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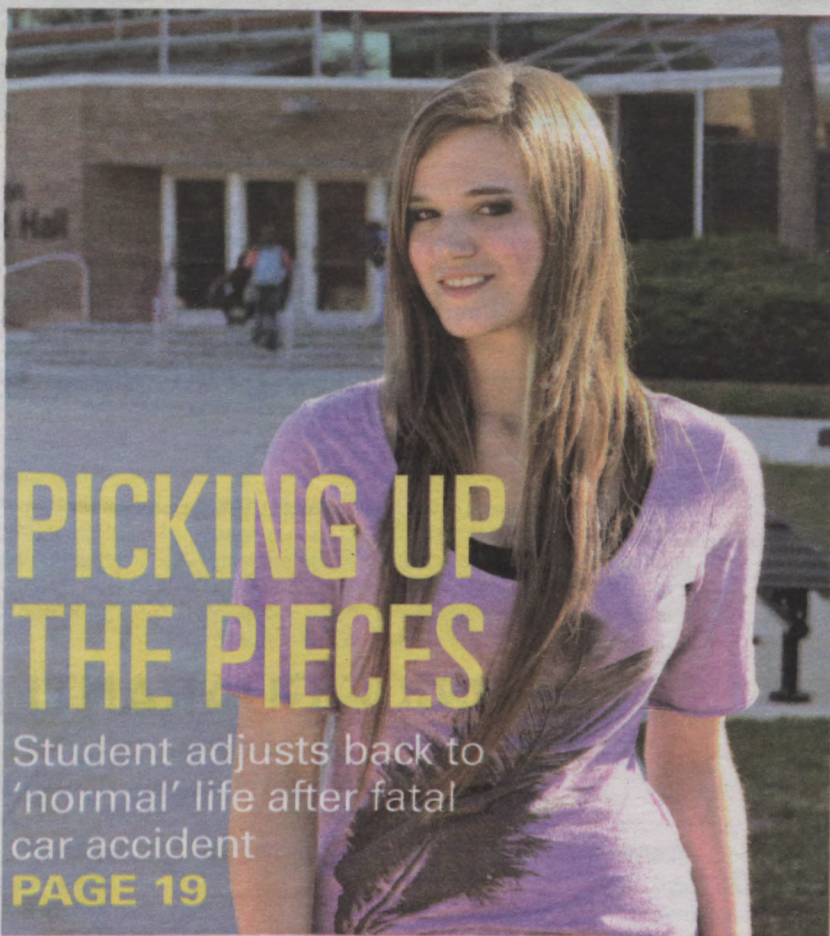
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Women's lacrosse team hopes to become university-recognized sport

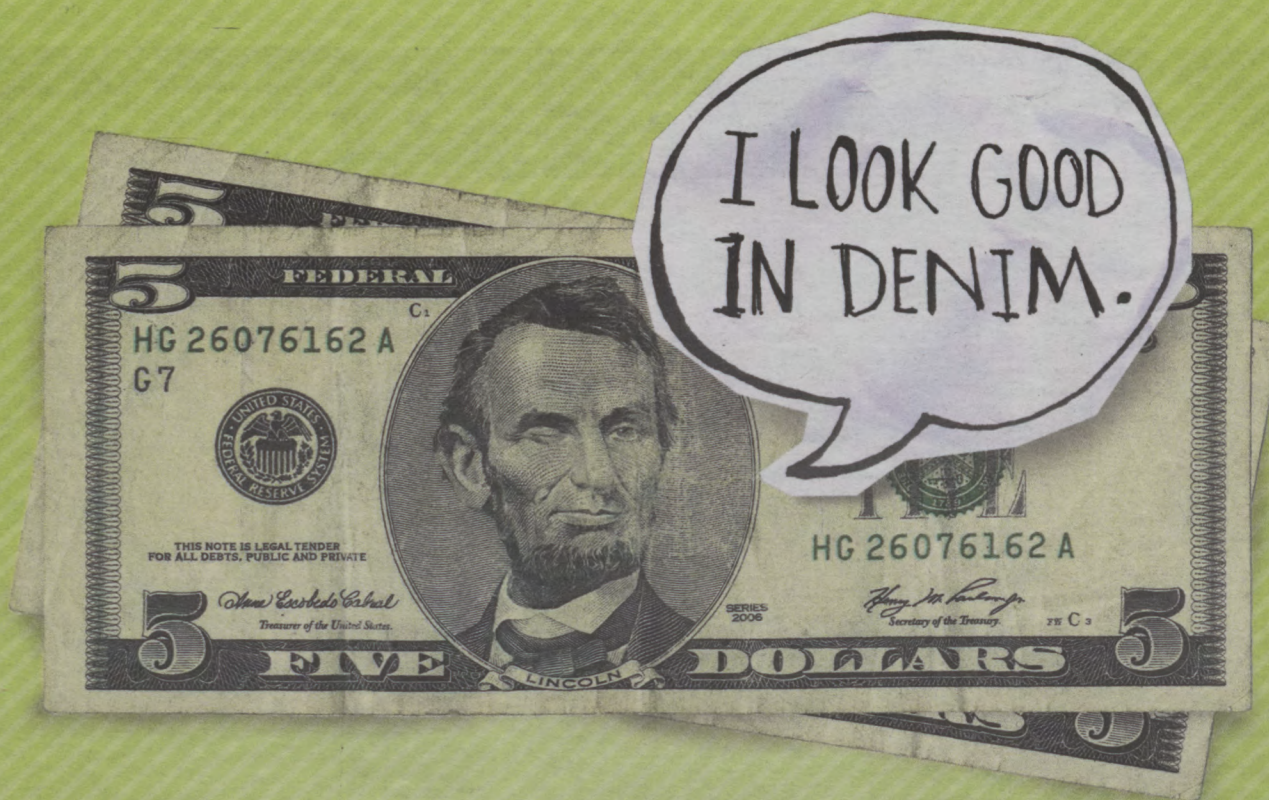
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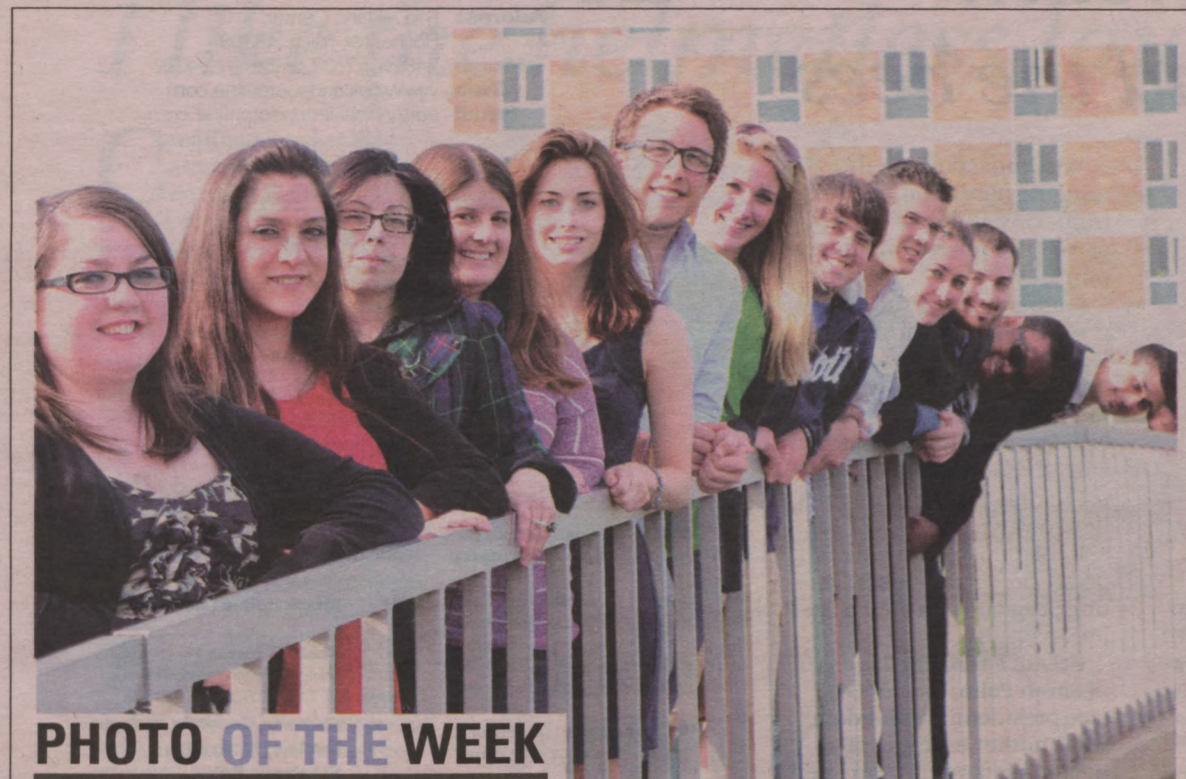


PHOTO OF THE WEEK

GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK // The staff of The Oakland Post would like to thank you for a great semester. Keep up to date, as we will continue to cover Oakland University during the summer — both online and in print. Have a great break, Grizzlies. // Tweet us your photos @theoaklandpost for your chance to be featured as next week's photo of the week. *Holly Gilbert // The Oakland Post*

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What are you doing this summer?

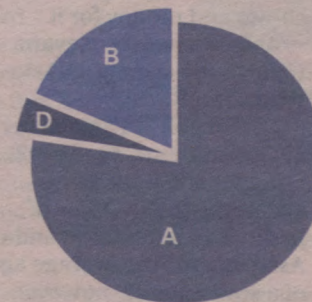
- A Internship
- B Going on vacation
- C Working
- D Taking classes

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What is your stance on internships?

- A) They should be paid
38 votes | 79%
- B) They should be unpaid
1 votes | 2%
- C) Why am I doing an internship?
0 votes | 0%
- D) It's necessary
9 votes | 19%



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

APRIL 19, 1979

An arsonist attacked the Van Wagoner House twice in one week, raising the total blazes to seven. The unknown assailant favored setting fire to shower curtains on the sixth floor within the previous 10 weeks.

APRIL 19, 1972

A plan for a three-year bachelor's degree was approved by the University Senate for the fall semester. Freshman who have successful academic records and requirements of the university were welcome to apply for the accelerated program.

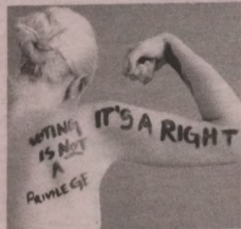
APRIL 17, 1996

The Board of Trustees offered Interim President Gary Russi the official seat to initial negative feedback. The decision was made without consultation of the university faculty or community members, leading to consideration of a vote censure against the board.



CAMPUS

10. Students and the GSC took back the night, marching in a protest against sexual violence. The event was meant to bring awareness to the cause and help victims as they heal mentally and physically.



LOCAL

18. Men and women from across the state are uniting in Lansing. The protests are organized by "Unite Women," a group that raises awareness for women's rights — including reproductive rights.



SPORTS

15. Sports editor Kevin Romanchik discusses the evolution of the Oakland Athletics brand and it's positive future. New leagues, advertising strategies and the promotion of a new practice facility are discussed.



LIFE

22. One of this season's biggest trends is being spotted all around campus. Students express their thoughts on the color blocking trend that is versatile and adds a pop of color to an outfit.

BY THE NUMBERS SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

35

all-time OU baseball all-conference players for Division I

727

all-time wins for the baseball program

28

number of professional baseball players that have played for OU

1980

OU softball's inaugural season

5

softball team appearances in the Summit League Tournament

STAFF EDITORIAL

It's a little late to preach about the birds and the bees

On Monday, the Student Program Board brought in 'Teen Mom' reality star Maci Bookout to speak at Oakland University.

Yes, this is the same Bookout from the MTV show, which documents the glorified life of teenage moms.

It's ironic that 200 years ago, someone would be given a scarlet letter for having premarital sex, but now they're getting television shows and money for it.

At least it was a relevant topic to the average OU student. Or not.

For the fall 2012 semester, 10,366 students, aged 17-22, attended the university, according to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment. The average age of a student is 23, however.

Unless it is abnormal for 23-year-olds to have children, then the statement about this speaking engagement being a relevant topic was sarcastic.

Bookout also cost \$8,000 to come over and speak to a bunch of college kids who know what condoms and abstinence are by now.

SPB also bought mugs and mints decorated with her face to pass out to students. Were not sure how are mugs and mints are advocating against pregnancies though.

All of these facts lie amidst

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the fact that teen pregnancy is lower than it has been in decades.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy reports teen pregnancy has declined by 44 percent from 1991 to 2010.

So why did we bring over the philosophies of MTV to speak to us the dangers of teen pregnancy to an audience of adults?

We're trying to figure that out, too.

Recently, Sheryl WuDunn spoke on campus at the 2012 Women's Symposium.

WuDunn was the first Asian-American to be hired by The New York Times and win the Pulitzer prize (for her reporting on the Tiananmen Square protests).

Even with that kind of résumé, she only cost \$10,000 to speak at Oakland.

Besides the fact she has a more prestigious résumé than Bookout, she is a much more relevant speaker.

WuDunn spoke on the modern state of human sex trafficking and how women can turn "oppression into opportunity."

Human trafficking is a grave but lesser known topic worldwide. It is currently the fastest growing criminal industry, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For only \$2,000 more than Bookout.

Bookout isn't the only person to get famous by getting pregnant at a young age, however.

Bristol Palin, the daughter of Sarah Palin, former GOP vice presidential candidate, was another example of becoming famous from her teen pregnancy.

Although she has been actively campaigning for abstinence, the whole concept is ludicrous, as the Associated Press reported Palin charged anywhere from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per appearance.

Unfortunately, today a lack of morals can make you rich, and your face can be placed on mint containers and coffee mugs.

And your school will pay for it.

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- The Skateboard Club of Oakland University will have their on-campus competition on Friday, April 27.

Letters to the Editor

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EDITORIAL

Thinking head first: Why I like the helmetless law

Creating a bucket list is almost as common as owning a smartphone. Jotting down the activities and experiences one would like to accomplish before their demise.

I crossed one of those experiences off my list two weeks ago. I rode my motorcycle through the Florida Keys without wearing a helmet. As a motorcycle rider, it is was one of the most joyous and freeing experiences of my life.



CHRIS HAGAN

guest columnist

It just so happens an article in The Oakland Post published on April 3 dealt with the very same issue.

Guest columnist Josh Solar argued against repealing Michigan's motorcycle helmet law. He was very much for keeping the helmet law in the Mitten. It was my trip to the Keys and riding over 300 miles "helmetless" that compelled me to write a rebuttal.

"I don't understand why people would want to ride without a helmet," Solar said in the sixth graph of his article.

The simplest answer I can give is, it's kind of like not wearing a condom during sex. It's more risky but it just feels better without one.

I want to make it a point that Solar is 100 percent right when he talks about the statistical data regarding wearing a helmet. It does attribute to higher survival rates and does help prevent brain injury. But when have we as a society ever listened or cared about statistics?

Smoking is statistically linked to lung cancer, yet people still do it. UV sun exposure is statistically linked to skin cancer, but all the women I saw in Key West were getting a nice, golden tan.

It seems to make a difference when something catastrophic happens in the person's life or

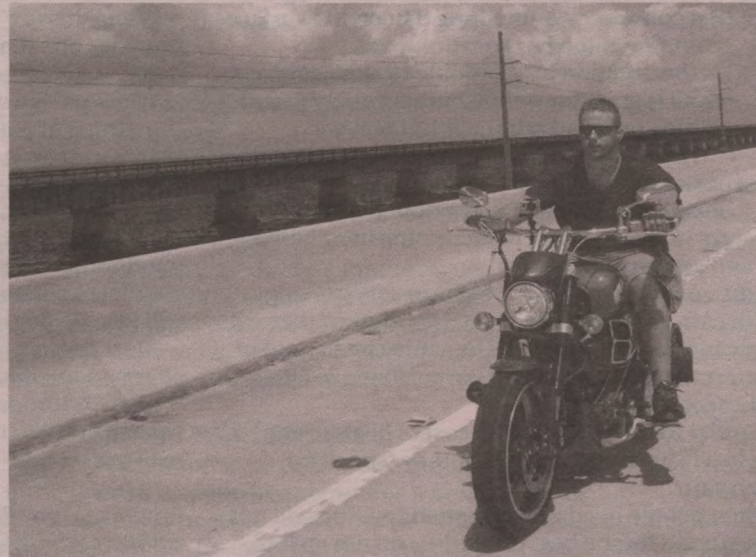


Photo courtesy of Cory Schons

Chris Hagan had the opportunity to ride his motorcycle helmetless while on vacation in Key West, Fla. a few weeks ago. He said the experience changed the way he views state-regulated helmet laws for the better.

someone close to them.

I'm not going to bore anybody with statistics or numbers or try to refute the data given by Solar. The law has been lifted and seeing helmet-less riders is now a reality.

I've been a firefighter and EMT approaching five years. I've seen death and dismemberment after motorcycle crashes. I, too, have been in a motorcycle accident that sent me to the ER. I've seen and lived through what could happen in an accident and I still support the repealed law.

A motorcyclist is untethered to an engine with wheels. A sudden stop, like that caused from an accident, will most definitely affect the entire body.

Injuries could include severe bone fractures — those fractures could lacerate arteries near the pelvis and arms, resulting in severing bleeding both internally and externally. A laceration of both femoral arteries could lead to cardiac arrest in minutes and the brain and head could be just fine.

Recently, a firefighter was telling me a story of a conversation he had with his grand-

father years back. This very same helmet controversy was brought up and the grandfather had his own theory on the matter and it was, "the only difference a helmet makes is whether or not it's going to be an open or closed casket."

Point is, the risk of severe injury or death is present regardless of the helmet. Every time you shift down into first, you're automatically increasing your chance of death.

You can guarantee that you'll see me "riding free" through Oakland County atop my 1700cc candy red, Yamaha Warrior. And if I do meet my fate, I would have gone out with peace running through my veins.

To the motorcyclist, it's freeing. The wind in your hair on a hot summer day, listening to the engine roar down the road is as calming as yoga.

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EDITORIAL

Looking forward: OUSC anticipates next year

In just a few short days, the semester will come to an end, signaling the end of the Ben Eveslage/Elisa Malile administration for the Oakland University Student Congress. In all honesty, the last year has flown by so fast. But not without a little bit of excitement for where Oakland University is now compared to a year ago.

This is where the Wolf/Williford administration is hoping to start off.

Ever since the beginning of our campaign, OUSC President Samantha Wolf and I have been doing what we can to remain realistic while still giving the students the very best options. We've already begun taking a step in the right direction by bringing in some of the brightest and best student leaders at OU to be a part of our executive board.

The Wolf/Williford administration has big hopes for the next year. With initiatives that include a Scantron machine in the library, more student organization collaboration and communication, lobbying for the increased use of Moodle and so many more things, the next year is sure to be filled with much needed changes.

We are so excited and determined to begin giving the students what they deserve. Every voice and every concern should be met with every intention of focusing on solutions, in both the short and long-term time frames. We're keeping the students and their voices our number one priority.

With this being said, we want to make sure each student has every opportunity to get involved. We want to interact with everyone in a variety of ways. Whether it is via electronic blast, newsletter, or fireside chat, we want to assist you in your hopes of getting your concerns addressed.

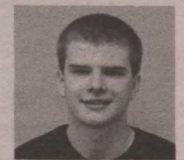
This begins with action. From the very first day in office, the Wolf/Williford administration hopes to hit the ground running. We're going to be working from our first day in office to the last day in office, writing our own story and leaving our legacy on the students of OU.

I personally want to let everyone who is reading this column know we encourage each and every one of you to get involved and make this university what you want it to be. After all, it's not every day you get to take action for what you're passionate about and voice your opinions about it.

It is, and will be forever, one of my greatest pleasures to be able to serve the students in any way that I can, and I assure you that the new administration is going to do what they can to make sure that your voice is constantly heard.

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ROBBIE WILLIFORD

guest columnist

EDITORIAL

Whatever happened to my choice?

Health care bill forces people into program, regardless of one's desire

Simply for taking a breath of air as you read this article, the U.S. government would like to force you to buy a service.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau there are 313,376,955 people currently living in the U.S.

These people are free to buy services as they choose. The U.S. only requires people to pay taxes, they do not currently force people to buy a service simply for breathing.

That could all change if the health care bill does not get repealed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Under the new health care bill (other wise known as 'Obamacare' or the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) people in the U.S. would be required to buy health insurance from a private health insurance company if they did not qualify for the expanded federal-state Medicaid program that is currently in place.

This means that simply for having a heart beat you are being forced into an act of commerce so



CHRIS LAURITSEN
senior reporter

that the federal government can then regulate that commerce, something that on the surface seems anything but constitutional.

The notation of affordable health coverage for all is great for selling bumper stickers and gaining popularity but it is not realistic.

Health insurance companies are not in the business of losing money, they are not in the business of seeing their bottom line slip. They are in the business of increasing their bottom line and seeing profits grow.

If the cost of health care begins to slip, causing health care companies to make less money, they will simply increase their price. The same can be said of doctors offices, which are all part of living in a free market economy.

In order to truly change the cost of health care, people will have to change how they "shop" for health care.

When people need medical attention, they do not shop around for the best price, they do not go looking for special deals, they go to the best doctor in the

area and ask for his services.

While this is a completely understandable decision, it is one that people should realize will cost them.

When you go shopping for a car, you look for something in your price range. If you earn \$25,000 a year, you are not going to go to your nearest Bugatti dealership to pick out your new car. You will go to a car dealership that offers cars in your price range.

The same should be done when it comes to the purchasing of health coverage or when you visit your local doctors office. If you want the best you will have to pay of it.

Most doctors services are never going to be free of charge, someone will always have to pay for it.

There is nothing wrong with a system where you have the option to buy a service and the option not to buy a service.

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Think of some of the most important yet most difficult problems facing humanity right now. What comes to mind? The economic crisis? Overpopulation? Violence? Climate change? Depletion of natural resources?

One characteristic of these problems is that they are caused by the interaction of a variety of factors. This is also the reason why these are difficult problems. Solving them requires interdisciplinary understanding and collaboration.

Solving complex problems also requires creativity. But how do you increase creativity? One way is through interdisciplinary understanding and collaboration.

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