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Welcome Week offers variety of activities

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Oakland University students will have a chance to participate in a variety of fun and informative activities during Welcome Week 2002, held during the first week of classes, from Tuesday, Sept. 3, to Saturday, Sept. 7.

"Welcome Week is a great opportunity for our students to get a well-rounded exposure to what campus life is like at Oakland University," said Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center for Student Activities and Welcome Week organizer. "Students can learn all about the many organizations, activities and different resources available to them outside the classroom."

Among the new additions to Welcome Week 2002 are the "Jimmy Fallon Comedy Concert" and "Commuter Commotion Car Display," both on Friday, Sept. 6. Fallon will begin his fourth season as a cast member of NBC's "Saturday Night Live," and the car display will feature four to six vehicles for 2003, including the Hummer H2 (Baby Hummer).

Students will be able to meet representatives from the OU Athletic Department and some student athletes during the "Meet the Coaches and Athletes Kickoff Funfest" on Thursday, Sept. 5. Meadow Brook Art Gallery also will open an exhibition by noted artist Peter Snadden on Saturday, Sept. 7.

"Welcome Week is always a fun way to give students a taste of what OU's all about and it's a great way to start the academic year," Miller said.

WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

Tuesday, September 3

- 8 a.m.-2 p.m. – Ask a Grizz Information Tables. Orientation Group Leaders will be available to answer questions at tables between North and South Foundation halls.
- 10 a.m.-noon – Getting Connected. A breakfast and first meeting for Connections students will be held in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms. Sponsored by the Office of New Student Programs.
- 11 a.m.-noon – Making College Count. Connections, COM 101 and all freshmen students will learn how to make the most of their college experience. Sponsored by the Office of New Student Programs.
- Noon-3 p.m. – Student Program Board Fall Open House. Games, music, karaoke, giveaways and Student Program Board information will be offered between O'Dowd Hall and the Oakland Center.
- 3-5 p.m. – New Student Convocation. This formal ceremony for new students and their parents, held at the Recreation and Athletics Center, marks the beginning of a student's academic career.

Wednesday, September 4

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. – Ask a Grizz Information Tables. Orientation Group Leaders will be available to answer questions at tables between North and South Foundation halls.
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – Get the Scoop! Student Affairs Ice Cream Social. Meet with OU faculty, staff and students at the Office of Student Affairs in the Oakland Center.
- 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – Student and Greek Organizations Carnival. Have fun and learn more about OU's student and Greek organizations. The event will be held between North and South Foundation Halls.
- 5-6 p.m. – Get the Scoop! Student Affairs Ice Cream Social. Meet with OU faculty, staff and students at the Office of Student Affairs in the Oakland Center.

- 5-6:30 p.m. – Late Night with CSA. Fun and freebies will be offered at the Center for Student Activities, 49 Oakland Center.
- 7-10 p.m. – OU Night at the Rec. Food, prizes, games, fun and festivities will be offered at the Recreation and Athletics Center.

Thursday, September 5

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. – Ask a Grizz Information Tables. Orientation Group Leaders will be available to answer questions at tables between North and South Foundation halls.
- 8 a.m.-7 p.m. – Library Coffee House. Free coffee and prizes will be offered at Kresge Library.
- 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. – Theta Tau Picnic – This picnic, hosted by the Theta Tau co-ed engineering fraternity, will be held outside Dodge Hall.
- 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. – Oakland Center Patio Concert: OU African Steel Drum Band. The concert will be held at the Oakland Center Patio.
- Noon-3 p.m. - Archeology Lab Open House. An open house will be held at the Archeology Lab, 110 Wilson Hall.
- 1-4 p.m. - Academic Skills Center Open House. Learn about the peer tutoring services that are available at the center, 103 North Foundation Hall.
- 3-5 p.m. – Please Excuse Our Mess: Oakland Center Reception. The reception will be held at the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.
- 4-6 p.m. - Psi Chi/Psychology Open House. This national honor society in psychology is open to graduate and undergraduate students. The society encourages excellence in scholarship and advancements in the science of psychology. The open house will be held in Pryale Hall.
- 5-7 p.m. – Meet the Coaches and Athletes Kickoff FunFest. Meet representatives from the OU Athletic Department and student athletes. Prizes and fun are offered. This event will be held outdoors in front of the Recreation and Athletics Center.
- 6-9 p.m. - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Freshman Seminar and National Pan-Hellenic Council Panel Discussion. This seminar will be held at the Heritage Room in the Oakland Center.
- 6-9 p.m. – Shopping Trek to Target. All students with an ID Spirit Card will receive 10 percent off their purchases at the Target store in Rochester Hills.

Friday, September 6

- All day – OU Spirit Day. Show your pride and wear your Oakland University Golden Grizzly gear today.
- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. – Ask a Grizz Information Tables. Orientation Group Leaders will be available to answer questions at table between North and South Foundation Halls.
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Commuter Commotion and Car Display. Food, games and prizes will be offered in front of South Foundation Hall.
- 3 p.m. – New Student Apartments Grand Opening. A dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the apartment community center. Tours of the apartments and refreshments also will be offered.
- 4-6:30 p.m. – Association of Black Students and Office of Equity Welcome Back Picnic. This event will be held between the Oakland Center and O'Dowd Hall.
- 7-9 p.m. – Jimmy Fallon Comedy Concert. This comic from "Saturday Night Live" will perform at Vandenberg Dining Center. Tickets are free and available from the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 3.

- 7 p.m.-1 a.m. – Sigma Pi Pig Roast. Food, fun and entertainment will be offered at the upper playing fields across from the university student apartments. Hosted by Sigma Pi Fraternity.
- 9 p.m. – Student Program Board Movie: Spiderman. The movie will be shown outdoors on the north side of O'Dowd Hall.
- 9 p.m. – Association of Black Students Icebreaker Dance. The dance will be held in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

Saturday, September 7

- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. – Arts and Apples Festival (through Sept. 8). Artists, entertainment, food and fun will be available at the Rochester Municipal Park. Stop by and visit the OU Alumni Association booth or call Jamie Ruark at (248) 370-3700, ext. 1113, to volunteer and join in the fun.
- 1-4 p.m. - InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Picnic. IVCF is a Christian organization that seeks to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and provides a place where Christians can worship and learn together about Christ. The picnic will be held outdoors in front of Dodge Hall.
- 6-9 p.m. – Meadow Brook Art Gallery Techno Night (through Oct. 6). Artist Peter Snadden's exhibition, entitled "Mimi-mall: Faux Home Range," will be on display at Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

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