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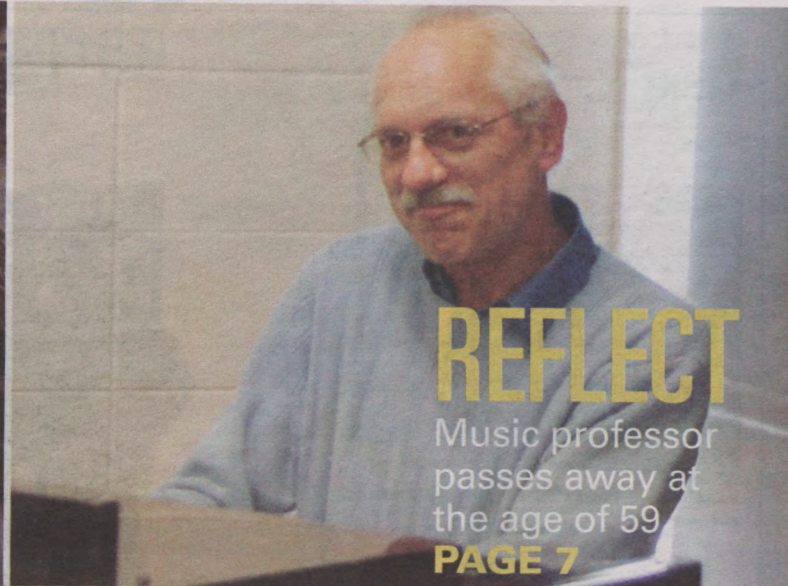
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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**SHARING VIEWPOINTS** // A protestor expresses his disapproval of the Obama administration outside the Oakland Center. A group of students gathered around to listen to the protestor's opinions on why he believes Obama should be impeached from office.

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

What adds the most stress to your day at OU?

- A Moodle
- B GrizzNet
- C Parking
- D Chartwells

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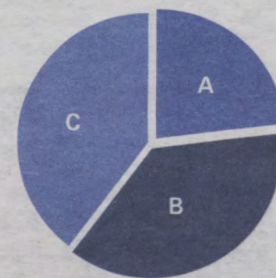
## LAST WEEK'S POLL

Who do you want to win the Super Bowl?

A) New York Giants  
12 votes | 22%

B) New England Patriots  
16 votes | 36%

C) I just watch for the commercials  
19 votes | 42%



## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### FEBRUARY 4, 1980

Buckminster Fuller lectured before a crowd. During the three hour presentation, he spoke about his ideas, philosophy and touched on the struggle between the U.S. and the USSR.

### FEBRUARY 7, 1964

OU received \$75,000 to build a performing arts center. The Meadow Brook Music Festival was intended to make OU's campus a center for performing arts in the major Detroit area.

### FEBRUARY 14, 1977

As part of a three-part energy conservation effort, OU lowered the temperature of all buildings to 65 degrees. The University had previously saved \$89,000 on electrical bills and \$185,000 on gas bills by reducing building hours and shutting down buildings over breaks.



### CAMPUS

7. The Oakland University Formula Society of Engineers, or the Grizzlies Racing team, is working to complete work on a car for a yearly tournament. The car will be judged on design, safety and design.



### SPORTS

12. The OU men's and women's swimming teams placed high at the Michigan USA Open held in the Aquatics Center on campus right before the Summit League Championship, which begins Feb. 5.



### LIFE

16-17. Twin brothers are gaining fame on YouTube with a game-inspired mini-series. The brother's debut video received 300,000 views in its first day and now has over one million.



### MOUTHING OFF

20. Multimedia Reporters Brian Figurski and Jordan Reed declare their candidacy for Student Body President and Vice President in the upcoming OUSC election.

## BY THE NUMBERS

110

number of rooms in Meadow Brook Hall

1971

year Meadow Brook Hall was open to the public

1970

first OU Meadow Brook Ball

\$4,000,000

cost to build Meadow Brook Hall in 1926

6

rank of Meadow Brook Hall on the list of Largest Historic Homes in the U.S.



## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Your voice. Heard. Just kidding

**W**hat has the Oakland University Student Congress been spending your student money on?

We'll break it down for you.

Last semester, OUSC spent \$10,800 of their \$86,301 fall budget on giveaways and \$32,950 on events. A grand total of \$43,750 on programming alone, according to the "draft" budget they gave to The Oakland Post.

Programming that could have come out of the Student Program Board's \$155,550 budget.

In their running expenses budget, which was obtained from their adviser after difficulties obtaining it from OUSC, \$1,270 was spent on bracelets — including three bracelets from Tiffany & Co. — that were given away to students at the Arabian Nights event they co-sponsored with SPB.

They also spent \$2,000 on office renovations — including \$1,000 on office chairs — and \$1,000 on jackets for themselves.

Further, the money they are spending comes from you, the students.

Every year, \$27.50 of each student's tuition goes towards the Student Activities Fee, which is then split among the direct funded organizations.

Of that amount, OUSC gets 16 percent.

While we understand that some programming is required to have a successful organization, we think that OUSC could have spent their money on what they promised — representing the voice of students.

OUSC has not only spent more than half of their budget on giveaways and events, but they have also gone into the negatives this year in their main account, which, according to their own bylaws, must maintain a balance of \$5,000.

The organization is currently \$1,696 in debt even with the extra student money they received from a \$2.50 increase in the Student Activities Fee last year.

Even with that extra \$7,697 of your money, they still overspent.

While we understand that some programming is required to have a successful organization, we think OUSC could have spent their money doing what they promised — representing the voice of students.

If you ask any student their biggest complaint against the university,

most would say parking. A topic that has been avoided by the current OUSC administration until this point.

However, parking still remains a huge issue on campus.

Though the current administration has addressed the issues with university officials there have been no solutions. Their current plan consists of using signs to address the problem.

Not much has been done to repair the Bear Buses, a transportation device last year's administration started, recently either.

In fact, OUSC didn't realize there were any problems with the buses. But, according to a Bear Bus driver, they have many issues, including nearly bald tires and brake problems.

OUSC's mission statement states that OUSC "aims to meet the needs and address the concerns of our fellow students and encourage students to voice their ideas to help us create the best possible 'Oakland experience.'"

There are plenty of needs and concerns at OU currently, but the present OUSC administration has failed to formally address them.

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EDITORIAL

# What about donating to liberal arts?

*Oakland philanthropists should embrace school's liberal arts, not ignore them*

It is impossible to not be thankful for the extraordinary generosity of the Scharf family over the years toward Oakland University.

Kudos is also due to the administration for it's success at landing this most recent donation.

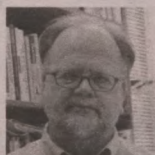
Nevertheless, for more than a few faculty, especially those of us in the College of Arts and Sciences, there is a concern that the emphasis on donations and fundraising over recent years ignores what so many of us view as the essential mission of the institution.

When I came to OU over twenty years ago I knew little of the place. It just so happened that a senior faculty member in my graduate school had grown up in Bloomfield Hills and told me that while it definitely was a "junior" university in the Michigan scheme of things she understood that its strength was that it provided a quality undergraduate education in the liberal arts.

My subsequent research found that the school indeed advertised this aspect of itself proudly and claimed that providing a liberal education was the original vision of the university upon its founding.

It is still mentioned on occasion these days but now the school advertises itself in terms of it being a good value and an excellent place to obtain job skills.

Part of this is perhaps an inevitable result of the times we live in, where "training," an activity which



**SEAN MORAN**

guest columnist

previously took place outside of universities, has wormed its way into the public's imagining of what a college education is all about.

This happens despite the constant reiteration that the liberal arts (and I mean by that not only the humanities, arts and social sciences, but the "hard" sciences as well) are the core, the very foundation, of our efforts here.

On paper the statistics might seem to bear that out.

The college enrolls more than half the students and majors, employs more than half of the faculty, delivers well in excess of half of the credit hours (providing essential services to the professional schools which is not returned in kind) and does all this at a cheaper cost as well.

Yet every time one turns around there is endless news of the medical and professional schools, new support and building for the engineering school (in spite of its downward enrollment trend over the past five years) and the glories of our athletic teams.

Now we see this huge donation, an undeniable blessing for the university but a mixed message to those of us who believe that to be truly educated one has to know some Shakespeare, know how our political system works, does not find Beethoven to be an oversized slobbering dog, and has to have the ability to think critically about a variety of subjects.

I live in Birmingham. It is full of highly "successful" people, but few of them are truly educated. In fact, they are mostly spectacularly ill-informed,

unsure which Roosevelt came first, think of Tom Clancy as a first rate writer of fiction, think that liberals and socialists are one and the same and think American exceptionalism is a historically certain fact.

The issue of the role of the liberal arts within the academe is going through challenging times.

Much of this challenge is due to the collective ignorance and philistinism of our civic leaders.

Are we to merely reinforce this ignorance with neglect?

That is why it is critically important for institutions such as OU to insist that these things are essential and need to be seen as such.

And yet, I cannot feel that with all of the university's growth and success, the "core" feels ill-used and under-recognized.

Cannot any major donor be convinced to leave the golf clubs behind and support the things that are the foundation of our culture and tradition?

As it has gone so far, one wonders if the liberal arts are truly valued here and if they are not truly supported, beyond the lip service, then really, they will be not be valued anywhere.

Of course the golfers probably won't notice one way or the other.

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# Bored during lunch?

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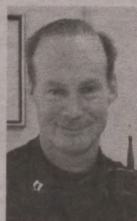


# Arrests pursued for January's crimes

Recent crime coverage brings Oakland University Police Department processes into the spotlight

By Sarah Hunton  
Campus Editor

No arrests have been made for the Jan. 6 knife pulling incident or Jan. 10 WXOU larceny. The suspects in both cases have been identified, however.



Mark Gordon,  
Captain, OUPD

"From my understanding, they have a suspect already and I think they're still trying to ready the case for prosecution," said Phil Berard, general manager of WXOU and cinema studies student.

According to Lieutenant Mel Gilroy of the Oakland University Police Department, an arrest warrant request for the WXOU suspect is currently being reviewed by the prosecutor, however the warrant is not for the WXOU case.

The suspect is also believed to be involved in crimes that took place in other areas of the Oakland Center, for which an arrest warrant is currently being pursued.

"Investigations often take some time. We have to be able to provide evidence to support our beliefs in these cases," Gilroy said. "We obviously have a focus in these investigations."

Berard said that he understood that the police had to follow protocol that he wasn't very familiar with, however it is also difficult to be patient and wait to see how the stolen equipment will be replaced.

"We all felt real violated by what happened, and betrayed, because you know, the person that committed the crime work(ed) here, so we're all pretty blood thirsty," Berard said. "I don't feel that the police aren't working on our case, and I can't even say that they aren't working their hardest, we just wish the process moved a little quicker."

The Oakland County Prosecutor could not be reached for comment on this case.

OUPD was unable to comment on the status of the Jan. 10 suspect for press time.

According to Captain Mark Gordon of OUPD, there are many stages in arresting a suspect in a crime.

When crimes occur, victims must file a police report. The police department then tries to identify a suspect using a variety of methods including reviewing any video that was taken, gathering witness statements, victims statements and suspect statements.

Sometimes there is not enough in-

formation for suspects to be identified, and if this is so, the case remains open.

Once the police have as much information as they can gather about the crime, they present a prosecutor's package to the county explaining why this case should be pursued in court. The package can then take 24 hours to a week and a half for the prosecutor to review. If the suspect is already taken into custody because community safety is at risk, then the processing time is shorter.

After the prosecutor returns the package, three things may happen. An arrest warrant is issued for the suspect, a furtherance is ordered, meaning that more information is needed before a warrant may be issued or the warrant request is denied.

If OUPD is given the arrest warrant they then must contact the suspect. The suspect is advised that an arrest warrant has been issued and that he must turn himself in for processing. At this point, the police are seeking cooperation on behalf of the suspect.

The suspect is then taken before the magistrate at the 52-3 Oakland County District Court for an arraignment. Here a not guilty plea is entered and a bond is set based on the warrant and crime. The bond, which may be cash or a personal word to appear in court, ensures that the suspect will show up for the next court hearing.

If a cash bond has been posted, it

is returned to the suspect at the next court appearance.

Two weeks after the arraignment, the suspect attends a preliminary exam where he or she may enter a guilty, not guilty or no contest plea. If the suspect pleads guilty, a sentencing date is established.

If the suspect pleads not guilty, then the subsequent steps depend on the type of crime. If the crime is a misdemeanor then a trial is set up in district court. If the crime is a felony, the case goes to a circuit court and sentencing is scheduled after.

There are a few places in this process that may slow down the prosecution of a suspect. Sometimes it may take a while for a suspect to be identified. A furtherance can also hold up the process. Strategies the defense attorney may take advantage of can cause delays in the process as well.

Captain Gordon attributes the high rate of solving campus crime to the good relationship the department has with the community. He said due to the bond between the OU community and the police, witnesses come forward more easily than in areas where the police may not be respected.

"We don't solves all of the cases," Gordon said, "but we do solve many of them."

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## Current OUSC administration not running again

By Kevin Graham  
Staff Reporter

Student Congress will be under new leadership next year as the administration of Benjamin Eveslage and Elisa Malile has decided not to run for re-election.

Malile, a senior sociology major, explained the decision.

"I've gotten some opportunities and Ben's gotten some opportunities so we think that it's better that we just step down and let someone else run," she said.

Eveslage wants to finish strong.

"(It's) also just to lead our executive board through the rest of the semester strongly with the initiatives we do have planned so we're not distracted by running again," the junior international relations major said.

OUSC has three presidential tickets and 35 legislators on this year's ballot. One presidential ticket and 23 legislators will be selected.

The candidates for president and vice president of OUSC are James Sklar and Thomas Chen, Samantha Wolf and Robbie Williford and Louis Fairman and Jacob Bogarin.

Sklar, a sophomore majoring in political science, said that if elected, he would like to build a community feel at OU.

"We want to improve the experiences that students get while going to OU," he said. "We want to bring that experience not to just students that live on-campus but we want to bring that experience to commuters as well."

Some of his planned initiatives are to bring back the free Scantron program, renovate the residence hall basketball and volleyball courts and putting a Grizz Express in Vandenberg Hall.

Robbie Williford explained why he is running as Samantha Wolf's vice presidential nominee.

"We both want to do everything that we can for the students, commuters, on-campus residents, Greek life students, athletes or just regular students who go to Oakland and want to see a difference being made," he said.

Williford and Wolf want to facilitate better communication between students and the administration. They plan to have meetings with university leadership regarding what can be done about the parking



Oakland Post file photo

Benjamin Eveslage and Elisa Malile will not seek re-election for the 2012/2013 school year.

situation on campus.

Candidates Louis Fairman and Jacob Bogarin could not be reached at press time.

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Darren Duff (LEFT), Wayne Thibodeau (CENTER) and Melissa Brode (RIGHT) tell students how to market themselves to future employers.

## Speed networking tips and tricks

*Students learn how to present themselves*

By Sarah Blanchette  
Staff Intern

Preparing for the job market today is a step that one must take in order to become prepared for life after graduation.

On Feb. 1, Career Services hosted a class in the Oakland Center that explained the ins and outs of participating in a speed networking event. The class prepared students for the speed networking event to take place Feb. 10 in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Career Services intern Melissa Brode and peer mentor Darren Duff, led the class. Both are Oakland University students who began working with Career Services in order to help other students explore their job fields.

The idea of a speed networking session is to make contacts with professionals that are in your future job field.

According to Brode and Duff, there are many benefits to attending one of these events including acquiring an interview for a job, the possibility for an internship, knowledge of what is involved in a real world job and gaining a better idea of what employers expect.

At the Feb. 10 event, students will be given a personal schedule that tells students who to speak with and when. Students will be able to meet and talk with professionals for a total of five minutes each, and possibly meet with them afterwards during the afterglow, which is new to this year's speed networking affair.

When meeting with each professional, it is expected that students give a 30 second "elevator speech" that tells them who you are, what your major is, and what you are looking for in the job field.

"You only get one chance to make a first impression — I cannot say that enough," Duff said.

Brode suggests that before the event, make sure to have an updated resume and some form of business card that provides the employer with contact information. Students are encouraged to bring multiple copies of both the resume and business cards.

"In response to having a professional appearance online, make sure that your social media websites are professional," Brode said.

To check out future events visit [oakland.edu/careerservices](http://oakland.edu/careerservices)

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### HOWTO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON EMPLOYERS

#### DO:

■ Dress professionally. **Men:** Suit (black, dark blue, gray, brown, muted pin stripes), sensible tie, no jewelry, light cologne. **Women:** Pant suit, skirt (must be below the knee), nylons (neutral color), closed toe heels (three inch maximum), light perfume, conservative make-up and nail polish.

■ Know your strengths and weaknesses.

■ Listen to the employers. No matter what field they are in, even if they differ from yours, they will have things to say that can help you in the long run.

■ Follow up with the employers that you speak with.

#### DON'T:

■ Forget to wash your hands and manicure your nails. You will be shaking a lot of hands.

■ Be late for networking event — it's unprofessional.

■ Forget to ask the employers questions about themselves and their jobs.

■ Forget to smile.

## POLICE FILES

### Disorderly conduct, Vandenberg

On Wednesday, Jan. 29 at approximately 3:15 a.m., Oakland University police officers were on patrol near Vandenberg Hall when they noticed a man urinating from the fourth floor balcony. Police arrived on the floor and noticed loud noises coming from one room. Police spoke with the three occupants who stated that they had not been on the balcony. Police recognized a sleeping male subject and arrested him for urinating in public. After being handcuffed, the subject began to vomit. Police removed the handcuffs and requested medical assistance. The subject took a preliminary breath test with the result of .203 and was later taken to St. Joseph Hospital. He was cited with disorderly conduct and minor in possession.

### Theft from Chick-Fil-A

On Friday, Jan. 31, OUPD made contact with a representative from Chartwells who said she was standing with a male subject who had stolen a sandwich from the Chick-Fil-A in the Oakland Center. Police spoke with the subject who admitted to the theft. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the station. After being cuffed to the booking bench and read his Miranda Rights the subject told police that he put the sandwich in an inside pocket of his coat and left the service area without paying for it. He also said he was unsure why he stole the sandwich. He was printed, photographed and then released. The representative from Chartwells does not want to prosecute.

### Explosives near Hamlin Hall

On Saturday, Feb. 4 around 1 a.m., OU police were dispatched to the area between Hamlin and Van Wagoner halls for an explosives complaint. A male student reported hearing three or four loud explosions in the area. "Bottle bomb" devices were found in the area before on two occasions. The south side of Hamlin Hall had the two devices that were live that were likely thrown from a south-facing Hamlin window. To prevent injury, police rendered the live devices safe. There are no suspects.

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