff and faculty for both on and off-campus music and theater events. "There are literally four box offices on campus," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities.

Meadow Brook Theatre houses one of these box offices and it sells tickets to plays and musicals held at the venue. Previous shows at Meadow Brook Theatre include "A Christmas Carol" and "Nunset Boulevard." Currently playing at the Meadow Brook Theatre is "Xanadu," the story of a Greek muse descending from Mount Olympus to Venice Beach, Calif. to help an artist create the first roller disco. This musical made its Michigan premier at Meadow Brook Theatre and shows until Sunday, June 17.

Tickets can be purchased at Meadow Brook Theatre's box office, ticketmaster.com and Ticketmaster locations. OU students receive a 20 percent discount on tickets for Meadow Brook Theatre events if purchased in advance from the box office. Tickets to certain Meadow Brook Theatre events cost \$10 if purchased the same day as the show. "Italian American Reconciliation" plays until Sunday, June 10 at the Varner Studio. s the story of a man named Huey whose best friend Aldo gets preposterously involved in his breakup, according oakland.edu.

Tickets cost \$10 for students and \$15 for adults, and can be purchased at Varner Hall one hour before the show or at www.epicenter-theatregroup.org. CSA does not sell tickets for OU events unless they are through the Student Program Board or other student organizations. However, they do offer discounted tickets to local venues such as the Michigan Opera Theatre, according to Miller. "When you come to us (CSA) you're not paying Ticketmaster fees," Miller said.

Miller believes the discounts students receive from the Center for Student Activities and Meadow Brook Theatre are beneficial to students. "It's a really awesome opportunity to be cultured at a discounted price," Miller said.



Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition

Earlier this year, James Cameron's film "Titanic" returned to the silver screen in 3D. Interest in the historic tragedy has re-sparked. The Henry Ford Museum will be hosting the travelling exhibit, which includes more than 300 artifacts and a full-scale replica of the ship's grand staircase, until Sept. 30. The exhibit showcases the ship's connections to Michigan as well as other events, including lectures and films. Tickets start at \$27.00 for non-members.

For more information visit www.thehenryford.org

Bell's Summer Classic Film Series at the Michigan Theatre

Movie buffs will be able to enjoy timeless and modern classics alike return to the big screen thanks to Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre summer film series. The event started June 3 with "Creature from the Black Lagoon" in 3D. All films will be shown twice — a Sunday afternoon show at 1:30 p.m. and another the following Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. The annual event boasts popular titles this year, including: "The Good, the Bad & the Ugly," "The Beatles' "Yellow Submarine," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Mary Poppins," "Jaws," "The Jerk," "Pan's Labyrinth" and "Casablanca (which will only be shown on Labor day.)

For more information, visit
<http://bit.ly/LjHwVN>



Sports

Grizzlies baseball celebrates milestone season

Oakland falls in Summit League tournament, finish season in third place

By Mark McMillan
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University baseball season concluded with a narrow 3-2 loss to Oral Roberts University at the Summit League Tournament on May 26 at J.L. Johnson Stadium in Tulsa, Okla. OU (25-31) matched their highest finish in the tournament with third place.

Oakland's record in the tournament was 1-2 with their only win being against Southern Utah University. OU also won their last regular season series against Southern Utah, sweeping the last three of the four games. The final game of which took place on Senior Day, Saturday, May 19 where OU won 6-5 in 11 innings.

This was OU's fifth Summit League Tournament appearance in division one history, and their second appearance in the last three years.

Despite a string of losses to begin the season, OU finished strong by earning the chance to compete in the Summit League Tournament and winning Coach of the Year for Head Coach John Musachio.

"Coach definitely earned 'Coach of the Year' honors for the Summit League," Nolan Jacoby, a junior and OU's designated hitter said. "He works so hard. From



Photo courtesy of Jose Juarez

Junior catcher Nolan Jacoby hit two homeruns and 17 RBIs for the Grizzlies in 2012. Oakland finished the Summit League tournament with a 1-3 record after a loss to Oral Roberts.

what he does in the office, to recruiting, organizing camps and fund raisers and running a baseball program... Most importantly, he always believed in us even when we started off 3-21."

Jacoby, who went 4-4 at bat on the Senior Day victory against SUU, also earned a spot of the Summit League All-Tournament team. His .462 on-base-percentage for the week of the tournament was OU's highest: he reached the base six times in the three games. He also averaged .300 at

bat for the tournament.

Fellow OU honorees for the All-Tournament team were Tim Ryan, a senior centerfielder and Jason Hager a left-handed, sophomore pitcher with a 5-0 record against Summit League opponents this year.

Ryan received All-Summit League first team honors and broke a school record with 83 career stolen bases while leading the Summit League this year with 26. Ryan also now holds the school record

for games played at 207 games after starting 52 games in the regular season, and all three tournament games. Ryan has 47 runs this season, the fourth most in school history.

Oakland players also received end-of-the-year individual honors. Pitcher Jeff Gorecki and catcher Jake Morton earned All-Summit League second team honors, while Kyle Bobolts, who both pitches and plays infield, received Summit League Player of the Week and OU Player of the Week for his contributions during the SUU series.

Other players this season that were named, Summit League Player/Pitcher of the Week included Aaron Cieslak and Robby Enslen as well as Gorecki and Ryan.

Oakland had their best Division I year yet with regards to the league; going 15-6 for a .714 winning percentage. They also did not lose a single series against league opponents this year. With a .321 team batting average, OU had the best average of any Summit League team this year.

The team goes into next season without 10 of this year's seniors including Cieslak, Gorecki and Ryan. Also departing is Assistance Coach Damon Lessler, who has been hired by the Bellingham Bells, a West Coast League baseball team from Bellingham, Wa.

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PLAYERS TO KNOW

The Golden Grizzlies finished the season 25-31, with a Summit League record of 15-6. Before league play, Oakland held a 3-21 record that the players looked to rebound from against Summit League opponents. "Sure, we played a tough, non-conference schedule, but we were just as good if not better than all those teams... it was just a matter of putting it all together," junior catcher Nolan Jacoby said. Oakland went on to finish with a 16-2 record at home.



NOLAN JACOBY

CATCHER From Crystal Lake, Ill., Jacoby is in his junior year at Oakland. He graduated from Prairie Ridge High School.

SENIOR DAY (05/19) With the score tied 2-2 in the third, Jacoby came through again with a two-RBI single that put OU ahead 4-2.



TIM RYAN

OUTFIELD Red-Shirt Senior Tim Ryan led Oakland with a .340 batting average and .368 in league play.

SUMMIT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT Ryan went 4 for 12 at the plate to hit .333 over the three games at the tournament.



AARON CIESLAK

OUTFIELD Senior Cieslak ranks 6th in career RBIs (110) and 6th in career putouts (683).

FIFTEEN DOUBLES Cieslak ranks 9th in school history for doubles.

40 RBIs Makes Cieslak second on team this season.



KYLE BOBOLTS

RHP/INFIELD Bobolts batted .538 with a hit in every game to help Oakland go 3-1 in its series against Southern Utah.

SOUTHERN UTAH In game three, he hit a game-tying home run as Oakland rallied from five runs down for the win.

FIRST CAREER HR In game 3 against SUU.



JEFF GORECKI

LHP/INFIELD Gorecki led all Summit League pitchers with a 1.21 ERA in league games.

LAST 21 INNINGS Gorecki has not allowed an earned run over his last 21.2 innings of work. **5-5** led the Golden Grizzlies pitching staff with five wins this season and five losses.

COLUMN

Football needs to be a priority for the future of Oakland

For Oakland to grow in years to come, football is a necessity

In recent weeks, there has been speculation of Oakland University's future as a member of the Summit League and a possible invitation to join the Horizon League.



DAMIEN DENNIS

sports editor

A possible conference switch by the Golden Grizzlies could be highly beneficial. This is by brining fan exposure, which could lead to higher quality recruits and transfers to the school, more NCAA tournament appearances and higher profiled opponents.

The switch to the Horizon League would primarily be beneficial to the men's basketball team, Oakland's marquee sport. Conference moves are usually used to further advance schools athletics programs. But there is a key oversight that Oakland may be overlooking, in terms of long term plans:

The addition of a Golden Grizzly football team.

Many Oakland students and fans alike have wondered when, or if, the university would ever opt to start a football program.

The goal of any athletics department should be to get their schools to the height of any BCS school, such as those in the Big Ten or SEC. A move to a BCS school means an automatic qualifying opportunity for any basketball program, and more possibilities beyond that for NCAA tournament appearances regardless of conference championships.

For Oakland, this dream is still decades, if not more, down the road. But without the nation's most popular sport, it is even further beyond reach.

Oakland could never join the ranks of Michigan or Ohio State without football.

A key issue with starting a football program at Oakland right now is money, since football requires cash, and a lot of it.

The cost of start-up would be monumental for the Golden Grizzlies. Not only would a stadium need to be built, which alone could cost millions, but coaching and executive staff would also need to be recruited and hired. Then, money spent recruiting the first official team would be added to that.

According to an article written by Tim

Gardner of USA Today in 2010, it costs Indiana University an upward of \$200,000 to outfit their entire Hoosier football team for a single season. On average, it costs the university \$2,731 to outfit one player. These costs range from numerous pairs of shoes to jerseys and equipment.

Being a Big Ten school with a rich football history, Indiana is able to afford such high costs. For Oakland, however, hefty donations and fund raisers would have to be used to outfit the team alone.

A possible football program would require numerous things:

A new stadium would have to be built, and over the years, expanded on. This could cost the university millions. Up-keep and maintenance of the stadium would also be costly, ranging in the thousands for a single year.

Much like other universities, Oakland would also participate in spring scrimmages and games, which would cost money.

But even if the money is acquired for football to come to Oakland, that doesn't make the waters any easier to tread on the path to the big leagues in college athletics. The Golden Grizzlies would likely begin in division III, and would have to work their way to the division I Football Bowl Subdivision.

This process could take decades. Because of this, one can assume that Oakland should begin preparations to start a football program in the next decade or so.

Scott MacDonald, assistant athletics director for communications at Oakland, said that there are no plans for football to come to the university in the immediate future.

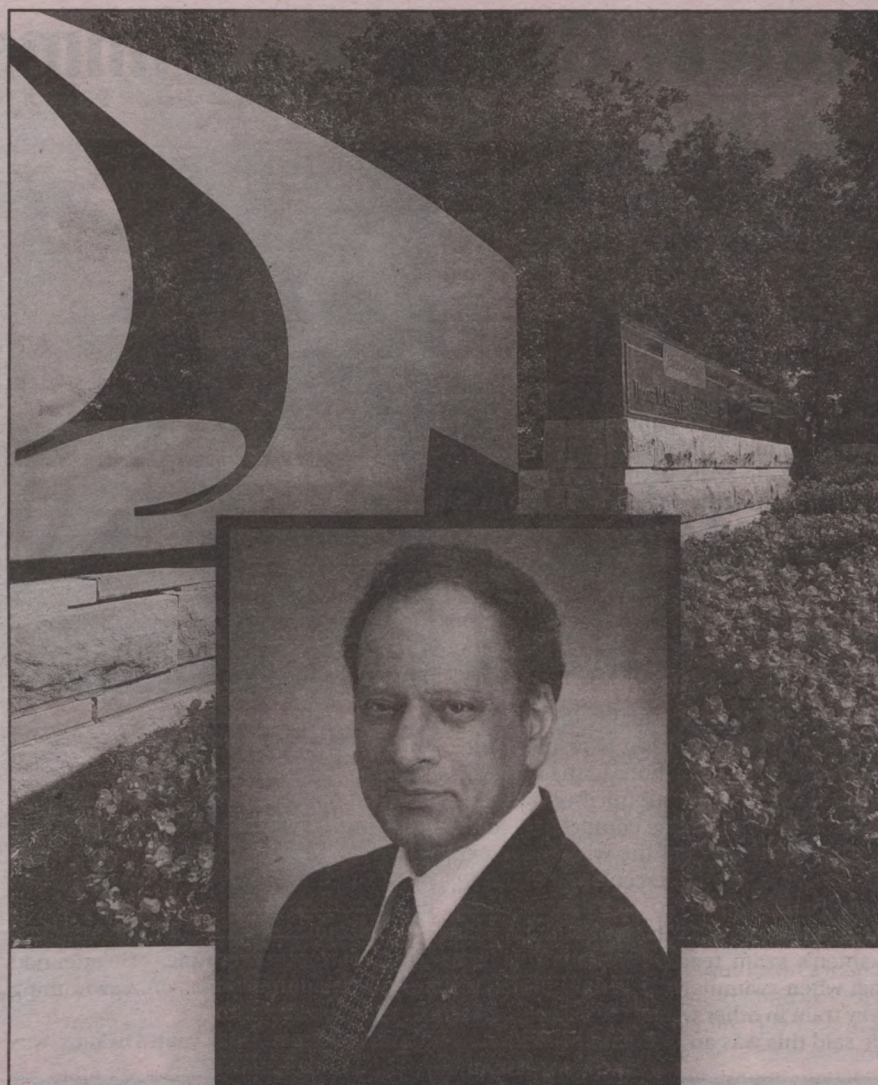
"Nothing has changed in that department and there are no immediate plans of adding football," MacDonald said.

While down playing the football aspect, MacDonald's words can lead one to believe that discussions have taken place about a possible football program.

All of these things seem like reasons to not have a football program at Oakland, but the benefits would benefit all members of the OU community.

Still years down the road from becoming a reality, Golden Grizzly football is something that many have asked about. While financially, a program is out of reach today, it is something the university should invest in for the future of Oakland athletics.

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Sports

Former Oakland swimmers compete in Olympics

*Former OU swimmers
Dickens, Jensen to compete
in London games*

By Sarah Hunton
Senior Reporter

Although most enjoy cheering for their own country during the summer Olympics, two former Oakland University swimmers will be giving OU students a reason to be proud of their university.

Line Jensen swam at OU and will be competing in the triathlon event for Denmark in London. She graduated from OU with honors in biochemistry and is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Southern Denmark.

Olympic triathletes qualify for the Olympics based on their top 14 results from international competitions in the last two years. The times they submit must also be within the top 50 of the competition and within five percent of the winner's time for men's and eight percent for women's races.

Pete Hovland, coach of the men's and women's swim teams at OU, explained that when swimmers are not competing, they train in other ways, such as running. He said this was an area in which Jensen



Photo courtesy of Scott Dickens

Former Oakland swimmer, Scott Dickens, will represent Canada this summer in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. This is Dickens' last year of competitive swimming.

excelled.

"I can see why she's gone into being a triathlete, because she was the best runner on our team, very all around athlete," he said.

Scott Dickens will also be competing at this summer's Olympics. He attended the university for a year on a swimming scholarship.

After his freshman year, Dickens was

offered an opportunity to train in Vancouver and attend the University of British Columbia, where he graduated with a degree in economics.

"He had so much talent and swam so well in his freshman year, that the Canadian Swimming Federation presented him with some options that he couldn't really refuse," Hovland said.

"I definitely couldn't have done it with-

out that one year at OU because it really set me up and gave me that base of training to make the Olympic team," he said.

Although he only had one year at OU, Dickens remembers it fondly. He said he liked dorm life and that the writing and rhetoric courses he completed gave him good foundational writing skills.

He also enjoyed going to the Stuffed Bun, a restaurant located just off campus, after swim meets and practices.

"It was just unreal, it was just unbelievable," he said. "They had all you can eat French toast on Saturdays."

To qualify for the Olympics, swimmers must participate in Olympic trials and do as good or better than that country's Olympic qualifying A or B time standard. If two athletes meet the A standard, the higher of the two, then the country may send both athletes. However, if only the B time standard is met, the country may send only one.

As this is his last year of competitive swimming, Dickens said that he is most looking forward to giving his events his all.

"Other than that, once the swimming's done, I'm going to take off the goggles and go experience the games," he said.

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RACING FOR A CURE

Supporters gather to help fight breast cancer

By Chris Lauritsen / Chelsea Bistue
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The 21st annual Susan G. Komen race for the cure was held in downtown Detroit on May 26.

More than 35,000 people braved the rain to participate in either the one mile or 5k race.

Race participant and Oakland University graduate Daren Indy and his wife both have parents that have been affected by breast cancer.

"Just to see that everyone is aware of what is happening is amazing," Indy said.

All proceeds from the race went to the support of breast cancer research.



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1. Walkers and runners made their way down Woodward Avenue, carrying signs dedicated to family members or friends who have been affected by breast cancer.

2. Ford was one of many companies that sent employees to the race on behalf of the company.



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3. The streets of Detroit were filled with white, green and pink shirts. The dark pink shirts were worn by those directly affected by breast cancer.

4. Ribbons were attached to trees, guardrails and buildings along the race route. Most of the ribbons contained personal messages of hope for those affected by the disease.



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5. Street performers and bands lined the race route to motivate the participants. There were a total of 13 band stages set up along the way.



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DYLAN DULBERG / The Oakland Post

Students at Troy's Costello elementary school board busses after classes. Next year, schools are switching to all-day kindergarten programs and will have to accommodate more students during the day.

Schools push for longer days

Full-day programs to begin next year

By Sarah Blanchette
Staff Reporter

Instead of saying goodbye to their teachers and friends at lunchtime during the school week, some Oakland County kindergartners will now be riding the buses home with the older elementary students after a full day of school.

The move to all day kindergarten classes is aimed at trying to improve the quality of education that children receive.

Although many parents feel that the long school hours may be stressful on their children, districts such as the Royal Oak Neighbourhood Schools have made efforts to resolve their concerns.

Positives and negatives

Mallory Green, a kindergarten teacher at Oakland Elementary in Royal Oak, understands the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating a full-day class schedule.

"Through the full-day kindergarten offerings now, parents have responded positively," Green said. "(The full day)

helps many working parents by providing them with an all-day experience where they don't have to pay, so that they can work."

However, Green said students tend to become tired and sometimes homesick as the day goes on. In order to help this issue, schools have included additional programs for their kindergartners to participate in.

"All students have Spanish and art opportunities, as well as opportunities to participate in all assemblies and school events," Green said. "We end up treating the kindergarten students just like all the other students in the building, providing them with the same programs."

Along with the Royal Oak elementary schools, the Avondale district will be joining the transformation.

George Heitsch, superintendent of Avondale Schools, said the district had been discussing the incorporation of full-day kindergarten for a decade.

"The move is good for the kids and for education as a whole," Heitsch said. "It will make the transition from kindergarten to first grade easier for the students."

Full-day kindergarten will allow schools to teach all five major subjects every day. Currently, schools alternate which subject is taught throughout the week.

"You just don't have enough time to teach math, science, social studies, writing, and reading in a half-day program every day," Green said.

Economic effects

The full day for kindergartners will bring more job opportunities for teachers. As class sizes increase, the need for additional help and equipment in the classroom is evident.

"Space and material comes into play when adding full-day programs," Green said. "We need to make sure that each school is equipped with kindergarten-size classrooms, age-appropriate furniture and an additional supply of games, toys and learning/teaching materials."

The addition of more teachers and classroom supplies will affect the schools' budgets, Green said.

"The district gets more money per student for an all-day program than for a half-day program," she said.

Although Green is not sure if the money goes directly to the elementary schools and their classrooms, she does know that the district will receive more funds if their schools carry the full-day kindergarten option.

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Student loan interest rates to double on July 1

By Rosie Striker
Staff Intern

On July 1, interest rates on subsidized government loans will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent unless Congress extends the current interest cap on these rates.

According to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, the cost for the federal government to maintain the lower interest rate is \$5.8 billion.

"The issue with lower interest rates is how to pay for them. The GOP wants to offset the cost of lower interest rates with cuts elsewhere," said David Dulio, associate professor and political science department chair.

John Klemanski, political science professor, said that Republicans focused on curbing government spending are not willing to consider keeping current rates unless an alternative way to pay for them is found.

In April, the House of Representatives passed a plan that would keep loan rates at 3.4 percent, but the Senate has not acted.

Comparatively, the Senate has tried to pass two different plans to maintain rates, but both were rejected by the House.

Politicians from different parties want to find an alternative to raising the interest rates on student loans. Both President Barack Obama and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney have made it known that they think Congress should take action with the issue, according to an article published by CNN Money.

"It's hard enough for people to pay back student loans and an increase in interest will just make it harder for the government to get its money," Jade Berniss, a junior, said.

Despite negative student responses to the potential July increase, many are still thankful to be able to receive loans and the opportunity for higher education.

"Anyone who gets a loan and the chance to go to college is lucky because not everyone gets loans, and some people cannot get educated because of it," Berniss said.

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Moudgil bids farewell

Former Provost accepts presidential job at Lawrence Tech University



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During the event held in Moudgil's honor, the former Provost was awarded with a plaque from Peggy Cooke, vice president of academic affairs.

By Nichole Seguin
Editor-in-Chief

Virinder Moudgil will not be leaving Oakland University empty-handed.

Instead, he will be leaving with a lot of friends, memories and a new job.

The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost recently accepted the position of University President at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. He was selected by a 13-person selection committee after a 10-month national search.

"Dr. Moudgil has a strong record of leading exemplary academic progress and program development," Lloyd Reuss, LTU chairperson, said in a press release. "He is an excellent communicator and we anticipate that he will accelerate Lawrence Tech's advancement and services to students and the professions across Michigan and the nation."

An extensive history

Moudgil got his start at Oakland in 1976 as assistant professor of biological sciences. From there, he was promoted to full professor and served as the chair of the department of biological sciences. He was appointed to Provost in July 2001.

He isn't known just for being Provost though. Moudgil is known for his commitment to his students and most importantly, his research. He worked long hours, leaving his job as provost for the day to return to the labs each night. His most recent project involved doing research on steroid hormone action as it relates to breast cancer.

Amelita Sanchez, Moudgil's lab manager and a doctoral candidate, has worked

with him for many years, starting with her post-baccalaureate degree and through her doctorate degree. In addition to being involved with his breast cancer research, Sanchez worked with him frequently. She also spoke at his commemorative reception.

"Imagine having someone who is entirely dedicated to you and your work, is your staunchest supporter and is always available to you and then is not there anymore," she said. "For certain, we will still stay in touch, however, there will be a void that cannot be filled."

Moudgil has made many contributions to Oakland during his 36-year career, including the introduction of online learning, sponsorship of a summer undergraduate program in eye research, dedicating millions in support of faculty research and programs, laboratory improvements and student research, just to name a few.

A heartfelt goodbye

Gary Russi, university president, arranged a reception for the departing provost on May 30, which ended up being a full house and included speeches from coworkers, students and his son.

"For the past 11 years, Virinder has been right by my side as provost," Russi said. "I relied on him for clear and no-nonsense counsel, and he always delivered. I will miss him as a colleague and as a friend. Dr. Moudgil is without a doubt among the most influential and most respected faculty members and administrators in the history of Oakland University. Virinder, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for everything you gave to this institution. You will never be forgotten."

Moudgil was given a chair with the OU Sail logo on it from Russi, as well as

two plaques — one from Interim Provost Susan Awbrey and the other from Peggy Cooke, senior vice president of academic affairs. The biomedical laboratory he used to do his research was also renamed in his honor.

Dru Doran, Moudgil's senior executive secretary, said she enjoyed Moudgil for many reasons.

Most importantly for his interest in poetry and life lessons he taught her.

"A day did not go by that I didn't learn something from Dr. Moudgil," Doran said. "Not only did he make sure that I was well informed regarding Oakland University, but there were also history and cultural lessons as well as poetry and countless other topics. Of course, there were the previews of his jokes that he would be inserting into his speeches as was his signature trait. He is a unique and charismatic man — one of immense integrity. I can honestly say that I am a better person for having known him."

The campus community, friends and colleagues were encouraged to submit their impressions and reflections on Moudgil online. They can be read at www.oakland.edu/moudgil

A new beginning

Moudgil will start his new job on July 1. Even though he will be given a presidential house, he said he plans on staying in Rochester with his family as much as possible.

In regards to his new job, Moudgil said he is especially looking forward to do what he can to advance LTU further and collaborating with Oakland.

"Lawrence Tech is a ranked university and the quality of its programs will allow flexibility and opportunities of exploration of initiatives and new ideas that are more relevant to the academic and economic environments," he said. "Most importantly, many OU faculty have collaborations with LTU faculty, so there is an opportunity to join hands to advance mutual interests."

He also said he will never forget Oakland and enjoyed helping the school grow into what it is today.

"Oakland has been a home to me 24/7 and that included holidays," he said. "My 36 years have seen OU grow from a small college to a comprehensive university to now a doctoral research institution. This is an amazing ride of evolution."

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Praise and admiration for Moudgil

"Provost Moudgil is my hero. He made an excellent decision to accept the position at Lawrence Tech. They're lucky to have him, as we've been lucky the last 36 years."

— Jean Ann Miller,
Center for Student
Activities Director

"Dr. Moudgil is a man of great honor and integrity, with a deep passion for students, faculty, staff and the entire university. I consider myself fortunate to have been able to work with him for the past 15 years and I know he will do a superb job as president of LTU."

— Ted Montgomery,
Director of Media
Relations

"I'm so happy for him. I'm ecstatic for him. I watched him grow in his role as provost and I think he's a man who likes challenge. He has a lot of potential to contribute to Lawrence and to really work with them on their future. I'm just so happy for him to have this opportunity."

— Tamara Jhashi, Associate Professor of Art and Art History

"The LTU community is fortunate. Dr. Moudgil's energy and passion for education are amazing. He is a consensus builder and outstanding communicator. His credentials and background at OU have provided the basis for him to be a university president, and I know he will devote his time and efforts to improving on LTU's already strong reputation."

— Peggy Cooke,
Associate Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Varner Hall Recital Hall

An 'I do,' at OU

Couple returns to Oakland for wedding

Written and Photographed by Stephanie Sokol / Multimedia Reporter



Kaniqua Daniel and Stefen Welch, who first began a relationship as friends while studying at Oakland University, will soon be tying the knot at Meadow Brook Hall.

KANIQUA AND STEFEN

The soon to be married couple celebrates Oakland University for bringing them together.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

Kaniqua and Stefen meet for the first time in MUT 100, a music theory class at OU.

MAY 2004

Kaniqua graduates from OU.

MAY 2005

Stefen graduates from OU.

DECEMBER 27, 2007

Kaniqua and Stefen get back in touch thanks to overlapping careers.

As the New Year's countdown ended, Kaniqua Daniel and Stefen Welch celebrated atop the Eiffel Tower with a group of close friends on Jan. 1, 2011. Stefen had told Kaniqua that they would go there someday and the dream had come true. At 12:01 a.m., atop the famous structure in the city of love, Stefen got down on one knee and asked Kaniqua for her hand in marriage. She said "yes."

At first sight

"Stefen always puts a lot of effort into every detail," Kaniqua said. "It's how he shows me he cares."

Stefen, a communication major and Kaniqua, a journalism major were friends for a long time. Their story started 12 years ago, on their first official day as Oakland University freshmen.

Welch sat in a Music Theory class on Sept. 6, 2000, anticipating the beginning of class. A few minutes after it began, special lecturer Phyllis White acknowledged that a young woman walked into class tardy. That moment began a friendship that would, with time, blossom into something more.

"Both Kaniqua and Stefen have a real spark," White said. "There was an energy between them and it was evident that something special was going on."

Stefen was surprised to see Kaniqua in his next class as well. The two joked that they thought they were being followed by each other.

"I was a little intrigued and wanted to know who he was," Kaniqua said.

After that first week, Stefen sat next to Kaniqua in the classes they shared. They began spending time together, studying and hanging out in the Oakland Center often.

Timing had been off for dating during the university years, but they remained close friends. Kaniqua and Stefen spent a lot of time together, walking to class and hanging out on campus.

"I'm really excited for them," Bridesmaid and OU alum Ashli Bobo said. "They started out as friends. It was really cool to see the friendship develop into a relationship and now marriage."

After graduating, the two stayed in touch. In 2006, Stefen called Kaniqua for fundraising for the Farmington



YMCA. They finally reunited that December for an interview.

"I remember looking at him and thinking, why are we not together?" Kaniqua said.

Atop the Eiffel Tower

On April 24, 2007, Kaniqua and Stefen went on their first real date. They met at Mitchell's Fish Market in Birmingham. The waiter thought they'd been dating a long time, according to Stefen.

After that day, the two spent more time together. On their first trip, they went to Las Vegas and dined at The Eiffel Tower Restaurant, where they first said "I love you" and Stefen declared he would one day take her to Paris.

Their relationship grew as they did, but Stefen and Kaniqua claim that OU had a big impact on their lives both academically and socially, not only bringing them together, but also building character.

As students, they were both involved at the school. Kaniqua, now Program Supervisor for Detroit Public Schools, was Features Editor for The Oakland Post, on staff for three years



STEPHANIE SOKOL/The Oakland Post

TOP LEFT Stefen proposed to Kaniqua on top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris in the company of friend. Photo courtesy of Kaniqua Daniel. **RIGHT** The couple finds the classroom that they first met in 12 years ago.

and a Member of the Association of Black Students. Stefen, now Community Development Director for Vanguard Community Development, was President of the Association of Black Students, Student Congress Legislator and a member of the OU Leadership Institute.

A few years after graduation, they returned as alumni, dedicating their time to Oakland through volunteering. Both are members of the OU Alumni Association as well as the Oakland Post Sail Board, giving back to the place where it all began.

"Kaniqua and Stefen have unwavering support for their alma mater," Luke Fleer, associate director of alumni engagement said. "They give their time and treasure full circle back to the university, through recruitment and yielding future students, retention efforts of current student and immediate engagement of young alumni in Metro

Detroit."

Because of the impact the school has had on their lives, the couple knew OU was the perfect place to have their wedding.

The ceremony will take place at Meadow Brook Hall, on Saturday, June 9, with members of the university and old college friends in the audience. Professor White will perform music during their wedding. The reception will be in the OC, where their friendship began.

"OU helped me grow as a person," Stefen said. "It's where we met. There are so many great memories here. It just makes sense to have our wedding here."

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APRIL 24, 2008

The couple goes on their first official date. They have dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market in downtown Birmingham. Their waiter mistakes them for a long-term couple.

SEPTEMBER 2008

The couple takes their first major trip together to Las Vegas. While they were there, Stefen promises to one day take Kaniqua to the real Eiffel Tower.

JANUARY 1, 2011

The couple gets engaged while traveling in Paris. Stefen proposes at the Eiffel Tower.



JUNE 9, 2012

The couple will exchange their vows at Meadow Brook Hall.

Mouthing Off

SATIRE

Russi imports live grizzlies on campus

'The bears will help the university with branding struggles'

By Jordan Gonzalez
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Wildlife at Oakland University will no longer be limited to its herd of deer.

In what many are calling a brazen move, President Russi approved a measure that will bring real, live grizzly bears to live on campus permanently. In addition to the bears, extra herds of deer will be brought in and a creek stocked with salmon, both for the bears to feed on.

Russi said the decision, though a little radical, will solve the branding issues that have plagued the campus for years.

"(Oakland University) has too many logos, catchphrases and superficial advertising. Michigan has an 'M'. State has a Spartan helmet. Oakland now has live grizzlies," Russi said.

The bears will not only fix the problem of branding, but they will bring a level of authenticity as well, according to Russi.

"This phony notion that we are 'grizzlies' has gone on too long. Anyone can tell in our commercials that it is a dude in a bear costume," Russi said. "We need to become more authentic with our image and now we have just that."

Although many faculty said the problem could be solved by simply adopting once and for all an official logo, Russi said the problem is much deeper.

"At this point, drastic measures are needed. We have so many logos: the U that is under the O, the U that

is under the O with a grizzly on top, the simple 'Oakland University,' the simple 'Oakland University' with a grizzly on top of it, the simple, growling bear, the simple, growling bear turned sideways, the swishy 'Golden Grizzlies' logo with a whole bear swiping its paw at it as if it hates it, and that stupid Sail logo," he said.

Russi said if anything, he hopes the "stupid Sail logo" will be eliminated forever.

The bears will assist in more ways than bringing a lively new perspective on OU's branding, said OU men's basketball coach Greg Kampe at a June 2 press conference.

Kampe is actively recruiting a 7-foot-3 inch male grizzly to play center for the grizzlies.

"This guy is incredible. We have been in need of a dominant, unstoppable center for a long time now," Kampe said. "When he boxes out, the power of his butt just flattens any opponents."

Several players, including OU players who asked to remain anonymous, expressed concern for their safety, being that he is a bear. They said already that he gets too violent when he doesn't understand the game, and that the dance and cheer teams annoy him when they call him "Honey."

Kampe insists he can be tamed and said that he will bring "difficult but necessary" diversity to the basketball program.

"True, he is an enormous and potentially dangerous being of the animal kingdom, but that doesn't

mean we segregate human and bear basketball teams," Kampe said. "How could a loving god stop a passionate bear from following his dreams?"

Despite his immense support for the bear, Kampe admitted he can't shoot free throws or speak English.

Kampe is awaiting a decision by the NCAA to allow the bear to play.

Several faculty members and many students also expressed concern for their safety now that there are live grizzlies moseying around campus.

Sally I. Worrie, a double major in statistics and dance, has led a 'million dude-in-a costume march' where students wore Grizz costumes in support of fake grizzlies. Although the march didn't attract a million students, it did attract 19,378 of the 19,379 students at OU.

The protest, however, was abruptly stopped when several grizzly bears attacked the students, sending the crowd in utter panic.

OUPD said several environmental and philosophy students were playing with some grizzly cubs that were attracted to the barbecues that the protesters were enjoying when two angry mother grizzly burst forth from the bushes. No serious injuries were reported, but several students complained of cramps and heartburn from running too much after eating.

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SATIRE

MONTHLY TOP 10

In light of the flurry of classy drug-related coverage that has been wisping around the air as of late, this month's top 10 is dedicated to the top 10 alternate activities instead of getting high on K-2. It was difficult to come up with other things to do...

10. Embrace the entrepreneurial attitude of downtown Detroit by starting your own Detroit.

9. Put 'Caution: Wet Floor' signs on all carpeted areas.

8. Throw 50 Swedish Fish candies into the Belle Isle Aquarium to double their population.

7. Eat people's faces.

6. Pave I-696 ... with cocaine.

5. Don a gorilla suit and chase a friend in a banana suit down the street.

4. Drive 500 miles to eat a Doritos taco.

3. Drive 500 miles back and destroy every toilet along the way.

2. Go scuba diving in a shark outfit and scare boaters.

1. Put on a Grizzly suit and chase around the incoming freshmen on orientation.

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In a mad dash to the bathroom, trash was left behind for Mom to clean.