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Lin Shaye, actress and Michigan native, recently starred as medium Elise in the film "Insidious" at the age of 71. As a University of Michigan alum, she spent the next 40 years appearing in films across the country. Blog Editor Scott Davis shares her story and her rise to fame at www.oaklandpostonline.com.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

I CAN BE YOUR HERO, BABY // May marks the beginning of planting season for many gardeners in Michigan. Eastern Market in Detroit held Flower Day on Sunday, May 17, where wagons were used to carry flowers, and children, around the market.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What do you think of the news about Caitlyn Jenner?

- A I think she's brave, and haters gonna hate. You go girl!
- B I really, *really* don't care.
- C It's cool and all, but it's not THAT big of a deal.
- D The whole thing is stupid. I do not support this.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What's been the hardest part of summer so far?

- A) Too much work, too many classes.
22.2%
- B) Being away from OU and my friends.
13.9%
- C) There's nothing left to watch on Netflix, I watched it all :(
27.8%
- D) Remembering to wear pants when I go outside.
36.1%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

June 11, 1990

Combining the school of nursing and the communications program, a course to educate students about AIDS was introduced for the fall semester. The course centered around education and an advertising and public relations campaign to promote safe sex and to heighten awareness.

June 9, 1993

Tuition was increased by 9.84 percent in order to balance the university's budget and to complete necessary maintenance. Per credit hour, the cost was \$84.50 for the 1993 and 1994 school years.

June 3, 1993

The Board of Trustees banned smoking on campus and in all campus buildings, with the exception of residence halls.

— Compiled by Morgan Dean, Copy Editor



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YOU GO, GLENN MCINTOSH

Glenn McIntosh, newly elected vice president for student affairs, is easily transitioning to the position. McIntosh served as the interim VP for student affairs before being hired for the permanent position.



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A TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN

The Oakland community has experienced four losses in roughly four months. From engineers to office assistants, the campus is a little less full without certain faculty and students around any longer.



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FOLEY'S NEW ROLE IN ATHLETICS

Settling in as the new associate athletic director, Marshall Foley takes on the responsibilities of directing championships, overseeing the budget and serving as the sports administrator for selected teams.

BY THE NUMBERS

PEDESTRIAN-RELATED ACCIDENTS

947

pedestrian deaths were caused by a motor vehicle in Michigan in 2013.

70

percent of pedestrian deaths occurred between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. in 2013.

39

pedestrian deaths were caused by "drinking and walking" in 2013.

1,598

bicyclists were injured during a motor vehicle accident in 2012.

22,000

pedestrians were killed in a motor vehicle accident nationwide between 2008 and 2012.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Spend less time pointing fingers and more time being safe

Last month a Rochester man was killed due to injuries sustained in an on-campus traffic accident.

He was jogging eastbound in the westbound lane of Pioneer Drive when a student driver in the westbound lane hit him. The man was rushed to a nearby hospital and was pronounced dead a few hours later.

The man, Perry Badia, left behind a 15-years-old and 12-years-old daughter. The student, whose name has yet to be released, may face some serious charges. More information can be found on page eight.

In the nearly 60 years OU has existed, Badia is possibly the first pedestrian death from a traffic accident the campus has seen, as reported by The Oakland Press.

It's a large, sad milestone for the campus community, and that number will never go back down. If anything, it has the potential to rise.

While we don't know much of the details behind this accident, many readers are quick to shame the driver. Here are a few comments from our Facebook page that were left under the story of Badia's death:

"I truly hope this is a wake up call for everyone on Oakland's campus. The way people drive around campus is NOT SAFE. It is seriously getting out of

hand and now it has resulted in a death."

"Can't tell you how many times I've almost been killed in the parking lot. It's a novelty when someone actually stops at a CROSS-WALK and people whip by you on those, too."

"I knew this would happen one day. People drive around campus like bats out of hell. This is tragic and easily could have been prevented."

Most of these comments revolve around the unsafe driving practices on OU's campus, and while we don't contest that there are a plethora of horrible drivers on campus, we want to point something out: Drivers aren't the only ones who can be unsafe.

From what we know, Badia was practicing safety while he was jogging. We have no idea what the driver was doing, and should not make judgements until we know the facts. Maybe the driver was being irresponsible, or maybe it truly was an accident. Whatever the case, a man is dead and a 25-year-old student's life may be ruined over that death. Pointing fingers will do nothing.

We hear a lot about how to drive safe. We shame those who drive with phones and food and loud music (though many of us do it on a regular basis). We have this mindset that carelessness can only hap-

pen behind the wheel, but that's not true. Carelessness is everywhere.

Anyone can be at the fault of an accident, and anyone can be the victim. The only sure way to minimize these accidents is to practice safety, no matter what end you are on.

There are bad drivers on campus, but there are also bad pedestrians. Instead of focusing on the bad driving habits on campus, we should expand our awareness and work to improve the safety habits on this campus as a whole.

If you're walking on campus, be safe and considerate. Look both ways before crossing a street and give a clear indication that you are crossing. Make sure any coming drivers can see you before you cross in front of them. Even if you have the right of way, a driver might not see you, especially if you are not using designated crosswalks that drivers keep a more careful eye on.

Don't think you'll be okay because you have the right of way or because the speed limit is low. Don't think bad things can't happen to you. Our rights are important, but our safety habits are even more so.

Whether you're inside of or outside of the car, don't think safety is overrated, because it can be the difference between living a full life and becoming the next headline.

Corrections Corner

In last month's issue we published Nick Walter's name as "Nick Walters." We noticed this mistake on our own and wanted to inform you that it is just "Walter" without an "s" at the end. Like Walter White.

We also realized we have had the wrong zipcode at the top right of this page — it is 48309, not 48306. We apologize for the error and encourage fan mail. No nudes, please.

A more serious err: In last month's centerspread we included a timeline on the past presidents of OU. In that timeline we wrote that Gary Russi had been here from 1996-2003; he was here until 2013.

The Oakland Post corrects all errors of fact. If you know of an error, please e-mail managing@oaklandpostonline.com or call 248.370.2537. You can also write us at 61 Oakland Center Rochester, MI 48309. (Yes, right zipcode this time.)



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Letter to the editor: Eliminate social stereotypes

Concerned student highlights problems with social labeling in connection with gender and sexuality

Grace Smith

Senior, sociology major

While flipping through last week's issue of the Post, the headline "Battle of the sexes" caught my eye. I was utterly astounded



Grace Smith
Senior, sociology major

to find that the outdated phrase was being used sincerely in a discussion about education and sex (gender was never mentioned).

I know that I speak for many of my fellow students when

I say this:

Gender is fluid. The idea that "male" and "female" are opposites is socially constructed, as is the notion that each person must identify as one or the other. Furthermore, pitting the two traditional genders against each other in a metaphorical "battle" is harmful to everyone involved.

The quote that truly disappointed me came from an Oakland University graduate who works in elementary education:

"Boys do learn differently. Their brains are wired differently."

Our graduates should know better, particularly those who will be working with young, impressionable students.

Boys and girls are NOT "wired differently." That kind of vague

language concerning the human body and brain has no business being published in our school newspaper because it perpetuates harmful stereotypes.

Training children to fit into whichever gender box corresponds with their anatomy — if one, in fact, does — is limiting, distracting, and only helps reify the perceived "truth" that there are only two sexes and that those two sexes are fundamentally different and therefore must be compared.

When children are raised around these strict rules they do behave and learn differently from one another, but only because those behaviors have been rewarded and reinforced by the adults in their lives.

"Different wiring" is a social

construct — not a biological phenomenon!

I would invite those who contributed to this article to read West and Zimmerman's 1987 article "Doing Gender," and in the future to consider that Oakland University is a community that includes men, women, transmen, transwomen, genderqueer and non-binary students, and everyone in between.

If we are meant to fight against those who do not share our gender identity instead of loving and supporting them as individuals, then consider me a draft-dodger.

—G. L. Smith

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The President's Report

Student Body President Nick Walter introduces new staff members, shares duties for the upcoming school year

Nick Walter
Student Body President

Hello Oakland. If you missed last month's paper, this article is part of a new column which is the result of a new partnership between the Post and Student Congress. As the Student Body President, it is my direct responsibility to keep you informed and updated on what your student government is doing. I will write this column, The President's Report, every month, talking about our current activities and future plans.

I'd like to devote this issue to a brief discussion of each of the eboard members, what they do, and why they are here.

My job is fairly straightforward: as the Student Body President, I serve as your chief spokesperson, advocate, and representative, communicating the desires of the student body and representing both Student Congress and the student body as a whole to the administration here at OU as well as the rest of the world. I also appoint Senate and other committee positions, execute bills and resolutions passed by the Legislators on Student Congress, and perform several other tasks.

As the vice president, Madison Kubinski assists me with the previously-mentioned tasks, runs Student Congress meetings, and steps into the role of president if I am unable to perform my duties (which, to be blunt, means that I have a gone insane or b. dropped dead).

There are nine executive board members with a wide array of tasks. I've listed each member's most basic duties below.

The Student Activities Funding Board Chair, Jorge Garcia, is responsible for ensuring that the Student Activities Funding Board operates fairly and within budget. He also assists students with funding requests and answers questions regarding funding policies.

Administrative Assistant Bridgette Liebeau is responsible for ensuring that the office runs smoothly. She also plans, sets up and runs the entire election from beginning to end and is the final authority on elections matters.

The Marketing Director, Josh Kuruvilla, is responsible for ensuring that you, the student body, knows what Student Congress is doing. He markets every event, program, and initiative that we create or co-sponsor.

Katie Rose, environmental health and wellness director, is responsible for ensuring that Student Congress oper-

ates with concern for our natural resources and remains environmentally responsible. She also organizes environment- and health-centered initiatives on campus.

The Legislative Director, Andrew Laux, is responsible for ensuring that you, the student body, are kept informed and aware of political happenings at the local as well as the state and federal level. He also organizes voter registration drives and events.

The Visual Communications Director, Taihea Hurst, is responsible for ensuring that all Student Congress marketing materials have graphics. She designs, from scratch, every brochure, pamphlet, poster and flyer that we put out.

The Financial Affairs Director, Tay Anderson, is responsible for ensuring that Student Congress stays within our budget. He checks our payroll reports for accuracy and also orders all Student Congress materials.

The Student Services Director, Sam Abbott, is responsible for ensuring that students' concerns are met. He figures out, through a variety of means, what you are concerned about and what students need and coordinates with myself and Madison to ensure that those concerns are met.

The Diversity and Inclusion Director, Anders Engnell, is responsible for ensuring that Student Congress remains fair and open to all students, regardless of background, biology or beliefs. He also creates events highlighting different cultures and worldviews to inform you, the student body.

So, there you have it: the dedicated, hard-working, energetic team that has committed to working on your behalf this semester. I am not exaggerating when I say that the caliber of the people who applied and whom Madison and I eventually chose to be our executive board was absolutely unparalleled. I am deeply humbled and honored to have the chance to lead this awesome team, and I can't wait to see what this year holds.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this article or Student Congress in general, send me an email (nwalter@oakland.edu) or stop by the office in the basement of the Oakland Center. Until next time, enjoy your summer, OU!



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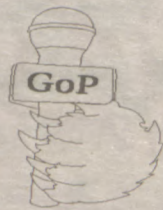
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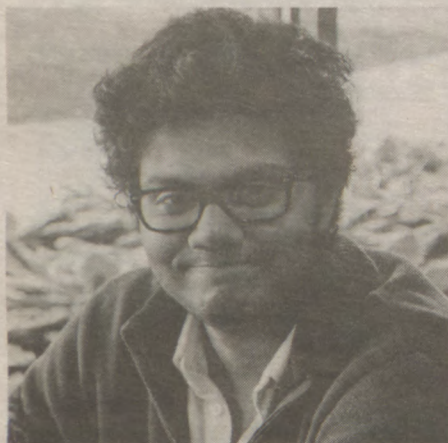
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Campus

Grizzlies on the Prowl



“What do you think about Caitlyn Jenner?”



Ram Sundar, sophomore, chemical engineering

“I don’t really care too much. It’s not a big issue. Caitlyn can do whatever she wants.”



Rachel Vincent, senior, cinema studies

“As long as he is happy, he can do whatever he wants.”



Crystal Shamoon, senior, human resource management

“I’m happy she’s come out. At first I was quick to judge, but after the shows with the interviews of her and her family aired, I put myself in her shoes. It must have been like a breath of fresh air.”



Joshua Carie, freshman, computer engineering

“I don’t really have an opinion. It is what it is. I’m not the kind of person to hate who she is.”

—Compiled by Kayla Varicalli, Managing Editor

POLICE FILES

Identity theft

On May 29, someone came to the Oakland University Police station to report identity theft. The victim stated that he or she had discovered that his or her identity had been stolen while trying to submit a tax return on March 1, 2015. The return was rejected because someone using the victim’s information had already submitted for a return. The victim stated that he or she had not already submitted at that time.

The victim then completed the Michigan State Police Identity Theft Victim form and the IRS Identity Theft Affidavit.

Minor in possession of liquor

On May 24, an officer spoke with a citizen in the OUPD station. The citizen wanted to remain anonymous and said that they skateboard in the parking structures at Oakland. The citizen wanted OUPD to know about a person that skateboards in the structures while consuming liquor. The anonymous person said the skater had been drawing on the structure walls and was being obnoxious and aggressive with other boarders. The officer checked the skater’s age and confirmed him as a minor.

Two days later the officer watched the cameras that were on the P-32 structure and observed people handing a rum bottle around, but he did not observe them drink.

The officer left the station and went to the parking structure, where another officer was on scene. The first officer placed the underage skater under arrest for possession of liquor. The officer handcuffed him, placed him in the back of a police car, and identified his information. The officer then let the skater out, removed the cuffs and informed the skater of the citation being handed out and that he was no longer welcome on OU’s campus. The officer told him he would get a letter in the mail with further explanation on his status and how to contest it.

The skater told the officer he was also on probation but did not say why. The officer escorted the skater off campus, then photographed the full bottle of rum and scanned it into the report. The rum was dumped down the sink.

THIS WEEK AROUND CAMPUS

6.11.15 - “Approval for Research with Human Subjects” workshop
200A Elliott Hall, 12-1:30 p.m.

Learn how to apply and be approved for your research. Facilitated by Becky Sandburn, Office of Research. Lunch will be provided.

6.12.15 - Teaching with Technology Conference
Kresge Library (430), 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Oakland University’s e-Cornucopia: Teaching with Technology is an annual one-day technology conference that explores online teaching and learning topics including pedagogy best practices, software, apps, engagement techniques and much more. This year the keynote speaker is Director of the Research Initiative for Teaching Effectiveness and Professor Emeritus at the University of Central Florida Dr. Charles Dziuban. He will discuss Understanding Teaching and Learning in the Changing Educational Environment.

6.13.15 - Jazz Workshop
Varner Hall, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Renowned jazz violinist Regina Carter and the Oakland Jazz Quartet will present a masterful jazz workshop.

6.25.15 - Medical Education Workshop
478 O’Dowd Hall, 5-7 p.m.

The past, present and future of medical education.

6.26.15 - Scholarly Writing Workshop
478 O’Dowd Hall, 1-4 p.m.

Brian Mavis will facilitate this event.

—Compiled by Megan Carson, Chief Copy Editor

To find these and other events, visit oakland.edu/calendar.