

WXOU holds free concert

By **KEVIN ROMANCHIK**
Scene Editor

WXOU celebrated the inaugural National College Radio Day on Oct. 11 with a free concert featuring local bands The Burning Ponies and Rival Summers in the front of Bumpers Game Room in the basement of the Oakland Center.

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WEEK OF CHAMPIONS AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY

"Shoot Hoops" with Oakland's Basketball Teams
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge

OU vs. Michigan - Men's Soccer
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. OU Soccer Field

Countdown to "The Madnezz"
10:00 p.m. Hamlin Courtyard

THURSDAY

WOCOUC Showcase:
Encore Performances from the WOCOUC Talent Show
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Fireside Lounge

FREE Cider and Donuts

FRIDAY

Friday Night Live featuring Comedians Dave and Ethan
7:00 p.m. Banquet Rooms

Sigma Pi Pig Roast
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. between the OC and O'Dowd Hall

BYOB Tailgate Party
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. P16 Parking Lot

OU Grizz Madnezz
10:00 - 10:00 p.m. O'Rena

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Cruising the campus

The Oakland Post staff ventures out to test campus walkability and proves that each destination on campus is within 10 minutes time.

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this week

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Photo
of the
Week



Sunrise on campus // Oct. 10, Wilson Hall

Photo courtesy of Louisa Ngote

Special lecturer and curator of visual resources in the department of art and art history at OU took a photo of the sunrise at by Wilson Hall on Oct. 10 at 7 a.m. in the morning. She noted that the site was a "spectacular view of Wilson Hall from P1."



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Skipping to class

We'll be honest. We're renowned for not going to class, but we still know it's important.

We're thrown into a different atmosphere when we enter college, one without credit review for missing classes and parental nagging if we're living on campus, and we are forced to depend on ourselves for a change.

As college students, our biggest struggle is going to class. However, those classes we're missing actually cost us — a lot.

Katy Culver, who teaches journalism at the University of Wisconsin, says that "college students make up the only consumer group that actively wants to get less than it paid for."

Think about it. You're spending \$1,325 for a four-credit class, which means missing one class would cost you around \$33.97 a class for a Monday/Wednesday/Friday class, \$49.07 for a Tuesday/Thursday class and roughly \$94.64 per class for a class that meets once a week.

Why pay so much money for something and then not commit to attending it?

As Randy Pausch, a former professor at Carnegie Mellon University once said

about his role as a professor, "We play the roles of trainers, giving people access to the equipment (books, labs, our expertise) and after that, it is our job to be demanding. We need to make sure that our students are exerting themselves. We need to praise them when they deserve it and to tell them honestly when they have it in them to work harder."

As students, we need to take advantage of our professors and use them as resources to better ourselves and prepare for our futures without them there.

Also, without the student and teacher interaction, how are we going to effectively construct relationships and use them as a resource?

You might feel like you're not getting anything out of going to class, but you're truly left with nothing when you don't attend.

Getting face time with an instructor is the first step toward building a meaningful relationship: one that will definitely continue and benefit you for the rest of your life.

And that's the reason we're all here, right? We're getting our degrees so that we can get jobs in this tough economy.

We see what the problem is, though. The dilemma is that no one really says we have to go to class. It's solely up to us as students.

Students are faced with deadlines for other classes, exams to study for, a social life to tend to. It's all too easy to skip one class to focus on all these other things.

But where is the line? Other responsibilities won't stop, and sooner or later rationalizing makes not going to class completely excusable.

The bottom line is that going to class has its benefits and students should know that.

It shouldn't all be on the student, though. Professors need to find a way to make attendance matter, too.

We aren't necessarily advocating for every professor to take roll a la the fourth grade.

But professors should find a way to reward students who show up to class in some small way.

It can be discouraging when you get the same grade in a class as the random person who strolls in only on exam days. However, grades aside, you can garner a much better experience from regularly attending — support in your endeavors.

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Legacy more than innovation

With the death of Steve Jobs last week, we have all been remembering him as a great innovator. He brought us true smartphones, Pixar, the Graphical User Interface, the personal computer, created the tablet market, revolutionized how we listen to music and the list goes on.

Not only is he responsible for these works, he also inspired countless other innovations. Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Bill Gates are probably the three people that have had the most influence in how we live our lives today.

Steve Jobs was able to amass a cult like following of Mac users, but these are not the people that he truly led into the next era of history.

He, along with other giants like Wozniak and Gates, ushered in the information age by making it possible for others to innovate. Their inspiration of the masses of nerds was the spark of the information



Kevin Swift
Senior, Information Technology

revolution we are currently experiencing.

Good leaders gain followers, while great leaders gain leaders.

Steve Jobs did just that. I am confident that his work and his direct contribution to our lives today will continue to inspire and excite people about technology.

In my otherwise free time, I mentor a FIRST robotics team. FIRST is a global or-

ganization dedicated to inspiring and exciting high school students about technology. FIRST's leadership dreams of a world where we revere people like Steve Jobs the way others revere Michael Jackson.

I have dedicated a significant portion of my life to contributing to this goal, and the public reaction to Jobs' death gives me confidence that the culture change that FIRST seeks is in progress.

Now that homes generally have multiple PCs and we all seem to have smartphones, we can order pizza over the Internet and have a video chat with friends half way across the world. It is easier than ever to forget that 30 years ago, almost none of this existed.

I recently watched the original Power Ranger's movie with several friends when we saw it pop up on Netflix. We were amazed by the cultural changes that have happened even in the last 15 years — chang-

es that have occurred as we grew up.

When that movie came out, I was 6-years-old. In it, they used seemingly magical communicators and rode around in roller blades with Sony Walkmen.

Today, the magical communicators exclusive to the Power Rangers have been demystified by the cell phone that is accessible to everyone.

Sony Walkmen have been replaced with mp3 players and roller blades have died out faster than any other outdoor activity (thank God).

It is astounding to see the rapid revolution that has taken place thanks to the inspiration provided by Steve Jobs and the industry's leaders.

The way to remember him best is not to go out and buy the new iPhone the instant it comes out, but rather to continue innovating and continue inspiring the technological revolution.

Letters to the Editor

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Focus on local issues

I picked up a copy of The Post and read that you were looking for some feedback and I'm never one to not give my two cents when asked, so I figured I'd let you know what I'm looking for in our Post.

Please cut the national stories and even the regional ones and focus your attention on campus.

I can read about what's happening all over the world in countless other news sources but the only place I can get news on my university is your paper.

I've been at Oakland for five years now and I've seen it change dramatically in my short tenure.

Both of my parents are OU alumni and their experience at OU was much different than mine.

When I (hopefully) send my kids to Oakland, I assume their experience will be drastically different than mine as well.

Oakland is a school that's going through significant changes and is having a bit of an identity crisis.

Are we positioning ourselves to enter the top tier of American universities or are we going to continue focusing on servicing the local community?

I would absolutely love to read investigations, interviews, opinions, etc. from everyone around campus about

where Oakland is, where it is headed, and what that means for all of us. Thanks.

— Alex Neuman

Pitch for Sudoku

I saw how you guys went ahead with the crossword idea on the back page (Sept. 28 issue).

I would like to pitch you an idea to make it even better: why not include a Sudoku puzzle?

The idea is simple, really. For some people, numbers just click better than letters and words do.

Other people, who are word savvy, may prefer the challenge, as I would. People might get ambitious and try both.

And, with midterms upon us, students and professors alike may welcome the mental break in between their studies.

Personally, my eyes were shocked by the enormous crossword last week; so, why not try to fit it on the back page (with the crossword puzzle)?

If this doesn't work, perhaps you could even go to our math department for ideas.

I have a good friend who is a math major at GVSU and she actually had to come up with an entire book (like about 50 pages or so) of math games for one of her final projects last spring.

The whole idea was to make math fun for elementary students. Perhaps the same concept could be applied here?

— Jessica McLean

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OU increases security

By **JUSTIN COLMAN**
Copy Editor

In the upcoming months, the Oakland University Police Department will be installing new surveillance equipment all around campus. About 45 new surveillance cameras will be installed to further bolster the high amount of security on campus.

Melvin Gilroy, lieutenant and commanding officer of OUPD, confirmed that the while the cameras themselves have not been yet installed, other equipment that OUPD will use to monitor activity is currently being installed.

"The project (process) has been authorized and is in the design," Gilroy said. "What we call, 'the head-end equipment' is being installed here, which means all the wiring here (at the department), the DVRs, are being installed right now."

The cameras that are already installed are used in patrol and investigations. They help OUPD identify those who have committed crimes and monitor activity in highly condensed areas, such as the Oakland Center and Kresge Library.

"Most cameras on campus are concentrated in areas where there is a high volume of traffic and pedestrian movement," Capt. Mark Gordon said. "We (the OUPD) are always concerned about overall safety of students and staff, and monitoring these types of areas allows us to ensure safety measures are being utilized."



SIERRA SOLEIMANI / The Oakland Post
In the coming months, OUPD will be installing cameras around campus. The cameras will to increase security.

Security cameras were installed in the interior and exterior of the residence halls, and according to Gordon, can last for up to five years.

"It depends on the area, but much of the equipment is replaced about every five years," Gordon said. "Some equipment will be replaced sooner than that as new technology does not always interact with older equipment and (some) will need to be re-

placed as older cameras begin to fail."

As for who watches over the surveillance footage, Gordon said that OUPD and others in the department who request the cameras are in charge of monitoring.

"If a specific department wants to install cameras to view a computer lab, the police dispatch center will have viewing rights to the system as well as the manager of the area in which the lab exists," Gordon said.

In the Sept. 28 issue of The Oakland Post, two theft incidents in Vandenberg Hall were reported. One student who had money stolen from him said that he felt unsafe for the first time in his three years at OU.

Gilroy said not in response to the recent incidents that there will be an increase of security around the residence hall areas, including parking lots that are relatively close to the proximity.

"We place a heavy emphasis on enhancing our capabilities with closed-circuit television applications around all the housing areas," Gilroy said. "We will always be pumping money into increasing security on campus."

Gordon said that students should be self-conscious about their valuables and ensure that they are secured.

"Larceny is the largest crime at OU and many students can avoid becoming a victim by simply securing their items," he said.

If you suspect or witness any suspicious behavior on campus, it can be reported to OUPD at 248-370-3331

police files

Student account hacked

On Oct. 5, a female student reported to OUPD that someone had accessed her OU Moodle and webmail accounts. The female student stated that after usage of the computers in Pawley Hall, she had forgot to log out.

Later that day, she checked her email and saw that someone sent "a very nasty message" to another female. She also said her classes had been dropped for both fall and winter terms. The student changed her email password and pin and contacted the registrar's office to re-enroll in courses.

Drunk student in Hill House

On Oct. 8, OUPD officers were on foot patrol when they received a call at 3:30 a.m. from a Hill House resident assistant about an intoxicated visitor. When officers approached the male student in question, he admitted to having "a couple shots."

After taking a PBT, he registered 0.08 BAC. It was determined that the student had an outstanding warrant from OUPD for failure to appear on a marijuana use citation. He was arrested, but posted bond. The student was not permitted in university housing for the remainder of the weekend and issued a citation for minor in possession.

Theft in Hamlin Hall

On Oct. 9, officers were dispatched to Hamlin Hall for a reported theft in a student dorm. The female student told OUPD officers that someone had broken into her dorm and stole items including a laptop, iPod, digital camera and various belongings.

Upon further investigation, it was found that someone had entered the room through the window. The suspect, who is not known at this time, exited the same way.

Officers photographed the scene, footprints and fingerprints. The case is still under investigation.

— Complied by Kevin Romanchik,
Scene Editor

New hires at OU

[**Angela Kaiser**]
Assistant Professor - Sociology
and Anthropology



Work:
"I have worked primarily in non-profit organizations ... I also have experience with community education and training, grant writing, fundraising and community organizing. In terms of research, I have worked on a number of projects focusing on housing for low-income families, health and well-being programs in African American churches, capacity building

in organizations and social capital in faith-based organizations... I also chose OU because the Sociology and Anthropology department is full of absolutely amazing faculty."

Courses this year:
SOC/SW 315 - Social Welfare Policy
SW 18 - Multicultural Social Work Practice
SOC/SW 210 - Introduction to Social Work

Personal:
"I was born in Michigan and grew up in Walled Lake. I have lived in Michigan my whole life except for the year I lived in St. Louis, Mo. while teaching ... when I am not teaching, I enjoy yoga, biking, playing music (drums), attending music concerts, and travel."

— By Ali Armstrong,
Local Editor

GSC offers a 'safe' haven

By SARAH HUNTON
Staff Reporter

In the dark basement of the Oakland Center, the bright rainbow of colors that spill from the Gender and Sexuality Center may seem like a beacon of light to some.

OU's GSC offers a safe place for members of the OU community to come for education or services centered on gender and sexuality, ways for students to volunteer and even a place for students to just hang out.

The program that the GSC is most known for, Grace Wojcik, coordinator of the GSC said, is the S.A.F.E training it offers. This workshop provides the community with the information and tools they need to be an ally to the LGBTQ community.

"(The S.A.F.E. training) basi-

cally teaches terminology issues and ways to help with LGBTQIA community," Mark Martinez, the student assistant of the GSC, said. "It promotes understanding, advocacy and just general safety."

OU faculty and staff who chose to go through the training often have stickers outside their office to signify that they are a safe person to talk to.

The next S.A.F.E. training will take place Oct. 19 from 8-10 p.m. in the Vandenberg lounge.

In addition to offering resources to those who would like to learn more about the LGBT community, the GSC serves as a women's center. The center offers safer sex materials, such as condoms and lubricants, in addition to information on family planning resources or domestic and sexual assault resources.

Staff members and volunteers of the GSC may also refer students to professionals at the Graham Health Center if they need to talk to someone or have any health issues to address.

The GSC also houses a lending library where students can come to read feminist literature, information on the LGBTQIA community and Occult Studies books.

Besides volunteering, students may get involved with the GSC through a myriad of student organizations. These include Students Advocating Gender Awareness (SAGA), the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), Transcend — a student organization for transgender students and their allies — sex., the Occult Studies student organization, and Steampunk. The unofficial student organization Stand-Up, a group that will aim

to reduce incidents of domestic and sexual assault, will also begin meeting in the GSC.

Regulars of the center also like the sense of comfort that hanging out in the GSC brings.

"It's so important for women and LGBTQ students to have a place where they can meet other students who share their own experiences, get resources, and most importantly, gain acceptance and encouragement," Wojcik said.

Nikole Cooper, 18, is a member of all of the organizations that meet in the GSC. She enjoys being in the GSC because of the accepting environment.

"I'm kinda shy," Cooper said. "I feel like anywhere else on campus I would have a lot of trouble talking to people, but it's just really easy to talk to people here."

She also has an unconventional

reason for coming to the GSC

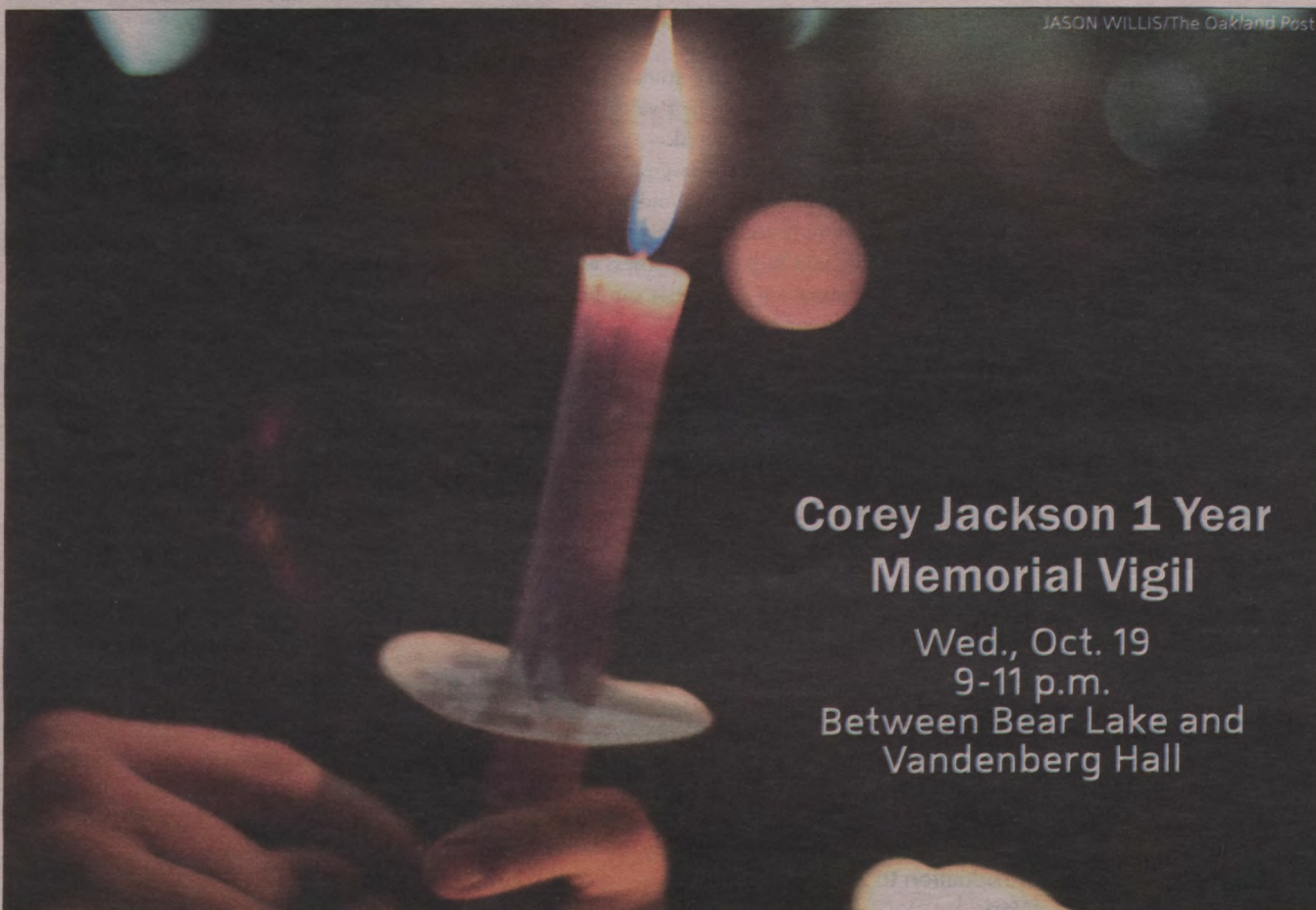
"I also have sleep problems, so because everyone here is so respectful, this is actually really a good place for me to come and take a nap," Cooper said.

Martinez believes that the center is a good place to take a break from the stresses of school too.

"This is a really big commuter campus, obviously," Martinez said, "so people within the community and even people outside the community, sometimes just want somewhere where they can relax and not just be going to and from classes."

Martinez also said he believes that having the door to the center always open allows people to come in and relax regardless of whom they are.

The GSC is located in the basement of the Oakland Center.



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Memorial Vigil**

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9-11 p.m.
Between Bear Lake and
Vandenberg Hall

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