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Grizzlies spirit roars through campus during WOCOU

By **Dawn Pauli**, contributing writer

Golden Grizzlies spirit will roar through campus as OU celebrates the 10th anniversary of WOCOU, the Week of Champions at Oakland University, Oct. 11-15.

"Everyone is so excited about the calendar of events this year," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities. "It was a real collaborative effort with the students. This is going to be the biggest and best WOCOU ever. It's the 10th anniversary and we're really making this a great tradition for OU."

The week kicks off with a birthday party for Matilda Dodge Wilson, including birthday cake and a lecture that will shed light on the myths of Oakland University.

"There are urban legends about OU, about why we can't have football and if the Meadow Brook Hall mansion is haunted," Miller said. These myths and others will be explored during the birthday party on Monday, Oct. 11, at noon in the Oakland Center.

The 10th anniversary is celebrated with diamonds, so ring pops will be part of the birthday party. In addition, students can enter to win a diamond OU class ring. The more WOCOU events students attend, the better their chances of winning the class ring from the OU Bookstore.

During last year's WOCOU, OU students, faculty and staff raised more than \$1,300 for UNICEF through a penny drive. This year, the community service project will raise money for the hurricane victims of Florida, the Bahamas and Haiti.

"Our goal is to raise \$10,000 in one week," Miller said. "This is a great way to give back to people who have been devastated by this tragedy. OU and Michigan people are very generous, and this is a great way to help out those in need. If everyone on campus donates just one dollar, we will easily meet our target."

WOCOU is sponsored by the Association of Black Students, Athletics Department, Center for Multicultural Initiatives, Center for Student Activities, Dean of Students Office, Future Alumni Network, Meadow Brook Hall, OU-MSU Federal Credit Union, Oakland University Student Congress, Residence Halls Council, Residence Halls Programming, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and Student Program Board.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 11

Matilda's 121st Birthday Bash and WOCOU 10th Anniversary Kickoff
Noon-1 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge
Free birthday cake, ice cream, WOCOU T-shirts, water bottles and ring pops

Myths and Urban Legends about OU
12:15-1 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Grizzlies Hold 'Em (a.k.a. Texas Hold 'Em)
9 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center

Tuesday, Oct. 12

Student Art Exhibit
9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Golden Grizzly Pride Parade and Pep Rally
Noon -1 p.m. between O'Dowd Hall and the Oakland Center

WOCOU Talent Show with special guest appearance by Slum Village
8 p.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms
OU students are free with OU ID. Cost for guests is \$10 with a valid picture ID

Wednesday, Oct. 13

OU Bingo for OU Prizes
Noon - 1 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge
9-10 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center

Men's Soccer: OU vs. Michigan State University
4 p.m. at the Lower Athletic Fields

Thursday, Oct. 14

OU Single Grizzlies: One Minute Speed Dating
Noon - 1 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Women's Soccer: OU vs. University of Michigan
4 p.m. at the Lower Athletic Fields

Ice Cream Extravaganza: Root Beer Floats over Root Beer Lake
8 p.m. between Vandenberg Hall and the Oakland Center

Friday, Oct. 15

SHOW YOUR OU PRIDE! WEAR OU!!

Free tour of Meadow Brook Hall for OU students, faculty and staff
1:30 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall

Friday Night Live with hypnotist Michael Anthony
7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center

"Rock the Rooftop" (Non-Alcoholic) Tailgate Party
7-11 p.m. in the Oakland Center Pioneer Food Court

Sixth Annual Midnight Madnezz: "Rock the O'Rena"
11 p.m.-12:30 a.m. in the Athletics Center O'Rena

All Week

OU Community Service Project
Noon-1 p.m. at a table in the main hallway of the Oakland Center
Collection for the hurricane victims in Florida, the Bahamas and Haiti. The goal is to raise \$10,000 in one week by asking for a \$1 donation for each OU student, faculty and staff.

SUMMARY

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