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CHI-PIE TIME// The women of Zeta Sigma Chi held a pie-throw outside of the Oakland Center to raise money for their sorority on Monday, Sept. 9. Passers-by were able to cream a sister for a dollar. The gig was just one of many events that have taken place during the festivities of Welcome Week.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What do you think of OU's residential parking?

- A Residents should have their own parking permits.
- B I believe in unregulated parking equality for all.
- C Pfff, what do I care? I'm not a resident!
- D They need to have more overnight lots by the dorms.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What are you most excited for this fall semester?

- A) Group projects, duh!
5.9%
- B) I-G-G-Y, baby! "Work" is my anthem.
23.5%
- C) Making more Golden Grizzly pals and memories.
35.3%
- D) Being one semester closer to graduation.
35.3%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

September 8, 1980

The Oakland Sail wrote an editorial warning of the ill effects of overcrowded dorms. It was the third consecutive year OU students new to residence halls were finding themselves tripled in rooms that were designed for two occupants.

September 10, 1989

A toilet in Hill House exploded. The air pressure, regulated automatically, had built up considerably and when a freshman girl flushed the toilet, it exploded, cutting the girl's foot and cutting the leg of another girl's mother who was nearby.

September 10, 2003

OU's Recreational Center loosened their dress code rules, allowing full back sleeveless shirts to be worn in the Rec Center. Previously, if Rec members were seen without the proper shirt, they would be asked to change their clothing or leave.

-Compiled by Jake Alsko, Web Editor



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Dennis Curry is the official carillon, or bell player, for Elliot Tower. Learn more about the man whose music will ring across campus.



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Former OU music student and new faculty member sees dream of introducing students to worldly music come true.

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September 11 edition

2,823

Number killed in attack on New York, in the Twin Towers and in aircraft that crashed into them

20

Distance, in miles, from which the burning towers were visible

\$9.5bn

Amount of Federal Aid New York received within two months

\$501 m

Amount collected by the September 11th Fund

150

Number of songs, including 'Ruby Tuesday' and 'Imagine', temporarily banned post- 9/11 for being 'lyrically questionable'

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't forget to remember

According to author Jill C. Wheeler, it's "the day that changed America."

It's the reason we must pack only three ounces of shampoo when planning for vacation; the catalyst behind the "freedom fries" movement.

It fueled America's anti-Islamic sentiment and began the "War on Terror": an endeavor our country still pursues as President Barack Obama prepares to speak on the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant this Wednesday night.

But do you remember where you were on the morning of September 11, 2001?

For the class of incoming Oakland University freshmen, the event is but a foggy first grade memory, distant and sheltered. We live in Michigan, not New York: many witnessed the plane crash terror through the lens of television, many of our families were not directly affected.

Thirteen years later, for too many, September 11 is just another day: an essay due date, a Thursday. Too

often, the 2,996 killed in the tragedy, the 5,700 who have died in post-9/11 wars, according to a recent study by the American University, remain unrecognized and underappreciated.

"To me, 9/11 reminds me of the cost of freedom worldwide that people are trying to achieve, but here in America we get to exercise freely to its maximum potential. That was jeopardized on that day," said Veterans Support Services Representative Jeffrey Schuett. "It reminds me that if we don't protect our freedom, we will eventually lose it."

We at *The Oakland Post* urge Oakland University students and faculty to take an active stance in remembering and reflecting on 9/11 this year, to remember those and the families of those lost in the event that altered American life as we know it.

We urge you to reflect on our privileges and responsibilities as Americans. Pay thanks to a veteran or attend a remembrance ceremony such as Oakland University's Center for Student Activities and Student Veterans Association's

tribute on September 11 between North and South Foundation Halls, specifically focusing on remembering and honoring the first responders between North and South Foundation Halls.

"It's an intimate and respectful ceremony," said Schuett. "It begins at 8:46 a.m. to commemorate the time when the first plane hit the Twin Towers."

In a country where, according to National Public Radio, "government trust is at an all-time low," and filibustering often replaces law-making, it is admittedly easy to become swept up in the political sandstorm, disenchanted with America as a whole. However, remembering the September 11 tragedy has no political affiliation, no liberal, conservative, or Green Party strings attached.

Remembering 9/11 is about remembering a collective loss of our country, a collective coming together. The date recognizes American resilience, human resilience.

"It affects everyone on a different scale," said Schuett. "But it affects us all."

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Corrections Corner

Last week, The Oakland Post misreported that voting for the new design of the Orena floor will close on January 1, 2015. Voting closes on January 31.

Oakland University Student Body President Annie Meinberg's name was misspelled as "Annie Meinburg." We apologize for any grievance these may have caused. 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.

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Letter to the Editor: 'I feel that my safety comes into question'

Concerned student questions if parking options for those who live on campus is not only fair, but safe

Meghan Ponka

Concerned Oakland University
student

I'm writing in regards to the poor parking in the Ann V. Nicholson apartments.

I understand that in campus housing, parking will be tight.

However I feel that it is not only unfair but unsafe that my choice for parking is either a badly lit, temporary parking or a new parking structure that is extremely far from my building.

The parking structure wouldn't be so bad even with the distance if not for the unreliable buses.

Just the other day around 10 p.m. I was told by the driver that

I was lucky to have gotten a bus.

Apparently, the next shift from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. had been cancelled due to the driver getting sick.

These are the times (11 p.m.- 3 a.m.) that I think buses are most needed for safe, reliable transportation.

Living on campus, tuition, books and other accessories that teachers require you to have is not a cheap, but it is an expense that I willingly pay with the expectation that my safety as well as my education is at the top of Oakland University's list of priorities.

I'm not looking for front parking; I'm not even looking for

close parking.

What I want is safe parking.

I want to be able to come from work at 11 p.m. and not have to worry about being attacked on my way to my apartment.

Honestly, the only way I can see this working is if the Nicholson parking lot is reserved for those who live there.

Guests should be made to walk, or get picked up and dropped off by the people they are visiting.

I should not be forced to put myself in dangerous positions so other people, those not paying to live on campus, can park closer to their friends/relatives' buildings.

Mandating parking passes is just one of the ways to fix things, but I believe it's the cheapest and easiest way.

I'm really scared that OU is waiting for someone to be attacked before they are forced to put plans for parking into motion when it should have been done years ago.

I, a single, young female feel that my safety comes into question every night I return home.

When I do need to park, there is no shortage of circumstances that I now find myself worrying about.

I always have to wonder if there will be parking in the apartment parking lot, if the

street lights be working, if anyone else will be out walking, if I have to park in the 'very dark' temporary parking lot or if there be a bus available to pick me up and drop me off from the parking structure.

These are not questions I should have to think about.

I pay to live in Nicholson apartments, and in that payment I should receive one parking spot.

A guaranteed parking spot, I think, is a very small amenity for both the women and men who live in the Nicholson apartments to allow them to feel safe to leave and arrive at all hours of the day or night.

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Campus

OUSC holds first fall meeting

Student Congress saved money from last year's budget, now has \$140,371.89

Andrew Wernette
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

The first Oakland University Student Congress meeting of the fall semester was held at 4 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center Monday, Sept. 8.

Student Body President Annie Meinberg and Vice President Liz Iwanski presided over the congress.

One of the first orders of business was to hear from Andrew Laux, a former OU legislator. Laux was hoping to regain his seat in the legislative committee for this semester.

"I've been very blessed at Oakland," he said. "I've had fantastic classes, I've had the opportunity to meet wonderful people."

Laux said he missed being a part of the Student Congress meetings because, according to him, "that's when real work gets done. That's where real progress happens."

Laux was approved unanimously to rejoin the legislature.

Next up, Student Services Director Kyler Johnson reported that students had been complaining about construction equipment being left on pathways and in front of doors. He told people to contact him if they see this.

Meinberg then mentioned that she wanted to begin giving away Scantron forms from the office again, as had been done in previous semesters.

Legislative Affairs Director Bria Ellis announced that a select number of the congress was headed to the Student Association of Michigan held at Michigan Technological University later in the week.

"It's pretty much like the whole state student congress," Ellis explained. "It's all 15 publicly funded universities coming together once a month, and we talk about different things going on on our campuses."

Ellis also said that she was hoping to start lobbying again for Senate Bill 408, which would give a tax break to Michigan college graduates who choose to stay and work in the state. The bill is currently

"I've been very blessed during my time at Oakland University."

Andrew Laux

Former OUSC legislator

stalled in reaching the State Senate.

In terms of financial standing, Financial Affairs Director Sam Harris said that this semester's budget for the Student Congress came with an unexpected carryover of \$39,629.29 from last year, bringing a total of \$140,371.89 to work with. Harris also repeated the news that students employed by the university were still allowed to work 25 hours a week, rather than the briefly-adjusted 20-hour bar that was previously set by authorities.

Oakland University Student Congress meetings occur every Monday at 4 p.m. and are currently located in the Gold Rooms. Everyone is free to attend them.

"What do you think about students parking in handicapped spots (when they aren't handicapped)?"



Grizzlies on the Prowl:



Tad Reiner, sophomore,
mechanical engineering

"It's easy to take advantage of the system."



Mariah Fabean, sophomore,
business

"It's not right, but I don't have an opinion on the people."



Leai Phillips, freshman,
elementary education

"I think it's rude and disrespectful."

— Compiled by Josh Soltman
Copy Editor

POLICE FILES

Suspicious circumstances at WXOU

Officers met with members of the WXOU radio station in the lobby of the police department July 28 at 11:40 a.m.

They complained in April and May that someone was selling tickets that were WXOU property for profit on Craigslist. The person was asking \$160 for two tickets. That person had been terminated from the station after the initial incident, according to WXOU.

A contest winner had tried to use her three tickets for Rock on the Range at the Palace July 23, but she was told by the staff that her tickets had already been scanned. WXOU workers believed that their ex-coworker had used the tickets for himself as he had received six from the distributor.

He was asked to meet with the assistant dean of students. He then denied stealing or using the tickets in question.

OUPD asked him to meet with them August 28. He has yet to do so.

Underage drinking at Ann V. Nicholson Apartments

OUPD were patrolling through the Ann V. Nicholson apartments when they spotted a male carrying an alcoholic beverage September 6 at 12:18 p.m.

Officers stopped him and he complied. They asked if he had been drinking, and he affirmed that. They asked what happened to the container, and he said he gave it to his friend. The male then explained that he was carrying a fifth of Yeager.

OUPD asked the male if he would take a breathalyzer test, and he agreed. He blew 0.12.

Officers issued a citation to him.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki
Chief Copy Editor

MySail app is moving forward

Oakland University's MySail app undergoes an extensive makeover with new 3.0 version

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

The average person checks their phone around 110 times per day, says the developers of Android screen-lock app, Locket. With so many aspects of daily life woven into our handheld devices, it's only fitting that mobile access to everything OU would be in high demand.

Now in its third version OU's increasingly popular MySAIL app has undergone an extensive makeover, improving speed, functionality, and user-friendliness—all with students in mind.

"This was a student driven

project in so many ways," OU CIO Theresa Rowe said, "[and] we're working with students and trying to make this app what students want it to be."

"We're always looking for ways to help students," Lori Tirpak, director of Enterprise Systems, said.

"A lot of our improvements over the years have been suggestions from students," Tirpak says, "[and] we have a big team of students who get many suggestions from their friends."

"The goal is long-term sustainability," Derderian said. "The options we're going with now have a better chance of being maintained long-term."

So what are those options?

Students can now enjoy a much enhanced user experience within the MySAIL app, thanks to the thoughtful addition of new operating features.

The 3.0 version was a complete rewrite, with the biggest change being the switch from web-based technology to "native" technology, meaning that MySAIL can now detect whether a user is on an iPhone, iPad or Android device, and it adjusts the interface.

Another welcome addition was a speed increase, which the team is pleased to say that they have accomplished.

"With the native solution, we do get a bigger speed improvement," Brandon Powell, professional and student, said.



Sam Schlenner / The Oakland Post

Now MySAIL is faster, more adaptive and ready to go to work.

"It's great to have the common needs of a student in your pocket," Andrew Clissold, student developer, said.

"It ties into email and Moo-

dle, which are services students use on a daily basis," Derderian said.

In addition, students can also enjoy the convenience of a campus map with location services, Bear Bus routes, and access to grades and schedules.

Tirpak said that students can also utilize the "what-if" analysis, enabling them to see what courses they've completed and how those courses fit into their current degree or with that of a different degree.

"We want to help students make connections," Rowe said, "[and] ultimately we want them to have access to services that they feel are important when they're mobile."

Oakland University carillon player: 'it's not just a new clock tower'

Sam Schlenner
Staff Reporter

Dennis Curry sits on a wooden bench in a room that is empty save six boxes, a chair, and a practice keyboard for the world's heaviest instrument.

It's called a carillon, and there's one in Elliott Tower. You can play it dynamically: softly, or, of course, loudly, depending on how hard you hit the batons. He hit it hard. Right now, the low C is merely a rattle.

Curry is an automotive engineer by day, and will be Oakland University's carillonneur, but not always at night.

"This operates almost like a piano. You get sharps and flats," Curry says. "You play with your feet as well." He demonstrates.

It is safe to say that he believes in Elliott Tower.

"I think the university

doesn't know yet what, what capability this musical instrument has. It's not just a tower. It's not just a building," says Curry.

Nancy Elliott was playing golf at Grand Valley State University, and she heard the bells of the Beckering Family Carillon Tower.

"So, she heard that in the distance and thought, 'Wow, that is great. That's what Oakland needs.' And in fact she's right. The tower is going to help transform the community. It's going to build a community."

The dedication of Elliott Tower is Sept. 19 at 4 p.m. Curry says it will be a big deal.

There will be speeches and thank you's, and one thing which Curry seems more excited about:

"There will be a musical offering."

Curry will be up in the tower and the OU Brass Band will be on the ground.

"They'll see something. But now, it's speaking. It's going to be the voice of the university."

Dennis Curry
Carillon Player

"And we'll try to play together," says Curry. "We'll see how that works."

Provost James Lentini, who holds a doctorate in music, has composed a piece for the opening. It is called "Ulysses' Sail."

"A sail is one of the icons of Oakland University," Curry says, speaking of the logo. "And Ulysses' boat's sail carried him all over the place, and this was Matilda Dodge Wilson's favorite story. The story of The Odyssey, of Ulysses."

Curry will give the first public performance of the piece at the dedication. That's not all.

"We have a surprise at the



Sam Schlenner / The Oakland Post

Dennis Curry, Oakland University's carillon player, sits down and shares his excitement about Elliott Tower's 350 year old carillon.

very end of the thing, and I won't give you details, but stay tuned, there will be a special surprise for the Elliott's."

This is the last carillon by the 350 year old Royal Bellfoundry of Petit & Fritsen, a Dutch company that goes back 16 generations. They were bought out by a rival, said Curry.

Elliott Tower is 151 feet tall. The same height as the Statue of Liberty.

"What the Elliott's have

done, what the donors have done, is created a landmark for the university. It's the focal point, now," says Tim Verdin of the Verdin Company, who installed the carillon and the clock. He says it's the most recognizable thing on eastbound University Drive.

But it's not just a sight.

"They'll see something," says Curry. "But now, it's speaking. It's going to be the voice of the university."

Eating fresh is now easier than ever before



Katherine Cagle/The Oakland Post

Andrew Willows, resident district manager for Chartwells, proudly displays the new menu.

Student Organic Farm Program grows produce for new food court

Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

You may have noticed that the lounge located in the lower level of Vandenberg Hall has disappeared and been transformed into what is now a dining hall. Yes, another dining hall.

Many may wonder why it was necessary to build this when the campus is filled with places to eat. However, replacing the pool table and big screen TV for an eating area may not have been such a bad idea. It offers new and healthier eating options for students.

One thing that makes this area serving breakfast, lunch and dinner so different is the "Terra Ve" station. This is a vegan and vegetarian station where students can enjoy fresh produce and healthy meals. It is said that in the future this part of the dining area will feature organic products

from the student organic farm.

"This is a partnership that we want to introduce and feature," said, Gerald Gatto, resident district manager of Chartwells at Oakland University. It's a really good selling point for the farm and a great opportunity for us to use organic foods.

Now, produce is brought to OU six days a week. Gatto explained that it may be difficult to get enough of the products they need from the student organic farm during the school year.

"We have to see what kinds of products are available from the farm during that time," Gatto said. "We haven't really identified what we are going to use yet."

However, there is still an interest in bringing the organic produce from the farm into the dining hall. The products are to be used for catering as well.

"This plan is to be associated with our hoop house produce once it is up and running," OU professor Fay Hansen said.

Although the dining hall in Vandenberg is not yet featuring the organic farm products just yet, it will be a new and refreshing experience for students looking to eat healthy.

"We are all excited about making this happen in time," Hansen said.

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Michigan law: EpiPens required in schools

Teachers can now administer epinephrine to students in emergencies

Jasmine French
Staff Reporter

School staff has now been granted the authorization to assist its students in case of a medical emergency. This school year, Epinephrine Auto-Injector Public Act 186 and 187, a Michigan law, requires public schools to have at least two injectors per building. This law is applied only to K-12 grade students and those on school grounds who have anaphylactic reactions.

The School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act was passed in 2013 by President Obama so that states may adopt laws requiring schools to have the injectors.

What is it?

Epinephrine is a medication that acts rapidly to improve breathing and heart stimulation. The drug also reverses hives and reduces swelling of the face lips and throat.

The Oakland Post spoke with Nancy Jansen, director of the Graham Health Center.

"It's true that deaths have occurred from students not being treated as soon as possible during an allergic reaction," Jansen said. "It's important for younger students, when away from parents, to be treated immediately when life threatening emergencies occur."

Jansen added that it falls under the same category as when a student is having an asthma attack.

OU athletes and EpiPens

College athletic trainers get authorization from student athletes to treat them in case of an emergency. "Everyone on the teams are over 18, so students supply us with their EpiPens," Thomas Ford, Oakland's athletic trainer, stated. According to Ford, newer EpiPens are also made smaller, compared to the older ones, which makes them easier to carry and use.

Who is certified in schools?

According to Cynthia Edwards, a school teacher at Precious Pearls Child Development, located in Detroit, teachers have to be authorized by students' parents. Staff members are to be trained on how to properly use the EpiPen. Nurs-



Jasmine French / The Oakland Post

Thomas Ford, an athletic trainer, is given EpiPens from student athletes with allergies.

es may train staff and when EpiPens expire, they must be replaced for the subsequent school year.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 applies to health conditions, including life-threatening allergies. The law protects the rights of individuals with disabilities who are in a program, such as public schools, activities, or institutions of higher education, that receive federal financial aid.

"Before and after school programs by law must have EpiPen containers," Edwards said. "The authorization from parents must also be signed and dated to use the injector on their children who have allergies."

If a school does not have a policy on anaphylaxis, a parent may request a 504 plan, which documents accommodations for a child's specific needs. This may include how to detect and treat the allergy.

Schools may go to private sources to obtain funding for epinephrine auto-injectors, but the EpiPens 4 Schools program, from Mylan Specialty, distributes free EpiPens for schools that meet qualifications.

Elementary, middle and high schools has to be administered liability. Life threatening allergies for college students are handled differently.

"Students every other month come in with allergic reactions," stated Nancy Jansen, Graham Health Center director. Nancy also added that college students with a history of allergic reactions should carry an epipen prescription.

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OUPD appoints first, youngest female lieutenant

Chief of Police Mark Gordon promotes OUPD officer

By Sean Miller
Staff Reporter

Usually in a workforce, when someone moves up the ladder, he or she leaves the position vacant. When Mark Gordon was appointed the new chief of police at the Oakland University Police Department (OUPD) earlier this year, he made sure this didn't happen.

Gordon extinguished his old position as captain, and created a new lieutenant position for OUPD.

After conducting a long search and interview process, former OUPD officer Nicole Thompson was appointed as

OUPD's new lieutenant. Since her promotion, she has gained more responsibility in supervising the operations of sergeants and officers.

Family tradition

Thompson has been familiar with law enforcement since birth. She could never picture herself doing anything other than being a police officer.

Her father was a police officer. She grew up admiring him and his work, and she always aspired to become a police officer.

After she graduated high school, Thompson attended Michigan State University and received her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She then went to Ferris State University for police training shortly after.

After her training, Thompson found herself at the Oakland University Police Department, and has worked there for the

past nine years. During her time at Oakland she received a master's degree in public administration.

Protecting OU

Being in a university setting instead of a city police force has its differences, but it isn't always just dealing with students' bad behavior, according to Thompson. Every once in a while the OUPD has to deal with some serious cases.

"One of my most memorable arrests happened at the main entrance circle drive. There was a car driving the wrong way so I pulled them over to see what was going on. It turned out the driver didn't have a license and the passengers were wanted for various crimes as well. The car contained an unregistered gun and drug paraphernalia. All three people in the car were arrested on the scene," said



Courtesy of OU Communications & Marketing

Former OUPD officer Nicole Thompson fills her new position as lieutenant.

Thompson.

Every year Oakland University gets a new population of students. This brings new challenges to OUPD that municipal police stations may not deal with. Their communities never really change, unlike in a University setting, in which they change every year.

"I enjoy getting new students on campus. I like not having a

set routine in my job and not knowing what tomorrow will bring me," said Thompson.

Thompson is the first and youngest female to become a lieutenant for the Oakland University Police Department.

She strives to make the campus a safe community for students and visitors alike.

"It was an opportunity I just couldn't pass up," she said.

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Many OU students have been parking in handicapped lots, not leaving enough space for students with wheelchairs to maneuver, according to junior Ize Spielman.

Person with disability speaks out on parking situation: 'some of us don't have a choice'

Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

Every day Ize Spielman, a junior Japanese major, drives to Oakland University three days a week from Harrison Township. She wakes up at 5 a.m. and makes it to campus around 8 a.m. in order to secure a good parking spot.

She then gets out of her car, uses her cane to get to the left side of her vehicle, takes out her wheelchair, unfolds it, swings it around, hops in, and wanders OU until her 9:20 a.m. class begins.

It isn't always this easy. If Spielman doesn't arrive earlier, the situation is usually much different.

This is because other students keep taking the handicap spots she needs, or parking partially on the dividing lines at the side of each spot.

"That divider between that (handicap spot) and other lots is for me to get my wheelchair out," Spielman said. "I don't think people really understand - it's not the extra 200 feet, it's that open

availability. I can get out of the door, I just can't get my chair."

Unless she arrives to campus early, Spielman said she has had difficulty finding wide open space nearly every time she has parked. When that happens, she has to pull her car back out into the lot, pull her chair out and hope no-one hits her \$400 wheelchair while she pulls the car back into the spot.

"Some of us don't have a choice," Spielman said. "I had to go almost a mile in my chair. I had to go from South Foundation Hall all the way up to Human Health Building in my chair because there was no parking."

Another thing she said she struggles with is the elevators.

While each building on campus has an elevator, Spielman said she has had to wait almost 17 minutes for an elevator because of other people using them and not making room for her.

"You can take the stairs. You can maybe scrunch up. It's a little uncomfortable, but you have to realize,

"When it's not the parking, or when it's not the elevator, people are great. I just wish they had that same consideration for the parking and the elevator."

Ize Spielman
Junior, Japanese major

some of us don't have a choice... You don't have a cane, you don't have a chair; you've got Grandma's tag."

Spielman said she doesn't want to target or burn anyone - she just wants to raise awareness.

"When it's not the parking, or when it's not the elevator, people are great," Spielman said. "I just wish they had that same consideration for the parking and the elevator."

Kevin Li, a junior journalism student, said he doesn't generally encounter these problems, but notices

that "People are polite - I'm not sure if they're nice, per say, but most people are polite."

He has cerebral palsy and is also confined to a chair. What people don't seem to understand, he said, is that the bulk of his problems are with his ability to walk and move.

"I would just say that not everybody with a disability is mentally disabled," Li said. "It seems like a lot of people are hesitant to talk to me for whatever reason... I don't mind talking with people."

Students in similar situations can share their experience with the OU Police Department or with the Office of Disability Support Services (103A North Foundation Hall - 248.370.3266).

Learn more about Disability Support Services at oakland.edu/dss.

Contact Managing Editor Kaylee Kean at managing@oaklandpostonline.com.



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1. An assortment of delicious apples

2. Grains, granolas, and oats! Oh my!

3. Healthy and ripe green and yellow peppers

Photos by Shannon Wilson



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To be healthy is to be happy

Making health-driven food choices on campus doesn't have to be hard

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

It's the second week of the semester and we're feeling it.

We're busy and, for many of us, nutrition takes a backseat ride as we cruise through our first few weeks on campus.

"College is a place where you're often set up for food fail-

ure," Chelsea Hunter, health coach, said in an interview with Teen Vogue. And with OU's buffet-style Vandenberg dining hall, forever-favorite Subway and Starbucks Coffee on campus, it's not hard to see where Hunter is coming from.

"It's all about balance," Gerald Gotto, Chartwells Resident district manager, said. "You can still have 'fun' while taking

care of yourself."

OU has a lot of choices—some nutritious and some just plain delicious (think Chick-fil-A).

Yes, you can have pizza and brownies every single night at Vandenberg, but consider this: if you're going to indulge, wouldn't you want it to be the best indulgence you could find?

It's a little known fact that fruits like apples can last up to two weeks without refrigeration. Hunter said those should be dorm room staples.

In addition to fresh fruits, consider adding a big bag of mixed nuts, rice cakes, dried fruit, and almond or peanut

butter to your shopping list.

Vandenberg is a favorite campus spot to grab a bite to eat for many reasons: it has a lot of variety, and it is buffet-style.

"This year, we've got two different dining halls with two different menus," Gotto said.

Each menu board is posted outside of the upstairs and downstairs Vandenberg eateries, so that students don't have to swipe their cards and realize that what's to offer isn't to their liking.

Gotto explained that there is an extensive menu rotation in place.

"We don't replicate things," he said, and he also reminds

us that nutrition information is available at each meal station, so we can stay on track.

This rotation of choices keeps things fresh and interesting for residents who may be eating a majority of their meals in the dining hall.

"Students want healthier choices, and that drives our menu," Gotto said. "We were getting produce two to three times a week, and now it's six times a week."

OU students aren't just excelling in the classroom, but in the dining hall as well, pushing Chartwells to provide healthier, more nutritious options for OU students with their hunger for healthy.



Students enjoy the carnival hosted by the Student Program Board on Monday night. The carnival featured clowns and balloons, food, rides and other fun things. Later that night, Student Video Productions hosted an outdoor showing of "The Conjuring."



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Photo by Katherine Cagle

(LEFT) Students finish moving into the dorms.

(RIGHT, BELOW) Shortly after the Involvement Fair, students were gathered at Hamlin Circle for the Fall Fever Food Fest. Local businesses set up tables and gave out samples of food, coupons, menus, and promotional items. A week later, SPB hosted a carnival with more food, fun and rides.



WELCOME BACK

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Students get pumped during Welcome Week

As school starts at Oakland University, parking lots overflow, students race to classes, traffic jams up, and Welcome Week begins.

Welcome Week at OU is a huge celebration for students and faculty to begin the school year, according to Jean Ann Miller, Director for Student Activities and Leadership Development.

Miller said she is very excited for what the week has to offer to the campus community.

"Welcome Week gets bigger and bigger every year and there is always more to come," she said.

Throughout this week, there are many events that range from bonfires to open mic nights to pig roasts.

"The carnival was fun, I like all the bouncy things, and there was a photo booth and that was pretty cool," senior Aakeeb Amin said.

While there is a range of events, nothing is more exciting than the Iggy Azalea and MAGIC! concert at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Freshman Meghan Radoicic has purchased her tickets and is ready for the concert.

"I really like Iggy and I like MAGIC! too, and the concert will be a lot of fun and I'm really excited," Radoicic said.

In addition to welcome week events, there are many other

activities for incoming freshmen, transfer students and returning students. From yoga and kickboxing classes at the Recreation Center to an exhibit at Meadow Brook Hall, there is something available for everyone.

Meadow Brook Hall

The Dodge Brothers Exhibit, which is happening every weekend through October, takes a look inside the lives of John and Horace Dodge, the men behind the Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company. The exhibit will include the men's own vehicles, as well as an authentic Dodge Brothers vehicle manufactured in 1915. The exhibit costs \$10 per person.

Meadow Brook Theatre

Upcoming shows at the theatre include Around the World in 80 Days, (starting October 1), a comedy about an explorer determined to travel around the world in 80 days after making a bet. Also showing at the theatre is A Christmas Carol (starting November 14), a story about a man visited by three ghosts who change his attitude on life and Christmastime.

Katke-Cousins Golf Course

Full-time students are able to golf at discounted prices. The Rick Smith Golf Academy offers individual lessons on the course for all skill levels. Also located on the course is Finnegan's Pub & Grille, open Tuesdays through Saturday for lunch and dinner.



Located under a giant tent in the P-16 lot was the Involvement Fair. Dozens of student organizations had booths lined up in rows, and volunteers handed out informational pamphlets and free goodies for Oakland Students. T-shirts, daily planners, and candy were some of the items handed out.

NAME THAT ORG

STORY BY PHILLIP JOHNSON DESIGN BY KELLY LARA

If you have ever traveled through the basement of the Oakland Center, you may have noticed a handful of students working in various offices. They are members of the Student Activity Fee Assessment Council (SAFAC) organizations, working diligently to make your campus the best it can be. The seven SAFAC organizations, (also known as directly-funded orgs), are the heavy hitters for involvement on Oakland's campus, and are the groups that receive a small percentage of your tuition. The most important thing to know about these orgs is that each has a huge impact, and each provide great opportunities to have fun and make your college experience more than memorable.

Oakland University Student Congress

Student Congress consists of your elected representatives on campus. It is composed of nine executive officers and 21 legislators. Its purpose is to pass initiatives, provide services, and forward complaints to the OU administration. OUSC is responsible for initiatives such as: the 24-hour library, Free Scantron program, hydration stations, and also the Student of the Month parking spot.

Student Program Board

The Student Program board is known across campus for providing high-dollar entertainment at an affordable rate for all students. SPB puts on the largest shows and widest variety of entertainment to liven up the lives of the students. They are responsible for the New York trips, spring concerts, Winter Casino Night, and the Fall Carnival. Be sure to check out their upcoming trips and the Iggy Azalea concert this Friday.

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Student Video Productions

Student Video Productions is Oakland University's very own TV production station. It is responsible for providing film coverage of OU events and also producing shows created by students. SVP shows students the ropes when it comes to filming, film editing, and running a station. Find out more at <http://www.oakland.edu/outv/svp>.

WXOU

If you have ever wanted to be a DJ, or host a morning radio show, WXOU might be just the thing for you. Our very own grizzly radio station airs a wide variety of programming, including talk shows, music channels, and trivia shows. All are student run. They have also won college radio station of the year two times in a row. Tune in at wxou.org or 88.9 FM.

Student Activities Funding Board

Responsible for funding all other 250+ student orgs on campus, the Student Activities Funding Board is the funding arm of SAFAC and housed under Student Congress. In addition, SAFB consults with student orgs to help make their event a success. It is composed of seven executive board members with students from a variety of majors.

Club Sports

Club sports provides funding and support to the 24 clubs and hundreds of students that participate in them. Whether you are looking for something as playful as Quidditch or something more rough and tumble like rugby, club sports is sure to have a program for you. Don't have a favorite? You can try starting your own. Notable club sports teams include womens lacrosse, football club, and ice hockey.

Head coach Jeff Tungate releases upcoming schedule

Women's basketball cements 2014-15 opposing teams

Joseph Bach
Staff Reporter

Oakland University's women's basketball head coach Jeff Tungate announced the 2014-15 non-conference schedule last Wednesday.

Tungate was particularly excited about this schedule, telling OU News that "This should really prepare us for Horizon League play. With four Power 5 Schools, it will provide us a great opportunity to showcase our program nationally."

A schedule like this will go a long way in achieving goals set by new Athletic Director Jeff Konya. In his inaugural press conference he pledged to strive to surpass the ceiling of success we face here at Oakland and

instituting a strong non-conference schedule to garner national attention should certainly help achieve Oakland brand awareness.

The season will not be a breeze by any stretch of the imagination. This schedule sets them up to face a number of teams that made post-season appearances, including a Michigan State team that advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The increase in strength of schedule has the student body excited to see the lady Grizzlies in action this year. Oakland students Matt Martin and Brandon Hall admittedly could count the number of games they had been to on one hand, although this year's new schedule actually has them looking forward to quite a few of their games.

When informed about the new non-conference schedule, Martin said, "I'm more excited to see Oakland versus these big name schools, even if they're not ranked if only to see them

on the same court as Michigan State and Indiana."

When talking about last year's game against Tennessee, Hall said, "A lot of people saw that game, because it was the Vols." Over 10,000 were in attendance at the game, not to mention the television exposure that comes with playing teams ranked in the nation."

With pre-season ranked #20 Michigan State on the schedule and according to OU News five other teams to make it to post season play last year, the Grizzlies face a schedule that excites Tungate, and he continued to tell OU News "this should really prepare us for Horizon League play."

Contact Staff Reporter Joseph Bach at jpbach@oakland.edu.

UPCOMING GAMES

- 11/ 23 Chicago State
- 11/28 Miami (Ohio)
- 11/20 Indiana
- 11/14 Miami (Florida)
- 11/26 Michigan State
- 12/28 Central Michigan
- 12/6 Ball State
- 12/17 Texas-Corpus Christi
- 12/23 IPFW
- 1/2 Dartmouth



Men's Basketball

Sept. 3: Oakland University men's basketball will hold open tryouts on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 10-11 a.m. inside the O'rena. The tryouts are only open to full-time Oakland students that are enrolled in Fall 2014. All potential walk-ons MUST complete the following prior to trying out:

1) Download the "New Athlete" medical forms available on OUGrizzlies.com.

2) Fill out necessary paperwork.

3) Obtain a physical by a licensed physician within the last year.

4) Bring a copy of your class schedule to prove full-time enrollment.

5) Bring the appropriate insurance information, proof of physical and all other paperwork to the tryouts.

For more information, please e-mail assistant coach Brandon Weems at weems@oakland.edu.

Cross Country

Sept. 6: Both the Oakland University men's and women's cross country teams finished fifth at the 28th Annual Running Fit-Detroit Titan Cross Country Invitational at Cass Benton Park. Alex West finished 22nd with a time of 21:25.01 in the men's four-mile race while Abby Bringard placed 26th in the women's 5K at 19:42.51. The OU cross country teams travel next to Kenosha, Wisconsin Saturday, Sept. 13 for the UW-Parkside Midwest Open.

-Compiled by Jake Aisko

Can't wait till Wednesday?

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Game on, Grizzlies

New homecoming festivities to take place on campus this year at Oakland

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

This year will mark the beginning of something new, as Oakland University's homecoming festivities will now be on the weekend of a football game instead of a basketball game.

OU will be taking on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers on Saturday, Sept. 20 at noon. The game will be held at the Auburn Hills Civic Center Park in Auburn Hills and will be the team's second game of the season after playing at Concordia University on Sept. 7.

OU used to have a slightly different schedule than other major universities, with the homecoming weekend originally being in January. The homecoming game was traditionally a basketball game, but this year OU is starting what it hopes to be a new tradition as the football club will host the homecoming game.

This is the football club's second season, but now that it has started to establish itself, the team sees this season as the year where it can begin a tradition. President of the football club, Nicholas Bongers, hopes that the football game being the school's homecoming game will continue that growth.

"The club considers this a historic game, and the first

homecoming game in OU history. It will be one to remember," says Bongers.

There will also be tailgates happening at the football field before the game as well. The OU Bachelor of Integrated Studies program will be hosting an Integrative Studies Alumni tailgate from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. that will feature free food, beverages, and raffles.

The football game is not the only event happening on homecoming weekend, however. There are plenty of events for students to attend throughout the weekend.

Athletic events start Friday night as a four-team volleyball tournament starts with OU facing Bowling Green State University.

Other events include a men's soccer alumni game and the Alumni Reunion at the Russi Board Room.

Events happening all day Saturday start with the Elliot Cup, which features the OU men's golf team taking on the alumni. Other events include the continuation of the volleyball tournament, men and women's swimming and diving alumni meet, and men's soccer game versus Incarnate Word.

More information can be found on the OU football club's Facebook page and at ougrizzlies.com.

Homecoming game schedule:

Friday, Sept. 19:

5:00pm Volleyball Tournament - Oakland vs. BGSU

7:30pm Volleyball Tournament - Robert Morris vs. UC Irvine

Saturday, September 20th

8:00am Elliott Cup - OU Men's Golf vs. Alumni (36 holes on both courses)

10:00am Baseball Alumni Golf Outing - Devils Ridge Golf Course

Volleyball Tournament - UC Irvine vs. BGSU

11:30am 1964 Class in Session: Athletics History - Paul Rice/TBD

12:00pm Softball Alumni Game - Softball Field

1:30pm Softball Alumni Reunion BBQ - Softball Field

2:00pm University Tailgate and BBQ in Parking Structure

3:00pm M/W Swimming & Diving Alumni Meet

5:00pm Men's Soccer Game - Oakland vs. The Incarnate Word

Volleyball Tournament - BGSU vs. Robert Morris

7:30pm Volleyball Tournament - Oakland vs. UC Irvine

8:00pm Men's Soccer Alumni Reunion - Red Ox

Sunday, September 21st

9:30am Elliott Cup - OU Men's Golf vs. Alumni (18 holes on Katke)

10:00am Softball Fall Tournament - UM Dearborn vs. OCC

12:00pm Softball Fall Tournament - OU vs. OCC

1:30pm Baseball Alumni Game and Reunion - Baseball Field

2:00pm Softball Fall Tournament - OU vs. UM Dearborn

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RB	LeSean McCoy, Phi RB	MOVE	@Ind	Mon 8:30	20	11.5	11.5	11.5	19.1	16th	100.0	100.0	+0
RB	Montee Ball, Den RB	MOVE	KC	Sun 4:25	13	14.3	14.3	14.3	15.2	9th	100.0	100.0	+0
WR	Cordarrelle Patterson, Min WR	MOVE	NE	Sun 1:00	4	18.8	18.8	18.8	14.2	8th	63.5	100.0	+0
WR	Brandin Cooks, NO WR	MOVE	@Cle	Sun 1:00	8	15.5	15.5	15.5	11.2	28th	11.4	62.7	-11.6
TE	Jason Witten, Dal TE	MOVE	@Ten	Sun 1:00	42	1.4	1.4	1.4	10.1	26th	98.9	100.0	+0
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Bench	Tony Rome, Dal QB	MOVE	@Ten	Sun 1:00	29	9.2	9.2	9.2	15.7	6th	27.1	96.1	-3.9
Bench	Fred Jackson, Buf RB	MOVE	Mia	Sun 1:00	33	7.4	7.4	7.4	12.2	17th	11.5	100.0	+0
Bench	Jordan Matthews, Phi WR	MOVE	@Ind	Mon 8:30	62	3.7	3.7	3.7	1.8	5th	0.5	2.2	-6.5
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Screenshot of ESPN Fantasy Football League

ESPN's is a popular option for fantasy football players. Week 1 of the NFL season saw many unexpectedly close matchups, leaving many players either ecstatic, or disappointed.

Living in a fantasy world

Fantasy football is a big part of many people's lives during the fall, OU students are no exception

Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

With the kickoff to the NFL season last week, another fall of fantasy football has begun for those of us not quite talented enough to play the real sport. The game, fantasy football simply involves picking players and scoring points based off those players' accumulated stats.

But it's not nearly as simple as it sounds. People devote their lives, and every fall Sunday, to the craft.

The game has a pretty broad following from coast to coast. According to the Fantasy Sports Trade Association (FSTA), the number of people participating in the game was 41 million. Yes, million. That's about ten percent of the U.S. population. And according to the FSTA, players are 80 percent male with an average age of 34.

The site also noted that about 52 percent of those players are unmarried, possibly indicating that the game has effectively replaced Dungeons and Dragons as the fantasy game of choice for eligible bachelors.

Here at Oakland University, the following appears to be greater in numbers than ever. The kickoff last Thursday featured on NBC could be streamed live online for free, something many students took advantage during night classes.

Students mentioned that their Thursday night classes were riddled with laptop screens streaming football games, with them clearly not paying attention. OU student Lauren Peralta said specifically that she hasn't seen so much of the game on campus activity but she has online.

"My Facebook feed was flooded with people posting about football this entire weekend," Peralta said. She also mentioned that her brother, an OU grad, participated in a league with his friends, so she heard plenty already.

At least four members of the Oakland Post staff are active participants in fantasy football. Austin Puckett, the Sports Director at WXOU says they actually have a ten-team league at the radio station.

"We are all really into it over here but I don't really talk about it outside of the radio station," Puckett said.

Several other students, who asked to remain

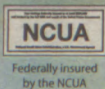
anonymous, readily admitted to live streaming the Lions game on Monday night during their classes. "I wasn't about to miss our first class meeting but I also had to watch the game. It was so hard to resist standing up and celebrating when Calvin Johnson caught the long touchdown" said one source.

Another said their professor let them out a few minutes early because "he wanted to drink a beer and watch Monday Night Football." One of the students even admitted that he lost \$1,300 dollars playing fantasy football last year. "It's serious business" he said.

Fantasy football isn't just limited to students, however. Both administrators and professors play the game. Neal Ruhl, the current Basketball Broadcaster for OU and former student, suggested that fantasy football is extremely prevalent among administration.

When asked if he does fantasy football, his response was "Who doesn't?"

While many may scoff at the word "fantasy," every Sunday is another day of work for players of the game.



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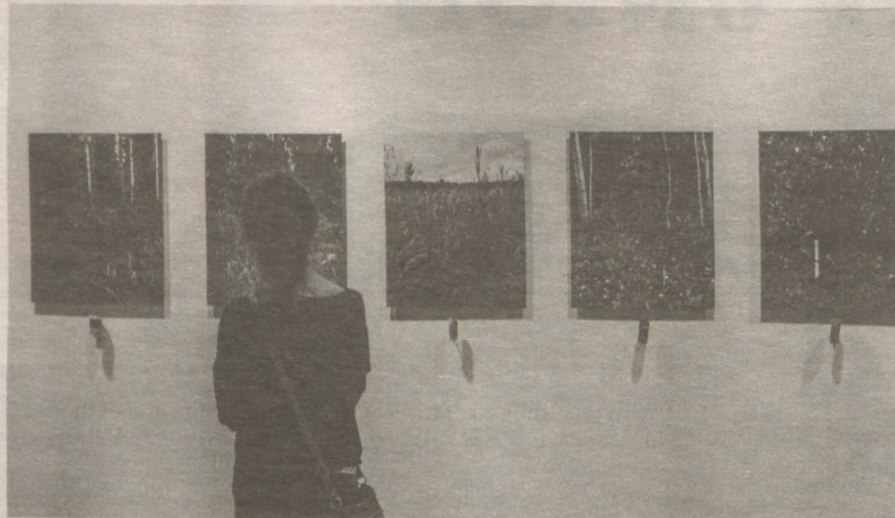
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Oakland's art gallery kicks off new season



Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

"Kaiho" in Finnish means a "feeling melancholia for a lost paradise."

*Faculty exhibit
photos of Finland, pro-
vides fresh perspectives*

Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

The opening exhibitions of the season at the Oakland University Art Gallery (OUAG) take visitors through the work of two artists who play on diverse backgrounds in their displays.

The exhibitions opened Saturday, Sept. 6 and will continue through to Sunday, Oct. 5.

"We have around 100 people a day come in here," Dick Goody, director of the Oakland University Art Gallery, said.

While walking through the OUAG, one encounters two completely different styles of work. Starting with "Kaiho," photographs by Susan E. Evans, it then transitions into "Memory Palace," consisting of paintings and codices by Sally Schluter Tardella. Both of the artists are faculty from the Department of Art and Art History.

Entering the gallery, you first come across Evans's photographs. In discovering her maternal ancestors came from Finland, she was inspired to capture shots of the Finnish countryside. These snapshots create a sense of longing for a place, because they appear as if you are looking through a window into the scenery.

As you step deeper into the gallery, one notices the colorful paintings by Tardella. They appear almost like a floor plan hanging on the wall. Looking closely, you realize the thick layer of paint built up on-



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Sally Schluter Tardella uses her memory to paint her work.

"I would like people to look a bit differently at the ordinary and every day of their surroundings," Tardella said. "Even the most mundane aspects of a building, such as an air vent, floor or room can resonate with meaning."

Laid out in the middle of the exhibition are her codices filled with drawings.

"I am both excited and honored to have my work in this exhibition," Tardella said.

However, preparing for the exhibitions was not an easy task. Due to both artists' work being so different, it was challenging to figure out the best ways to display each piece.

"The trouble is that if you are doing an exhibition of two people who really have nothing to do with each other, other than they are both artists, the best thing to do is to build them separately because each experience is different from the other," Goody said.

Now that the gallery is open for the season, visitors are welcome to unwind in a relaxed environment. Additional events include Evans speaking about her work on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at noon.

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Former OU music student's dreams pan out perfectly

OU faculty member indulges students in worldly music

By Sean Miller
Staff Reporter

Patrick Fitzgibbon, an Oakland University graduate and now OU faculty member, lives his life following his passion for music.

However, the music he enjoys probably wouldn't find its way onto your playlist. Fitzgibbon enjoys the music of the world. From Indian to Caribbean to African, he listens to it all.

Education and experience

After he graduated from Michigan State University in 2005, Fitzgibbon came to OU to study world music under the direction of Mark Stone. Oakland University has a strong world music program in which students can learn about different music from all around the globe.

"Before I came to OU, I lived in Los Angeles for a while, spent some summers on cruise ships playing with the bands, studied Carnatic music in India, and became more and more interested in different worldly musics," said Fitzgibbon.

In 2012, he graduated from OU with a masters degree in music performance with a concentration in world music. During his time at OU, Fitzgibbon traveled to Trinidad, played at various conferences and conventions, and did a study abroad trip to Ghana to study African traditional and religious music.

"Time-wise, everything just kind of worked out. After I graduated, Oakland offered me a job teaching world music and I love it," said Fitzgibbon.

Musical manifesto

For the past few years, besides teaching, Fitzgibbon has been working on and recently finished a steel pan album. The album is titled *The Travelers*, and has seven complete tracks that

"If you'd like to get a taste of what this music is all about, any student can join an ensemble. We have steel drum, African, and world percussion ensembles that are open to all OU students, you don't need to know how to play music or an instrument to join."

Patrick Fitzgibbon
Lecturer

build on calypso and jazz rudiments. The album is available on iTunes, Amazon, and Spotify.

"Steel pan is a relatively young instrument and there isn't a ton of original music out there for pan. I've been composing and playing for years, which has progressed into the creation of the album," said Fitzgibbon.

The album took around a year to record and was recorded locally in Rochester. Fitzgibbon



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Patrick Fitzgibbon graduated from OU with a degree in music performance.

began recording each track with the drum set. This way, he could add the bass line and slowly add instruments on top of it and work his way up until the track was complete.

Fitzgibbon is also currently working on another album to be released in the near future that is strictly percussive music.

Student ensembles

Students do not need to know how to play music, or even an instrument, to join any of OU's ensembles. Each ensemble usually meets twice a week as well as holds a concert open to the

public at the end of the year.

"I think Patrick does a great job teaching and including everyone," said Brendan Walters, a current music education major. "Some people might not know or fully understand where the music comes from or how to play it. Patrick does his best to make sure everyone is included and gets something out of the class."

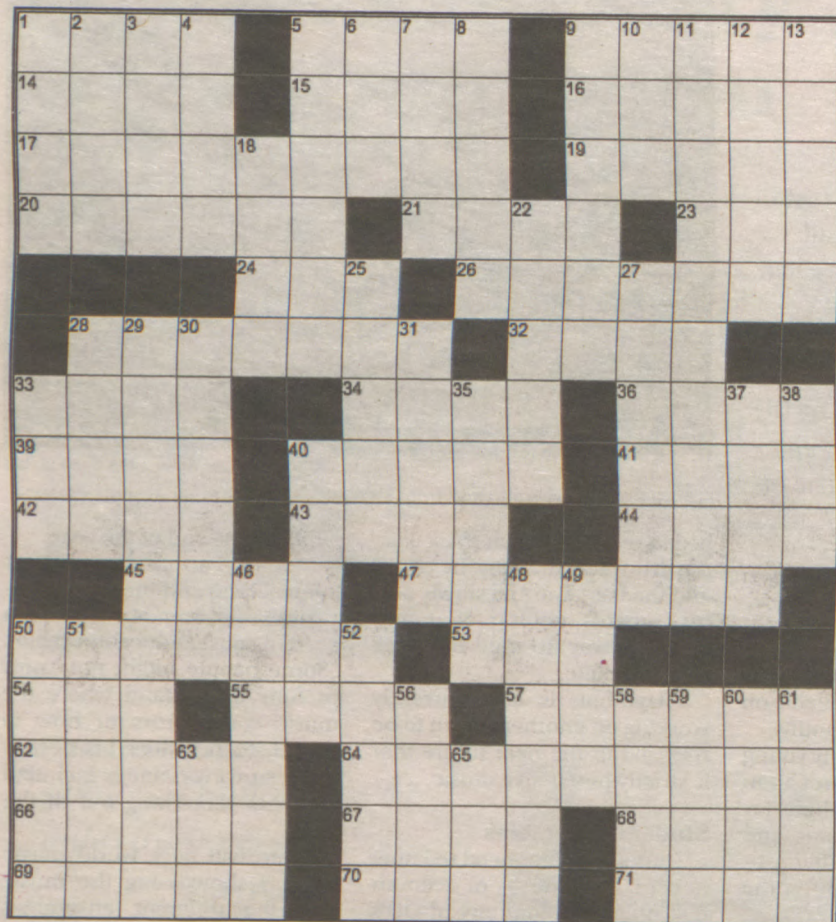
There will be a world music concert showcasing the music that the different ensembles have been working on all semester. The concert is on November 14 in Varner Hall.

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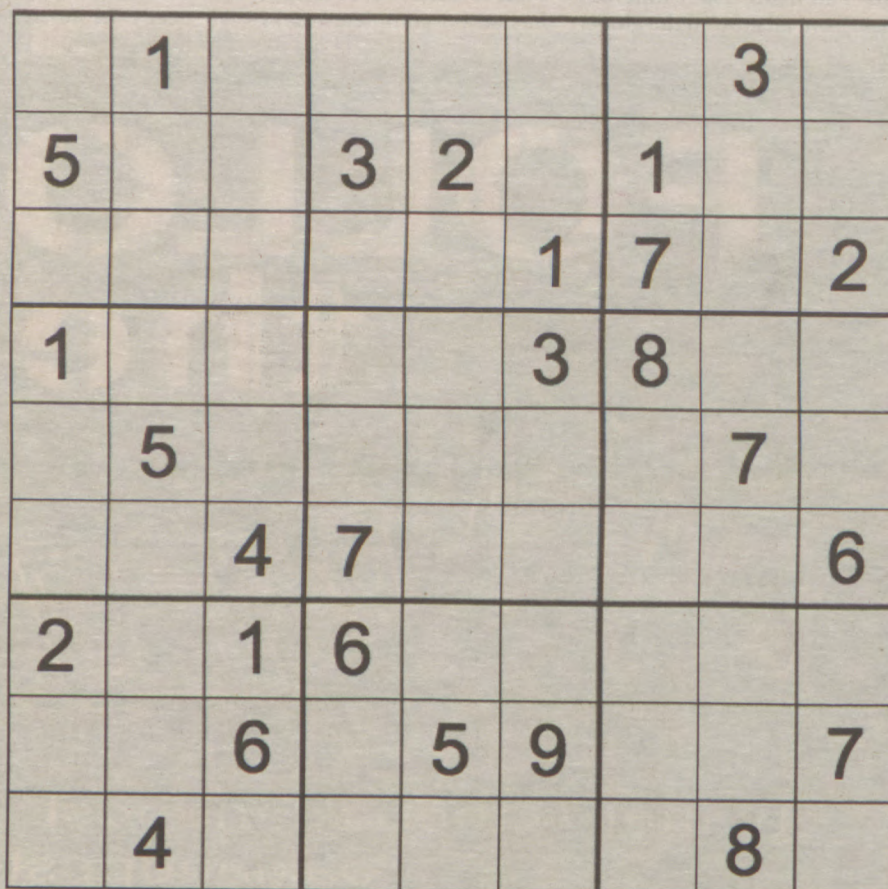
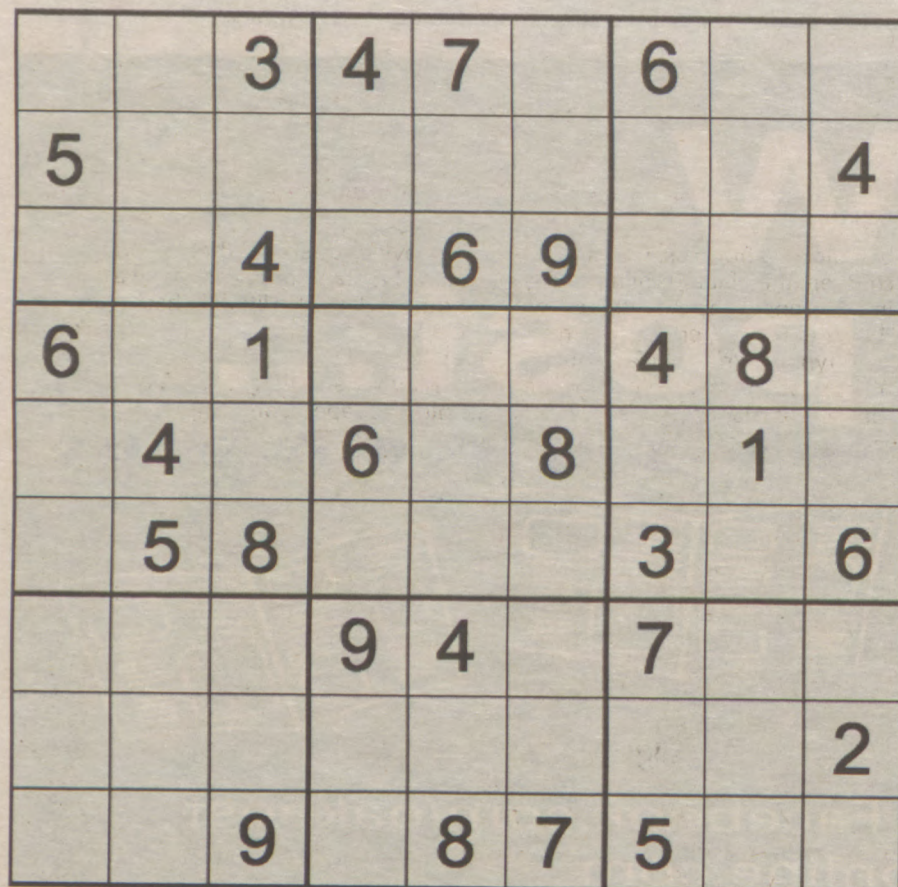
- 1: Behaves
5: Go to sleep, with 'out'
9: Monk's superior
14: 'Get a load of that!'
15: Call a cab
16: Sort of syrup
17: Stuffed tubes
19: Bring the food
20: Certain secretaries
21: Cauterize
23: Player's peg
24: Part of a journey
26: Insulin regulates the amount of it in the blood
28: Lockjaw
32: Little gull
33: Far from ruddy
34: Besides
36: Finder's cries
39: Hulks pump it
40: Boat sections
41: Word after sotto or viva
42: A whole lot
43: ___ fixe
44: Got grounded?
45: Kind of pool
47: Out
50: Some reds
53: A pop

- 54: Out of work? (abbr.)
55: Unit of power
57: Gets ready for another battle
62: Old-womanish
64: What a Geiger counter measures
66: Seat at the bar
67: Sailed right through
68: Earthenware jar
69: iPod contents
70: Dixie bread
71: Tiniest protest

Down

- 1: Help for the hapless
2: Joseph had one of many colors
3: Musical pitch
4: Hurt, as a knee
5: Selected
6: Feed seed
7: What picky people pick
8: Moviemaker's light
9: Add up
10: Constricting snake
11: Corner for talking purposes
12: Curved moldings
13: '... and baby makes ___'
18: Root beer alternative

- 22: Choir members
25: Kind of dog
27: Nob's accessory, perhaps
28: Tropical root
29: Stretching
30: More in need of a chill pill
31: Blackthorn shrubs
33: Set as rivals
35: Win them all
37: LSD, informally
38: Go down
40: Michelangelo master-piece
46: Stair posts
48: Put down
49: Bailiwick
50: Indelicate
51: Slowly, in music
52: Safety device
56: Folded food
58: Capping
59: Get all stirred up
60: Spy spying on a spy
61: Go postal
63: Item placed on andirons
65: Remote room?



SATIRE

The grass is always greener

Josh Soltman
Copy Editor/Bob Marley Fan

One of the most hotly debated topics across our glorious nation is whether or not marijuana should be legalized—or at least decriminalized. Stoners all across the country fight daily for their right to be free to rot their brains on a daily basis. Hippies have been battling the establishment since the 1970s trying to get pot legally back into their lives, and to this day about a quarter of the states in America have either decriminalized or completely legalized non-medical marijuana use. Yay America.

That is a blatantly sarcastic "Yay America," by the way. I despise the idea of legalizing marijuana with every ounce of my being. If you really want to ingest something that will impair your judgment, just follow my lead and do what I do: drink a fifth of vodka and sleep with a couple of fugly young women.

Regardless of my reservations about the subject, it appears that nobody can stop the weed train from steaming across the nation. The latest state to succumb to decriminalizing pot is Philadelphia, which will happen sometime in the near future. It will be the biggest state to date to legalize it.

Philly residents will be lucky enough to have 1,000 cheesesteak joints nearby to choose from every time they burn one. There's going to be a lot more brotherly love going around from now on.

For all you pro-pot folks who think that I am just an idiot, you should know that I am not a total fool. I do realize that there are some positives. Increased tax revenue, more jobs created and less "small offenders" in our nation's prisons (not to mention all the party store owners who's potato chip and Slim Jim sales go through the roof). But don't feed me the bullshit line that, "Oh, it's so medicinal! I have glaucoma that, for some reason, can't be cured



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Copy Editor Josh Soltman acts against his morals after succumbing to OU peer pressure.

by any actual medicine, only weed! Weed is great! I love weed!" If you say that, I will weep for you. Also, I will probably throw a bag of ice at your head.

Then there's that venerable argument that weed is from the earth; a natural remedy placed here for mankind's benefit. Sounds reasonable. So go ahead and sprinkle some poison ivy on your pasta. Take some crude oil and pour it in your coffee to get that new-machine smell. Dig through some cow dung and find some of those earthly mushrooms that are so beneficial to humans. Give them to children; then let the children play in a volcano since everything from the earth is wonderful and serene.

In typical American fashion, most people decide to just ignore the studies that have been done

that point towards brain damage in long-term pot users. They are super excited to explain how it's not addictive like cigarettes, so it must be better in the long run. These are likely the same people who park on the on the ends of the aisles in P1, blocking traffic, and expect me not to angrily ram their vehicles. If everyone is so adamant on smoking dope all day, we might as well just allow it everywhere. Let's let people light up in class. Who doesn't want to blaze a doobie while writing a paper on Aristotle? Weed is supposed to set one's creativity free. The evidence shows that it works since I am a prime example of a non-smoker who literally has no discernible talents or skills to speak of.

Maybe I should get some of my animal-shaped bongos out.



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