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Students spend Spring Break traveling, helping others



DANCE, DANCE

During break, Oakland hosted the 40th American College Dance Festival Association

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Student-athletes honored for academic accomplishments with special breakfast

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Professor Edward Haworth Hoepfner named finalist in poetry contest

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Oakland University's radio station WXOU has been selected as a top 10 contender for the 2013 mtvU College Radio Woodie Award, after being narrowed down from a group of 25. Will they advance again?
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

COACHES IN THE KITCHEN // Tuesday night, the Oakland University Athletics Department hosted a Coaches vs. Cancer charity event at BD's Mongolian Grill in Auburn Hills. The special grillers included Eric Stephan, Lester Harbin, John Musachio and Shawn Kornoelje. All money went to benefit The American Cancer Society.

FRANNIE STEELE // Studio Art major

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POLL OF THE WEEK

How did you spend your Spring Break — what did you do while away from school?

- A** Vacationing out of state
- B** Doing homework
- C** Working/Volunteering
- D** Enjoying down time at home

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Which campus expansion project are you excited about the most?

- A** New student housing
26 votes | 30%
- B** A second parking garage
46 votes | 53%
- C** Renovations to the Upper Fields
8 votes | 9%
- D** The Library Drive expansion
7 votes | 8%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 28, 1964

A total of \$76,000 was added in grants for improvements to the Meadow Brook Music Festival. The money was allotted for a new orchestra shell and an audience shed.

FEBRUARY 28, 1969

The university announced its first offering for summer classes. Students could choose from 27 undergraduate courses and 14 graduate courses for the expanded academic term.

MARCH 1, 1979

Public safety officials declared an elevator fire in Vandenberg East an accident. Arson investigator Mel Gilroy disagreed, citing "it's pretty difficult for a bag of chicken to start on fire by itself." He implied the fire was a prank.



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OSUC ELECTIONS BEGIN

Student Congress held its elections kickoff event Tuesday, introducing attendees to the three tickets running for the student body presidency.



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TATTOOS IN DETROIT

Last weekend, the Motor City Tattoo Expo welcomed more than 50 artists. Contests and vendors were among the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.



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40 UNDER 40

Two students of OU's graduate studies — including Kelly Kozlowski — have been named to L. Brooks Patterson's '40 Under 40' in Oakland County.

BY THE NUMBERS

EATING DISORDERS

18-21

age when disorders are likely to fully develop

10

million U.S. men suffer from an eating disorder in their lifetime

42%

of 1st-3rd grade girls want to be thinner

1950

the year since the rate of new cases has increased

95%

dieters who will regain lost weight in 1-5 years

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

Eating disorders are not a laughing matter

You all heard the joke. Some of you may have even laughed.

At Sunday's Oscar ceremony, host Seth McFarlane congratulated the actresses who had "given themselves the flu" to fit into their dresses.

It was a cheap joke, and we're not laughing. This kind of flippant attitude exemplifies the misperceptions that often surround eating disorders.

An eating disorder is defined as the "extreme emotions, attitudes and behaviours" that surround weight and the issues with food, according to the National Eating Disorders Association.

Twenty million women and 10 million men in the U.S. suffer from a clinically significant eating disorder at some time in their life, according to the site for the National Eating Disorders Association.

Ten to 20 percent of women and 4 to 10 percent of men in college suffer from eating disorders, NEDA also said on their site. Fully developed conditions typically appear between the ages of 18 and 21.

"Everyone Knows Someone," a simple yet profound truth, is this year's theme for National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which is observed until March 4.

Not everyone fully understands the issue though, and the general reaction to McFarlane's quip is proof.

Eating disorders are not a phase or a choice — they start at a psychological level and eventually wreak havoc on an individual's emotional and physical health.

It's Seth McFarlane, we understand, but making light of the issue is both insensitive and inappropriate.

A serious problem

Eating disorders are a mental illness with physical effects. They are not a phase or a choice — they start at a psychological level and eventually wreak havoc on an individual's emotional and physical health.

When the body is denied nutrients, it's forced to slow down all processes to conserve energy, resulting in a slew of serious, potentially life-threatening health consequences that vary depending on disorder.

In fact, eating disorders are the form of mental illness with the highest mortality rate, according to the NEDA's site.

Knowing signs and options

There are psychological, interpersonal, social and biological factors that can lead to eating disorders. Because of their complex nature, both medical doctors and professional nutritionists often treat eating disorders.

In accordance with awareness week, Graham Counseling Center has sponsored on campus events, including yoga, a discussion of media

messages and a free screening with on-the-spot feedback.

Eight percent of the cases reported to the GCC last year were eating and weight-related, according to the annual report.

The GCC offers help for all stages of eating disorders — from concerns with eating, to help recovering and assistance for those currently struggling with a specific condition, said psychologist and GCC Director David Schwartz.

If the situation deems it necessary, the GCC can also make a referral to one of the several professional nutritionists and other medical doctors in the local community with whom they work on a regular basis.

Eating disorders are not a laughing matter — they are a serious mental health issue.

Appointments can be made at the GCC by made by walk-in or by calling the office at (248) 370-3465.

If you or someone you know suffers from an eating disorder, call the confidential helpline at 1-800-931-2237 or visit www.nationaleatingdisorders.org to chat with a specialist.

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EDITORIAL

Graduating with honors, not family

Spring Commencement ticket changes create challenges for graduating students

April 27 will be a significant day for many Golden Grizzlies, including myself.

After four long years, those of us in the Spring 2013 graduating class will finally stride across the stage of the O'rena, shake President Gary Russi's hand and complete our final task as undergraduate students — participating in commencement.

Unfortunately, many of our family members won't be able to be there for support.

Due to a change in venue this year, graduates of the university will receive fewer tickets for Spring Commencement.

If Oakland can host the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament at the Palace this year, why can't they host graduation too?

Master's and Doctorate students, who graduate Friday, April 26, will all receive six tickets each.

For Saturday's commencement, all undergraduates — except for those in the College of Arts and Sciences — will also receive six tickets per graduating student. Students from the CAS — the only college within the university — however, will receive only four tickets each.

Minutes after Susan Awbrey, interim senior vice president for academic af-



NICHOLE SEGUIN
editor-in-chief

fairs and provost, sent out an email to the graduating class, students from the CAS turned to the "Class of 2013" Facebook page seeking additional tickets from those who will not need all four.

As a student in the CAS myself, I can see their point, as I'm in a similar situation.

When I graduate in April, it will not only be a huge feat for myself, but for my family as well.

I'm the first person on my maternal side of the family to graduate high school, let alone college.

And since my parents are separated and have spouses of their own, my four tickets are already accounted for.

I know I'm not alone. During 2009 in Michigan, there were 5,300 marriages and 3,200 divorces, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

In 2011, divorce rates in the U.S. accounted for nearly half of the marriage rates, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Besides step parents, students also have siblings, grandparents and aunts and uncles.

In 1990, when most of the graduating class was born, birth rates in the U.S. were the highest they've been since 1972, according to the World Bank.

It should come as no surprise that families are large.

But that's still not the main point.

An undergraduate degree at Oakland costs upwards

of \$40,000, assuming you're only staying for the traditional four years.

At \$40,000, those four tickets theoretically cost nearly \$10,000 each.

Main floor tickets to the 2013 Super Bowl didn't even cost that much.

I understand why administrators made the decision to switch venues — last year's commencement ceremony was outside despite chilly weather conditions.

But the O'rena seats only 3,000 people and there are 2,332 eligible students — 895 in the CAS alone — graduating, according to the Provost's office.

To alleviate congestion, graduation has been split up into three different ceremonies, but why couldn't the university move the entire commencement to a venue off campus?

When I graduated from Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights in 2009, we walked across the stage at the Palace of Auburn Hills — all 700 of us.

If Oakland can host the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament at the Palace this year, why can't they host graduation there too?

I can understand scheduling conflicts, but what about a different day or a different venue? Or splitting up the CAS further for the O'rena ceremony?

Graduation is a day everyone works hard for. It would be nice for our families to have the opportunity to celebrate with us.

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COLUMN

Leading with authenticity

In the past, I've written about getting involved, I've written about why it's important to be a visionary, I've written about representing the students and I've written about student organizations that are making a difference. For this week's column, I'd like to write about what it means to lead with authenticity — what it means to be a part of an organization where authenticity is important to being successful.

It's been almost a year since my first day in office as the Student Body Vice President. Since the beginning, I've had the opportunity to represent the students in a variety of situations that mattered.

I was able to be a part of the committee that was responsible for interviewing and selecting the builders of the next housing facility. I've had the privilege of being able to meet with key administrators who have a huge say in things that directly affect the lives of each and every student that attends Oakland University. I've been able, along with a great team around me, to assist in bringing events and initiatives to campus that undoubtedly will have a positive impact, even if it won't show until five years from now.

The point that I'm trying to make is that I've been able to have the opportunity to be in a situation where my opinion was valued and mattered significantly. And there are people around me who have these opportunities too. In those situations, I believe that it's best to be authentic. It's best to be the best you that you can be.

If an administrator is asking for your opinion and you aren't 100 percent honest about what you really feel, you aren't doing yourself any justice and you're disadvantaging the student body in the process.

If you're faced with a decision and it ends up being the wrong decision later on down the road, people will remember you more if you act with a sense of humility and even vulnerability. To me, those are the hallmarks of what an authentic leader, a learning student, and a human being encompasses. If you've mastered the art of being yourself, there will be more people who want to support you as a leader.

With that being said, I urge all of you reading this to be yourself. It's so important and so simple to just be the person that you are right now in your life, even if that person is different a month from now or a week from now. I truly believe that saying that goes "the true character of a person is what they do when nobody is watching."

To me, a true leader is someone who cares not about what they are given credit for, but for what they are doing that is going to make a difference, even if nobody notices. Here at Oakland, there are leaders—students, faculty, staff—who are great leaders. But the best of them are those who are the best version of themselves and don't care who credits them with the work that they're doing.

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ROBBIE WILLIFORD
columnist

The beginning to the ballots

OUSC hosts elections kickoff event to discuss candidates' platforms

By Kevin Graham
Staff Position

Student Congress held its elections kickoff event Tuesday, introducing attendees to the three tickets running for the student body presidency.

Following introductions, each of the candidates were asked to participate in a drawing activity, where they drew the place they first met their running mate.

The event was followed by informal mingling with supporters and students.

The candidates

If elected, philosophy major Cody Corbin wants to use his presidency to clear up classroom frustrations.

"The reason I'm running is because there are a lot of changes that I want to see brought about mainly concerning the way that textbooks and online homework are distributed," he said.

He and running mate, Alex Grix, a sophomore majoring in actuarial science, said they would like to see professors clarify when students can use an older edition of a book.

Amera Fattah, OUSC student services director, is running with Maria Arellano, OUSC multicultural affairs director.

"Our platform is very campus centric," she said. "It's a continuation of what we've already been doing. Sixty-five percent of our platform initiatives are already being addressed," Fattah said. "We want to complete them while we're in as



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Current OUSC president Samantha Wolf talks to the crowd at this year's elections kickoff.

administration. There's a variety of things — the de-stress center, the crisis center, the additional shuttle."

The campaign plans to continue the growth of initiatives such as ConnectOU and the legal aid program.

Additionally, Fattah wants to push for an additional parking structure and more car charging stations. A full list of their campaign initiatives can be found at www.voteOU2013.com

Among the initiatives of current Student Activities Funding Board Director Brandon Hanna and his running mate

Legislator Jibrán Ahmed are increased Wi-Fi hotspots, installation of bidirectional antennas to provide better cell phone reception across campus and increased parking in the areas around the Science and Engineering Building, Kresge and Elliott Hall.

Hanna and Ahmed's full platform can be found at www.abetterOU.com

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Search for new provost coming to a close

By Misha Mayhand
Multimedia Reporter

Oakland University is in the final stages of electing a new Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, permanently filling former Provost Virinder Moudgil's position.

After Moudgil was offered a position as president of Lawrence Tech University, the spot was temporarily filled by Susan Awbrey.

Dave Dulio, search committee chair, said a search committee formed in August 2012. They decided to hire the search firm Academic Search to aid in the pro-

cess of hiring a new provost. Both groups began meeting in September 2012.

Fishing for a candidate

Dulio said the search committee developed a job ad, as well as, an institution and professional profile.

He said the job posting was distributed widely in a number of online and print outlets across the country. A total of 68 applications from across the country were received.

OU's search committee consisted of faculty, staff and student body president, Samantha Wolf.

Wolf said she kept her main focus in

mind, which was making sure the students' voices were heard during the selection process.

Process of elimination

After 10 semi-finalists were selected, the interview process began and lasted a total of two days. Candidates were brought to campus for interviews.

There are currently three finalists: Premu Arasu, vice provost of international programs and professor of parasitology at Washington State University; John Koropchak, vice chancellor for research and graduate dean, and professor of chemistry and biology at Southern Illinois University Carbondale; and H. Keith Moo-Young, professor and dean of the college of engineering, computer science and technology at California State University.

The new provost is scheduled to assume office July 1, according to the current timeline.

POLICE FILES

Suspicious person in P1

Police officers responded to P1 Feb. 7 at 11:51 a.m., where a driver in a green Saturn was driving erratically and looking strangely at people.

Police stopped the driver and asked for his license and registration. They determined the title was changed because it did not match the vehicle and the mileage, and the title numbers were much darker. The driver said the original title was at his home. When asked where he lived, he gave a different address than on his license.

The driver was handcuffed when officers noticed his license plate was a photocopy and taped to the bumper with clear tape. He was then brought to OUPD for processing.

Vehicles damaged by student

Police officers were on foot patrol Feb. 10, when they were dispatched to the Ann V. Nicholson apartments at 1:40 a.m.

A witness saw a student breaking rearview mirrors off of cars. The witness said he went inside the apartments, and officers located the suspect. He said he had left a party and was returning to his dorm in Hamlin Hall.

The officers placed the student under arrest for two counts of malicious destruction of property.

iPad stolen from Science and Engineering Building

A student said on Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m., he had plugged his iPad into the outlet in his classroom in the Science and Engineering Building.

After the class had ended, the student realized he had forgotten his iPad. After 10 minutes, he returned to the classroom. The iPad was gone and students entering for the next class responded they had not seen it.

The student used the "Find iPhone" app, which located his iPad whenever the device is logged into Wi-Fi. At 7:30 p.m., the student located his iPad at the Old Navy parking lot at the corner of Morgan Road and South Baldwin Road.

After the student locked his iPad, he could no longer track it.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki,
Copy Editor

On the prowl

Hunt continues for the next permanent dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

By Katie Phelan
Staff Reporter

A nationwide search has been ongoing for a permanent dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Oakland University.

In the fall of 2012, a committee was formed and is currently working with a search firm called Academic Search to find candidates. There are 12 members in the committee and professor and chair of the psychology department, Todd Shackelford, is serving as committee chair.



SHACKELFORD

“Academic Search is also engaged with assisting the current open searches for provost as well as the dean for the School of Business Administration,” said Tamara Jhashi, acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Candidate criteria

A successful candidate will possess an earned doctorate and the credentials necessary for a tenured appointment in a college department at the rank of professor, according to the Academic Search guidelines.

OU is also looking for a candidate that has significant leadership in an academic environment.



JHASHI

Jhashi has been in her position since late August after being selected to serve, but she is not an applicant to become the next permanent dean.

By not being an applicant, Jhashi is qualified to be a committee member as well, according to Shackelford.

“It is great to have Jhashi on the committee because she has experience working as a dean,” Shackelford said.

The review of applications began at the close of the submission period Feb. 22, according to Jhashi.

Sorting through the selection

After narrowing the applicants down, who will remain anonymous throughout the process, the committee will fly them to Metro Detroit for personal interviews.

Once they have three or four prospects, the applicants will be asked to come to

“A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL POSSESS AN EARNED DOCTORATE AND THE CREDENTIALS NECESSARY FOR A TENURED APPOINTMENT IN THE COLLEGE DEPARTMENT AT THE RANK OF PROFESSOR.”

Guidelines for the next College of Arts and Sciences dean, Academic Search Committee

OU where they will meet with the full committee, faculty members from the many branches of the CAS and students.

It is very important to get feedback from a wide range of university members, according to Shackelford.

The committee is following a process that has been in place for years and was formed after the previous CAS dean, Ron Sudol, retired. Sudol served as dean for two terms.

Keeping confidentiality

The committee has put in place an unofficial contract maintaining the confidentiality of the applicants.

The committee also will not show favoritism to those applicants that may already be working for OU.

“We have equal opportunity and equal fairness in choosing a dean,” Shackelford said.

The new dean will assume office beginning July 2012.

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DEAN SEARCH KEY PLAYERS

TAMARA JHASHI

Current acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

TODD SHACKELFORD

Professor and chair of the psychology department, and chair of the Academic Search Committee.

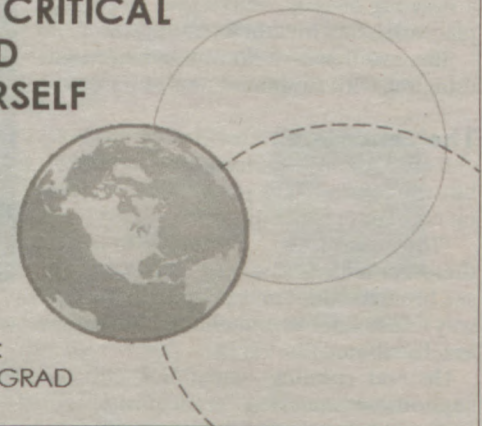
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Job duties include supervision of staff, oversight of production of weekly print publication and daily online news site, writing and editing, staff recruitment and training and facilitation of necessary university and community relations.

Applicants should possess superior oral and written communication skills, a working knowledge of news media and have a solid command of digital technologies.

Applicants need not be journalism majors, but prior experience in a newsroom is preferable.

A complete job description is posted on OU Career Link.

Applicants should send a digital portfolio including a cover letter, resume and work samples to Holly Shreve Gilbert, shreve@oakland.edu

On your mark, get set, write

American Association of University Women to sponsor essay contest for students

By Ashley Mohler
Staff Intern

For the second year in a row, the Greater Rochester Area Branch of American Association of University Women will sponsor an essay contest for students to help observe Women's History Month.

The subject of the essay, "A Woman of Importance to Me," is meant to recognize women who have made a difference on a personal level or a larger scale.

Essay expectations

The maximum essay length is 400 words, and the deadline is March 4, with cash prizes for

first, second and third place.

The essay originated as an eighth grade contest before being modified and offered to Oakland University students.

Essay submission is encouraged for both sexes. Boys have won the eighth grade edition but so far no men from the university have entered.

"Since our contests are open to males and females, we hope this helps students to think of the sexes as equal," said Ruth Johnson, university liaison of the AAUW Greater Rochester Area Branch. "We think it is important for both men and women to think about the impact women have in the lives of young people, as well as their contributions to the global community."

Staying involved

The branch of the AAUW stays active within the community by hosting events like the annual Sundaes and Science workshop,

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Ruth Johnson, University liaison of the American Association of University Women

which promotes interest in math, science and technology.

In 1991, the group produced videos to introduce girls to women who are successful in career fields of math and science. They create displays at the Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills public libraries during the

month of March, where they have also donated women's history books.

The project's past

The National Women's History Project was founded in 1980 and has a goal which is similar to that of AAUW, to raise awareness about the importance of women throughout history and today.

The NWHP focuses on education and "a truly balanced and inclusive history (which) recognizes how important women have always been in American society," according to their website.

How it all began

Women's History Month began as Women's History Week in 1981 when it was recognized as a 'national celebration' by Congress.

In 1987, the NWHP petitioned Congress to pass in to effect

an entire month dedicated to women's history, they were successful and thanks to them the celebration resumes every year.

Oakland's Women and Gender Studies pays tribute to Women's History Month with events, discussions and films about women's empowerment.

The events begin March 2 and are spaced throughout the month.

For more information, visit www.oakland.edu/ouwgs/welcome

National Women's History Month begins March 1, and International Women's Day is March 8.

To learn more about Women's History Month, visit www.womenshistorymonth.gov

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