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STAFF EDITORIAL

Free service pays off

"And over here is the Oakland University Student Congress. You can get free Scantrons here." Those words, or some variation of them, are uttered hundreds of times each year.

OUSC is now considering getting rid of its most notable initiative.

According to OUSC administrative assistant Christina Quigley, the Scantrons, available at Congress's front desk, cost \$2,500 a year. She also said she witnessed the sheets of paper being misused.

The discussion about discontinuing the free Scantron program was tabled at OUSC's Nov. 1 general meeting. It will be decided on when OUSC finalizes its winter 2011 budget.

While it's difficult to complain about the reasoning behind it, we think it's a bad PR move for OUSC.

Remember that tour of Oakland University's campus you trudged through? Perhaps you were just really hot as you made your way through a summer orientation session. Maybe your parents dragged you during junior or senior year of high school for a campus visit.

All sorts of information is thrown at new students, but the piece that sticks out the

most is about the free Scantron giveaway. It's included in the myriad of spiels given by orientation group leaders and admissions ambassadors. Even professors remind students of OUSC's free perk.

OUSC should continue providing free Scantrons to Oakland students.

For those who have not taken advantage of the program, Scantron sheets are provided for students who stop by the OUSC office at 62 Oakland Center in the basement of the OC. Even if the program is discontinued, Scantrons will still be available for free at Kresge Library's circulation desk.

One might ask what the problem with OUSC's nixing of the Scantron is.

The issue lies in the recognition of OUSC. As a self-admitted commuter campus, it's difficult for students who commute to truly take advantage of other campus services offered by OUSC.

Scantrons are arguably the only thing every student can use and recognize OUSC for. The charging station on the upper

level of the OC is a great idea — its purpose is to provide students with a secure way to charge electronics — but it only caters to the rare student who both stays on campus and knows about it.

Unfortunately, most students equate Scantrons with OUSC while its other programs are more easily overlooked. Things like attendance at the Congress' weekly meetings and using Bear Bus parking shuttle on weekdays don't impact as many of the over 19,000 students on campus.

We're not saying that students necessarily need this service, nor are they entitled to it. But it would behoove OUSC to continue offering it.

It's a small price to pay for name recognition on campus as well as a way to bring students into the OUSC office.

The \$2,500 OUSC spends on Scantrons pales in comparison to the \$10,000 it committed to Kresge Café and the \$10,348 it spent on its new outdoor initiative. And very few students realize they have OUSC to thank for them.

So while students will still be able to get free Scantrons elsewhere, OUSC's notoriety will suffer if students can't get them there.

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You matter more than your school

When it's time to go to college, figuring out where you will end up is one of the toughest decisions you make as a young adult.

Deciding whether to pursue the college of your dreams or to give into the demands of your parents is always tough.

Though most people these days pick their school based on affordability, many still go for big names and prestige.

Almost every day for the past few weeks, I have argued with a friend that goes to Michigan State University about how he is getting a better education than I am at his well-known, widely-popular school.

I am a firm believer that when it comes to getting a job, what's on an applicant's résumé is much more of a deciding factor than where the diploma came from.

Although the allure of one of the state's top-ranking school sounds enticing, extracurricular activities, internships and pure school involvement are the keys to obtaining the American dream.

Employers want people that have experience. They do not care about the shiny name-brand \$20,000-a-year party school that appears on your application. They want the people that actually went to school and learned.

Today's job market and employers strive to find the best employees for their companies. As jobs become more scarce, it is up to the applicant



Nichole Seguin
Features Editor

to make themselves stand out above the rest.

It is hard to show improvement when you start out at a school with a notable reputation. As your degrees advance, so should the stature of your education. It makes no sense to put yourself forever in debt for the likes of a bachelor's degree, especially when you have plans to get a doctorate.

Although there are a select few people that go to the elite schools that can walk away with a positive education, most of them go there to party — or to "sparty," as my friend's colleagues at MSU like to refer to it.

Oakland University, though much smaller than MSU, is known for its academia and non-party principles.

Compared to the hefty price tag of a year at MSU, which is approximately \$11,948 without housing costs — which are required as a freshman at the school — OU is about \$2,000 cheaper for the same 32 credits.

Not to mention, OU is the only school that has no fees. Its students pay for tuition and tuition alone, save

for the 5 percent of the student population that lives on campus.

While it may seem like going to a top school is a brilliant idea, students need to consider all of their options and weigh their alternatives.

You can pay \$20,000 a year to be a number in a classroom or \$10,000 a year to be recognized by name, face and personality.

Just because a school is smaller and cheaper than another school does not take away from its educational value and quality. The smaller environment makes it easier to have personal connections.

While my friend at MSU has to use his ID card to sign into a giant lecture hall, I have the luxury of having smaller classes where most professors make an effort to memorize names and even recognize you and say hello when you pass them on campus. There are even professors at OU that encourage you to add them on Facebook or to follow them on Twitter.

Despite our constant arguments, my friend has decided that he hates the cold-blooded atmosphere of MSU and is now planning on switching out at the end of the semester. Ironically, his parents are encouraging him to transfer to OU.

Your future is determined through the amount of experience you gain throughout the entire process of college.

It's the individual, not his or her school, that ultimately matters most.

GUEST COLUMN

Hold OUSC accountable

March was probably one of the craziest months of our lives. We ran from event to event delivering speeches, meeting students and making promises of

how our administration would improve life at OU if elected.

Almost eight months into our positions, we can honestly say that it has flown by and we are loving it. We've had the support of many people while we



Brandon Gustafson and Amy Ring
Student Body President and Vice President

attempt to fulfill our campaign promises: Enhancing outdoor life at OU, extending the hours of the recreational center, supporting all athletic teams, etc.

We have done our best to make our platform for candidacy a checklist of what we want to accomplish throughout the year.

Although we are extremely happy with our accomplishments thus far, we want and need to hear from you. OUSC is meant to be "the voice of the students." We are here to serve you. That is what our intention began as and remains today.

What we especially want you to take advantage of is OUSC's legislature. Most of what we do could not be done without our legislators.

The legislature is currently made up of 17 volunteer legislators, open to 25 students. These students quite literally make the ultimate decision when it comes to all large items of OUSC-related business. They write resolutions, budget amendments, bylaw amendments and they are the ones who vote on how we spend our roughly \$220,000 annual budget.

Voting for the winter 2011 OUSC budget will take place Monday, Nov. 29 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room.

We also want you to hold the entire executive board accountable. After all, we are getting paid to serve you.

Each executive board member has a very specific role within the organization of OUSC, whether it be to educate students about a specific issue, advertise for us or to listen to student concerns. You absolutely deserve to know where your money is going. Do not hesitate to ask any member of OUSC what he or she is working on or how they voted at a meeting.

We try to be as transparent as possible. We try to publicize what we are working on, what our goals are and how we are spending our money.

But, if you're reading this and have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or come into the office and talk with any one of your 27 OUSC representatives.

We are located at 62 Oakland Center. You can contact Brandon at bmgustaf@oakland.edu and Amy at arring@oakland.edu.

CORRECTIONS CORNER

- In last week's article "The Disney Co. offers the internship of a lifetime," it was wrongly reported that sophomore Alyssa Mayer is majoring in dance. Her major is elementary education.

- In last week's Campus Brief "A rat model of alcohol binge drinking," it was reported that one of the presenter's names is Professor Greg Williams. Dr. Williams' first name is Keith.

The Oakland Post corrects all errors of fact. If you know of an error, please e-mail managing@oaklandpostonline.com or call 248-370-2537. You can also write us at 61 Oakland Center Rochester, MI 48309.

OP POLL OF THE WEEK

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Do you think the OU men's basketball team will return to the NCAA tournament this season?

yes — 28 (90%)

no — 3 (10%)

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Do you think you're getting enough sleep at night?

yes

no

Grizzlies grace silver screen

Annual campus film festival showcases student film works

By ANNIE STODOLA
Senior Reporter

This week, 10 Oakland University students are bringing their stories to the big screen at the Sixth annual GrizzDance Film Festival.

The festival is the annual on-campus competition for independent student filmmakers. In order to be eligible for submission into GrizzDance, the film must have been shot within the last year, be submitted by an OU student prior to deadline, be no longer than 15 minutes and have a majority of its crew comprised of OU students.

This year, GrizzDance Vice President Adam McChesney said the most common theme for the film submissions was relationships. He noted that there are also two films this year that focus on awareness of serious issues, with one focusing on drinking and driving and the other on drug use on campus.

The committee reviews the submissions and organizes the event, including choosing an emcee and a keynote speaker.

"We faced quite a challenge this year, as all of our officers are brand new officers, but we've done a good job," McChesney said. "Given that everyone's new though, we have no past experience to go off of and so we've all added new ideas and personal touches to the event."

The committee held auditions for the event's emcee and chose senior Ryan D'Silva. D'Silva has been involved with GrizzDance for the past three years and has won numerous awards at the festival. This year, he will host the screenings as well as the award ceremony.

Over the past three years,

D'Silva said the change in the quality of the films has been tremendous.

"The projects keep consistently getting better," D'Silva said. "With the commercial market exploding and technology exploding, the accessibility of cameras has really increased. Projects are stepping up their game. The films shown at this particular festival are going to be awesome."

D'Silva said as a filmmaker himself, the festival is a good opportunity for those interested in film in any way.

"Without GrizzDance, you can make all the video projects you want, but people won't really see them," D'Silva said. "I've had the luxury to show my films and do something with them at GrizzDance. I'm blessed to have been able to show what I can do with my talents at GrizzDance."

In addition to benefits for up and coming filmmakers, D'Silva said the festival is important to the OU community as a whole.

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**Ryan D'Silva,
M.C. of GrizzDance**

"I think it's vital to support your arts in general," he said. "Film is how we remember history. For example, when I think of World War II, I think of 'Saving Private Ryan.' In the future, film will become more scholarly and academic, so encouraging film on campus as a major, as a philosophy, as a field of study is so important to establishing the academics of the future."



Photo courtesy of Adam McChesney

Actor and writer Rasheed Muhammad is this year's GrizzDance keynote speaker. A viewing of his movie will take place Thursday.

McChesney agrees that one of the main aspects of the festival is its community vibe.

"It brings the campus together," McChesney said. "Whether you're a commuter or living in the res halls, regardless of major or class standing, you can make a movie or enjoy a movie. Everyone loves a movie."

He also emphasizes that although the deadline for this year's festival has passed, aspiring filmmakers can already start planning for next year's GrizzDance.

"If you enjoy the festival this year, there's nothing stopping you from submitting a film next year," McChesney said.

Screenings of the 10 films will take place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Oakland Room in the Oakland Center. During this time, viewers may also vote for their favorite.

In addition to the screenings,

a number of evening activities will be held on Wednesday night such as movie jeopardy in the Hamlin Lounge at 5 p.m.

The keynote speaker at GrizzDance this year is actor and writer Rasheed Muhammad. As part of the festival, Muhammad will have a preview screening of his film, "Wingman." The screening of "Wingman," followed by a question and answer session with Muhammad, will take place Thursday night at 5 p.m. in banquet room A in the Oakland Center.

The festival concludes with the reception ceremony and awards on Friday night starting at 7 p.m. in the Gold Rooms. This year's first place film winner will receive \$750.

"The bottom line of what makes a film, regardless of what you use to make it, is the story you tell," D'Silva said. "I'm anticipating to see a lot of great stories this year."

SCREEN CAPS

GrizzDance screening runs Nov. 10-12 in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center. Ten student films will be shown in total, including these four.



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Making security a priority

Personas Non-Grata list active to keep students on campus safe

By **ANDREW CRAIG**

Staff Intern

One of the largest clubs at Oakland University always has openings. It is not looking to add new faces, however, and does not actively recruit. It's an exclusive club made up of many members — 420 of them, to be exact.

They won't be present in any classes or in the halls of the Oakland Center. These particular and disjointed members of the community are not likely to be found on campus, aside from their names on a list in the OU Police Department dispatch office.

The Personas Non-Grata (PNG) list contains former members and guests of the university community who are no longer permitted on campus grounds.

"The PNG list is split into two main groups," said OUPD Captain Mark Gordon. "Some of the people on the list aren't allowed in the dorms, but the majority of them can't come back (to campus) at all."

The list was in place long before Gordon arrived at OU. An individual can remain on the PNG list temporarily or permanently, as the university sees fit.

Some names on the list have been there for decades. Two non-students were added last week.

Karen Lloyd, assistant dean of students,

understands the importance of safety on campus.

"Our office is charged to protect and preserve the campus community," Lloyd said.

As the first contact concerning a student conduct issue, her office manages the significant task of preserving the welfare of its students.

"We must address when someone's presence is a detriment to our community," Lloyd said.

While no specific behavior is required to land an individual on the restricted list, it's always best to observe the rules of the campus community. Unsafe or destructive actions are often at the root of the issue.

"If there is a violation of the law or of a serious campus policy, that's when we see people added to the list," Gordon said. "We (the OUPD) take care of the legal aspect of the matter — we enforce the restrictions of the PNG list."

Lloyd said the PNG status isn't activated unless it is necessary. She said they take the matter very seriously, as it is an important issue for safety.

Campus policies that are often infringed upon range from drug and weapon possession to disorderly conduct and assault.

The complete list of Oakland's ordinances and regulations can be found in the student handbook section at www.oakland.edu.

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The Dean of Students Office handles the procedural portion of the PNG list additions. A conduct committee evaluates and makes decisions based on an individual's behavior.

If necessary, the group will decide to add a person to the list.

"Due process — that's what we follow," Lloyd said. "All decisions are made by committee. And if we do make that decision, it's for the proverbial good of the whole."

The process of adding a person to the list is often time consuming.

The Rochester 52-3 District Court handles individual cases at OU, according to Gordon.

The offending parties must first be made aware of their newly imposed consequential boundaries. Confirmation must be made that offenders are aware of their restriction before the OUPD can enforce it.

"Once the person is served and we have confirmation, that's when it becomes enforceable," Gordon said.

Being enforceable, however, does not guarantee compliance. The PNG list is a useful tool, but it alone cannot facilitate its strict adherence.

This, said Gordon, is when the enforcement needs to take place. Some of the banned individuals choose to ignore the

rules and return.

"We still see some people who disregard it," Gordon said. "Some of them think they won't get caught."

Gordon said the main cause for concern is the safety of the student community.

That importance and desire for safety is shared on campus.

Oakland University junior Matt Kendziuk offered his take on the idea.

"I think it's important that we have a list like that in place," Kendziuk said. "I need to be focused when I'm here. Students don't need the added pressure of worrying about safety or security while they're on campus."

Senior Justin Murphy reiterated that sentiment.

"It makes sense to keep an eye on things like that," said Murphy. "It helps everything on campus run more smoothly."

The efforts of the Dean of Students Office and the OUPD together work to maintain the environment on campus, one that is conducive to a safer, more peaceful community.

"A lot of emphasis is placed on the safety of the community," Gordon said. "We can't jeopardize the safety of a community member."

That safety is the essential reason for the existence of the PNG list — an idea that Gordon insists is paramount here on campus.

Men's club hockey hosts fundraiser for CF

By **KAITLYN CHORNOBY**

Assistant Campus Editor

On Sunday, Nov. 14, the Oakland University men's club hockey team will be playing a fundraiser game for cystic fibrosis (CF) at Great Lakes Sports City, located at 34400 Utica Road in Fraser.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disease resulting from a defective gene that causes the body to produce unusually thick mucus. The mucus clogs up the breathing passages and also builds up in the pancreas.

It is one of the most common lung diseases for young adults and children, affecting about 30,000 in the United States alone. CF may result in

an early death.

Sunday's event will be the first the team has done for charity this season.

The team will be playing a non-checking scrimmage against heroes from the National Guard. The game will start at 6 p.m.

The CF Foundation will also be raffling away some items during the game.

Tickets for the event are \$10. The tickets will be available at the door at the ice rink, or can be purchased from any of the team members.

The money raised will be divided evenly between the CF foundation and the hockey team.

Nick Tomczyk, men's hockey assistant coach, said the

team is really excited for the opportunity to help raise funds for the research on CF and they hope to do more events similar to this in the future.

"Part of the vision of this program is to inspire these young men to get involved with charities after their playing days," Tomczyk said. "It's important to give back and help people in need."

Tomczyk said while they don't have a goal amount for the fundraiser, the team hopes to see 100 students attend.

Erin Theisen, a junior majoring in health sciences, said she is avid on attending the event to support a friend from her high school who suffers from CF.

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Award-winning author visits

By RHIANNON ZIELINSKI

Scene Editor

Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Junot Diaz visited campus on Nov. 4 for a reading and Q&A session that over 400 students, faculty and members of the Oakland University community attended.

"You can never show enough gratitude as an artist when anyone invites you anywhere," Diaz said as he stepped up to the podium, thanking the university.

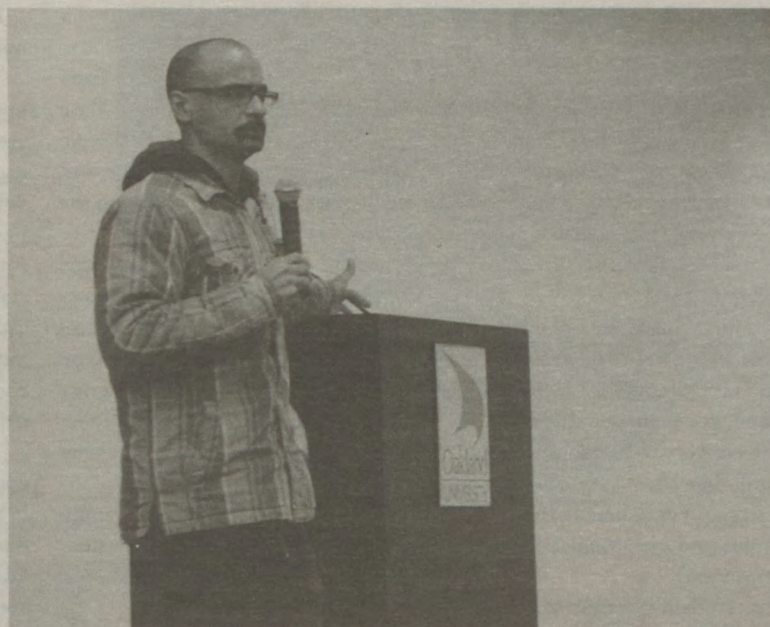
Diaz read two short pieces, one from his novel, "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," which won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2008, and a short story called "Alma," which was published in "The New Yorker" in 2007.

"Alma is a Mason Gross student, one of those comic-book-reading alternatinas without whom you might never have lost your virginity," Diaz read.

He made it clear from the beginning that his writing does not shy away from topics that some may consider risqué like sex, infidelity and domestic violence.

"I think it shows you the limit of public discourse in this country," Diaz said in response to a question about his use of strong language in both his writing and his speech. "Most of the planet curses most of the time, but because they curse they are locked out of legitimate discourse."

Diaz described what he calls the "culture of respectability," that allows us to avoid things that make us feel uncomfortable, like cursing, accents or people who don't share similar political views.



RHIANNON ZIELINSKI/The Oakland Post

Junot Diaz read two short pieces for students during his presentation.

"It's a really great tool. It's kind of a repressive tool, but it's one that in our society, we hew to," Diaz said. "I can convince you to bomb your neighbor as long as I wear a suit and couch it in official discourse. If I wanted to sell you, I wouldn't curse, but I want to talk about art. And art, being so difficult, you've got to use the language that for you is most comfortable."

Bringing Diaz to OU began over a year ago when professor Robert Anderson, chair of the cultural affairs committee in the English department, was asked to bring a fiction writer to the university.

"Junot Diaz was the first I thought of, in part because I read the novel, and it's so exciting...it appeals to students that might not be touched by another

novel," Anderson said, referring to what he calls Oscar Wao's nerdy personality.

Anderson was pleased with the results of the event, where so many people showed up that additional chairs had to be added to the banquet room, and described Diaz as "electrifying."

"I really liked everything that he was saying about writing, but also about life in general, that you don't always have to get approval people. It's not all about just making money," Caitlin Callaghan, senior English major, said.

Diaz's novel is now available at the Barnes and Nobel bookstore. For more information about Diaz and his work, visit his website at www.junotdiaz.com

the sports team that is working hard to pull it off," Theisen said. "I would love to see more teams do similar activities, especially when it's going to benefit other people, like the hockey team is benefiting the CF foundation."

Theisen said she will be doing her part by making a donation at the event.

For students who can not attend the event, they can donate to the CF Foundation through their site.

For more information about the event, visit their Facebook event, "OU Mens hockey vs. U.S. Hero's Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser."

For more information, including symptoms and statistics, about cystic fibrosis, visit www.cff.org

campus briefs

Grizz Gang fan challenge

Students can now earn Grizz Gang Fan Challenge points whenever they attend a Golden Grizzlies basketball game throughout the 2010-11 season. Students can swipe their student ID at the entrance and their name is entered into a drawing to win a number of prizes.

The opportunity to participate in the Fan Challenge ends at halftime. Winners will be announced at the 4:00 mark in the second half of selected games and must be in attendance to claim prizes. Visit www.ougrizzlies.com for all rules, prizes and point information.

Basketball tailgates

Pregame tailgating parties for home basketball games will be held at the "Grizz" statue. Tailgating will be held an hour before each game time and will feature free food and music and is open to all students. The Grizz Gang organization has partnered with WXOU to host the event. WXOU will be at the tailgate party playing music.

OU vs. MSU at the Palace

Tickets for Pack the Palace: OU vs. MSU are now available. Tickets will be distributed at the Oakland Center food court Nov. 16-18 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Nov. 22-23 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are good for a game ticket, participation in pregame tailgate activities and bus transportation to and from the Palace. Only 400 student tickets are available. Vouchers will be redeemed on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Meadow Brook Hall Concert Series

A new concert series, Meadow Brook Music Society, will debut this fall with its first concert on Nov. 14. Dr. Yin Zheng, Co-founder and Art Director of Meadow Brook Music Society, envisioned the series to revive European style saloon concerts.

The ticket price includes a reception with wine, coffee, cheese and dessert at 3 p.m. To order tickets, call 248-364-6263. Seats may be purchased for single performances for \$55, or \$150 for the series of three concerts.

— Compiled by Ali Armstrong,
Staff Reporter

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"I guess the real question would be, why wouldn't I attend? It's an amazing cause that will benefit the CF foundation, OU and the Army," Theisen said.

Theisen said she is also excited to attend to support her friends and boyfriend on the team.

She said she plans to bring her family and her best friend's family for extra support.

"I think doing fundraisers is an awesome way to raise money, help the community, and get some attention for

Becoming a home to military veterans

By RYAN HEGEDUS
Senior Reporter

In late September, Oakland University received its second straight mention as a veteran-friendly school by GI Jobs Magazine.

Coinciding with this year's Veterans Day, the Veteran Support Services office, Student Veterans of Oakland and OU Student Congress are sponsoring the first annual Veterans Day forum to discuss veterans in the community and in higher education.

The panel will take place on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. in the Lake Superior Rooms and will include student veterans as well as Oakland staff and faculty who have served in the armed forces.

"Veterans Day is important to remember because it reminds us of the sacrifices made by those who died in service as well as those who made it back safely, but gave years of their life in defense of the freedoms we continue to enjoy as Americans," said Michael Brennan, the Veteran Support Services office's veteran liaison.

"I hope attendees get a better picture of what military life is like, and what life as a veteran is like, as well as gain an awareness of what veterans are able to bring to the community through their experiences."

One of the faculty members on the panel, professor Fred Hoffman, hopes to shed light on the many benefits of having student veterans on OU's campus. Hoffman served in the US Army during the 1970s.

"This will be my first forum, but I hope attendees will take away from the forum a heightened recognition, not only of the numbers of men and women in our student population who have served in the military," Hoffman said, "but also an appreciation of the diversity and enrichment they bring to the campus and classroom from their service experiences."

Putting a face to a student veteran's name is important for another panelist, SVOU president and U.S. Marine Corps veteran Marc Hobart.

"We're an interesting bunch of people... the camaraderie we share is like family," he said.

"This will be an interesting chance in our first annual Veteran's Day forum for students and professors to get some first hand of knowledge of what it means to us to be a veteran," Hobart said. "Students will be able to ask questions to the panel and we will have several generations of veterans on the panel."

"I would hope the attendees gain a little more insight on veterans and Veteran's Day. There already seems to be an appreciation for veterans, but putting a face on it is important. Students here have a great many veterans walking the halls with them and maybe now they will see one and even say 'thank you.'"

"I think the GI Jobs Military Friendly Schools distinction highlights the values that we as a university hold in regard to our military and veteran students."

GI Jobs evaluates the schools that apply, while only the top 15 percent of the schools in the nation are recognized, he said.

"This should hold substantial weight in the mind of a veteran deciding where to pursue higher education."

Hobart said the distinction that OU is a military-friendly school is vital.

"It says to all veterans, 'Here is your new home, we will take care of you and thank you for your service.' It should help all veterans when deciding between two or three different colleges," he said.

"Veteran friendly means you have resources that you can go to."

Hoffman considers the accolade a major sign that Oakland has made a serious commitment to helping veterans continue and complete their education in a positive manner.

"New student veterans have been very appreciative of the fact that the VSS office is here. A lot of universities do not have one and it really shows the veterans that OU is a welcoming community and that we are here to help them in any way possible," Brennan said.

For more information about veteran services or the upcoming veterans forum, students can contact Brennan at 248-370-2010 or visit the VSS office in 103A North Foundation Hall.

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Putting sleep deprivation to rest

By KEVIN ROMANCHIK

Staff Reporter

Whether it's coffee, textbooks, the Internet or something else, the Health Sciences department wants to know what is keeping you up at night.

"I Heart Sleep," an informational and interactive presentation by students of the Wellness and Health Promotion 460 course, was put together to spread awareness of the growing problem of sleep deprivation in the United States, especially among college students.

Sleep deprivation is classified as experiencing daytime sleepiness, having difficulty concentrating or making poor decisions due to lack of sleep.

"There is about 310 million people living in the United States and about 77 million people are sleep deprived," senior Stephanie Vogel said. "This means that 25 percent of the nation deals with sleep deprivation."

While eight to nine hours of sleep is recommended for most college students, studies show that 70 percent of students sleep less than seven hours per night.

"A big misconception is that you can make it up," Dr. Florence Dallo said, professor of WHP 460. "But you can't (make it up) and I hope students learned that tonight."

Sleep deprivation can affect you in the classroom, and it can also affect your overall



Photo courtesy of Niccole Malone

Students share their before-bed routines at Friday's sleep deprivation event in VBH.

health.

Health problems such as cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes and depression are related to sleep deprivation.

Some use alcohol as a sleep aid, but while it may speed up the onset of sleep, it can actually increase the number of times you wake up during the night.

"Studies show that those who drink alcohol, experience poor sleep," senior Maria Dopierala said.

One goal of the "I Heart Sleep" presentation is to educate the Oakland University student body about establishing good sleep

hygiene.

"Sleep hygiene is the promotion of healthy sleeping habits," senior Jessica Pomaranski said. "In layman's terms sleep hygiene is sleeping during the night and being alert and ready during the day."

Establishing a regular bedtime and rise time, hot showers, light snacks and exercising in the afternoon or early evening are a few ways to maintain good sleep hygiene.

"I feel like I've tried to make sleep a priority now because I know it affects my health just as much as not exercising or eating bad," Dopierala said.

Police Files

Loot missing from safety box

On Thursday, Nov. 4, a university employee reported that an envelope containing money had been stolen from a safety deposit box. The money, valued at \$61.44, was deposited on Oct. 27 and an amount of \$58.17 was noticed missing on Oct. 28. Only two employees have key access to the deposit box. Officers have reviewed surveillance tapes.

False fire alarm at the Incubator

On Friday, Nov. 5, it was reported that while setting up for an event, a vendor accidentally knocked over a ladder that activated the west entrance pull station in the Shotwell Pavilion. Officers responded to the alarm and proceeded to notify the Rochester Hills Fire Department that it was indeed a false alarm.

Stolen while in the stall

On Friday, Nov. 5 it was reported that a student's gym bag was stolen from the men's restroom on the first floor of the Oakland Center. The student placed his gym bag near a sink upon entering the restroom. Minutes later, when the student returned from the stall, his gym bag was missing. The bag was reported as a black Air Jordan gym bag. There are no suspects at this time.

Shocked night watch employee

On Sunday, Nov. 7, it was reported that an East Vandenberg night watch employee received an electrical shock from a power strip while unplugging her laptop cord. The university has since replaced the power strip. The employee received medical attention at Crittenton Hospital.

— Compiled by Jen Bucciarelli
Campus Editor

Approved funding for Anti-Hate week

By JAKE THIELEN

Staff Reporter

Oakland University Student Congress discussed ways to improve its customer service and student attendance at meetings during Monday's weekly OUSC meeting.

"Last week, it was brought to my attention that there were a few students that didn't feel welcome coming into the Student Congress office, and it was a really big surprise to me," Student Body Vice President Amy Ring said.

Ring said she believes the time of the year is a factor for

low attendance because many OUSC members are focused on exams and are therefore unable to help other students as much as they did in September.

She said she met with the OUSC Executive Board to discuss ways to improve customer service, and a list of the E-Board's ideas was passed out to every OUSC legislator.

"I wanted to share it with you guys and go over some different (topics) about how we can provide better customer service," Ring said. "We can't serve anybody if they don't feel comfortable coming to talk to us."

OUSC also discussed ways to

improve meeting attendance.

Ideas discussed included hanging up banners in the Oakland Center, offering free food at meetings and meeting personally with students interested in OUSC before the weekly meetings.

OUSC meets every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Oakland Rooms.

The student government also unanimously passed two amendments that were discussed at previous meetings.

The first approved amendment was to allocate unused funds from previous Multicultural Affairs events towards

funding the upcoming Anti-Hate week that will run from Nov. 15-19.

The second was to allocate \$800 from OUSC discretionary funds towards an event at Kresge Library to promote the extended operation hours.

The event will occur Dec. 5-8, and will take place from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. each day. The event hours will be the extended hours of the library during finals week.

"There will be snacks ... as well as handouts including pencils and highlighters," John Ajlouny, OU Student Congress judiciary committee chair, said.

Grizzlies still kicking

Men's soccer secures a spot in the league tournament

By RYAN HEGEDUS

Senior Reporter

With a 2-0 victory Saturday over Centenary College, the Oakland University men's soccer team extended its 2010 season for at least one more game.

The win meant that OU (5-10-3, 2-1-3) clinched a spot in the Summit League Tournament. It is being held Nov. 12 and 14 at the OU Soccer Field. Had the Golden Grizzlies lost or tied, they would have been knocked out of contention for tournament play.

Junior midfielder Josh Bennett scored the game-winning goal in the 54th minute after a deflected cross by freshman Lucas Diener. The goal was Bennett's first of the season.

"I missed a sitter in the first half, and I knew I had to make up for it," Bennett said after the game. "I had the frame of mind where I just had to get in there and get it back for my team."

Oakland plays IUPUI Friday at 2 p.m.

Despite their sub-.500 record, men's soccer coach Eric Pogue believes his team is ready to put the disappointing regular season in the past and focus on making a run in the upcoming league tournament.

"I think we were all disappointed in the results of the regular season," Pogue said. "We played a really tough schedule and we

had a few bad breaks, but we considered (the game against Centenary) the first game of the conference tournament. It gives our guys a new lease on life, puts the past in the past, and allows us to refocus on the future. We're real excited to be hosting the tournament. Any team can win."

In fact, if recent history is any indication, the teams that enter the Summit League Tournament as the underdogs have had the most success.

Oakland was the regular season conference champion and the No. 1 seed in both the 2008 and 2009 league tournaments, but failed to win in either of those years. This year, entering the tournament as the No. 3 seed, the Grizzlies hope to be the team that notches an upset.

"We want to win the tournament, we want to play with intensity, we want to work hard, and we want to be a blue-collar team," Pogue said. "We're coming in as the third seed, but I think if you ask the other teams, I don't think they're looking forward to playing us. We feel pretty confident that all three teams that are going to be in the tournament, we can compete with them on any given day."

To this point, the season has been full of ups and downs for the Grizzlies. They showed how good they can be when they



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Makesi Lewis navigates around a defender in Saturday's game against Centenary.

upset No. 14 Drake earlier in the year. Yet, the team also suffered through a four-game scoreless stretch at one point in the year.

"I think the guys were resilient all year," Pogue said. "We had some moments where we had a few heart-to-hearts and moments where we had to come together, but I think this week in training was our best one so far. As long as we're clicking at the right

time, that's all that matters."

If Oakland can beat the Jaguars Friday, it will have a chance to end its season with a tournament championship against either UMKC or Oral Roberts in the tournament final on Sunday at 12 p.m.

"We're just going to take it one game at a time," Pogue said. "You can't play Sunday if you don't win Friday."

Women's soccer season ends in tournament

By ROSS MAGHIELSE

Sports Editor

The Oakland University women's soccer team saw its season come to an end last weekend in the first round of the Summit League Tournament in Brookings, S.D. A 1-1 draw through regulation and two overtime periods turned into a 5-4 defeat in penalty kicks to Western Illinois.

Oakland entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed after finishing the regular season with an 8-0-1 record in conference play.

"I think we were the better team," head coach Nick

O'Shea said. "As the game wore on (Western Illinois) didn't really have many scoring chances and we had a lot of opportunities, but you could kind of tell it was heading for a shootout early on. That's the thing about our sport ... a lot of teams will try to set up their game plan for a shootout because that's what gives them the best chance to win. I think they did that from the start."

Senior Dani Haelewyn, who was named to both the all-conference and all-tournament teams, scored a goal on a free kick in the 33rd minute to give OU a 1-0 lead but the Leathernecks later tied the game and sent it into overtime.

The Golden Grizzlies (12-5-3) had a few scoring chances

late in the game, including a shot from sophomore Nicole DeLuca from eight yards out that deflected off a WIU defender and an ensuing rebound attempt from Haelewyn in front of the goal which was also knocked away.

The shootout was tied at 4-4 after the first six shooters, but the Leathernecks pulled ahead on their next attempt and junior Amy Trandell missed her shot wide of the net.

"Shootouts are a tough way to end it in our sport," O'Shea said. "Maybe someday when we get into the NCAA tournament we might be on the other end of that and we'll appreciate the fact that you can take a better team to a shootout and give yourself a chance to win."

Volleyball making tournament push

By TOM BARRY
Staff Reporter

Senior Night is a critical game for collegiate athletes, one where the senior has a final opportunity to make an impact in the decision of a game in front of the home crowd.

Brittany Dunn, a five-year defensive specialist, did just that during her last home game for Oakland on Saturday as the Golden Grizzlies volleyball team defeated Western Illinois, 3-0 (25-14, 25-18, 25-18) at the Athletics Center O'Rena.

"I think it's fantastic for us to get a win," Oakland coach Rob Beam said. "I'm really proud of Brittany. Knowing her for her five seasons at Oakland, she's a special young woman. It's nice to be able to send her off with a victory at home, and more importantly, carry us to our ultimate goal.

"Second, it's a big win for us because we keep our momentum going. There's a great battle for the final two spots in the Summit League, and the win helps us move forward."

With her family coming up from Bowling Green, Ohio, to watch her play, Dunn had 15 digs, the 25th consecutive double-digit dig game for her. She is now tied for 11th in Summit League history with 1,403 career digs.

During the first set, Oakland (16-12, 11-5 Summit League) took a commanding 10-2 lead to take control of the game early. The Grizzlies had a strong .308 hitting percentage, while Western Illinois (8-19, 3-14) saw their hitting percentage held to .000 (seven kills to seven errors).

"I don't think we had to say much," Beam said when asked what he said prior to the match. "They want to go out there and win for their senior. They played with a lot of energy."

The Leathernecks were able to start a comeback in the second set, jumping out to a 3-2 lead. Oakland responded with a 10-3 run go up 12-6.

Western Illinois found itself back in contention with two blocks, a forced hitting error and a kill from right side hitter Krissy Bergquest, shrinking the Grizzlies' lead to 12-10.

Oakland recuperated with a timeout and went on an 8-4 run to increase its lead to 20-14. Kills from libero Allison Gilbert and setter Heather Smith got the Leathernecks within four. The Grizzlies came back with a 5-2 run to win the set.

Oakland seemed set to take early command of the third set with a 13-8 lead, but Western Illinois got two kills and two errors from the Grizzlies to shrink the lead

down to one. Oakland started pulling toward the victory with an 8-4 run to go up 21-16.

An Oakland error got Western Illinois within four of the Grizzlies, but that was the last point the Leathernecks scored. Outside hitter Audrey Wilson ended the match with her fifth kill of the night.

"Western Illinois found a lot of energy, and we had to fight for it in the last two (sets)," Beam said.

Outside hitter Meghan Bray led Oakland with 15 kills, nine digs, four aces and a .355 hitting percentage, while middle hitter Allison Bell added 10 kills.

Setter Ashley Nevelle had a match-high 37 assists. Defensive specialist Alli Kirk had 13 digs.

The win marked the completion of Oakland's season sweep of the Leathernecks. The Grizzlies won the previous matchup between the two schools, 3-0, on Sept. 18 in Macomb, Ill.

Oakland managed to win both of its games this weekend, defeating IUPUI at home on Friday, 3-0. The Grizzlies are now on a five-match win streak. With the weekend sweep, Oakland has clinched back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1996-97.

The win keeps Oakland in position to make the Summit League Tournament with two regular season matches remaining. According to Beam, the team needs to win out in order to control its own destiny of continuing the season.

The top four teams in conference play will qualify for the Summit League Tournament.

Going into Saturday's play, Oakland was in third, a game ahead of Southern Utah, Oral Roberts and South Dakota State. IPFW and North Dakota State had already clinched their berths, both schools are two games up on the Grizzlies.

The final steps to the conference tournament will not be easy for Oakland. The Grizzlies will return to play on Thursday against Southern Utah in Cedar City, Utah, and on Saturday against UMKC in Kansas City.

Oakland played both teams in Rochester earlier this season. The Grizzlies defeated UMKC, 3-0, on Sept. 24, but lost the next night to Southern Utah, 3-2.

"I think we'll just go back and look at the film and make adjustments accordingly," Beam said of the rematch with the Thunderbirds.

"We'll watch film to see where we scored and if they've adjusted their play. That's what we're going to put together. We'll try to make good things happen for us."



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Four OU coaches share their thoughts on social media use



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Does your team have a policy regarding the use of social media sites?

Yes. Any photos or messages that can be perceived as offensive to Oakland University, our athletics department and our team shall not be allowed.

Women's basketball does not have a "policy" but we suggest they do not have a Facebook account. Those who do, we ask them to utilize the life skills seminar Athletic Communications held — i.e., players should come up with a professional "brand" — 3-5 "words" they should describe themselves.

Our policy is in line with the athletic department guidelines. During our pre-season meeting we discuss social media and appropriate usage. We ask each of them to monitor their own, as well as their friend's pages to be sure that no inappropriate content is posted.

We have a lot of team policies that govern over a lot of areas and that's definitely in our team policies that we review with our players. We talk to them about what they can and can't do and what they should avoid when using any of that type of technology.

Is the use of social media by student athletes a concern for you as a coach?

Yes, it does concern me. It is very important for young men and women to understand the repercussions (short and long term) for being irresponsible with the social media site.

Yes, it is a concern. I have heard our players complain about "mean" things that have been written, pictures posted, etc. It appears to be a huge distraction.

Only to the extent that certain aspects of social media can create or facilitate negative outcomes, behaviors or vulnerability for our student-athletes. If it is properly monitored, then these risks are greatly diminished.

It's something that we're definitely paying attention to. I don't know if it's necessarily a concern, because it can be a good thing as well. But it changes so fast, and I'm not on it on a daily basis like our players are so I'm not as in tune with it.

Is there any way in which you think social media sites can have a positive role in college athletics?

I think it can shine a favorable light on those who use the sights in a proper manner. It can reinforce the idea of a role model.

Yes. It's a huge opportunity to reach large numbers of fans, recruits and supporters.

Social media websites can certainly assist collegiate athletics. Many target groups — fans, recruits, alumni, etc. — have pages and so it is easy to post results, upcoming matches or special events and gain a response.

Yeah, I think it can be a pretty good tool for recruiting and communicating with our players. It's changing a lot of things with coaching and some are good and some are not so good. The ability to be able to reach out to players on a moment's notice I think is a really good aspect of it and it just provides another form of communication.

Do you personally use social media for either your coaching roles or personal business?

I don't use social media.

Women's basketball has a Facebook page (I personally do not have a site). It has revolutionized our recruiting. All our recruits Facebook us regularly over e-mail. The women's basketball Facebook page has also been instrumental in contacting our alumni and promoting our alumni game and events.

I do use social media but not very frequently. I intend to start a volleyball specific page and perhaps a volleyball camps page.

We have our own Facebook page for women's soccer, which is new this year, but we're really trying to grow that and get some followers to reach out to fans and recruits. I have a team manager that also oversees it and the sports information department can keep an eye on it also.

— Responses compiled by Ross Maghielse, Sports Editor

GOLDEN GRIZZLIES GAME of the WEEK

Changing of the guard

By **ROSS MAGHIELSE**
Sports Editor

Fans got their first look at this year's edition of the Oakland University men's basketball team in a 112-55 exhibition win over Marygrove College Tuesday night. The Golden Grizzlies won't play at home again until their first Summit League game of the season, Dec. 2 against Southern Utah.

Oakland went with a three-guard lineup, starting sophomore Ledrick Eackles in place of injured forward Blake Cushingberry, who will miss the entire season. Eackles was the sparkplug off the bench for the Grizzlies last year, but will be playing extended minutes in a more primary role this season. He finished with seven points and six assists in 27 minutes of action.

"We're all interchangeable and I think a lot of guys are comfortable at different positions," Eackles said. "You've got to know all the roles out there on the court, whether you're a point guard, shooting guard or forward, it doesn't matter because it's our job to know what our roles are on the team to make it feel natural on the court. We've got a deep bench, so me starting won't take any intensity away because we've got a lot of guys who can go all out."

Joining him in the backcourt was the expected guard combo of Reggie Hamilton and Larry Wright. Wright was the primary ball handler at point guard for the Grizzlies on offense and Hamilton picked up the other team's point guard on defense, often guarding the ball for 94 feet — something Grizzlies have not consistently done in the Division I era. As a team, OU got 11 steals and forced a total of 21 Marygrove turnovers.

Wright scored 16 points on 4-of-8 shooting from the field and

provided seven assists in his debut as the team's point guard. Hamilton also finished with 16 points.

"I know there's still room for improvement, but I was excited to be back out there on the court," Hamilton said. "It took me a few minutes into the game and then I became more calmed down and got into it, but I'm definitely ready to go."

The team's other point guard is true freshman Ryan Bass, who is battling a minor injury and played just four minutes. Bass, however, will not be redshirted this season and head coach Greg Kampe expects him to play a major role for the Grizzlies.

"We can't redshirt Ryan Bass, he's too good," Kampe said. "He's a special talent. He's hurt a little right now but we need to get him healthy and use these (upcoming) games against good opponents to get him ready for the conference season because he's going to play an important role for us."

The fast tempo allowed the Grizzlies to steadily build their lead in the first half and Oakland led 58-29 after the first 20 minutes. Oakland, which expects to be a better 3-point shooting team this season, shot 7-for-17 from long range in the first half and finished the game 11-for-27.

Oakland big men Keith Benson and Will Hudson had a distinct size advantage of the frontcourt players from Marygrove and out-rebounded the Mustangs 54-26. Benson finished with a double-double of 15 points and 11 rebounds. Hudson led the Grizzlies in scoring with 17 points.

Contributing double-digit scoring efforts off the bench for the Grizzlies were freshmen Travis Bader and sophomore Drew Valentine. Bader scored 12 points shooting 4-for-9 from the field and



Photos by DAN FENNER/The Oakland Post

TOP: Reggie Hamilton, Keith Benson and Larry Wright (left to right) enjoy the second half from the bench as the team's younger players see some playing time. **BOTTOM:** Hamilton scored 16 points in his Golden Grizzlies debut.

Valentine made three 3-pointers and finished with 11 points.

"We've got a lot of guys who can shoot it, or maybe it's just that we've got a lot of guys who think they can shoot it, but I do think that's going to be an improved area of our team this year," Kampe said. "Last year's team was a great team, but if you had to pick out one thing that really held us back, it was our outside shooting. That was our Achilles' heel last year. I think we're a better shooting team because of guys like Bader. He, along with Bass and Drew (Valentine) are going to be big for us off the bench because they can really score the basketball."

The Grizzlies first official game of the 2010-11 season is Friday at West Virginia. The Mountaineers are much younger this season than



the team that went to the Final Four a year ago, but still feature one of the nation's premier post players in Kevin Jones and expect to be contenders in the Big East Conference.

"Obviously the level of competition is going to be different going forward, and like I always say when we plays these games,

these teams are going to expose us," Kampe said. "We're going to know when we walk off that court Friday night what we need to do to get better."

The West Virginia game will be available to watch on ESPN3.com and can be heard on the Golden Grizzlies' flagship radio station, WDFN-AM (1130).

Alternative dancing studio thrives in Madison Heights

By DAUD YAR and
NICHOLE SEGUIN

Local Editor and Features Editor

PoleFIT Revolution, a fitness studio in Madison Heights, celebrated its grand re-opening and expansion by throwing a "Girls Night Out" party on Nov. 6. The event, sponsored by Zumba Mexican Grille and Zodiac Vodka, featured dancing demonstrations, door prizes, raffle prizes, appetizers and refreshments.

The studio offers mainly pole dancing classes, but a recent addition of space means there will be aerial yoga classes offered as well.

Melanie Pagel, Owner of PoleFIT Revolution, has been in fitness and health for 13 years as a personal trainer, Pilates and yoga instructor.

"A lot of women need an outlet for fitness that also makes them feel sexy and sensual," Pagel said. "Pole dancing ends up being everything in one, in terms of exercise."

Charley, head instructor, has been with the studio since July 2010. She said pole dancing takes a lot of work.

"If you don't want to go a gym, this (pole dancing) is a great way to build your strength, stamina and flexibility," Charley said.

Shadow, a competitive coach and instructor, is the newest employee at PoleFIT. She adds experience to the business, as she is No. 2 ranked pole dancer in the world.

"Pole dancing is almost better than the gym because with every move, you target almost every muscle in the body," Shadow said.

Miranda Tully, a student, has been taking classes at PoleFIT Revolution for the past five months.

"The classes are really good," Tully said. "They improve flexibility and strengthen the upper body as a whole. Plus, they encouraged me more. It's a great way to meet other women."

Cheryl Willard, professional photographer for the studio, started taking classes earlier this year and loved the atmosphere and exercise so much, she installed a pole in her own home.

"I leave a pole class feeling like I got a great workout," Willard said. "At the gym, you have your headphones on and you're not interacting with each



NICHOLE SEGUIN/The Oakland Post

PoleFIT Revolution expanded its studio space with a grand re-opening this weekend. Apart from pole dancing classes, it offers aerial yoga and pilates.

other. Here, you are interacting with everybody and feeding off their energy. Everyone is pushing you and being positive."

To protect its students from injuries, the instructors teach exits first before moving onto the floor.

"We're the only school that uses

"Pole dancing is something that I think almost every female has somewhat of an interest in trying."

— Cheryl Willard,
PoleFIT Revolution Photographer

crash mats and spotters, as far as I'm concerned," Charley said. "The first thing we say to new students is 'this is going to hurt, but here's what you do when you fall.'"

She said most beginners start off by walking and spinning around the pole and students are not allowed to perform until they work with instructors on exit strategies.

Apart from the exercise, PoleFIT prides itself on the environment that it creates for its students. A sign hanging above the front door reads: "Leave your inhibitions at the door." That phrase embodies the atmosphere in

the studio.

Charley said the sign saying "leave your inhibitions at the door" is appropriate because they are all sisters there.

"Climbing up a pole and being able to suspend yourself by one thigh, wearing six-inch shoes is empowering," Charley said. "It's women supporting women, that's the best part."

While the standard attire for pole dancing is booty shorts and sports bras, new participants usually wear sweatpants and T-shirts, she said.

"For most women, it is very scary to get down to that little of clothing," Shadow said. "I don't care how big you are, small you are, strong you are, or how weak you are, you're beautiful, and we're going to work together to meet whatever goals you have."

The instructors are very flexible with everyone's skill level, said Willard.

"These classes are for the everyday person," she said. "Pole dancing is something that I think almost every female has somewhat of an interest in trying"

In addition to the pole dancing classes, the studio also has an airbrush tanning studio, pilates classes and hosts pole dancing parties. Men may also sign up for classes.

For more information on the classes and the studio, visit www.polefitrevolution.com.

local briefs

Forklift accident leaves one dead

Authorities said a 52-year-old Michigan woman died after being struck by a forklift while working at a recycling center in Isabella County.

The sheriff's department said the Morning Sun of Mount Pleasant and The Saginaw News reported that Sharon Welling of St. Louis died Tuesday morning after being struck around midday Monday in Union Township.

The department says Welling was hit by a forklift driven by a co-worker, who was transporting a large recycling bin.

The accident at the recycling center near Mount Pleasant remains under investigation.

Man killed as vehicle strikes wheel in road

A Michigan man has been killed after a wheel came off a vehicle on a Detroit-area freeway, bounced over a median wall and crashed into the windshield of his sport utility vehicle.

State police said a 44-year-old Athir Qarana of Oakland County's Commerce Township died in the Monday night accident on Interstate 696 in Oak Park.

Police said Qarana was driving in the westbound lanes when the wheel came off the vehicle in the eastbound lanes.

Trooper Scott Hammond said the death is under investigation, but it appears to be a "very unfortunate accident."

FTE to give \$2.6M to Michigan

On Tuesday the state announced Michigan will be receiving grant money from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program. Projects including nonmotorized trails and streetscape improvements in Alger, Lenawee, Muskegon and Washtenaw counties and Detroit are getting a share of more than \$2.6 million in federal money.

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1. United States

According to the North American Aerospace Defense Command, what appeared to be a missile launched on Monday off the coast of southern California didn't represent a threat to the U.S.

The agency said there was no launch by any foreign military. U.S. military officials said they're looking into a video that appears to show an object shooting across the sky and leaving a large vapor trail. It is unknown what the object was.

2. Germany

Berlin renamed a public square in honor of an event 21 years ago, when the first wave of former East Germans demanded that guards let them through to the West, triggering the collapse of the Berlin wall.

Mayor Klaus Wowereit opened a new permanent exhibit on Tues-

day of pictures and plaques set against the backdrop of a stretch of the wall. The memorial is part of the newly named "Nov. 9, 1989 Square." An estimated 136 people lost their lives trying to cross the barrier.

3. Indonesia

President Barack Obama visited Indonesia on Tuesday, where he lived as a child in the late 1960s. He said the landscape "has changed completely" and told reporters at a news conference in Jakarta that he has thoroughly enjoyed his first return to the nation as president.

Concerns about ash from an erupting Indonesian volcano caused the White House to shorten Obama's stay and move up his takeoff for a summit in Seoul.

4. Morocco

The independence movement in the Western Sahara said native



people are clashing with security forces in the Moroccan-controlled desert territory. Polisario Front representative Bucharaya Beyun said new clashes have broken out in two neighborhoods of the Western Sahara's main city between Moroccan forces and Saharawi people.

Beyun said Moroccan police detained large numbers of people

in the city after riots broke out on Monday. The new clashes began because of the detentions, he said.

5. Haiti

Health officials in Haiti are concerned that a cholera epidemic may have spread to the country's capital. Officials are examining at least 120 suspected cases in Port-au-Prince.

If the cases are cholera, the bacteria could endanger up to 3 million people, nearly half of whom have been living in tents or under tarps since their houses were destroyed in the January earthquake. This cholera has already killed at least 544 people in Haiti.

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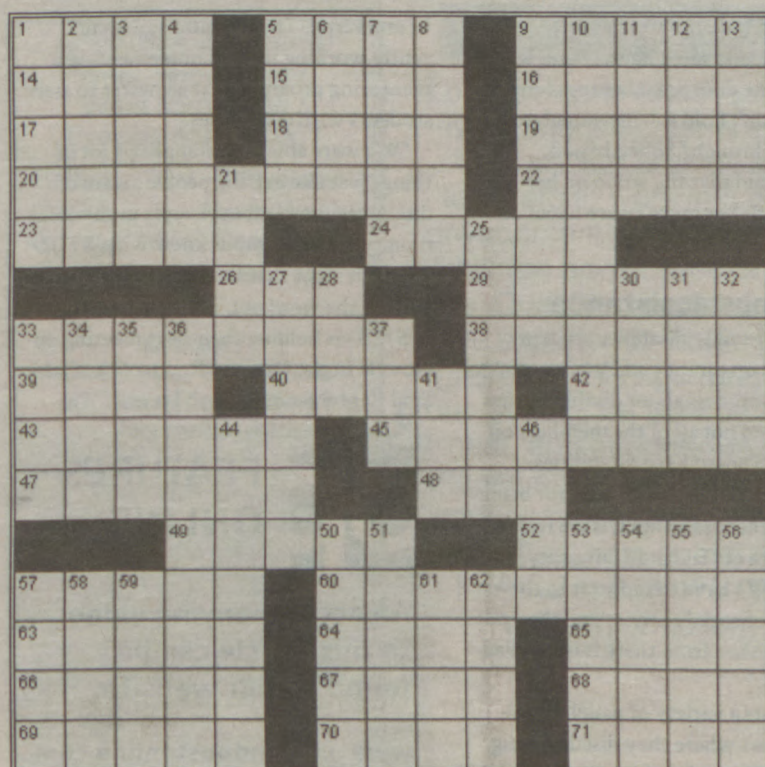
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23. Come in
24. Patronage
26. Chunk
29. Circuits
33. A noncommissioned officer
38. Infuriate
39. Elliptical
40. Nigerian monetary unit
42. Radiate
43. Cancel
45. Adversity
47. Found at the end of a pencil
48. Coloring agent
49. Secret meeting
52. Customize

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3. Athletic competition
4. Therefore
5. Survey
6. Murres
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8. Flying machine
9. What a vacuum produces
10. Financial officer
11. Fabrics made from goat hair
12. Glasgow gal
13. Bend this to propose

21. Therefore
25. Oily
27. Cantankerous
28. Sheep sound
30. Not wild
31. Auspices
32. Collections
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34. Not under
35. Indian music
36. Very drunk
37. Cover
41. Purge
44. Belonging to this world
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53. Hyrax
54. Poplar tree
55. An ancient Athenian philosopher
56. Part of a joint
57. "Wise birds"
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62. Concludes

Struggling to move around campus

By ALI ARMSTRONG

Staff Reporter

Inaccessible entrances, broken elevators, heavy doors. Aiana Scott, a sophomore at Oakland University, has seen it all.

Scott was diagnosed with cerebral palsy on the right side of her body and as a result, her accessibility was severely altered leaving her with walking equipment and a limp. For her, every day is a struggle.

Recurrent obstacles

The stairs in Varner Hall are not accessible with a wheelchair. The double doors in the bathrooms are too heavy for a disabled student to hold open alone.

These are just some of the issues disabled students face everyday while on campus.

"Depending on where your class is, it could be any type of challenge," said Scott, president of Student Toward Understanding Disabilities (STUD). "To find a bathroom that you can actually get your wheelchair or scooter through, for the average person it takes five minutes, for a disabled person it can take anywhere from 10 to 20. Taking those things into account, you really have to re-route your life."

Bathrooms, heavy doors, slippery sidewalks, broken elevators and stairs are just some of the accessibility concerns raised by students each year.

The recent construction on campus also posed as a concern for some students, forcing them to take different, and often more time-consuming, routes to class.

"You can't look at it the way the average person would look at it ... the bridge at Beer Lake, the angle of the bridge is not healthy and it's suggested you have to take another way around," Scott said.

Over the years, student organizations like STUD have raised awareness about disabled accessibility on campus. Some of the issues they have brought attention to have been the stairs in Varner Hall, drink dispensers in the student cafeteria — which are difficult to reach when in a chair — lack of an accessible bathroom in the Varner Recital Hall and most recently, the push-button triggers to open a door that is locked in Elliott Hall.

Accessible bathrooms are also a major

concern for disabled students.

Wheelchairs or motorized scooters are not accessible in the bathrooms in Varner Hall. The bathrooms in Kresge Library do not follow code.

"If you have to go to the bathroom, what do you do?" said Brian Wigman, a senior and co-founder of STUD. "You either have to climb the stairs or you have to leave Varner Hall and hope that Elliott Hall is unlocked and if it's not, you have to go to the Oakland Center. And this is all just to go to the bathroom."

Wigman was diagnosed with cerebral palsy shortly after birth. As a result, Wigman must use a motorized scooter to get around campus.

A resident in the student apartments, Wigman faces a series of challenges every day when leaving or returning to his apartment.

"The doors are very heavy and they're very difficult and there are no elevators in the student apartments," Wigman said. "Accessibility is an expensive thing ... we try and be as cognitive as possible when it comes to finances, but it still isn't any less frustrating when you can't get to class, can't use the bathroom, can't wash your hands or can't visit the recital hall."

One student's frustration

Sophomore Erin Sobetski experienced accessibility problems on campus from a different perspective after undergoing a series of surgeries because of a flat foot. Sobetski came to OU two years ago in a cast and on crutches. The day she moved into her dorm, she was in a walking boot.

After undergoing even more surgeries during the year, Sobetski was back in a cast and walking boot. Returning to campus two weeks after surgery, Sobetski was given a motorized scooter to help with her mobility on campus.

"Only one of my classes is on the first floor," Sobetski said. "In my building, I have to either go up a floor or down a floor to get to my room. At one point, the elevator in my building was broken, so I had to find somebody strong enough to carry me down the stairs so I could go to my room."

Sobetski had to find friends who would open doors for her, hold her plate in the



NICHOLE SEGUIN/The Oakland Post

Sophomore Erin Sobetski struggles to get around Oakland University campus after having multiple surgeries to fix her flat foot. She has been in a boot for months.

cafeteria and walk her to class.

"I always made sure I had a friend with me to hold the door open because sometimes, I couldn't hold it long enough to get my scooter through," Sobetski said.

Sobetski said that the strain on her mobility made her more aware about accessibility issues on campus.

On-campus assistance

STUD is the only disability student organization on campus and was created to help raise awareness about disabled issues on campus and not all of the members on the executive board have disabilities.

"What STUD does personally, for bringing these challenges to light, is we follow the procedure of Oakland University," Scott said. "We have to report it to the department of social services and they put an order and then from there it is handled and adjusted."

STUD hosts a variety of panel discussions each year where they discuss living with a disability and panel questions can

be answered. The organization is currently working toward implementing a mentoring program next semester to assist students with disabilities.

"We were able to accomplish a lot of things just like getting people aware of disabilities on campus. People in the community and on campus knew what STUD was ... it's just that kind of awareness and getting the word out," Wingman said.

STUD is holding their next meeting on Nov. 16 in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center from noon to 1 p.m.



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Staying S.A.F.E. and avoiding tickets

By **NICHOLE SEGUIN**

Features Editor

While driving to school one day before exams, the blue and red lights flashed in his rear-view mirror. With sweaty palms and increased awareness, he pulled over.

"I was running late for my intro to film exam, so I was speeding to class," Walter Hooper, a junior majoring in journalism, said. "The officer asked me the general questions, but let me go with a warning."

Originally started by the Auburn Hills police department in 2005, the city of Auburn Hills teamed up with the Oakland University police department in 2008 to produce and maintain safer roads.

The project, appropriately titled "Project S.A.F.E. Streets" (S.A.F.E. stands for Stop Accidents From Escalating), targets specific roads on particular days and times watching for certain traffic violations. Officers commonly examine a driver's speed, ability to stop at stop signs and how closely they

follow other cars. The program has decreased parking violations by 20 percent.

Recently, there was a three-day effort completed by the departments. During that time frame, officers administered 93 traffic stops and handed out 88 parking citations. Of those 88 citations, three of them were for text messaging while driving.

"We're really starting to crack down on texting and have been looking for it," OUPD Captain Mark Gordon, who has worked with the department for 22 years, said. "Be careful, because if you're caught doing it, you will get a ticket."

Though there are three to five days spread out for the patrolling, students and the general public are notified in advance before the officers start watching through announcements made available on the OUPD website.

While getting a ticket happens to everyone at some point in time, many people do not know how to act once pulled over, according to Emily Moore, a junior major-

ing in nursing.

Moore was pulled over for going 10 miles per hour over the speed limit while driving through her subdivision.

"I tried to fight the ticket because it was my first one, but it didn't work. Instead, I had to pay court fees and miss work to take a Saturday class instead. It was terrible and I cried a lot."

Randy Plante, a police officer in Utica, has dealt with various lawbreakers during his 11 years as a policeman.

Instead of being scared and panicking, Plante says it is important to make the stop as easy on the officer as possible so they do not perceive you as a threat to their own safety.

"When getting pulled over, your job starts as soon as the lights start flashing," Plante said. "Officers select a place that is safe for the both of you to pull over, so pull over as soon as they signal and don't try to find a better area."

According to Plante, a common mistake

made by most is that people getting pulled over automatically assume they are going to need to get out their license, registration and proof of insurance, so they dig for it instead of waiting until prompted.

"Not all officers ask for that information," Plante said. "If you get pulled over, just keep your hands on the wheel until further directed to do otherwise. It will put the officer at ease."

Gordon said that the worst thing a violator could do is get out of the vehicle to talk to the officer while they are processing the ticket.

"Be respectful to the officer," Gordon said. "The officer will explain what you got pulled over for, and if he doesn't, you have the right to ask. Just stay in your car and wait for him to come back."

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professor profiles

Weekly spotlight on OU professors

By AMY ECKARDT and
DAN FENNER

Staff Reporter and Senior Editor

From bar trivia questions to amusing anecdotes of real-life court trials to their tag-team classroom instruction, Sue and Cam Evans bring a unique approach to teaching journalism students how to avoid legal consequences when reporting.

The husband and wife duo are co-instructors of JRN 403, law of the press, which is required for all journalism majors. By dividing the lectures into segments and alternating who leads the discussion, they can successfully keep students engaged for full 3-hour and 20 minute weekly classes.

"They are an awesome team," said senior Gabrielle High. "They both bring some-

thing unique to the class lectures."

With class discussion topics that run the gamut, a typical class is filled with genuine laughter mixed with intensive legal jargon and court case studies.

While absorbing all of the material for the class can be a daunting task, the messages Sue and Cam try to convey are essential to any journalist's education before entering the professional world.

"I hope we are giving (students) tools for your toolbox," Sue said. "I hope we are conveying an excitement to you."

One of the highlights of the class is an assignment in which students attend a legal procedure at the U.S. District Court in Detroit.

Alumna Jennifer Wood said she expected a class titled "Law of the Press" to

be dry, but said the Evans addressed that in the first hour and made it fun by relating course material to current issues. She said she enjoyed "the way they bounce off each other" and how "she picks on him for liking Barry Manilow."

"By the end of the semester, it was my favorite class," Wood said.

The two of them agree that one of the best rewards of teaching this class is reading bylines by former students after they graduate and find jobs in journalism.

"Having different students with different perspectives help us grow as professionals," Cam said.

Both Cam and Sue are native Michiganders. Sue was raised in Troy while Cam grew up in Plymouth. While both graduated from the Wayne State University Law School, Cam completed his undergraduate at the University of Michigan and Sue is an alumna of the Oakland University Honors College.

Cam and Sue have been teaching JRN 403 for the past five years. Though this is the only class they teach, they are both extremely zealous about the topic. They hope to create a new advanced media law class to offer at OU for future semesters.



AMY ECKARDT/The Oakland Post
Sue and Cam Evans are unique for their tag-team teaching instruction for JRN 403.

Cam is an established partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz Cohn LLP in downtown Detroit and was named one of the "Best Lawyers in America" list for 2010 and 2011.

Sue, who used to work for some of Michigan's most prestigious judges, now is the co-owner of a Michigan-based publishing company called Mackinac Island Press. The company publishes children's books.

They are also avid OU basketball fans. As season ticket holders, their students can often spot them in the crowd during Golden Grizzlies games.

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Community showcases creative talent at Ferndale Film Festival

By NICHOLE SEGUIN

Features Editor

A man comes home to find his girlfriend in bed with his mom.

This is just one scene featured at the second annual Ferndale Film Festival, which was held Nov. 4-7 in downtown Ferndale.

Also known as F3, the event featured over three dozen films and will be extended throughout the year with monthly events like classes and workshops.

"Ferndale is a phenomenal place to be," Ruth Flynn, owner and casting director for Connective Casting LLC, said. "The filmmakers are positive and worked hard to be where they're at. The film community is well represented here."

The independent films — in all different genres from comedies and dramas to short films and animation flicks — were featured at diverse locations in downtown Ferndale.

Some films, along with a brunch that officially ended the festival on Sunday, were screened at Rosie O'Grady's. Treat Dreams, The Magic Bag, The Loving Touch, M-I Studios, Go Comedy, Ferndale Public Library and Blumz had additional showings of other films as well.

Treat Dreams, an ice cream shop in Ferndale, was home to a new feature for the festival this year, Film on Demand. This allowed people to come in and see films for free at a time that was convenient for them.

"Film on Demand brings people into businesses that generally wouldn't be there," Suzanne Janik, a member of the F3 board, said. "We bring people into the city to enjoy the city and experience the city and see what a creative community we have."

According to Janik, proceeds from the festival go to the Ferndale Youth Assistance and Midwest Aids Coalition.

"We're growing and getting a lot



NICHOLE SEGUIN/The Oakland Post
Go Comedy in Ferndale was one of the locations showing films over the weekend. Winners of the festival will be announced in February.

more interest," Janik said. "We're getting a lot of films from around the world and from around the city and state. The film industry is growing

"The film industry is growing in Michigan and a lot of people are expanding and making films."

— Suzanne Janik,
F3 board member

in Michigan and a lot of people are expanding and making films."

Marshall Montgomery, a managing partner for Trinity Film Coalition, said that she goes to F3 in order to show support for Michigan's blooming movie industry.

"Trinity has a film festival as well in various venues in Detroit, and everyone, including those here at F3, goes to both events to support each other," Montgomery said. "It's all film related and helps promote the filmmaking done in Michigan."

This year, the festival had a red carpet kickoff event on Thursday night at the Magic Bag. The event featured a director meet-and-greet.

"I just enjoy festivals, and loved the red carpet event," Christine Gilchrist, a film festival fan and former independent filmmaker, said. "I came specifically to this festival to see Robert Butler's films. Every film gets incrementally better and better as he continues."

With the festival, the Micro Mini challenge which allows directors to submit a movie in DVD format that is 300 seconds or less, was introduced.

Applicants are required to include a character whose occupation is being a lawyer named Greg Meihn and the film has to reference, represent or be filmed in Ferndale.

There is a \$20 registration fee and winners are announced in February.

Those interested in the Micro Mini challenge have until Feb. 16 to submit the films and are competing for a \$100 prize. Additional prizes for best use of character, best Ferndale representation and other categories are also awarded.

More information on F3 and the micro mini contest, as well as a list of video contest winners are available at the film festival's website,

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Bring on the global warming

Paper towels and vacuum cleaners make Michigan a tropical paradise

By **ROCCO TENAGLIA**
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If the recent weather scare — which, last time I checked, was classified as a Class 9 Double Tornado Cyclone X Triplicate — was a reminder to those of us living in the great state of Michigan, one thing is certain: The weather here sucks.

However, after eighteen years of hearing virtually everyone complain about my mitten-shaped state's infamous weather, I have decided that it's finally time to get off the worry-wagon and do something about it.

Now, I know what you're thinking: "Rocco, how are we going to make the temperature hotter or colder whenever we want to?" Well, to answer your question, we can't have both. So, let's take a vote. Who wants it to be cold all year?

Too bad, idiot, you can't boogie board in the winter, so heat it is. Now, let us commence Operation Warmer Mitten.

If you are an environmentalist, please put this paper down and walk away. I'll wait...

I can't believe they just threw the paper on the ground like that! Some environmentalist.

Okay, now that we've rid ourselves of those jokers, let's get down to brass tacks. I've always wanted to use that phrase, despite not knowing it's actual definition.

Making Michigan warmer year-round isn't going to be a walk in the park. It's definitely going to take some major changes

in the way us "Michiganders" go about our daily lives.

It starts in the home. If there is any hope at all for success, everyone must destroy their freezers. If we do this, ice cannot be created, thus putting an end to virtually all cold air. You stay outta this, scientists!

It all comes down to this: No freezers, no freezing weather. Use your brains folks; it's as simple as that.

Now, to address this whole, "rain" thing that people keep on babbling about. "Rain, rain, go away, come again another day," right?

Wrong. How about, "Hey rain, get the hell out of here and don't ever come back again. Ever."

Think about it, if a burglar came into your home and took all of your stuff, leaving you with only a Gameboy Color and a bag of Fritos, you wouldn't tell that perpetrator to get out of your house but come back another time; it's just common sense. Why would rain be any different? So, how will we take care of this problematic precipitation? We will, rather predictably, fill in the great lakes, and other bodies of water, with Bounty paper towel (none of that brown recycled stuff).

Without any water to evaporate into the clouds, all of the Cloud Wizards will no longer be able to conjure up any more rain.

On top of this, we can use this new land, where the lakes used to be, for more important things, like condos and a new arena for

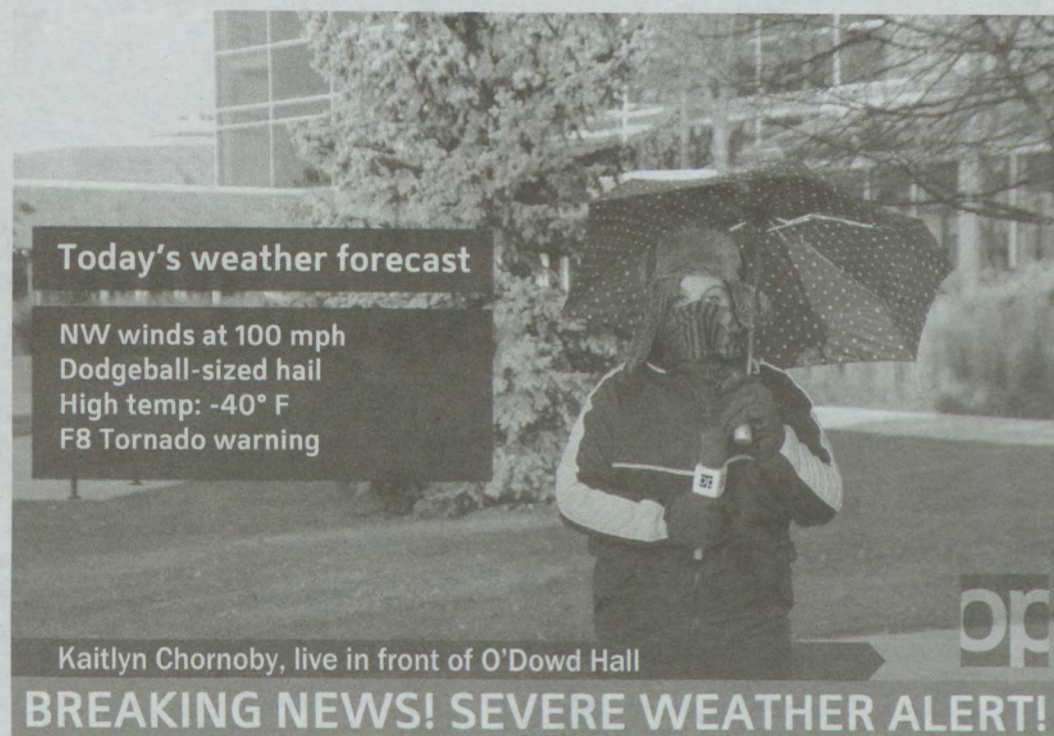


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"Buckle down for some nasty weather, because it's going to be one helluva ... nice autumn day, actually."

the Red Wings. They're called priorities, people. Get it together.

Without rain or cold weather, this state of ours is starting to sound an awful lot like a little place called paradise, but I'm not done just yet. If you thought this was already perfect, then you have overlooked a very important piece to the weather puzzle: wind.

Indeed, blustery winds have plagued Michigan for as long as anyone can remember. That is

why I have, of course, come up with a seemingly obvious solution to all of this. What's the best tool to fight blowing with? That's right chuckles; it's sucking. As in that of a vacuum. Seriously, filter your thoughts.

If we meticulously place vacuums all around the state, all of the wind will be sucked up and we can use it to power our cars or something else that would excite all of the hippies. It's time to start thinking greener-er.

If people follow these carefully-written guidelines, I'm pretty sure we can abolish the nasty weather that has made Michigan hard to live in for some of its population.

A lot of people may think that my ideas are a joke. Clearly, though, there is nothing funny about conquering Cloud Wizards and sucking up wind with vacuums.

Now, if we could just find another place to store ice cream and Hot Pockets.

By **RORY McCARTY**
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Thanksgiving comes every year and leaves us groggy, with unfastened belts, passed out in front of the television, watching the Lions lose.

But what it leaves in its wake is several weeks worth of leftover turkey sandwiches. Or in some cases, leftover turducken sandwiches.

For the uninitiated, a turducken is a de-boned chicken stuffed into a de-boned duck, stuffed into a de-boned turkey.

Food pioneers have constructed the turbaconducken, a turducken wrapped in bacon, and the turbaconduckenriblets, which is a turbaconducken with a beef riblet core.

Thanksgiving is an American tradition, and what's more American

than stuffing meat with meat? Besides maybe an explosion. A meat-based explosion.

Now you can take the Matroyshka doll of fatty foods and ensconce it in a setting of bread and ranch dressing.

They say that suicides increase significantly during the holidays. I'm inclined to agree, although I'm sure a good portion of those are accidental, sandwich-related suicides.



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