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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**MY FAMILY VALENTINE** // Oakland men's basketball visited East Lansing Friday, Nov. 23. Senior Drew Valentine met his younger brother, Spartan freshman Denzel Valentine, for the first and possible last time in their collegiate basketball careers. The two brothers shared a lot of laughs and smiles on the court in the Breslin Center. Oakland lost the game, 70-52. Spartans head coach Tom Izzo praised them both. *DYLAN DULBERG// The Oakland Post*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

What do you think was the biggest story this past year?

- A** Hot for teacher
- B** \$21 million donation
- C** Chick-fil-A controversy
- D** OUPD voicemail mishap

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

What is your position on the potential Oakland University smoking ban?

- A** I think they should ban it  
76 votes | 54%
- B** I don't think they should ban it  
25 votes | 18%
- C** I don't smoke — it doesn't matter  
12 votes | 9%
- D** I think people will still smoke regardless  
28 votes | 20%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### DECEMBER 1, 1967

A UFO sighting was reported on campus by four male students who were leaving campus on Library Drive. Police were called to the scene. The group watched the UFO as it disappeared and reappeared over South Foundation Hall.

### DECEMBER 2, 1977

The Board of Trustees approved a constitution for the School of Nursing so that the school's first class could graduate later in the semester.

### DECEMBER 3, 1979

Vandenberg Hall was evacuated because a bomb scare threatening the lives of Iranian dorm students was received by campus police. The dorms were searched and were then declared safe.



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### FROM SHARE TO LOAN

In hopes of restoring the less-than-desirable results of the Bike Share Program, OU will soon be adopting a Bike Loan program with Wi-Fi controlled locks and student PINs.



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### AND ALL THAT JAZZ

OU's student Jazz Band will play at Detroit's historical jazz club, Cliff Bells, early in December. The group has had the honor of taking the stage there before.



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### WHISKERED WONDER

Students show off their fuzzy faces during No-Shave November, or Movember, a month-long ode to prostate cancer awareness. Who has the chops?

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
BLACK FRIDAY

**\$423**  
average spent per shopper  
over the weekend

**89**  
million shoppers  
in stores

**247**  
million shoppers in  
stores and online

**\$59.1**  
millions spent in stores and  
online over the weekend

**24**  
people injured in  
Walmart stores

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# No ifs, ands or butts

Hopefully soon, the thick, heavy aroma of cigarette smoke that clouds entrances to campus buildings will clear.

In place of it will be clean, fresh air unaffected by the toxins of tobacco passed on to students by the myriad smokers at Oakland University.

The Committee for a Smoke-Free Campus, a group of Oakland employees and students, is working toward making OU completely smoke free.

The group hopes to make the change through an amendment of OU Administrative Policy 475, which currently prohibits smoking in all university buildings and within 50 feet of those facilities

Approximately 20.1 percent of adults age 18-24 smoke, according to a 2010 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Protection.

At Oakland, those smokers can be found cluttering the entrances to campus buildings and while walking around. They cluster around the smokestacks during breaks and make it almost impossible to walk into a building without getting a whiff of secondhand smoke.

The current smoking rule is not enforceable, according to OU Police Department Chief Samuel Lucido. We do not blame OUPD for not enforcing this, however. The 50-foot rule was a bad idea from the

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start, as bins are rarely placed within the required distance and often obstruct access to the handicap buttons for campus buildings. It's also not stopping anyone — both students and faculty included — from smoking on the patio outside of the Oakland Center and other areas around campus.

Oakland is nationally known as an up-and-coming medical school. With the William Beaumont School of the Medicine and Human Health Building churning out students who are trained to save and improve lives, it is no wonder some would want to make the university as healthy as possible.

If Oakland were to pass a ban, we'd be following the lead of many other universities, including the University of Michigan, where a ban was passed last year, and Macomb and Oakland Community Colleges, who started their bans last week. Students are unable to smoke on campus,

but can smoke in parking lots and in their vehicles.

Aside from following the advice of its peers, a campus-wide ban would just be smart. It would benefit every one of Oakland's 19,740 students who are either harming themselves first hand or exposing others to secondhand smoke.

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., according to the CDC. Exposure to secondhand smoke causes nearly 50,000 deaths every year among young adults in the U.S. — 3,400 annual deaths from lung cancer and 46,000 annual deaths from heart disease, a 2011 report showed.

In May 2010, Michigan became the 38th state to pass a Clean Air Act, which prohibits tobacco usage inside all workplaces and public restaurants.

Though many people were worried the ban would affect restaurant sales, a September study by U-M showed that most restaurants have not reported a negative result in sales from the ban.

If Oakland were to initiate a campus-wide ban, we would be making progress toward a healthier university, not just for our accreditation as a medical school, but for all of our students as well.

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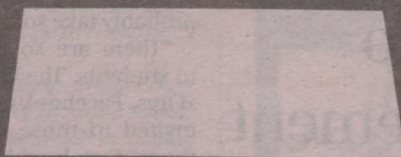
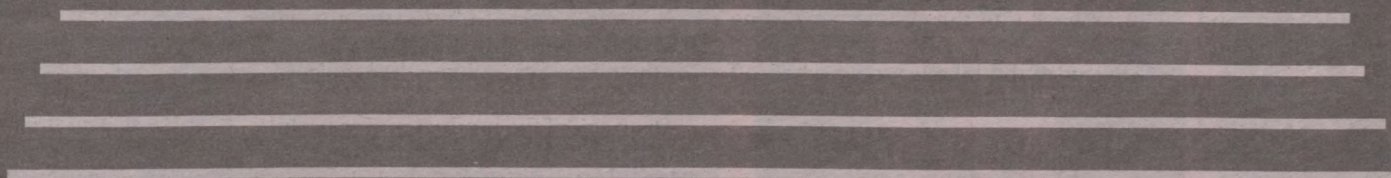


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# Bike lock system for Bike Loan Program proposed

*OUSC, engineering team up to fix system*

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter

After issues with the past Bike Share Program, the Bike Loan Program was developed earlier this year to create a more efficient and accountable on-campus green transportation system, where students checked out and took responsibility for bikes.

Oakland University Student Congress and the engineering department joined to develop a proposal for Wi-Fi controlled SMART bikes, which will have electronic locks designed by computer science and engineering students and faculty.

Brian Dean and Osamah Rawashdeh, assistant professors of electrical and computer engineering, developed the lock plans with OUSC student services director, Amera Fattah.

## How the bikes work

By requiring students to enter their unique PIN, the locks provide safety and accountability with tracking ability, according to Dean.

"When researching, we hadn't found the perfect fit," Fattah said. "Some had expensive fees and difficult contracts. We decided to integrate everything to-



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Assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering, Brian Dean, and OUSC student services director, Amera Fattah, discuss the new bike locks for the Bike Loan Program.

gether for a convenient program that will increase accountability and build a better representation for OU as a green school."

Ultimately, students will check out a bike from one of the multiple Wi-Fi racks to be located on campus, entering their password and maintaining responsibility for it until they lock it up again and it checks back into the system, according to Dean.

He said if the bike is stolen when off the system, it will be the students' liability.

"We want something marketable to other schools and cities," Dean said.

The locks can be used on any type of bike, so the initial goal is to use the current bikes, according to Fattah.

## The next step

Three-to-five prototypes will be developed by the end of winter semester and funding will be discussed before the winter semester.

If funded, next summer students will have the opportunity to be "beta testers" for the bikes and evaluate them, according to Rawashdeh.

Dean said if the product proves useful, prototypes will be marketed through OU INC and later patented if needed.

# New OUSC initiative aims to increase student org involvement

By Misha Mayhand  
Multimedia Reporter

Oakland University Student Congress is offering marketing and advertising help to student organizations through its new initiative, connectOU, which hopes to increase student involvement on campus.

Amera Fattah, OUSC student services director, said students are now able to go through OUSC to help market their events.

Fattah said connectOU is an email that comes directly to students. It is simplified with picture icons and short descriptions

next to them. These icons and descriptions link students to their desired organizations.

"We have about 800 subscribers right now and we got the subscribers through orientation and OUSC tables set up in the Oakland Center," Fattah said.

The program is also accessible through OUSC's website at [www.oakland.edu/OUSC](http://www.oakland.edu/OUSC).

Ashima Vohra, president of the Indian Students Association of OU, said she received the connectOU email and forwarded it to group members.

She said she does believe new students will utilize connectOU more, but it will

probably take some time to catch on.

"There are so many things available to students. The Oakland calendar, GrizzOrgs, Facebook events, but if you aren't invited to those events, you won't see them," Fattah said.

She said the issue with connectOU is students will have to subscribe to it.

"We are relying on word of mouth of the subscribers," Fattah said.

She said students should talk to people and network in order for them to increase their on-campus involvement.

"My job here is to service the students and I wouldn't feel like I was servicing them if I wasn't connecting them to information that could benefit them. That's what I hope to do with connectOU," Fattah said.

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## POLICE FILES

### Theft in student apartments

A police officer was dispatched to the student apartments Nov. 16 for a larceny report regarding a laptop.

The student stated that on the date of the incident, she and her roommates had people over between 9:30 p.m. and 2 a.m., and her laptop had been out in the living room.

She said throughout the night, several people used the laptop to change music and when she woke up later in the morning, the laptop was gone.

The student is tracking the laptop's location and will contact dispatch if it connected to a wireless network.

### MIP issued at Hamlin Hall

Police officers were dispatched to Hamlin Hall on Nov. 18 at approximately 1:45 a.m. for a possible minor in possession.

Resident Assistant's stated they witnessed the resident stumbling and smelling of intoxicants.

Officers received permission to enter the room and spoke with the student in question.

The officers noted a strong odor of intoxicants and slurred speech.

The student refused to perform a preliminary breathalyzer test, so the officers performed a horizontal gaze nystagmus test.

The student struggled to stand and lost balance during the test. Police issued the student an MIP.

### Marijuana smoke reported in Van Wagoner House

Police were dispatched to Van Wagoner House Nov. 20 for a report of a strong odor of marijuana smoke.

When the officers knocked on the door, a female student answered the door and admitted to smoking marijuana.

Officers noted her eyes were watery and her speech was slow. The student denied having marijuana in the room and agreed to a search.

Officers located a pipe with ash and residue in a desk drawer. A misdemeanor citation for marijuana use was issued.

— Compiled by  
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# Beaumont and Henry Ford Health Systems agree to merger

By Sarah Blanchette  
Staff Reporter

Beginning in 2013, Beaumont Health System and Henry Ford Health System will enter into a new relationship with one another.

In a joint effort, the two Michigan-based systems will implement goals in order to improve health care to patients.

## Getting started

The idea came about in response to the country's changing health care conditions.

Chairman of the Board of Directors for Beaumont Health System, Steve Howard, said he recognized the similar values both systems share.

"The decision to sign a letter of intent for a merger followed months of study and deliberation

by both organizations on how to continue their nationally recognized industry leadership in the face of the changing health care environment," Howard said.

Robert Folberg, founding dean of the OU William Beaumont School of Medicine, said education will remain the overall goal of Beaumont and Henry Ford.

"Beaumont's commitment to its relationship with OU through the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine will continue," Folberg said. "The OUWB School of Medicine has already been very successful in attracting students locally and around the country."

## Hoping to improve

Chief medical officer and executive vice president of Beaumont Health System, Ananias Diokno, has high hopes for the merge in

terms of how it will affect Michigan. "Our new organization will be one of the most comprehensive health systems in Michigan, as measured by revenue and patients served," Diokno said.

## Remaining a nonprofit

According to Colette Stimmell, director of corporate communications for Beaumont, both entities will also uphold their values as nonprofit organizations.

"The Boards of the two not-for-profit systems authorized the development of a new organization that will include all of the assets, liabilities and operations of both Beaumont and Henry Ford," Stimmell said. "This is not a financial transaction."

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\$6.4

billion in operations

10

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