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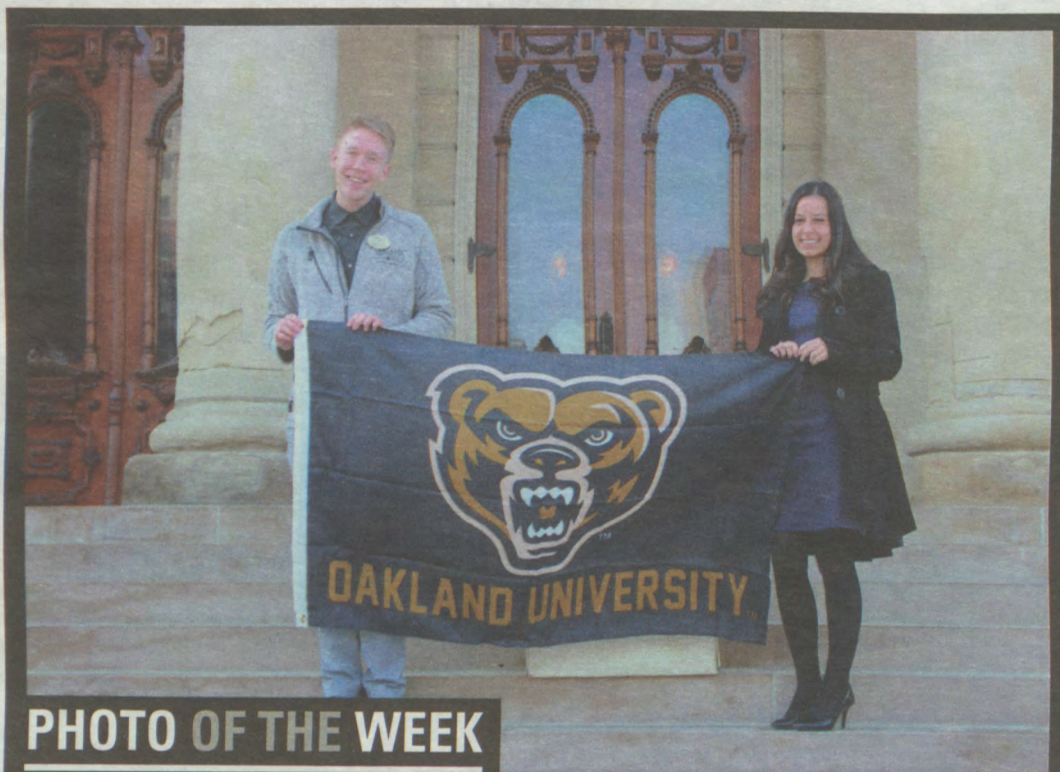
# thisweek

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## ontheweb

As the curtain opened, OU's Bachelor of Fine Arts dance majors took the spotlight for their final performance at the university. On Saturday, March 7, seniors showcased their final level of choreography after seven months of preparation. **Read more at [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com).**



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**GRIZZLIES IN THE CAPITOL** // Oakland University Student Congress President Annie Meinberg and Director of Legislative Affairs Evan Fobar share their Grizzly pride at the Capitol. They were two of many students to participate in the 18th annual OU Day at the Capitol, held on Tuesday, March 10. Visit OUSC's Facebook page for more photos.

*Photo from Oakland University Student Congress*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

Are you following the OUSC elections?

- A** Yes! Can't wait to cast my vote.
- B** Nah, sitting these out.
- C** What elections?
- D** #KONY2012

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

What color was the dress?

**A** White and gold, obvi.

34.4%

**B** Black and blue - don't even start.

25%

**C** Black and gold, DUH. #ThisIsOU

28.1%

**D** I don't do labels.

12.5%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### March 7, 2001

OU confirmed that a Board of Trustees meeting occurred on December 4, 2000, and there were no meeting minutes recorded. The Post filed a Freedom of Information request to get the agenda, copies of provided materials and the cost was labeled at \$970.

### March 10, 2010

OUSC held an impromptu dance competition after candidates presented their platforms. The winning pair danced to Aqua's "Barbie Girl".

### March 17, 1993

Housing went up 4.7 percent, meaning students had to pay \$3.715 for room and board per semester.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, staff intern



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### THE JUSTICE LEAGUE

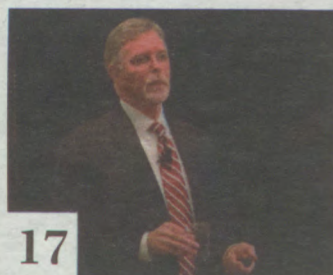
Secret agents showed Oakland's criminal justice club just what it takes to make the FBI last Wednesday, March 4.



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### JOINING THE REVOLUTION

Detroit-area panelists 'started the conversation' on the feminist movement and paid homage to local revolutionary Grace Lee Boggs Saturday, March 7.



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### PSYCHING OUT

President Hynd became Professor Hynd last Thursday, March 5 when he paid a visit to the Psi Chi Honor Society to discuss child neuropsychology.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Women in STEM edition

72%

of mechanical engineers are women

1/10

employed scientists and engineers are minority women

\$0.86

earned by women in STEM for every dollar a man in STEM earns

.57%

of all girls say they don't typically consider a career in science, technology, engineering or math

18%

of computer science college grads were female in 2012. In 1985, it was 37%.

## Guest editorial: 'There is so much more behind the red Solo cup'

By Victoria Franso  
Greek Council President

As Greek Council President, my main concern is the members of the Greek community here at Oakland University. What Greeks across the country do not realize is that the actions of just one member can spoil the reputation of



Victoria Franso, junior

all Greeks, as unfortunate as that is. For example, the incident at University of Michigan where certain members of Greek life caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages at some resort; it was not the entire community, and yet a colleague of mine accused my sorority and me of being potentially irresponsible and dangerous to our community.

When volunteering at a church for a middle school party, I told the coordinator that I was from the sorority at Oakland University. The response was "Sorority? This will be perfect for you guys because this is a party." Right, because I do not spend majority of my time studying so that I can make sure I am above my sorority's GPA requirement, or volunteering to make sure I am above my sorority's minimum volunteer hours required, or at my

internship to gain excellent leadership skills in the workplace. Nope, all I do is party.

Thank you for instantly belittling my sorority and my worth.

[Disclaimer: When joining a fraternity or sorority at Oakland University, immediately erase the stereotype that this will be a ticket to partying all the time. We are leaders and philanthropists with class and dignity. There is so much more behind the red Solo cup.]

What a shame that all the work we do that goes unnoticed. The fundraisers, food drives, penny wars, bake sales, school supply drives, seminars, and thousands of dollars raised all in the name of philanthropy are forgotten about once only a few idiots from a completely different school decide to mess up.

Is that fair? Absolutely not.

In regards to what happened at the other OU, here's what I had to say via Facebook:

There was an unfortunate incident that took place at the University of Oklahoma in regards to fraternity members making heinous, racist comments. However, the actions of certain members of a chapter do not represent the chapter as a whole, the fraternity as a whole, and the Greek system as a whole.

I am proud to say that

the Greek chapters on Oakland University's campus, as well as many other campuses, embrace diversity. We welcome people from all walks of life and are truly interested in learning about our members' backgrounds. We see our differences not as deformities but as opportunities to grow as human beings. There are over 9 million Greek members in the U.S. Do not let a few bad apples ruin it for everyone else. As I always say - for it is the truth - we are philanthropists; contributing the most volunteer hours and raising the most money for charities every year, we are leaders; being most involved on campus and even in our careers, and we are brothers and sisters; showing loyalty to our chapters and even others. I am truly appreciative of the sisters I share my letters with and the community with whom I share a common goal.

I had to write this article because truly, I am tired of being stereotyped as an alcoholic who has lost sight of respect for myself, my sisters and community. I am tired of watching all the hard work my peers put into school, work, and charity being thrown away. I am tired of watching the media degrade us.

We are human beings with passion, ambition, dedication, and respect. It is about time we get treated as such.



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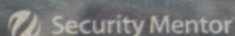
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# Campus

## Grizzlies on the Prowl



*"How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?"*



**Suzanna Lucaj, freshman, pre-med**

*"I just hangout with friends, wear green and go to a party."*



**Gabriella Missinne, freshman, business**

*"I hang out with friends and wear green but it seems like just another day for me."*



**Jared Doss, junior, elementary education**

*"I go to work. It's a normal day for me. My friends are at different schools, so we don't get the chance to hang out."*



**Anthony Grifka, junior, finance**

*"It's a normal day for me. I don't get to celebrate because I'm not 21 yet and can't drink, which is what people normally do."*

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury, Photographer

## POLICE FILES

### **Someone couldn't hold it: Person defecates in urinal in Pawley Hall**

OUPD responded to a Malicious Destruction of Property Complaint on March 5. At approximately 10:30 a.m., police responded to 415 Pawley Hall for a complaint that someone had defecated in a urinal in one of the men's bathrooms at 2:00 p.m. a few days before.

Police collected relevant evidence but no further actions were taken in the investigation.

### **Woman reports harassment from ex-boyfriend**

On Jan. 22, OUPD received a complaint from a woman who reported that she was receiving harassing communications. She told police that her ex-boyfriend was calling her at least 100 times per day even though she had told him not to call her. She told police that she felt threatened by some of his messages. OUPD contacted the ex-boyfriend and told him not to have any further contact with the complainant.

— Compiled by Josh Soltman  
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As the academic year ends, the OUSC e-board begins a new round of change.

# Representing yOU

Grace Turner  
Staff Reporter

As Oakland University Student Congress elections approach, changes to the executive board are being made.

The executive board (e-board) is made up of nine students plus the president and the vice president. Each board member works to improve a specific aspect of student life.

Vice President Liz Iwanski described the e-board as "the team of student leaders from student congress who work together while also having individual focuses addressing the needs of the student body, [helping] to determine the direction of student congress and accomplish the administration's goals and mission statement."

E-board member and student services director Kyler Johnson said he deals with "whatever people decide to be upset about." He works a lot with campus maintenance. If a light is out or a path isn't plowed, Johnson contacts OU staff that can fix it.

Evan Fobar, legislative affairs director, said he focuses on campus safety and college affordability.

Other e-board positions include the Student Program Board chair, Student Activities Funding Board chair, administrative assistant, financial affairs director, multicultural affairs director, visual communication director, and environmental health and wellness director.

The president and vice president hire e-board members at the beginning of their term and the legislature approves them.

E-board members keep their positions for a year. After their term ends, they can apply again.

Some e-board members are called ap-

pointed agents. This means that their positions are not written in the student congress constitution. The president and vice president decide if they want to keep those positions on the e-board for the year. The legislative affairs director, multicultural affairs director, marketing director, visual communications director, and environmental, health and wellness director are appointed agents.

Meinberg and Iwanski said they are working with campus administrators to get the legislative affairs director, multicultural affairs director and marketing director in the constitution. This would require the positions to be filled in order for student congress to run and make it difficult to remove the students in these positions from office.

Meinberg and Iwanski said they are confident that the changes will pass but won't be effective until the next administration comes into office.

In the meantime, these positions are still less secure than the other e-board positions. Meinberg and Iwanski removed Josh Pokrefsky, marketing director, from his position Feb. 16.

"He didn't fulfill the expectations Liz and I set for the administration," Meinberg said.

Although the administration is only in office for about two more months, Meinberg said she felt it could still accomplish goals but wouldn't have time to train a new person for the marketing director job; the position will be left vacant until the end of the administration.

"It was the best solution to just divide the duties, because of the time frame," Meinberg said.

When this position is added to the constitution, she said, it will be necessary to have it filled in order for student congress to be allowed to run.

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Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

As one of the fastest growing universities in Michigan, Oakland University is looking to expand its housing options — again.

## Sorry, you can't room with us

*Housing options fill quickly within the first day of registration*

Shelby Tankersley  
Staff Reporter

Oakland's housing filled up fast last week — so fast that housing feels that it needs to build more residence halls in order to meet the growing demand for dorms students have.

In fact, Oak View Hall filled up only three minutes after returning resident sign-up opened.

"At the end of the first 24 hours of having housing sign-up open, we were 499 contracts ahead of where we were at that time last year," Director of University Housing Jim Zentmeyer said.

Since things filled up so quickly, there are most likely many students who missed their chance to live on campus next year. Because of the growing need, housing is currently tossing around some ideas to ensure that anyone who wants to live on campus has a fair chance of doing so.

### The plan

One option is to either renovate Hill House and Van Wagoner or tear them down to build a brand new residence hall.

"The cost of a decent renovation of Hill and Van Wagoner versus building a new hall would be virtually the same," Zentmeyer said. "So we were pretty quick to determine that renovating Hill and Van Wagoner would not be a viable option."

But if rebuilding both halls is the smart way to go, Housing would be short two residence halls while construction took place, meaning even less students would be able to live on campus.

It usually takes about two to three years to do a project and I don't think I can lose 390 beds for two to three years," Zentmeyer said.

The other option would be to build another residence hall and another dining hall on the south side of campus where there is underused space.

"It was also suggested that we should construct housing on the southern end of campus," Zentmeyer said. "It would create housing at an equal distance from the Oakland Center and there would be a new dining hall."

Zentmeyer said the new dining hall would be helpful to students who have classes on the southern end of campus who cannot make it back to Vandenberg Hall in enough time to eat meals.

While a dorm on the southern end of campus would slightly diminish the sense of community many residents experience, it would also mean less of a walk for students who have lots of classes in buildings like Varner

Hall or Pawley Hall. On top of that, the hall would make use of the underused parking lots that are currently on the southern side of campus.

### What students think

Since housing fills up so quickly, there are a number of commuters who do not get to live on campus that would like to. But there are other things stopping them as well.

"I'm not in housing because I can't afford it," Megan Luttinen, freshman, said. "I think [new housing] would be cool, but unless they changed the prices, I probably wouldn't live on campus."

If a new hall was built, prices would not likely go down. The new Oak View Hall costs students about \$500 more per semester than the other dorms.

Even with the extra cost, a building on the south side would mean students could be close to classes, but they would be away from the majority of their fellow residents.

"Personally, I wouldn't want to live there because it's be away from the other dorms," Claire Hendon, freshman, said. "If I was a math or science major I might be more interested in it because it's by those buildings."

Whatever Housing decides to do, new residence halls are definitely in OU's future. That's just one of the growing pains that come with being one of the fastest growing universities in Michigan.

## University Housing's growing pains

Melissa Deutsch  
Staff Reporter

As spring rolls around and we enter the month of March, we are in the midst of a very important time for Oakland University residents. On March 1, housing started accepting contracts for the 2015-2016 school year. This week, residents will begin picking roommates and room assignments.

This March has seen a couple of changes in housing policy. The most significant is the elimination of squatter's rights. This means students no longer have the option to keep the same room they had the year before. Director of University Housing Jim Zentmeyer says this was a necessary change because of the addition of Oak View Hall.

"If we were to allow students to, as we often term it, invoke squatter's rights, then no one would move out of [Oak View] and that just struck us as not being very democratic," Zentmeyer said. "We want all of our students to have an equal shot at all of the space."

Zentmeyer admits that this may be viewed as unfortunate for those who are currently living in Oak View or like their current apartments. However, he says they haven't received too many complaints or negative feedback.

"If I could wave a wand I would build three more Oak View Halls but I don't have that wand," Zentmeyer said. "As a department we thought that would be the fairest route to go."

It is quite common for Oakland to have more people apply for housing than beds they have to offer. According to University Housing, last year, before Oak View Hall was completed, OU had to rent out three extended stay hotels in the area to house the extra students.

Zentmeyer says he wouldn't be surprised if they will be renting out hotels again this coming fall. As far as plans for expansion go, Zentmeyer says they have recently finished a master plan that could add an additional 1,300 to 2,000 beds.

This would bring the number of on campus residents to 4,500 or above.