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Complete coverage of the Utica Zombie Walk, including a video and photo slideshow.

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**"GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS!"** // The Oakland University Cheerleading Team huddles under a tent to avoid the rain and the cold with an Elvis impersonator during the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk Sunday morning. The walk's proceeds went to the American Breast Cancer Association.

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

Which Men's basketball game are you most excited about this season?

- A** At Pittsburgh
- B** At Michigan State
- C** Vs. North Dakota State
- D** At Alabama

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

What are your thoughts on the university allowing Paul Ryan to speak on campus?

- A) It was exciting.**  
22 votes | 28%
- B) We need a better balance of candidates.**  
43 votes | 55%
- C) I have no interest in politics.**  
9 votes | 12%
- D) Paul Ryan was on campus?**  
4 votes | 5%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### OCTOBER 23, 1964

Hill House is completed two months behind schedule.

### OCTOBER 22, 1965

Enrollment increased 36 percent, with the total number of students climbing to 2,458.

### OCTOBER 20, 1967

Sixty Oakland University students gather in Washington, D.C. to protest the Vietnam War.

### OCTOBER 22, 1979

Oakland University's Board of Trustees accepts an architectural plan for 48 apartments intended for graduate and married students.



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### A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

A candlelight vigil will be held in remembrance of Corey Jackson, an Oakland University student who committed suicide in 2010. The event will be held Oct. 19.



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### NIGHT OF THE LIVING DEAD

Downtown Utica held their first-ever Zombie Crawl to Sinister Haunted House Oct. 13. All proceeds from the event were donated to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund



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### BODY OF ART

Inspired by nature and the "underlying imagery of the human figure," lecturer Eugene Clark created the three large pieces of artwork featured in the Human Health Building.

## BY THE NUMBERS

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

33  
regular season  
games

15  
players on the  
roster

6'5"  
average player  
height

14  
regular season  
home games

2  
senior  
players



## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Organizations work together to make your voice heard

**W**e have a reputation as a commuter school — students come and go in their cars, grumble about parking and high tuition, but rarely protest to the powers that be.

This isn't Cal Berkeley or Columbia University, which have inspiring histories of free speech movements and passionate student revolts.

But in three distinct cases this year, Oakland University students have made their voices heard — and that is how it should be.

When all of the students are funding most of the expenditures across our campus, it's only fair to let their concerns be heard — and some of the time, they are.

Meetings that have anything to do with students on this campus are supposed to be open to the public. By doing this, student concerns can be brought to the attention of the proper channels. But how often are things really changed based on student suggestions?

In this issue, you will find one story about the success of student voices.

It is the latest chapter in the quest for WXOU to find a proper place to broadcast at men's basketball games after being removed from court-side and relegated to the upper portion of the O'rena.

It is a story of miscommu-

Through WXOU's exertion and the dedicated efforts of Student Congress President Samantha Wolf, a proud and decorated broadcasting station found a new home for men's basketball games — one that was built with them in mind.

nication, frustration, avoidance, dedication, deliberation, negotiation and finally vindication.

Through WXOU's exertion and the dedicated efforts of Student Congress President Samantha Wolf, a proud and decorated broadcasting station found a new home for men's basketball games — one that was built with them in mind.

While WXOU's tale is one of the largest success stories where dialogue resulted in action and positive change, it is hardly the only one.

The Gay Straight Alliance also experienced a hopeful outcome in its fight to have Chick-fil-A removed from campus.

While the divisive restaurant remains in the Oakland Center for the time being, the

efforts of the GSA, combined with concerned faculty and administration, forced Chartwells to poll the student population. The results of the survey and future of Chick-fil-A remain to be seen, but the outcome does not negate the progress.

Other student organizations have also answered the call to become more aware of student needs.

Recently, the Student Program Board voted to revamp its entire operation based on student suggestions and a desire to rise to an even higher level of student satisfaction.

The efforts of these organizations are a direct result of student sentiment and concern.

Students with qualms over university decisions or affairs should take comfort in the changes that the student organizations in the basement of the OC have made recently.

These organizations band together when student needs are presented, and they are now proving that your voice will not only be heard, but it will ignite dialogue, and through that dialogue, change.

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



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- There is no minimum amount of students required to be on Grizz Orgs for Student Activities Funding Board funding eligibility. SAFB has no intention of passing such a bill.

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EDITORIAL

# Do research before accepting student loans

In 2010, national student debt reached \$1 trillion.

According to the Center for Michigan, \$1,811,590,324 of that money was borrowed from students attending the state's 15 public universities — \$92,245,296 of that was borrowed by Oakland University students.

In today's world, college is an impossible hill to climb without the aid of student loans. But before you start stuffing your university's piggy

The rate of unemployment and underemployment is growing drastically. With more college graduates left jobless, the number of people defaulting on their student debt is growing.

bank with borrowed money and borrowed time, do you really know what you're signing up for when you sign that dotted line?

## One trillion dollars and no sense

Students accepting federal loans for school are required to go through entrance counseling before borrowing, and exit counseling before graduating or dropping below half-time enrollment — both at the helping hand of the university.

A recent report conducted by NERA Economic Consulting stated students are not getting the help they need.

The survey, consisting of 13,000 students with an average debt of \$75,000 each, said 40 percent of those questioned did not receive this counseling — a requirement made by the federal government.

And it doesn't get any easier.

In an article based on the same survey, The Huffington Post reported: "Many of the students in the survey described the FAFSA, which is often required for anyone wishing to take out student loans or apply for Pell Grants or scholarships, as 'confusing,' 'long' and 'complicated.'"

Of those surveyed, more than 90 percent also said they wished universities would use standardized



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life editor

means of presenting their terms and format on borrowing money.

In a world where borrowed money is a necessary evil for those seeking higher education, the means of doing so leaves a lot to be desired.

## When graduation and deferment ends

The rate of unemployment and underemployment among college graduates is growing drastically. With more college graduates left jobless, the number of people defaulting on their student debt is growing.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the national number of students defaulting on loans rose from 4.6 percent in 2008 to 8.8 percent in 2009.

According to MLive, 5.5 percent of OU students (about 1,079) defaulted on their student debt in 2010.

Thinking this is an option, albeit a last resort, many have you feeling more comfortable knocking on your bank's door with open hands — but don't collect just yet.

## Home is where the hurt is

In another article, MLive reported that those who default on student loans in the eastern side of the state are 10 times more likely to be sued by the state than anywhere else in the country. The report goes on to say that 57 lawsuits were filed last March to collect on defaulted student loans — the second highest in the nation and the highest rate per-capita.

As a child of two people who never earned a college degree, my parents were determined that my brother and I would have opportunities they did not. This, my senior year, is the first time I had to take out a loan to pay for school, and the information I have found in the process has left my knees — and my bank account — weak.

As students, our homework does not begin in the classroom but in the cashier's line.

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## 21st Annual KEEPER OF THE DREAM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CELEBRATION

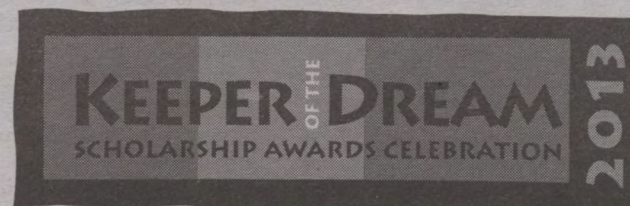
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STEPHANIE SOKOL/The Oakland Post

The Lowry Center provides a unique learning experience for young children because of its location on a college campus and collaboration with students, according to Julie Ricks-Doneen, Lowry Center director. "NAEYC is a great thing to strive for," she said. "We're very happy about it."

## Lowry Center making the grade for national accreditation

*This year marks the 50th year of Early Childhood Education services*

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter

In Oakland University's 50th year of child care services, the Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education earned accreditation from the National Association for Education of Young Children for performance based on portfolios as well as surveys from faculty, students and parents.

Located on the first floor of Pawley Hall, the on-campus lab school provides a learning forum with the help of student workers and grad students in addition to full-time teachers.

"NAEYC is a great thing to strive for," Faculty Director Julie Ricks-Doneen said. "We're very happy about it. It's assuring and tells parents that the center puts in the extra effort."

Based on a variety of factors, gain-

ing accreditation is a sign a school meets high standards for quality early education. "Helping parents make the right choices and improving the quality of education and care provided in programs for young children since the early 1980s," according to the NAEYC website.

Accreditation criteria includes a safe environment for students, acceptance and inclusion of community and family perspectives and attention to the children.

"The NAEYC accreditation system raises the bar for child care centers and other early childhood programs," said Dr. Jerle-an Daniel, executive director of NAEYC, in a press release on OU's website. "Having earned NAEYC accreditation is a sign that the Lowry Center is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education."

Ricks-Doneen and the staff worked over a series of days to prepare and submit the documents, according to preschool teacher Josh Yax.

After teaching education at Macomb Community College, he said he knows Lowry fulfills the best practices for an early learning center.

"I didn't have any worry about Lowry receiving the accreditation," Yax said. "Everyone here takes this job seriously. I'm proud of the faculty's interactions with the students and one another."

Students from many OU programs play a crucial role in the Lowry Center, according to Ricks-Doneen. They get involved on all levels, from assistance with teaching, to planning, research projects and entertainment.

Brandy Ellison, senior and human resource development major, is one of the teacher assistants on staff. Working at Lowry for three years, Ellison helps in the classroom. She was excited to find out the school earned the national accreditation it applied for last semester.

"I would recommend Lowry to anyone," Ellison said. "It's easy to see how much the teachers care. It's so exciting to see the kids transition through the different classes and how much they mature. Kids grow a lot here."

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## POLICE FILES

### Former student arrested

A former male student came to OUPD Oct. 8 to pay a misdemeanor ticket for possession of marijuana, which he received in 2008.

Police discovered the former student had a warrant out for his arrest from OUPD for possession of marijuana, as well as several warrants out in Oakland County.

The former student was then arrested and was unable to post bond.

He was fingerprinted, booked and then taken to the 52nd District Court, 3rd Division in Rochester for arraignment.

### MIP at Hill House

On Oct. 13 at approximately 3:05 a.m., OUPD was called to Hill House for a report of a drunk and disorderly person.

Police arrived on the scene, where they met with a male student. Officers were informed the male student entered the building and began speaking with a female Nightwatch member.

The student appeared to be intoxicated and kissed the female on the cheek, went to his room and returned a few moments later to apologize to her.

The student told police he had four beers and apologized for kissing the female. Police administered a preliminary breath test to the student, which registered a .071.

The student was issued an OU citation for minor in possession of alcohol and informed the student to have no further contact with the female. The female does not want to press charges.

— Compiled by  
Natalie Popovski,  
Assistant Campus Editor



# Candlelight vigil to be held in honor of student

Memorial marks 2 years since Corey Jackson passed

By Natalie Popovski  
Assistant Campus Editor

Students, faculty and visitors will come together Oct. 19 to remember Corey Jackson at a candlelight vigil to be held between Vandenberg Hall and Beer Lake.

The vigil will begin at 7 p.m. and will honor the student who was a 19-year-old sophomore when he committed suicide Oct. 19, 2010.

Jackson, who was from Warren, lived in the residence halls at the time of his death. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and had recently told his friends and family he was gay.

Officials and close friends said there was no evidence of bullying taking place before his death.

Although the programming for the vigil is still in the works, collaborators of the vigil wish to see a hopeful and educational component to the event, according to Preston Van Vliet, a senior studying psychology.

Van Vliet was the president of the Gay-Straight Alliance during the time of Jackson's death and helped organize last year's vigil along with the GSA, Center for Student Activities, Chi Sigma Iota, Graham Counseling Center, Students Against Bullying, School of Education and Human Services Counseling Center, the TKE fraternity and several of Jackson's family and friends.

Van Vliet is currently not affiliated with any student organizations, but said when he realized none of the organizations were putting anything together, he organized this year's event through the CSA, OUSC, the Graham Counseling Center, Students Against Bullying, Grizzlies Response: Awareness and Suicide Prevention, and a friend of Jackson and his family, Angela McCormick.

## The vigil

Van Vliet said lighting candles, which will be provided at the event, will serve as a way to remember Jackson and symbolize the love from the community.

He said Dalton Connally, assistant professor of social work, will discuss the \$612,000 grant GRASP received and how the community is striving to prevent similar tragedies.

Dr. David Schwartz, director of the Graham Counseling Center located in the Graham Health Center, will also be at the event to discuss resources for those

students seeking help, Van Vliet said.

## Preventing future tragedies

Since Jackson's death, the GCC has worked to improve and increase campus-wide suicide prevention and intervention efforts, according to Schwartz.

Schwartz said while the GCC has always taken an active role in suicide prevention and intervention, they have increased activities such as staff and resident assistant training, workshops, mental health screenings and increasing availability of crisis line information since Jackson's death.

"In the last year alone, we (the GCC), have increased our outreach activities by close to 300 percent," Schwartz said.

At all of the GCC's events, "crisis" cards with information about four confidential 24-hour crisis lines are handed out to students, according to Schwartz.

"We work hard to educate students on what resources are available to them both on campus and off campus," Schwartz said.

In addition to these efforts, Schwartz said GRASP plans to train 20 percent of OU staff and employees in suicide prevention.

For students seeking counseling sessions, the GCC employs licensed psychologists and pre-doctoral interns, and also reserves time every day for emergency or crisis appointments, according to Schwartz.

## Remembering Corey

Van Vliet said the importance of this event is for the campus community to remember what happened, because the consequences of not doing so are too severe.

He said events like this also serve as a way to de-stigmatize mental illness and build empathy within a community.

"It would not only be belittling to Corey's life and family if we 'forgot' that this happened, but to our own lives as well," Van Vliet said. "The community was hurt. But the community has also been healing. We deserve to recognize the strength and the resiliency of all people who had been impacted by this. Corey deserves to be recognized as a beautiful person, and that he was loved by a beautiful community."

For more information about the services the GCC offers, online mental health screenings and crisis resources, visit [www.oakland.edu/gcc](http://www.oakland.edu/gcc)

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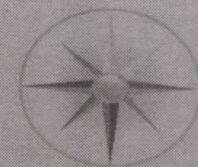
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# Playing house

*Board of Trustees discuss 3 proposals for new residence hall at their last meeting*

By Kevin Graham  
Senior Reporter

The Board of Trustees was presented with a number of scenarios for the expansion of student housing at its Oct. 4 meeting.

The report, delivered by Chicago-based company Public Financial Management, outlined options for different approaches to building residential space for students.

## The traditional approach

There is the traditional approach of a university-financed and operated on-campus housing facility.

This would integrate within the current housing system and residence life plans.

The approach was favored by students at the meeting, including Student Liaison to the Board, Benjamin Eveslage.

"The students want to feel part of campus when they come here," he said. "It's already difficult enough to make friends, but once on campus it's much easier to have that community feeling through the housing department."

## Privatized housing

Under this option, a private investor would agree to fund the construction of the building in exchange for the right to manage and operate it for a period of time. When time is up, ownership would revert to the university.

Privatized housing built off-campus would have the least impact on credit, according to Roberts.

Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management, said this option wouldn't necessarily work for OU.

"We want to expand and the demand for expansion is from freshmen and the lower division students at Oakland," she said. "We are situated in an area which has never really developed a peripheral campus community like you see in so many other areas."

## The nonprofit option

The third option involves having the new housing facility be university owned and privately operated. This would help keep costs down because interest for nonprofits isn't taxed at the federal level.

Snyder said this option would help keep debt costs down.

"The advantage there is that you get the interest rates and bonds at a lower rate,"

she said. "Your debt service is lower under that condition."

## Lasting effects

Credit impact was a big concern among present board members.

Stephen Roberts, assistant vice president of finance, said he expected minimal credit impact for on-campus housing.

"If the housing is on campus, it would have some impact on our credit rating, but I think it would be minimal," Roberts said. "If it's on campus, people like Moody's Credit Rating Services would consider us to be responsible for that regardless of who finances it."

Credit rating affects the interest rate at which OU can borrow money.

Whichever choice the Board decides to go with, credit impact on the university isn't expected to be a concern.

Roberts said OU is able to show financial institutions housing is a self-sustaining project.

"If we show them a project like housing that is self-sustaining financially, then it doesn't have nearly as much impact on our credit rating as it would if we were building a building that wasn't paying for itself," he said.

## Holding on to students

One of Oakland's goals is to improve retention and graduation rates. The report presented to the Board shows both of these metrics will be boosted by the ready availability of student housing.

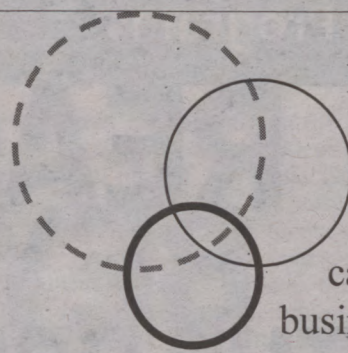
Students who live on campus have a more rounded college experience, according to Snyder.

"Students get more engaged in the university," Snyder said. "They feel more a part of the community."

Snyder reiterated the importance of OU's goal to have 4,000 students living on campus by 2030.

"I want to see us realize a growth to the point of 4,000 students because I believe that that is the size of an on-campus community that will allow enough beds for freshmen to live on campus, will create much for student life on campus, (and) will lead to students being a part of a community that they want to be a member of and go on to be alumni of," she said.

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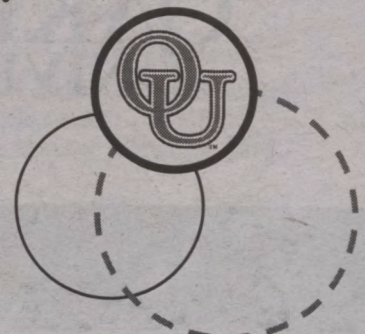
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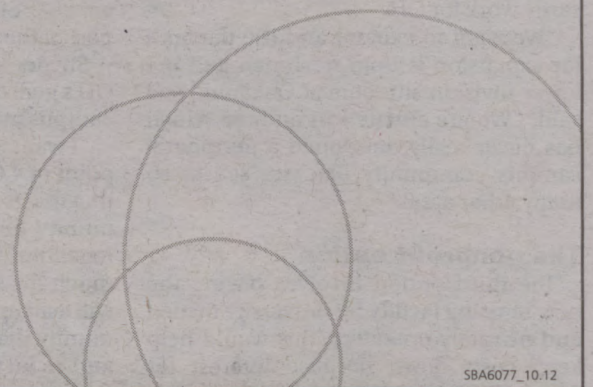
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# Campus community invited to Candidate Open House

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter

**C**urious about the individuals running for local office?

The Office of Government and Community Relations at Oakland University is hosting its first "Meet the Candidates Open House" at the OU INCubator in the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion Oct. 23 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Members of the OU community have the opportunity to drop by and meet both state and national candidates and the 8th and 11th Congressional District candidates.

They will be met via round table discussions with eight to 10 people in the Clean Energy Research Center, according to Rochelle Black, OU vice president of Government and Community Relations and



BLACK

one of the event's coordinators. The event will also include speeches by members of the congressional districts.

## Forming the idea

"The idea came about because we wanted to find a way to connect the OU community with people running for office," Black said. "It's the first time we are hosting the event like this."

After collecting information to poll the top 10 cities of students, faculty, staff and alumni, two congressional districts were chosen to cover the majority.

Because almost 50 percent of the student population resides in Oakland County, six offices from that area will attend, including executive, clerk, water commissioner, county treasurer, prosecutor and sheriff, according to Black. Several state house candidates from Macomb County will also attend, because of the student presence in that area.

The Clean Energy Research

Center, where the round tables will be set, will be split by party.

Ideally, Black said all parties will attend, including Democratic, Republican and third-party candidates.

While the political science program was not involved in the planning of this event, Dave Dulio, political science department chair, thinks this is a great event for all members of the OU community to attend. He is also recommending it to his students.

## Elected officials and students interaction

"Hosting it as an open house gives students a chance to interact with elected officials, which is never a bad thing," Dulio said. "It is also important for the university because we don't have many mechanisms to support candidates providing opportunities to meet with potential constituents. It helps the candidates but also provides a public service, as part of the larger mis-

sion of the university to engage with the public," he said.

While OU has been hosting many political events, including the recent Paul Ryan rally and last year's Republican Primary Debate, this event provides a different opportunity.

Rather than utilizing the university as a venue, the Open House gives attendees the chance to speak with candidates and have their voice heard, according to Dulio.

"Students and others from the OU community should attend to learn more about who they're voting for," Black said. "It's very important for officials to know that people care about the issues. Voters' desire and complicity to learn sends a powerful message to candidates."

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**Nominations are now being accepted.**

The Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the OU community. **Nominees must:**

- be graduating seniors in winter 2013 or have graduated in summer or fall 2012
- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

The Human Relations Award recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the OU community. **Nominees must:**

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Nomination forms are available at [oakland.edu/dean\\_awards](http://oakland.edu/dean_awards) or in 144 Oakland Center.

The deadline for both awards is Monday, February 4, 2013.

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# SHOWIN' <sup>THAT</sup> GRIZZ PRIDE

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Written by Stephanie Preweda and Tim Pontzer // Campus Editor, Senior Reporter  
Designed by Stephanie Preweda // Campus Editor

1. Senior forward Drew Valentine entered the O'rena to raucous cheers from the crowd during The Madnezz Friday night. The only projected senior starter this year for the Golden Grizzlies, Valentine is expected to take on a leadership role this year.
2. Students play cornhole at the tailgate party Friday night, before the start of The Madnezz. The tailgate was located in the parking lot outside the O'rena.
3. The Madnezz marked the official start of the basketball season for both men's and women's teams. Players for both teams were individually introduced to the crowd, accompanied by music, smoke and a laser show.
4. The Oakland Dance Team performed a routine that brought the fans to their feet. The squad placed sixth at the 2011 UDA College Dance Team Championships.
5. Zac Willockx, Treasurer of the Gay Straight Alliance, reads along an anonymous monologue at the "Coming Out Monologue" event on Thursday, at Gold Room A of the Oakland Center. A room-full of people came out to hear monologues, as well as some poems and personal experiences.
6. To celebrate Matilda Wilson's birthday, a Beatles cover band performed in Pioneer Food Court in The Oakland Center.





# Acing the competition

*Women's basketball, golf earn national academic NCAA honors*

By Allen Jordan  
Staff Intern

Initially when student-athletes are recruited to play collegiate sports, the ultimate goal is for them to not only excel in athletics, but to succeed in academics to set them up for life after college.

## Tracking success

Each year, the NCAA tracks the classroom performance of student-athletes on every Division I team through the annual scorecard of academic achievement, known as Academic Progress Rate. The score measures eligibility and retention each semester and provides a clear picture of the academic culture in each sport.

The honor is reserved for collegiate athletics teams that have a multi-year NCAA Division I APR in the top 10 percent of college teams nationwide in their respective sports.

This year, both the women's basketball and golf teams won national NCAA academic honors — the first time both teams have been recognized in the same year.

The awards for 2012 were based on the 2010-11 multi-year APR.

"I would have to say that I am extremely proud of this honor," Oakland Women's Basketball Head Coach Beckie Francis said. "We really focus on academic excellence. It's one of our core values here at OU."

Francis, who comes into her 12th season at Oakland this year, has seen her team appear on the WBCA Academic Top 25 Honor Roll for six consecutive seasons.

## High expectations

Receiving the nation's top academic honor among student athletes for the first time in her career is not surprising by the result of hard work and dedication.

"We have had a perfect 1,000 APR three out of the last four years, so the award does not surprise me. We recruit highly motivated academic scholar athletes," Francis said.

Part of that dedication is the confi-



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Oakland University's women's basketball and golf teams earned NCAA national honors for the 2010-11 academic years.

dence Francis places in her athletes to reach their full potential by setting high but not unrealistic standards for her students to reach for in order to see success off the court.

"We encourage our players to have over a 3.4 GPA or higher. 3.6 is the GPA to be number one in the nation in Division I and we strive for that as well," Francis said.

Along with the expectation she places on the players to strive for the number one spot, she expects them to help themselves outside of the leadership she provides.

"Our players meet weekly with a coach, with an athletic academic adviser, they

attend mandatory study hall and they must meet with academic advising to be sure they are taking appropriate classes," Francis said. "The team captains also meet with their teammates and set their own team GPA goal."

Women's Golf Head Coach Russ Cunningham takes on a similar stance when giving credit to the players.

"I don't believe I can take much credit in this achievement, it's mainly on the athletes to go out, get outstanding grades while producing similar results on the course," Cunningham said.

Cunningham, who is in his second year at Oakland, did not coach the Golden Grizzlies in the tenure is considered for

the award, but feels as if the players who were recognized will set the standard for the athletes he looks to produce in years moving forward.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to be here as the leader of the current students we have now," Cunningham said. "Hopefully the accomplishments of the past will help to motivate those of the future to produce similar results."

The women's golf team has claimed the honor three times, while this marks the first occasion for the women's basketball team.

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# WXOU, athletics resolve press row issue

By Mark McMillan  
Local Editor

After months of talks with the athletics department, Oakland University's radio station, WXOU, has finally found a home to broadcast at men's basketball games — a new press row.

Sportscasters from WXOU previously enjoyed a spot on the game operations table courtside until last November, when they were permanently relocated to the upper floor of the O'rena for men's basketball broadcasts.

The new press row is currently being built behind the location of the game operations table and is meant to accommodate WXOU, as well as various other media organizations, including The Oakland Post.

"This is very exciting for all media in general," said OU Student Congress President Samantha Wolf. "I think this was the best option."

News of the construction of the new press row came a month after a deadlock in the meeting last August between WXOU, OUSC, the Athletics Department and administration, when Dean of Students Glenn McIntosh emailed Wolf and

WXOU Director Sean Varicalli to inform them of the change.

"We got the press row. The target date for the construction is Nov. 1," Varicalli said.

While WXOU's struggle to regain a courtside broadcasting location appears to have ended in success, the time took to make the decision is disappointing to Wolf.

"It has been over a year since this problem started. Meetings and solutions should have taken place right when the issue came up," Wolf said. "This was brought into people's light last year."

## Communication breakdown

Prior to WXOU's removal from the game operations table last November, communications problems between the radio station and the athletics department created a divide between all parties involved.

Matt Pocket, a sportscaster who arrived at OU in 2009 and the person who first pointed out the communications issues, did not initially have a place at the game operations table.

"When I started, we were on the baseline," Pocket said. "It's tricky, but a sport-

scaster should be able to do that. I did it in high school."

After being invited to broadcast from the game operations table, Pocket committed a broadcasting error, and was chastised for it by current Assistant Athletics Director Scott MacDonald.

"The game was against Southern Utah, we (the O'rena) got a new HD (video) board," Pocket said. "It was one of our first games with it. I did not know at the time that we did not have instant replay ... and I was looking for a replay on a big play ... Drew Maynard throws down this nasty dunk ... I don't understand everything at this point so I flip my mic on and I'm like 'We gonna get a replay? That was nasty. We gonna get a replay? No? That's lame.' I got some emails about that."

Pocket's relationship with MacDonald then deteriorated, culminating in a one-word email response to Pocket's request for a broadcasting location for the Nov. 28, 2011 game against the University of Tennessee. The email read simply, "Outside."

MacDonald, in an interview last August, did not acknowledge the email and instead praised his relationship with Pocket.

"It has been over a year since this problem started. Meetings and solutions should have taken place right when the issue came up. This was brought into people's light last year."

Samantha Wolf,  
Student Congress President

"If I sent something like that it would have been completely joking; because I have a good relationship with Matt and it might have been in a joking manner," MacDonald said. "I don't know if I sent that but if I did it would probably have been inappropriate but if I did it was a joke because Pocket and I have a very good relationship."

Pocket, after receiving that email, began to vocalize his concerns about the relationship between WXOU and athletics, eventually speaking with Wolf and Varicalli, who took the issue to the Dean of Students.

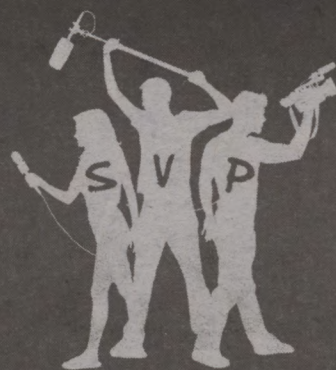
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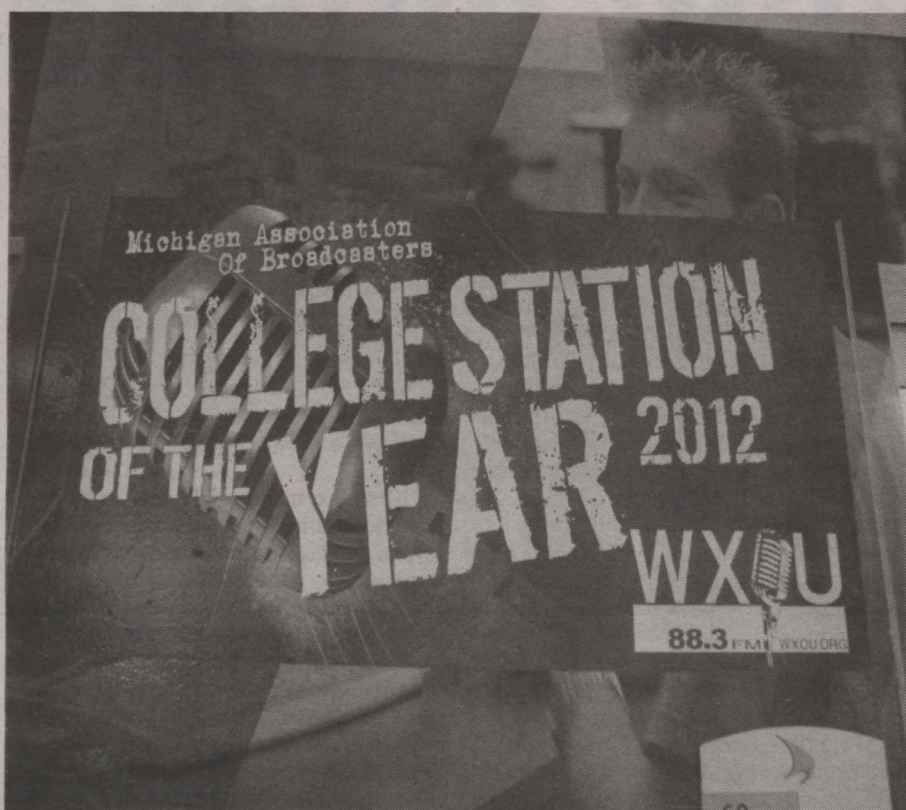
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Oakland athletics have decided to build a second press row, giving WXOU a permanent home for Golden Grizzlies basketball games. Construction will begin Nov. 1.

## WXOU

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### Frustrating meetings lead to a long-term solution

Representatives from WXOU, OUSC and the athletics department then met several times during the summer, with no one agreeing on a solution of where to place WXOU for men's basketball games.

The Aug. 28 meeting was the last to take place between the parties involved, but also shed more light on what the real issues were.

During the meeting, Athletics Director Tracy Huth said he had no knowledge of communications problems and had no definitive plans to create a press row, saying that would create further problems. He instead suggested that all media outlets that are not commercial would be broadcasting from the upper deck of the O'rena as well.

"This year we will move to extract the media off of the operations table," Huth said. "We will move the personnel that should be on that table back to that table. As of now, that press row will be the area that WXOU was in last year on the West Concord Side beginning between the filming booth and the video board operations. That will become the actual press row. Looking into putting a press row behind the game operations table ... will entail moving permanent seats, moving season ticket holders, in order

that we place the media in there. No matter what we do in the O'rena, given the situation, there's going to be a trickle down or some sort of domino effect."

Between that meeting and the email Varicalli received from McIntosh last month, the athletics department changed their minds and started the process to build an actual press row, ending the issue of where WXOU will be placed.

### Hope for the future

While all parties involved benefit from the creation of a new press row, the process has brought about changes to WXOU. Pocket will be resigning from his position at the end of the week.

Pocket's absence from the sports department at the college radio station leaves a void for experienced on-air broadcasting of games.

Wolf's attitude toward the working relationship between the Athletics Department and all student organizations has also changed.

"I think it's okay that happened," Wolf said. "I think (The Oakland Post), me and Sean are on the lookout to be aware of things. I am hopeful of the future relationship with the Athletics Department with regards to communication. We can get a lot more done working together."

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# THE SPORTING BLITZ

## Oakland to host second, third rounds of NCAA tournament



MacDonald

Second and third rounds of action in the NCAA men's basketball tournament will be held at The Palace of Auburn Hills in 2013.

Oakland University is serving as host of the tournament site.

"Being this is the 75th anniversary of the NCAA tournament and Oakland was chosen as one of the hosts, is pretty special," said Assistant Athletic Director for Communications Scott MacDonald. "It provides a tremendous opportunity for Oakland University to demonstrate what a great host it can be and gives the university national recognition."

Tickets are \$150 and \$225 for the six-game packages. They are limited to eight per person. Individual game tickets are not available.

MacDonald said The Palace will be where the games are played, despite Oakland hosting, due to size requirements that the Athletics Center O'rena does not meet.

## OU basketball hosts annual tipoff breakfast at Royal Park Hotel

The Oakland University athletics department will host its annual tipoff breakfast for the men's and women's basketball teams Wednesday, Oct. 24.

The breakfast will be held at the Royal Park Hotel from 7:15-8:45 a.m.

The event is considered an appreciation meal for fans of Oakland basketball and allows the chance for fans to meet with coaches and players.

Tickets to the event are \$30 if purchased before Oct. 20 and \$35 if bought at the door.

The breakfast features a buffet style setup with coffee, as well as a silent auction, raffle giveaways and ticket booklets to season ticket holders.



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While the public is welcome, space is limited. For more information about the event and to purchase tickets online go to [www.oakland.edu/tipoff](http://www.oakland.edu/tipoff).

## Hutton sets school record for cross country in 6K race

Brittini Hutton set a school record with a time of 21:09 in the women's 6K at the Bradley Classic Friday.

Hutton finished in fifth place, leading the Golden Grizzlies to a final place of 12 on the women's side and 14th for the men.

Nathan Ziolkko paced the men in the 8K with a time of 25:30 to finish in 43rd place. George O'Connor clocked a freshman record by tallying a time of 25:39 to finish in 47th.

Oakland University will host The Summit League Championships Oct. 27th on Katke-Cousins Golf Course. The race time for the women will be 10 a.m. and the men will start at 11 a.m.



Hutton

## Men's soccer set to take on Michigan State Spartans

Oakland Men's Soccer will host the Michigan State Spartans Oct. 17 at the OU Soccer Field.

The 9-4 Golden Grizzlies will kickoff against rival Spartans at 7 p.m. Michigan State has a record of 5-7-1 on the season.

Oakland has a perfect record at home this year, heading into the game 6-0.

The Golden Grizzlies outscored Summit League opponents 16-2 over the first four matches of the season. Oakland also ranks second in the nation in total points and is fourth in the NCAA in scoring offense.

In preseason polls, Oakland was ranked third and currently holds sole possession of first place in the Summit League.

Forward Kyle Bethel leads the nation in total assists (10) and he also ranks 12th in the NCAA in total points and 17th in points per match.

The conference announced on Monday that Bethel was awarded the league's Offensive Player of the Week honor, which he has earned for consecutive weeks now.



Bethel

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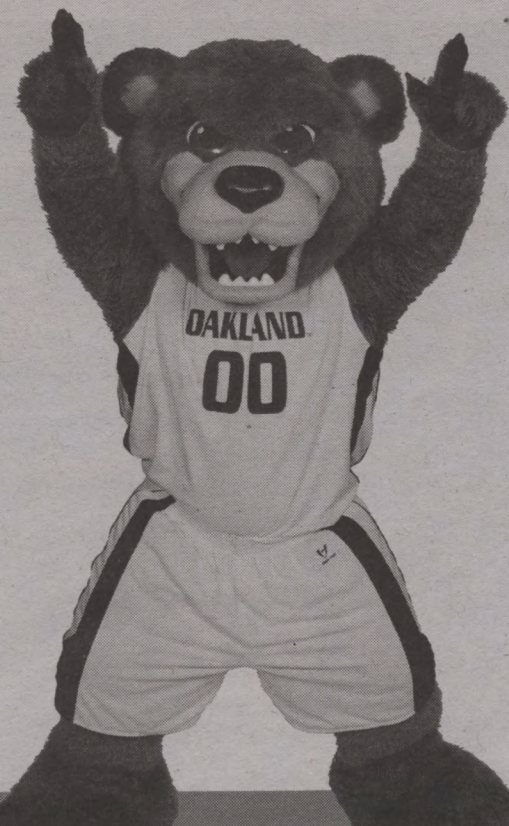
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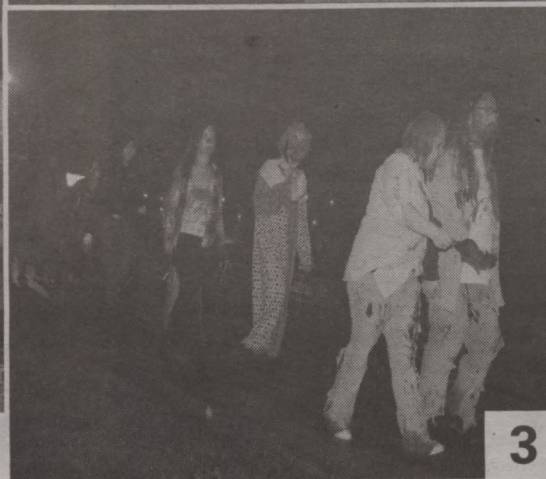
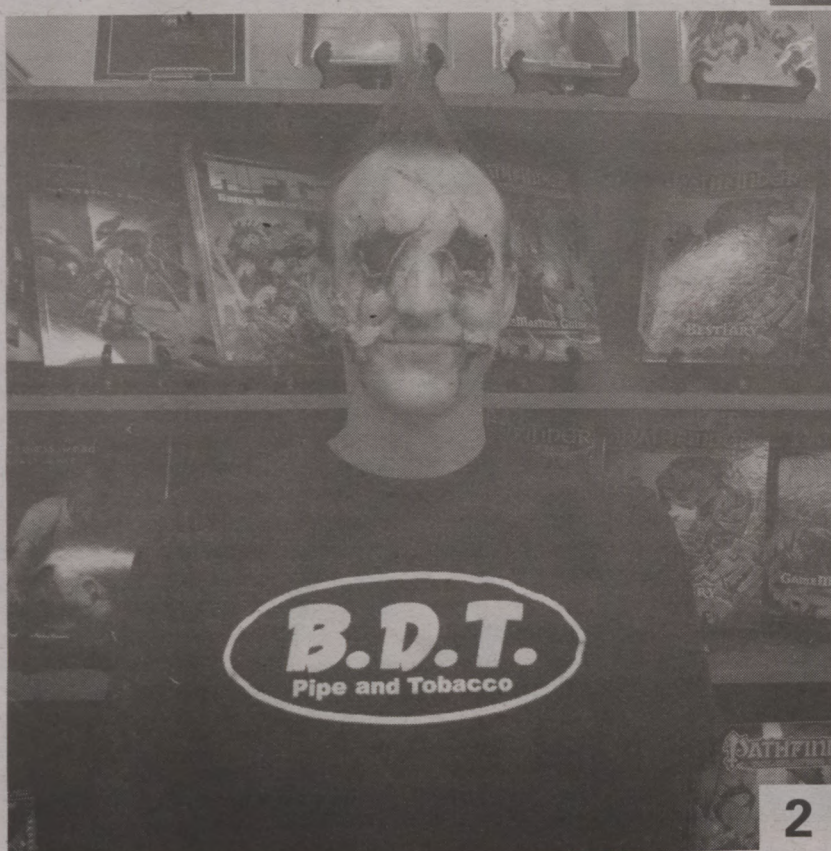
# UTICA TAKES ITS FIRST BITE

*Undead patrons emerge from the streets for  
first-ever Utica Zombie Crawl*

By Dylan Dulberg / Shannon Coughlin  
Multimedia Editor / Multimedia Reporter

**O**n the night of Saturday Oct. 13, downtown Utica experienced its first "Take a Bite Out of Utica Zombie Crawl." Dozens of customers dressed up as zombies and participated in events. All proceeds were donated to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

- 1.** Kristen Leonard, 17, of Shelby Township, leads participants of the "Take a Bite Out of Utica Zombie Crawl and Walk" snarl as they make their way down Auburn Road.
- 2.** With special eye makeup to make his eyes appear gouged out, this zombie won the "Zombie Pageant" held at Muldoon's and The Locker Room. Other events included an intestine-eating contest at Cass Bar and Grill.
- 3.** The zombies, as well as one zombie clown, make their way from downtown Utica to Sinister Haunted House.
- 4.** For a \$5 donation to the Red Cross, visitors could get "zombified" by volunteers at Pop! Caffeine and Comics.





## POLICE BRIEFS

### Attempted robbery

A 51-year-old Pontiac resident said he was walking on Saginaw Street Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. with his two young daughters when two males in their late teens attempted to rob them. He said he struggled with the subjects and as he was on top of one of them, the other struck him, causing him to lose his grip. The suspect, who was on top, broke free and bit the man's bottom lip, tearing part of it off. The suspects ran away and the man sought medical attention. The suspects were not located and the case remains under investigation.

### Assault with firearm

On Oct. 14 around 2:30 a.m., police responded to Opdyke and Featherstone for a call of a woman screaming and shots fired. When police arrived, they located the victim, a 27-year-old Lincoln Park man, who said his brother fired shots at his vehicle when he and a female friend were in the vehicle. The victims refused to write statements and stated that they would also refuse to prosecute. The case was turned over to detectives.

### Large fight breaks out

Police were called to the Silverdome Oct. 14 at 3 a.m. when multiple fights broke out and drug activity in the tunnel. When police arrived, no one was found in the tunnel, but several subjects were observed fighting with security guards. Police used a Taser on a subject fighting with a security guard, but the exterior door broke the wires as it closed and the subject was able to get away. Police were unable to go after him, because they were dealing with two other men who were also fighting with security. They were taken into custody. Both subjects were arrested for disorderly conduct.

### Car chase ends in accident

Police were called to the McDonald's on Walton and Joslyn Oct. 15 at 3:30 a.m. to assist Auburn Hills Police with a chase that ended with a crash in the parking lot. During a pursuit, a stolen vehicle from Auburn Hills left the road,

jumped the curb and hit a vehicle in the McDonald's drive-thru. There were no injuries. A crash report was filed and the Auburn Hills Police Department is handling all related prosecutions.

### Toxic spill in Rochester Hills

On Oct. 11 at 5:45 pm, Oakland County Sheriff's Office Deputies and the Rochester Hills Fire Department responded to a call for a report of a large diesel fuel spill, estimated at 80 gallons. A tractor trailer hit a fuel filling cap with one of its fuel tanks, causing the diesel to spill out. The fire department requested the county Hazmat team, who supervised the clean up of the spill.

### Breaking and entering

Police responded to a breaking and entering alarm at Uncle Boomba's Gas Station & Party Store on S. Lapeer Rd. Oct. 14 at 3 am. A window to the business was found broken. A key holder was requested to the scene but could not be found. K-9 started a track but was unable to locate a suspect. The owner of the business happened to drive by and stopped to meet with police. An inventory will be taken by the owner to see if anything had been taken. No suspect information was found.

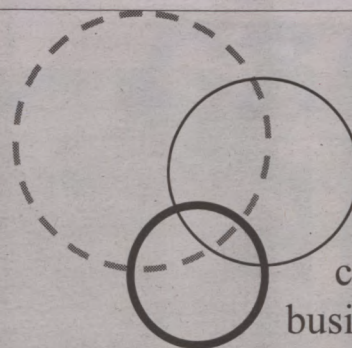
### Vehicle/bicycle crash

A 58-year-old Rochester Hills man was seriously injured when he was hit by a car while crossing Rochester Rd. on his bicycle Oct. 12 at 12:20 p.m. The driver, a 79-year-old Rochester Hills resident, was attempting to turn left onto Rochester Rd. from Auburn Rd. While turning, the driver struck the bicyclist. A crosswalk and working traffic signals were in the area of the incident and the bicyclist was wearing a helmet. He was transported to McLaren-Oakland Hospital where he is in temporary serious condition. The driver and his front seat passenger were not injured, and alcohol does not appear to be a factor. The crash remains under investigation.

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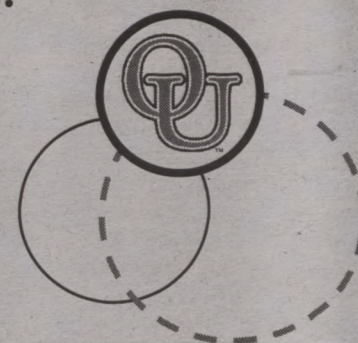
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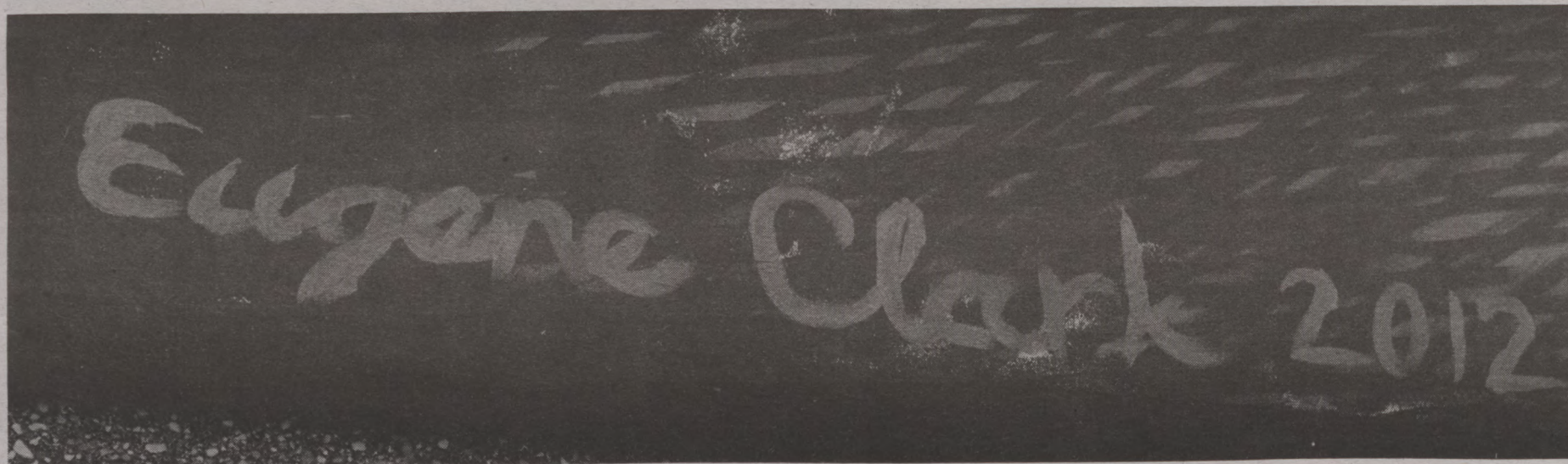
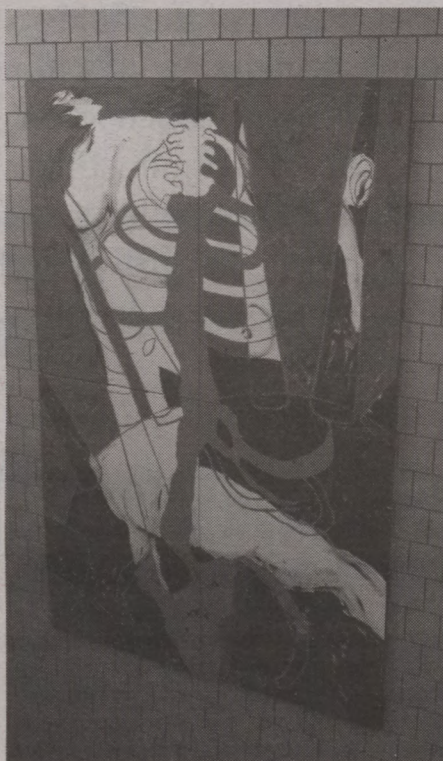
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Faculty art on display  
in Human Health Building  
By Brian Johnston // Copy Editor

# BODY OF ART



In the Fall 2012 semester, Oakland University's Human Health Building opened, becoming the new home to the School of Nursing and the School of Health Sciences.

According to Andrea Eis, associate professor of art, Senior Project Manager John Harmala told Eis the building had plenty of spaces for exhibiting art, and asked if art could be furnished for the building.

Eis, who was Art Department chair at the time, along with Art Gallery Director Dick Goody, came to then Provost Moudgil with a proposal. A budget of \$50,000 was allotted for art in the HHB, according to current Interim Provost Susan Awbrey.



Clark

The building is also home to three large murals by Lecturer Eugene Clark, titled "Artis Anatomica." More pieces of art, all produced by OU faculty, will be on display in the HHB.

"They told us initially that they were going to pick three separate artists — one for each wall. But I submitted multiple designs and they liked the continuity of the work," Clark said.

Clark said he was inspired by "the underlying imagery of the human figure" as well as forms found in nature, based on the type of classes taught in the HBB.

Each mural is made up of four separate canvases. The building was still under construction when the paintings were being produced, Clark said, so the modular design made the murals easier to transport.

In addition to the murals, pieces of art from eight members of OU's faculty will be on display soon. Among them is a piece called "Neighborhood Gathering" by lecturer Rachel Reynolds, which features several brightly-colored fire hydrants.

Reynolds said the piece was inspired by artist Robert Zahorsky, with whom she shares a studio. She selected the piece for the HHB because of its vivid color scheme. "You wouldn't want to put anything that's too moody or dark in a public place like that," Reynolds said.

"I'm happy to get it out of the studio and into a bigger audience," said Reynolds, "and also draw attention to the work of Robert Zahorsky."

Clark said he was incredibly excited to have his work prominently featured in the HHB.

"It's a dream come true," Clark said. "It's been a life-changing and career-changing experience for me."

Eis shared Clark's enthusiasm.

"It really does feel good," Eis said. "It's important for the university (and) for the students and faculty to see real art — to know that there's this connection to the faculty who are teaching here."

Clark's painting is visible on the fourth and fifth floors of the HHB. Paintings by other faculty artists are scheduled to be displayed soon.

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# Setting the scene

*Preview of Meadow Brook  
Theatre's 2012-13 season*

By Misha Mayhand  
Multimedia Reporter

**C**heryl Marshall, managing director of Meadow Brook Theatre, said the hardest part about her job is paying the bills.

"The thing about being the managing director of the theatre is your responsible for the day-to-day operations and making sure everything is going the way it should," Marshall said.

Work is more fun from the artistic side of things, she said.

"It's easy to have fun while rehearsing, laughing and playing — then I have to sit back and figure out how I'm going to pay the bills," Marshall said.

Travis Walter, artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre, explained the artistic side.

"There are many duties that come with the job of the artistic director," Walter said.

He is responsible for all artistic decisions made at the theatre, including the cast, the designers and which shows will be produced for the upcoming season.

"There is also a lot of administration responsibilities, as well," Walter said.

Walter typically splits his workday in half to make time for both office work and rehearsals.

"I direct many of the shows during the season, so I'll do some office work in the morning, go to rehearsal for approximately seven hours a day, have production meetings afterward with the designers for the shows and go

back to my office work," Walter said.

He said he ends his day by volunteering at the shows in the evening, selling raffle tickets, giving a curtain speech and greeting patrons.

## What's to come

"Expect a lot of Michigan premieres," Walter said. "We have shows that haven't been produced in Michigan as of yet."

According to Walter, Meadow Brook Theatre will showcase a Pulitzer prize-winning musical called "Next to Normal," a brand new off-Broadway comedy called "White's Lies," an American horror classic called "The Haunting of Hill House," a new 1950s-themed musical called "Life Could be a Dream" and two oldies but goodies, "The Constant Wife" and the Broadway musical "70, Girls, 70" by the creative team behind "Cabaret" and "Chicago."

"The audience should expect a variety of different types of shows. From thrillers, to comedy, to classic and traditional — "A Christmas Carol" that we've done for 31 years," Marshall said.

The season kicked off with the thriller "The Haunting of Hill House," which is the scariest ghost story ever written, according to Marshall.

"The Haunting of Hill House" will run through Oct. 28, before switching over to "A Christmas Carol" which will run from Nov. 16 - Dec. 23.

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### Behind the curtains

"We have a play reading committee that starts reading plays once the season starts, and all summer long they've been reading plays," Marshall said.

By December, next year's season will already be in preparation, he added.

"The hard slot to fill is the January slot, because it's cold, icy and rainy," Marshall said.

Marshall said she always goes for something happy and upbeat.

Rehearsal for a single show could last three weeks before it goes on stage.

"It usually takes a good six-to-nine months to go from the idea stage to fruition," Walter said.

The crew consists of five people who build the sets, and another team of three creates costumes in the basement of the theatre.

"A crew of two people make up the properties crew, along with the other crews they create everything that's seen on stage," Walter said.

"The crews have approximately four weeks to create everything."

After two days of technical rehearsal, the theatre opens up for previews.

"We have three nights of previews where the director can make changes, if need be, before we finally open the show," Walter said. "This year, a total of 62 actors were hired so far for the shows, not counting the 20 children that will be cast in 'A Christmas Carol,'" Walter said.

"No OU students have been cast so far because it's hard to cast OU students during their school year, as our rehearsals are generally held during the day when classes are held," Walter said.

"It's hard work but it's rewarding in the end," Marshall said.

"This season will make you laugh, cry, think and jump a few times. But it's all in the fun of things. That is the magic of live theatre," Walter said.

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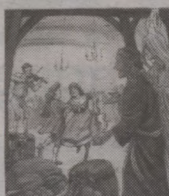
## MEADOW BROOK THEATRE 2012-13 SEASON SHOW GUIDE



### "The Haunting of Hill House"

By Shirley Jackson, adapted by F. Andrew Leslie.

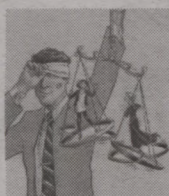
Oct. 3 - 28



### "A Christmas Carol"

By Charles Dickens, adaptation and Original Staging by Charles Nolte.

Nov. 16 - Dec. 23



### "White Lies"

By Ben Andron.

Jan. 9 - Feb. 3



### "Next to Normal"

Music by Tom Kitt, book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey.

Feb. 13 - March 10



### "The Constant Wife"

By W. Somerset Maugham.

March 20 - April 14



### "Life Could Be a Dream"

By Roger Bean.

April 24 - May 19



### "70, Girls, 70"

Book by David Thompson and Norman L. Martin. Music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb.

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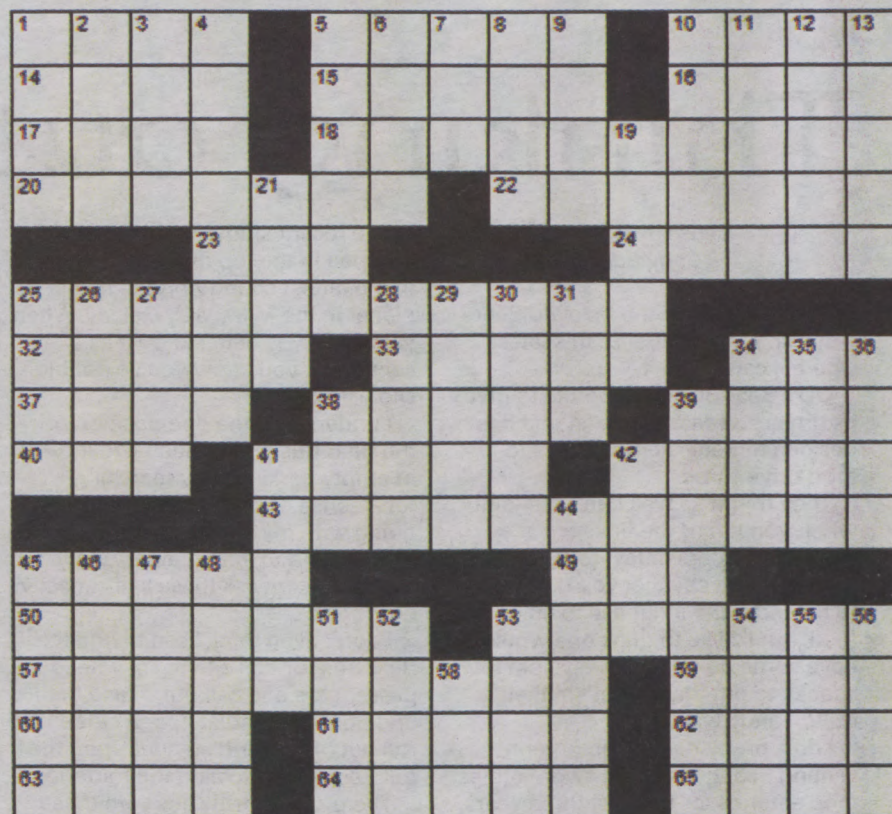
### ACROSS

1. Crazes
5. Vamoose
10. Garret
14. Pearly-shelled mussel
15. Not dead
16. Spindle
17. Standard
18. Freeing
20. Patella
22. Ash
23. Male cat
24. Unreactive
25. Complete
32. League members
33. Delete
34. Suffering
37. Backside
38. Bumbling
39. Gloomy atmosphere
40. Not cold
41. Critical
42. TV, radio, etc.
43. Booking
45. Lust for money
49. Large flightless bird
50. A poisonous plant

### DOWN

1. Depression
2. Nameless
3. Calamitous
4. At some indefinite time
5. Highly seasoned fatty sausage
6. Paper holder
7. Thorax protector
8. Affirm
9. No more than
10. Language of ancient Rome
11. Any compound of oxygen
12. Ground grain
13. Basic belief
19. Comment to the audience

21. Camp beds
25. Salt Lake state
26. Roman emperor
27. Spar
28. Taxonomic group
29. Mountain crest
30. Become narrower
31. Eastern Standard Time
34. Dry riverbed
35. Hodgepodge
36. Distinctive flair
38. Frozen water
39. Cranky
41. Eagerness
42. Mother
44. Superficiality
45. Specter
46. Happen again
47. Master of ceremonies
48. Wash out with a solvent
51. Prune
52. Yachting cap
53. Skin disease
54. Chocolate cookie
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56. Tale
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## SATIRE

# Thinking outside the bus

By Brian Figurski  
Copy Editor

I feel bad bashing the beloved Bear Bus so much, but after this latest gem, I can't help it.

OU's Bear Bus is desperate to give its drivers a reason to exist and has decided to dedicate Thursdays to fast food drive-thrus.

They might as well hand out joints when you board the bus.

The defenders of fast food may dispute that and say that you don't have to be under the influence to enjoy fast food, but I'd like to think one would have some drugs in their system to choose to put that "meat" in their mouth and swallow it.

I do a pretty decent job of representing healthy eating. I swore off fast food eateries for the past three years, the only time swaying from the path being ravenously drunk.

In a recent study, Michigan again plopped in the top five fattest states in the fattest country on the fattest planet in the Milky Way Galaxy. When your galaxy is better known as a candy bar, you know you've got high cholesterol.

I understand the dire position of the Bear Bus. I have seen it idling in empty parking lots, searching for a sense of purpose. "What am I doing with my life? Why do I exist?" All people and inanimate forms of transportation ask these self-reflective questions.

I don't even think I can blame the Bear Bus for this either. They need passengers and call out, "Taco Bell!" and hordes of moist-lipped students roll out of bed and stagger upon the quickest vessel to clog their arteries.

The problem truly lies with these terrible decisions and what constitutes a quality meal versus an

affordable one. You'll spend the least amount of money and die sooner munching McDonald's for breakfast and lunch and be dead by dinner.

If one wants to pollute their body with a filthy excuse for food, there should be some kind of challenge to acquire it, not a direct golden ticket to the front gates the Bear Bus has decided to provide. Maybe bike share fast food rides would have some redeeming property to it.

Either that or mandate every fast food option has to be built atop a hill only accessible by a vigorous walk to the top.

There will be a zip-line back to ground level so you don't toss your meal all over someone's walking path.

I'm sick of the country being overweight. It will take excruciatingly small steps to stop the growth, but having a direct line to jiggle city isn't going to make things better. One



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Total calorie intake is approximately equal to 11 Fred Savages and two Rob Reiners.

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