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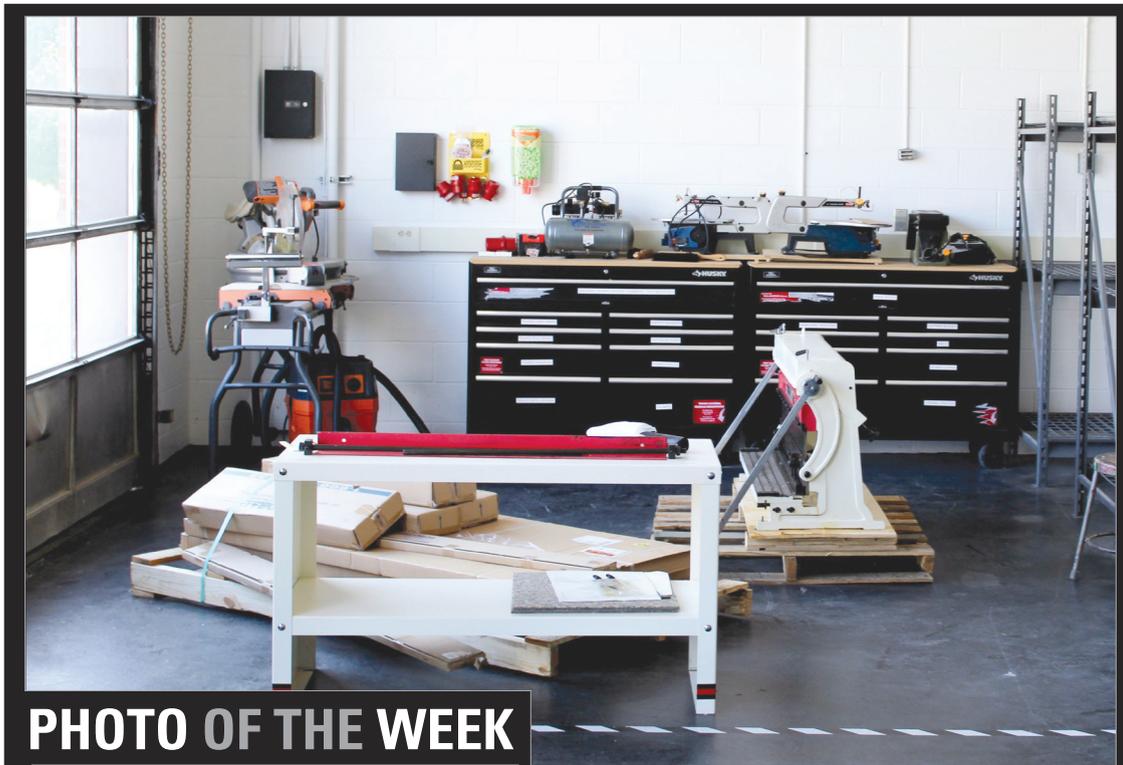
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Check out our photo albums from last week's Involvement Fair and this week's Grizz Fest.

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**ART GARAGE** // When the Art and Art History Departments added new digital media, it was important for Oakland University to find new space for course offerings. The Makers' Studio officially opened June 22. Students are able to take classes in the garage, which offers them a 3-D printer, laser cutter, etching press and spray booth. *BOHDANNA CHERSTYLO // The Oakland Post*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

How would you sum up your Grizz Fest experience?

- A** I loved sweating through five shirts
- B** I have nowhere to put all this free junk
- C** They ran out of fro-yo \*cries\*
- D** What's Grizz Fest?

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

How are you celebrating before the stress of homework and school piles up?

- A) Drinking**  
34%
- B) Avoiding responsibilities and praying that I make it through while crying over fun vacation photos**  
28%
- C) Netflix and actually chilling**  
24%
- D) Carefully laying out all of my back-to-school supplies and getting a good night's rest**  
14%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### Sept. 16, 1964

Fifty thousand people came to the first summer series of the Meadow Brook Music Festival. It lasted four weeks and was deemed a success.

### Sept. 23, 1992

A section of Squirrel Road was closed down thanks to construction. Twenty-four years later, the same road is under construction, showing that construction is just a Michigan norm.

### Sept. 12, 2007

OU's switch from WebCT (now known as Blackboard) to Moodle was finalized and made mandatory.



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### FRESH FROM THE FARM

After a rocky summer, the Campus Student Organic Farm Stand is selling their vegetables and flowers on campus every Thursday.

Photo / Bohdanna Cherstylo



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### GLOBE-TROTTING GRIZZLIES

Students returning from their study abroad experiences in China and Spain share reflections and photos from their travels.

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### O'RENA FACELIFT

The hallway of the O'rena received new decor this summer, complete with brand new TVs and graphic wall designs.

Photo / Bohdanna Cherstylo

## BY THE NUMBERS

Study Abroad

97%

of study abroad students are employed within 12 months of graduation

96%

of study abroad students felt a rise in self-confidence

2/3

of students who study abroad are female

\$20 billion

is contributed to the U.S. economy each year by international students

3.7 million

students study away from their home country each year

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# Looking Back

## Communism on Campus? The Samuel Shapiro story

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

Oakland University opened in 1959 and was rumored to be the “Harvard of the Midwest.” People were wary, not knowing what a degree from this new university would mean in the future.

Despite this, 570 students enrolled in 1959. The university attracted attention for its rigorous academics and its well-published professors.

But the first professor to be really featured in the limelight may not have drawn the kind of attention the new university was hoping for. Samuel Shapiro was a professor of American History at OU, and an outspoken critic of U.S.-Latin American relations.

In 1959, Fidel Castro came into power in Cuba. America was in the height of the Cold War, and feared communism more than anything.

Worldwide, some academics pointed out that certain aspects of communism weren't so bad, and Shapiro was one of those scholars. He wrote articles detailing what life in Cuba was like, without the idealistic filter that most Americans had. Some of his articles are still available to read online through Kresge Library.

Some of his biggest praises of Cuba included how the country had reformed education, hospitals and housing areas.

In 1961, a TV station in Lansing ran a report saying universities shouldn't be a “refuge” for communists. Shapiro filed a lawsuit against the station. But parents of OU students had already gotten wind of the story, writing letter after letter to Woody Varner, chancellor (the position equivalent to president of the university), concerned about the rumored communist teacher.

To clarify, Shapiro was not a communist. He understood some communist ideals, but believed the Cubans should be able to create their own government without the take-over style Castro used, and that they could use some of the good things from the Castro regime to make their own government. Shapiro criticized the lack of free press that Cubans had and understood that the Cuban government was a dictatorship.

But this clarification didn't matter much. In 1962, Shapiro's contract was set to expire the following year, and the Board of Trustees decided not to renew his contract.

Many reasons were cited, ranging from him not meeting academic standards to unprofessional conduct in meetings. But Associate Dean

George Matthews was cited as saying Shapiro would have had a better chance of being retained if he didn't talk so much about Cuban and Latin American affairs.

A note here though: The same year, the Board also decided that self-proclaimed communists were banned from speaking at OU, only furthering the connection between Shapiro's world views and his termination.

Alums recounted their experiences at OU, and said that Shapiro had been “the finest teacher.” He was widely liked, and students protested his firing. Some even claimed that the FBI came out to take pictures during these protests.

But in summer of 1963, Shapiro left OU, just a few months after the first graduating class of OU departed with their degrees.



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### Corrections Corner

In our Aug. 31 article, “Cross country team aims to defend league titles,” we wrote that runner Bryce Stroede is a senior. He is actually a redshirt junior. We apologize for the error.

The Oakland Post corrects all known errors of fact.

If you know of an error, please email [editor@oaklandpostonline.com](mailto:editor@oaklandpostonline.com) or call (248) 370-4268. You can also write us at 61 Oakland Center, 312 Meadow Brook Road, Rochester, MI 48309.



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OU's new preferred name policy lets students be known by names other than the one given at birth.

## That's not my name: New policy

*Students pushed for, won ability to change preferred name*

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

It's the first day of class. The classroom is full, and the professor calls name after name.

"Sharon?"

No one responds. The student next to you raises their hand.

"I prefer to go by Steven."

The professor writes that down and class goes on. For the rest of the semester, the whole class knows that Steven isn't his "real" name.

The student was forced to out themselves on day one.

This is reality for many students on campus who, for a variety of reasons, don't want to use their birth name in class. They may have just come out as transgender and cannot afford to have their name changed legally. They may be from another country, and prefer to use a name that is easier for Americans to pronounce. Maybe they prefer to go by their middle name.

Oakland University's new preferred name policy makes it possible for students to not out themselves in the classroom.

Students and faculty have been trying to introduce a preferred name policy for eight years.

Anders Engnell, vice president of OU Student Congress, has been part of the push for the policy. He explained that, this semester, only the first half of the policy has been implemented.

Right now, students can change their name on Banner and MySail. In January 2017, students will be able to change their names on Moodle and their ID cards.

Eighty-four students added a preferred name in the first week of the policy's implementation alone, according to Engnell.

"The biggest issue we kept running into was that we were told it was too expensive," Engnell said. "We sat down with VP Glenn McIntosh and said that we wanted this. President Hynd told us to go forward no matter what."

Engnell said that after Hynd was on board, approval had to trickle down through other administrators.

He said that the next phase, following the January 2017 additions, is to work with University Housing to get night watch and other Housing check-in services on board with the policy.

Grace Wojcik, director of the Gender and Sexuality Center, said that the GSC has recently partnered with University Admissions to recruit students and show that OU is an LGBTQ+ accepting environment.

She said that in the five years

she's been on campus, she has seen huge changes.

"We've come a far way, we're doing a great job," she said.

In the future, she said there might be ways for OU to follow suit with other universities' preferred name policies. Wojcik explained that some universities have options on applications asking students to list their sexual orientation and preferred pronouns. This would help the university get more information on the retention rates of LG-BTQ+ students.

Wojcik also said she's heard that there will be a gender neutral bathroom included in the upcoming OC expansion.

"It'll help transgender and gender-nonconforming students, she said. "It'll help parents with small children, and help anyone who prefers the restroom, really."

Also included in the OC expansion will be a renovated GSC office.

"It's an exciting time to get involved with LGBT involvement on campus," Wojcik said. "This year we had the most people sign up for our email list. Over 100 people signed up, and these people are going to get involved all over campus in the future."

Information about changing your name on MySail and Banner can be found on OU's website. There are step-by-step instructions on changing your name in the system for others to see and use.

## Grizz statue celebrates a decade on campus

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

On Sept. 6, 2006, Oakland unveiled its spiritual athletic symbol. The eight-foot tall bronze bear statue that stands proudly near the O'rena was made courtesy of Istvan Mate and Gyorgyi Lantos, parents of former Oakland swimmer Hunor Mate.

They did it for free. Oakland only had to pay for materials and shipping from Hungary, for which the university, students and Oakland University Student Congress raised more than \$35,000.

The Post caught up with Gyorgyi Lantos this summer over email to inquire about the statue on its 10-year anniversary. Responses have been edited for clarity.

**The statue is ten years old. Do you think of it often?**

Lantos: Yes, I think about it sometimes. I have a lot of work, and most of it is human figures, portraits, memorials of historical events. The bear was a very special project.

**Are you proud of it?**

Yes of course — The bear is in a great place, an excellent university. I'm very proud to add something to that environment.

**What prompted you to make it?**

The university needed a Golden Grizzly mascot. The bear can give power to the athletic teams, and also to the proud students.

**I've heard that you did it out of gratitude for the school. Do you think you guys accurately expressed that gratitude?**

The school and Oakland swimming was a great experience for our son. We made the statue gladly. We tried to return something to the school.

**Do you realize you pretty much gave our school its spiritual athletic symbol?**

I'm very happy to hear it. This was our goal! I'm very proud of this.

**I read on your website that you want to create "art which points beyond the present place and time." Do you feel you have done that with this sculpture?**

I hope so! If the Golden Grizzly stays the mascot of Oakland University until eternity, then I have done it.

**Also on your website is that you never want to shock, that you want to be accepted. Do you feel the bear statue helps further this end?**

Yes, because it's a naturalistic thing, a bear. There are artists who want to shock the audience. I'd rather make the people delighted or make them think.

**For how long do you wish this statue to stand?**

As long as the school and students like it!

You can read more about the statue's history at <http://oaklandpostonline.com/2567/campus/from-hungary-with-love/>.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

The statue was made by Gyorgyi Lantos and Istvan Mate, parents of an alum.

# Organic farm thrives in spite of rumors

Paige Brockway  
Editor-in-Chief

Oakland University's Campus Student Organic Farm is back in action this year, after rumors swirled about its relocation or closure earlier in the summer.

2016 marks the 0.6-acre farm's seventh year in existence. It is located on Butler Road and home to approximately 35 different types of vegetables, numerous student programs and Department of Biological Sciences courses.

An average of about 8,000 pounds of food is produced by the farm each year and is available for purchase at the Student Organic Farm Stand between the Elliott Tower and the Oakland Center.

The farm was founded by Professor Fay Hansen and is completely manned by students and volunteers. Until July, there was also a farm coordinator, Jared Hanna, who worked approximately 60 hours a week to keep the farm up and running.

In June, funding for Hanna's position ran out. Upset student farm workers created a petition calling for his position to be preserved, and one wrote an editorial in The Oakland Post asking administration to reconsider eliminating the position.

Hanna was granted a month's extension from the original termination date, but the position was ultimately eliminated in July. He taught at the farm throughout the summer, but no longer has any obligations there, according to Hansen.

"While we will miss [Hanna] for many reasons — he has been a great mentor and inspiration for our students, and a brilliant and innovative farm coordinator — the farm and the wonderful student community it attracts will move forward," Hansen said in an email.

Hansen will now be taking over the farm coordinator duties in addition to her other faculty responsibilities.

"We are fortunate to have a very strong student staff and many experienced volunteers and interns to help in the transition," she said.

In addition to the loss of Hanna's position, the farm also faced rumors of its relocation. At a meeting on June 15 at the Facilities Management Building, Hansen was given maps and line item budget estimates for moving the farm to the southwest side of campus, near the Kettering Magnetics Lab.

Concerns were raised over the costs — economical, ethical and practical — of moving the farm, but OU administration later said there had not been plans to move the farm in the first place.

"There's no current reason to move it because we want to do something else with that space," John Beaghan said in July. "There's nothing else identified for that space currently."

Beaghan is the vice president for Finance and Administration and treasurer to the Board of Trustees. Beaghan and James Lentini, senior vice president for



Mary Mitchell / The Oakland Post

Produce from the Campus Student Organic Farm is sold at their farm stand every Thursday.

Academic Affairs and provost, co-chaired the committee that developed the new Campus Master Plan, which was approved by the Board in June.

"I can't tell you for sure that that's the ideal spot for it forever, so the advantage [of moving the farm] is if there was a better use for the space," Lentini said in July. "It doesn't mean that we would get rid of the farm, but we would then have to make a plan."

"It won't happen this year, it won't happen next year, it won't happen the year after that," he added.

Moving forward, the farm still faces challenges regarding funding.

Organic farming and permaculture courses BIO 331, 332, 361, 362 and 491 are held at the farm. Despite being home to these courses, the farm doesn't receive operating funds from the biology department, according to Hansen.

"I cannot state strongly enough how important our revenues from farm stand, as well as monetary donations, are for us to be able to continue," Hansen said.

The farm stand is open Thursdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. through Oct. 13, according to the farm's page on OU's website.

To make a donation to the Campus Student Organic Farm, use the fund code 30327 on the Give to OU Online form.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p><b>11 A.M.-1 P.M.</b> NFH Open House North Foundation Hall</p> <p><b>SAFAC and CSA Open House</b> Lower Level of the Oakland Center Environmental Health and Safety "Mock" Room Burns North side of the Oakland Center</p> <p><b>5-7 P.M.</b> AC Oakland Campus Ministry Launch Party By Bear Lake</p> <p><b>6-9 P.M.</b> SNAOU Annual Welcome Back Bonfire P11 Bonfire Pit</p> <p><b>6:30-10:30 P.M.</b> Muggle Quidditch Movie &amp; Game Night Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center</p>	<p><b>10 A.M.-2 P.M.</b> Campus Student Organic Farm Stand Elliott Tower</p> <p><b>12-1:30 P.M.</b> LGBTQIA Welcome Reception North side of the Oakland Center</p> <p><b>2-4 P.M.</b> "Rock out at Rec Well" Recreation Center</p> <p><b>5-10 P.M.</b> Grizz Night in Pontiac Main Street, Downtown Pontiac</p>	<p><b>11-11:15 A.M.</b> Remembrance: 15th Anniversary of 9/11 Elliott Tower</p> <p><b>11:15 A.M.-3 P.M.</b> SVOU March to End Hunger Elliott Tower</p> <p><b>3-5 P.M.</b> ISSO and Academic Affairs International Welcome Reception Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center</p> <p><b>5-10 P.M.</b> SPB Annual Carnival North side, Oakland Center</p> <p><b>8-9 P.M.</b> RHA Friday Night Live: Comedian Jeffrey Jay Vandenberg Dining Center</p>	<p><b>6 P.M.</b> Women's Volleyball: vs Sam Houston State O'Rena</p> <p><b>7-9 P.M.</b> Men's Soccer: vs Northern Kentucky &amp; Grizz Gang Night Oakland Soccer Field</p> <p><b>8-10 P.M.</b> Regina Carter and the Oakland Jazz Quartet Varnier Recital Hall</p>	<p><b>1 P.M.</b> Women's Soccer: vs Toledo Oakland Soccer Field</p> <p><b>5 P.M.</b> AC Oakland Summit Human Health Building 2086</p>	<p><b>9 A.M.-7 P.M.</b> First Day of Fall 2016 Tutoring Tutoring Center, North Foundation Hall</p> <p>Sign up begins for Bubble Soccer See Student Program Board for more details</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>6 P.M.</b> Women's Volleyball: vs Western Michigan O'Rena</p>

# Student veterans group fights homelessness

*Students encouraged to participate in second annual Road March to End Hunger*

**Shelby Tankersley**  
Campus Editor

Eleven percent, or 39,471, of America's homeless population are people who once served in the military, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In order to help those homeless veterans, the Student Veterans of Oakland University have organized their second Road March to End Hunger for Sept. 9, where they will collect donations and hold a walk to raise awareness.

"All donations will go to the Homeless Veterans Association," said Ivan Rose, a veterans representative.

The event will feature a 9/11 memorial performed at 11 a.m. by VFW Post 1370 Color Guard, a local group from Pontiac, and music from the Elliott Clock Tower.

Also starting at 11 a.m., the mile-

long walk will depart from the clock tower. Participants can carry a military rucksack to put themselves in veterans' shoes.

There will also be a donation station and T-shirts available for purchase, along with free food and refreshments. Those who complete the walk can buy the T-shirts at half price.

The mile walk means more than a just cheap T-shirt. SVOU is hoping it can be a learning experience for the campus.

"To visually raise awareness around campus for the veteran community, the one-mile march around campus is performed with volunteers carrying rucksacks of the donated canned goods to end hunger," said Cheyenne Schmidt, vice president of SVOU.

Rose explained that SVOU holds this event not only to raise awareness on campus, but to reach out to the vet-

eran community. All of the members of SVOU are either veterans themselves or have parents in the military.

He said that, for example, Wayne State University has a good veteran support system, so veterans are comfortable going to the school. SVOU would like to become a feature of OU that draws student veterans to the school.

"We want to make SVOU a bigger part of OU," Rose said.

Along with SVOU, The American Red Cross, Theta Chi and Alpha Delta Pi will also be helping with the event.

On top of that, Road March will be one of several events in G.I. Theta Chi, a week-long effort to donate to the United Service Organization, which helps provide for soldiers and their families. However, all Road March donations will go to a local homeless shelter for veterans, instead of the USO.

"Road March to End Hunger is a special event because even though it exists from the work of four unique organiza-

tions, we come together for the same cause," Schmidt said. "Through Road March, we are all able to serve those who once served us."

Though all four groups serve different purposes, they all have motivation to improve their community through philanthropy.

"Whether it be due to family military ties, continually supporting servicemen and women, personal service to our country, or a general desire to help those in need in our community, each organization has individual motivations for contributing to Road March," Schmidt said.

Participants can donate non-perishable food items as well as clothing at the clock tower during the event. Rose said that socks and blankets are most needed when it comes to clothes.

Last year's Road March reaped 300 pounds of food, and SVOU is hoping to have a bigger turn-out and beat that number this year.

## What does construction mean for students?

*New buildings could cause on-campus delays*

**Robert Ogg**  
Intern Reporter

Students who have classes in the Engineering Center, Elliott Hall or Varner Hall may run into some construction this semester. The road east of the P-32 parking structure is set to be closed for the rest of the academic year, while Oakland University continues preparations on a new housing structure.

The new dorm is significant, as will ensure that less students will be living in overflow housing areas like the Extended Stay America hotel. Equipping more housing helps transition OU from a commuter school into a university that embraces on-campus life.

Creating additional parking spaces will allow commuters to get to class faster without spending additional time searching for a parking spot. The renovations over the Bear Lake bridge have made it safer.

Construction on campus

brings about change and growth, but not without impacting the students.

"When I moved into the dorm in fall of 2011, I lived in West Vandenberg on the seventh floor," said Sarah Bacon, an alumna. "Every morning, [there was] construction in building HHB [Human Health Building]. It annoyed me."

When Bacon started commuting, construction near OU made her tardy for class. Still, Bacon was glad OU was doing construction.

"If [OU wasn't] building new things, I'd be a little mad," Bacon said.

Carolyn Johnson, manager of the Facilities Management business office, also voiced enthusiasm for projects on campus.

"There's always tweaking that needs to be done after people get in there. But, for the most part, I would say yes [people are happy with the results]," Johnson said.



Abigail Zmikly / The Oakland Post

Earlier this summer, Oakland released a campus master plan for projects to be completed by 2018.

Johnson is excited for the new housing structure.

"For a long time, OU was a commuter school. And now we have students on campus. It's great!" she said.

The construction that occasionally happens on I-75, Squirrel Road and Walton Boulevard can be aggravating, but it makes driving a safer experi-

ence in the future. Construction may wake up residents on campus or force people to take a different road. But, the end result does make OU better.

There will be construction near I-75 near Coolidge in September and there will be a road closed near the Engineering Center. Until these projects are completed, do your best to

leave early and get to class on time.

There is a lot to look forward to. Additions to the Oakland Center and more housing are on the way. There wasn't always an Elliott Clock Tower. Out of these construction projects may come the next great structure for the next batch of students.



Courtesy of Oakland University

From left: Angie Schmucker, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations; Michael Mazzeo, dean of the School of Business Administration; and David Tull, founder and CEO of Crestmark Bank.

## Chairman's bank gifts School of Business grant

**Shelby Tankersley**  
Campus Editor

Ten Oakland University business students will receive a \$10,000 scholarship, thanks to a donation from Crestmark Bank.

The scholarships will be awarded to two students a year over a course of five years until all the money is used.

"I think this is a reflection of what we're doing here in the School of Business," said Michael Mazzeo, dean of the School of Business Administration. "It's a very nice scholarship and I view it as a recognition of the high quality students we have here."

The bank gave the scholarships as part of celebrating 20 years of business for the company. David Tull, the CEO of Crestmark, chose to give to OU because he is part of the school's community. Tull is new vice chairman of OU's Board of Trustees, and has been part of the Board since 2014.

"Crestmark's core philosophy is to ensure that we help," Tull told the Oakland Press. "As we celebrate 20 years of successfully helping small- and medium-sized businesses secure necessary working capital, this \$100,000 scholarship fund seems a perfect way to assist students in the community where Crestmark is headquartered."

Crestmark also employs OU alumni and takes students as part of its internship program.

Mazzeo said that he thinks this scholarship highlights the relationship Crestmark and OU alumni have through employment.

"My office works to build relationships

with the top employers of our alumni," said Angie Schmucker, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations. "We're working to build relationships with those companies so that they not only continue hiring, but so they build upon those relationships with students the way Crestmark has done."

Schmucker also mentioned that Tull would like to see more companies help students with tools like scholarships. OU helps provide employees for the community, so they would like their partners to help enhance the learning experience, which is what Mazzeo said Crestmark has helped do.

"Nobody is guaranteeing these people will work for Crestmark, that's not the point at all," Mazzeo said. "I think they genuinely just want to help the students here to be successful, that's the hallmark of it all."

Mazzeo said OU works to connect its students and alumni with the community around it, so they can work together to improve the community and the experience of higher education at the university.

"I think what we really need to do is connect our students, alumni and community in order to better enhance the experience of education," Mazzeo said. "This is another wonderful experience we can give to students."

Both Mazzeo and Schmucker said this donation will help make a difference for hard-working students by taking a year's worth of tuition off their plates.

"This can change lives," Schmucker said. "Even a \$1,000 scholarship makes a huge difference, so imagine the impact that these \$10,000 ones will have."



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## Grizz Night welcomes students to Pontiac

**Amy Swanson**  
Staff Reporter

Welcome Week is in full swing, and on Sept. 8, the festivities continue with Grizz Night in downtown Pontiac.

It will run from 5 to 10 p.m. along the entire length of Saginaw Avenue and surrounding streets.

Grizz Night is part of the Oakland University/Pontiac Initiative that was developed by President Hynd and Mayor Deirdre Waterman.

The event began as a pilot program in April and was the brainchild of Gabriela Sullen and Branden Dyer, two AmeriCorps VISTA members who served at OU. The goal was to bridge the gap between OU students and Pontiac in a mutually beneficial relationship.

There won't be a shortage of things to do at Grizz Night. One main event is the "Battle of the DJs" at 8 p.m., where two OU DJs will fight it out at the Cro-

foot. WXOU Radio will also hold a Record Swap at The Living Room Lounge.

Students can also work on their downward dog poses with Yoga at the Park held by the Big Yellow Chair.

In addition, countless local businesses will be open with special activities, like Kickboxing on the Sidewalk at Smash Hit Kickboxing, tennis lessons and karaoke at the Pontiac Public Library, and various games and coffee at Alley Cat.

While at Grizz Night, check out all of Pontiac's art groups at Pontiac's Little Art Theatre, and E & K Arts will have art and fashion displays. There will also be OU keychain making at Mad Cow Leather.

For those more adventurous, there is the Erebus Escape Room. Players are locked into a themed room and have 60 minutes to work as a team, solving puzzles in order to escape, according to the website.

After working up an appetite, grab delicious sandwiches at

Lafayette Market and refreshing smoothies at Anytime Fitness, or check out the pop-up diners at The Menagerie.

Buckner's Dessert Café will also have movies in the park, complete with s'mores.

If you can't make it out, don't worry; experience the event vicariously through the WXOU Radio station, which will be broadcasting live.

OU's Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (CSA) collaborated with the individuals and businesses of the OU/Pontiac Initiative to put on Grizz Night.

Director of the CSA Jean Ann Miller is thrilled about the event.

"The City of Pontiac is going through a 'renaissance' these past two years and OU has been a contributing part of it," she said. "Back in the day, OU students used to spend their time in the City of Pontiac with the social venues that used to exist downtown. There are new opportunities to discover about



Courtesy of Diane Baldwin

Students hold up Grizz masks in Pontiac from last year's Grizz Night.

Pontiac, our 'neighboring' community to the west. Not just social, but cultural and educational too."

Miller said these types of events are important to locals.

"It connects us with a community that has so much to offer our OU students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Plus, there are lots of networking opportunities that can lead to internships and employment for the future."

There will be Bear Bus transportation to and from Hamlin Circle, as well as free SMART bus trips to and from the OU Traffic Circle, running the entire duration of the event. There will also be free student parking downtown.

For more information, contact the GrizzNight street team through Jean Ann Miller at (248) 464-1975 or Christian Marcillo at (248) 961-6433.

## Life in the limelight: Music, Theatre and Dance post-grad experiences

**Rachel Williams**  
Staff Reporter

Regardless of your major, life after college can be difficult when trying to find a job and making it in the "real world."

Oakland's Music, Theatre and Dance Department offers strong experience and faculty attention for its students.

Two of the MTD program's most recent graduates shared their experiences after school ended.

Mitchell Aiello performed in productions like "Under Milk Wood," "Freckleface Strawberry," "Oklahoma!" and more. Outside of the university, he had the opportunity to perform in New York City with other OU students at "Carner and Gregor's Barley Legal Showtune Extravaganza."

Another MTD graduate, Jake

Daley, was similarly active in OU shows like "Pirates of Penzance," "She Loves Me" and "Assassins."

He also participated in the senior showcase in New York City, where students went to auditions, saw productions and attended workshops.

"I saw six shows in about five days and completely drained my bank account," Daley said. "The Monday that everyone had off, we did our showcase twice and got a really good reception."

Since graduating in April, Daley has worked in Huron, Ohio for the Huron Playhouse. He worked as a chorus member in "Little Shops of Horrors" and as an assistant stage manager for various productions.

He is currently auditioning for productions and companies like TheatreWorks in New York City, as well as speaking with agents

about possibly signing once he moves out to NYC.

"I would honestly say that the professors are really adamant about giving you personalized attention to prepare you for what you need to do," Daley said about his education at OU. "It taught me that there is only so much that the professor can do and more than half of it has to be your work."

Aiello is also auditioning and working on productions.

"I have worked for Blue Gates Musicals in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania, since the day after graduation, playing the role of Daniel Fisher in 'The Confession' and playing the role of Bart in 'Josiah for President,'" Aiello said. "I also performed with the Campy Cabaret Series at The West End Lounge in New York City."



Courtesy of Mitchell Aiello and Jake Daley

Mitchell Aiello (left) and Jake Daley (right) audition and perform in NYC.

Aiello explained that he is not working with an agent, but rather communicating with different companies on what his future in performance could be. He is hoping to move to Pittsburgh in November to work for a musical company through the summer of 2017.

Like Daley, he credits the OU faculty for his post-graduation success.

"They are so willing to share their knowledge and support

their students in every endeavor," Aiello said. "The program at Oakland has continued to grow and I am very thankful for the classes of graduates before me that have paved the way... Oakland has a connection to the current theatre, film, TV, music and dance world and the faculty uses the resources at hand to make sure that each student has the best experience in versatility to truly prepare them for the real world."

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# Unforgettable adventures

*Students gain global perspectives, make international connections through study abroad trips*

Story by Grace Turner / Managing Editor

Photography by Natalia Boyko and Sara Cook / Contributors

Oakland University students have the opportunity to participate in more than 300 study abroad programs in about 50 countries, according to International Education.

Participation in study abroad can lead to personal and professional growth, according to both International Education and Career Services.

"It really broadens your experience," said Alex Zimmerman, director of Study Abroad/International Education.

Students who study abroad tend to return with more self-confidence and a stronger idea of what they want professionally, Zimmerman said.

International Education provides resources to guide students through the preparation process. Student advisers who have already studied abroad help students decide where, when and what to study while abroad, said Cynthia Weil, assistant director of Study Abroad/International Education.

Employers also like to see that job applicants have studied abroad, said Amy Ring Cebelak, career consultant at Career Services.

"Everyone who goes comes back on top of the world," she said.

While study abroad is most impor-

tant for students who want a job where they use a second language every day, any study abroad experience shows an employer that the applicant has transferable skills such as adaptability, appreciation for culture and an ability to communicate.

Many companies are increasing the diversity within their workplaces, working with companies in other countries and opening branches around the world. Having lived in a different culture shows employers that an applicant would be comfortable and productive in a diverse environment.

For these reasons, study abroad experiences should not be minimized. They can make up a portion of a resume, Ring Cebelak said.

When preparing to go study abroad, the initial steps of the application and account-making process on OU's website are similar for all programs. Later steps may differ, as different programs require different information, but the study abroad office tries to make the process as straightforward as possible and is available to help, Zimmerman said.

There is a program for everyone, Zimmerman said. Students who are

not studying a foreign language can study abroad in an English-speaking country or take classes abroad taught in English while learning basic linguistic skills in the country's native language. Programs also have staff who can help students.

Students can study abroad for as few as two weeks or as long as an academic year and still reap the benefits, Weil said.

"Any length of program can provide a global experience."

Weil said that students tend to spend an average of \$1,000 a week while on a study abroad trip. However, Zimmerman explained that some places have such a low cost of living that students end up spending less money abroad than they would taking classes at OU.

Scholarships and grants are available through the study abroad office and other offices, Zimmerman said. The office also helps students apply for national and international scholarships.

Zimmerman encourages every student to at least look into study abroad options.

"Doing something like this helps you figure out who you are," he said.



**TOP** Boyko and friends went on an excursion to El Valle de los Caídos (The Valley of the Fallen) in Spain. **ABOVE** The China study abroad group visited the Great Wall.



**FAR LEFT** Boyko visited the picturesque La Plaza de España in Sevilla, Spain. **TOP MIDDLE** Cook posed in front of the entrance to the Beijing Chinese Ethnic Culture Park. **LEFT** The Spanish Canary Island of Tenerife was another location Boyko visited during her 15 weeks in Spain. **ABOVE** The Forbidden City in Beijing sees thousands of tourists a day.

## Beijing in Spring

Rachel Williams & Megan Carson  
Staff Reporter & Chief Copy Editor

Bachelor of Integrative Studies senior Sara Cook recently participated in the Chinese Language and Culture program through Oakland's study abroad department.

The program was offered through the Department of Modern Languages and Literature, supporting her degree's focus on international business and advertising and minors in economics and Chinese.

After being accepted, Cook worked through her international studies profile and completed tasks dictated by the website though the majority of travel arrangements were completed by the university.

**We had some free time to explore the city night life and visit local shops and restaurants on our own time. The experience was amazing because we had the opportunity to study the Chinese language at school then venture out and put our skills to practice."**

Sara Cook, study abroad student

Her program took her to the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing for four weeks, followed by a nine-day tour to four other Chinese cities.

Cook's studies included language classes and a culture class providing insight on politics, economics and foreign relations. Her weekends consisted of visits to cultural and historical sites as well as time to explore Beijing independently.

Cook said the students "had some free time to explore the city night life and visit local shops and restaurants on our own time. The experience was amazing because we had the opportunity to study the Chinese language at school then venture out and put our skills to practice."

While on campus, she stayed in the international dorms, where she had the opportunity to live with students from across the globe.

"Although at first I missed my privacy, this was a blessing because I had firsthand experience living with someone from a different culture than my own," Cook said. "By communicating with the students from India, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, I learned a great deal about the customs of other countries."

The trip took place at the beginning of the summer and Cook has been home for over two months. She explained that, upon returning home, she first felt homesick for China, having become accustomed to the culture, language, food and class and work schedule.

"The study abroad trip helped my college career and my personal life in a lot of different ways," she said. "The experience also reminded me to be mindful and respectful of these differences, whether it be in a business setting or a more personal level."

After graduation, Cook hopes to return to China and even venture to Korea. She plans to teach English or work for an international company.

"While the study abroad was by no means a vacation, the experience was worth the work," Cook said. "Studying abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and OU's Beijing program is definitely one I recommend."

## Studying in Spain

International Relations junior Natalia Boyko also took the opportunity to study abroad this summer.

Boyko studied in Segovia, Spain, through a Global Education Oregon program for 15 weeks. While there, she lived with a host family in an apartment not far from the school.

"I would recommend everyone to stay with a host family while studying abroad because you gain unparalleled opportunity in practicing the language and experiencing the culture and everyday customs of the people," Boyko said.

She felt like her host family made her a part of their family.

"Knowing that I now have a family in Spain gives me an even greater reason to return quickly," she said.

Boyko earned 12 credits and completed an internship while in Spain. Her studies, similar to Cook's, included an advanced language class, a Spanish culture class and a course on Spain and its role in the European Union. For her internship, Boyko worked at the Alcázar (castle) of Segovia where she

helped at the tourist information desk, edited the Alcázar's website, including with the translation of material from Spanish into English, and helped the other workers, such as the tour guides, with anything they needed.

Outside of classes, she went on several excursions with the program to different cities and towns within Spain as well as traveled with friends on the weekends.

"The most amazing event was my trip with friends to Valencia for the celebration of Las Fallas," Boyko said.

Las Fallas is a week-long spring equinox celebration consisting of firework shows and the burning-down of all the displayed papier-mâché structures on the feast day of St. Joseph.

Despite the benefits of studying and adventuring abroad, many students shy away from going because of the costs. Boyko and Cook both received the Hailey Brouillet Scholarship, which helped them fund their study abroad trips. There are many other scholarships available through different Oakland University departments, as well as funding from other sources.

"I funded my study abroad with scholarships, and a very small fraction was paid out of pocket," Boyko said. "I am especially grateful to the Hailey Brouillet Scholarship founders, James A. Sharp and Tessie Baltrip Sharp Endowed Fund and Gretchen J. Adler Study Abroad Endowed Fund for giving me the opportunity to experience this unforgettable trip."

For more information on Oakland's many study abroad opportunities and scholarships visit the office's new location in 328 O'Dowd Hall.

# WXOU welcomes students with a bowl

**Gina Navaroli**  
Intern Reporter

Welcome Week at Oakland University is an open door for all students seeking involvement. Although Oakland is a great location for events, sometimes stepping off campus can be a nice change of setting.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, OU's radio station, WXOU, hosted its fourth annual Welcome Week fundraiser at Avon Classic Lanes. The high-energy event was comprised of games, giveaways, food, music and bowling.

Prizes and raffles were given out all night. Elisabeth Opperthausen, winner of the hula hoop competition, casually admitted winning was not much of a challenge.

"I've won hula hoop competitions a lot, I used to do routines," Opperthausen said. "I won a Coney Island certificate and a Bdubs [Buffalo Wild Wings] gift basket, and he [Elisabeth's fiancé] is probably going to eat all the [prizes]."

"I came to support the fundraiser. Welcome Week seems to have more events than last year and I'm glad I came."

Participating in Welcome Week at OU is an accessible approach to connect

with other students and get involved.

Jake Rapanotti, general manager of WXOU, expressed his excitement about Welcome Week at Oakland.

"It's a great event to break the ice, especially the freshman coming into Oakland," Rapanotti said. "Since OU is mostly a commuter school, it can be harder to get that college experience. I want to bring [attention to WXOU], because I think the station is really cool."

While Avon Classic Lanes was full of OU students, a few alumni came out to support WXOU. Anthony Spak, recent alumni, former WXOU music director and current intern at The Oakland Press, was excited to see all the WXOU staff come together.

"We used to always do this event," Spak said. "You want to support the radio station, even if it's just 10 bucks . . . It's the beginning of Welcome Week, the staff is coming together, everyone is pumped to be here and I miss seeing a lot of these people. It's good for the station, good for the bowling alley."

As vital as it is for OU to have Welcome Week events, it is equally important to have fundraisers for student organizations.

"It is important to make sure fundraising events are fun," Rapanotti said.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Hula hoop contests were one of the fun activities planned for the night as prizes were given.

"You need to give students a reason to come."

Oakland students can look forward seeing WXOU DJing around campus. Rapanotti shared what students can expect this year from the radio station.

"Students can expect us to continue to work hard, and put out good radio programming. We will be doing events throughout the year around campus, hopefully playing music [everyone] likes," Rapanotti said.

## Sorority looks toward altruistic future

**Grace Turner**  
Managing Editor

As a young and growing university, Oakland University celebrates many firsts.

Members of Delta Sigma Theta recently remembered a first - on Dec. 20, 1980, the

sorority became the first black sorority at Oakland.

The group commemorated its history with a step and stroll performance presented in the banquet rooms of the Oakland Center on Thursday, Sept. 1.

This is the beginning of

an active year for the group, whose main goal is community service. Delta Week will take place from Sept. 18 to Sept. 24 and will include a basketball game at the court near the Ann V. Nicholson Apartments. Oakland students are invited to play and asked to donate toiletries and nonperishable items as an entry fee. Proceeds will go toward Haven Women's shelter in Pontiac.

Other events will include international awareness day, professional development opportunities and volunteering at Gleaners Food Bank.

Delta Sigma Theta works with HAVEN and Grace Centers of Hope, both in Pontiac, at least once a semester, said Adrian Williams, president and a senior studying nursing.

Oakland's chapter also col-

lects school supplies for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Elementary School in Haiti, which was founded by the national chapter in 2013, according to the sorority's website.

"Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community," according to the national chapter's mission statement.

Oakland's chapter only has six members but plans on recruiting more this year. The chapter was reactivated in December 2015 after about a year and a half of dormancy.

Williams said the sorority plans on recruiting this year.

The group was founded by African American students, but anyone can join.

For Williams, joining was a dream come true. When she was in sixth grade, her best friend's mother took her to volunteer events sponsored through the Delta Sigma Theta alumni chapter. She learned the value of community involvement and wanted to join.

"It was one of the best decisions I've made in college," she said. Williams plans on staying active after graduation through the alumni chapter.

Women who are interested in joining should attend the chapter's events, Williams and Dorsey said.

For more information, find Oakland's chapter on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or GrizzOrgs.



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Delta Sigma Theta sorority girls chant and perform for the crowd.

# Arts & Apples Festival takes Rochester

Paige Brockway  
Editor-in-Chief

Rochester's Paint Creek Center for the Arts (PCCA) will be holding its 51st Arts & Apples Festival this weekend, Sept. 9-11.

The festival will feature nearly 300 artists, live entertainment, food vendors and children's activities. It will be held downtown at the Rochester Municipal Park, 400 Sixth St. Over 200,000 attendees are anticipated.

Art forms including painting, ceramics, photography, sculpture, glass, jewelry and drawing will be on display and available for purchase, along with apple desserts like strudels, fritters, pies and cheesecakes.

"There should be apples everywhere," said Tami Salisbury, executive director of PCCA.

Live entertainment will include marching bands from Stoney Creek and Rochester Adams High Schools, Motown-inspired musicians Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations, genre-fluid

group Hubbell Street Band and more. For a full entertainment schedule, visit [www.pccart.org/art-apples-festival/entertainment/](http://www.pccart.org/art-apples-festival/entertainment/).

An apple pie and dessert contest will take place Saturday at 11:30 a.m., and a sidewalk chalk art competition for tri-county students in kindergarten through 12th grade will be held Friday evening.

This year's festival sponsors include Meijer, the Detroit Institute of Arts, and Oakland County Parks and Recreation. There is also a suggested \$5 tax-deductible donation.

"We certainly couldn't do it ourselves," Salisbury said. "We have between 200 and 300 volunteers from the community and the City of Rochester Police, Fire and DPW [Department of Public Works] departments help supplement and set up and tear down the festival each year. We could not do it without the City of Rochester."

PCCA is a nonprofit organization that has been active since 1982, when it grew from the funds raised by the first Arts & Apples Festival.



Courtesy of Paint Creek Center for the Arts

PCCA's Arts & Apples Festival will take place Sept. 9-11 at the Rochester Municipal Park.

From its location at 407 Pine St., PCCA offers over 50 different art classes throughout the year in painting, drawing, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry making and more.

"We offer classes from age

three all the way to 103," Salisbury said.

PCCA also has a gallery space that exhibits the work of both emerging and established artists, along with a lobby market that has approximately 200 artists' work for sale.

Today, roughly 60-70 percent of PCCA's operating revenue comes from the festival, Salisbury said.

For more information on the PCCA or the Arts & Apples Festival, visit [www.pccart.org/](http://www.pccart.org/) or call (248) 651-4110.

## 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign lays out facts, promotes responsibility

Amy Swanson  
Staff Reporter

Enjoy a cold beer this Labor Day weekend? Hopefully it wasn't followed by a ride behind the wheel.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign that has been going since mid-August just wrapped up Sept. 5.

This is an annual program across the country to increase police patrol in efforts to find and arrest impaired drivers, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, drunk driving kills more than 10,000 people every year, and is on the rise with a 28 percent increase in alcohol-

related driving fatalities and a 19 percent increase in drug-related driving deaths last year, according to the Clinton Township Patch.

Labor Day weekend is an especially deadly holiday. Last year, 15 people died in car accidents, a jump from six deaths in 2014. Almost two-thirds of those accidents involved alcohol, according to Michigan.gov.

Young people are particularly affected. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, alcohol use in teens kills 4,700 people every year, which is more than all illegal drugs combined. Car crashes are also the leading cause of death for teens, roughly a quarter of which involve an underage

drinking driver.

It's important to be aware of state limits. In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a blood-alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or higher, but one can be arrested at any level if an officer believes they should not be driving, according to the Northville Patch.

A first-time offender can receive up to 93 days in jail, 360 hours of community service, a \$500 fine, a 180-day license suspension and six points on their driving record. The penalties are more severe for those convicted of drunk driving multiple times or "super drunk" driving, which means having a BAC of .17 percent or above, according to the Northville Patch.

As for those under the age of 21, there are "zero tolerance" laws, making it illegal to drive with any amount of alcohol in the system, according to DrivingLaws.org.

To limit drunk driving, some tips seem obvious, but it never hurts to reiterate. Before going out, choose a responsible designated driver for the evening. And of course, apps like Uber and Lyft are an option. Although costing some money, they're worth it in the long run.

There are now also portable breathalyzer devices and apps for smart phones that allow one to check their BAC on the spot.

One option is called Breathometer, a subtle wearable breathalyzer that connects to a smart phone through Bluetooth. It syncs with Apple's Health Kit, so one can see how their drinking is affecting their health, according to Heavy.

Another option is Alcohol. Plugging into the headphone jack of a smart phone, this app has features that help to see how impaired one feels at certain BAC levels.

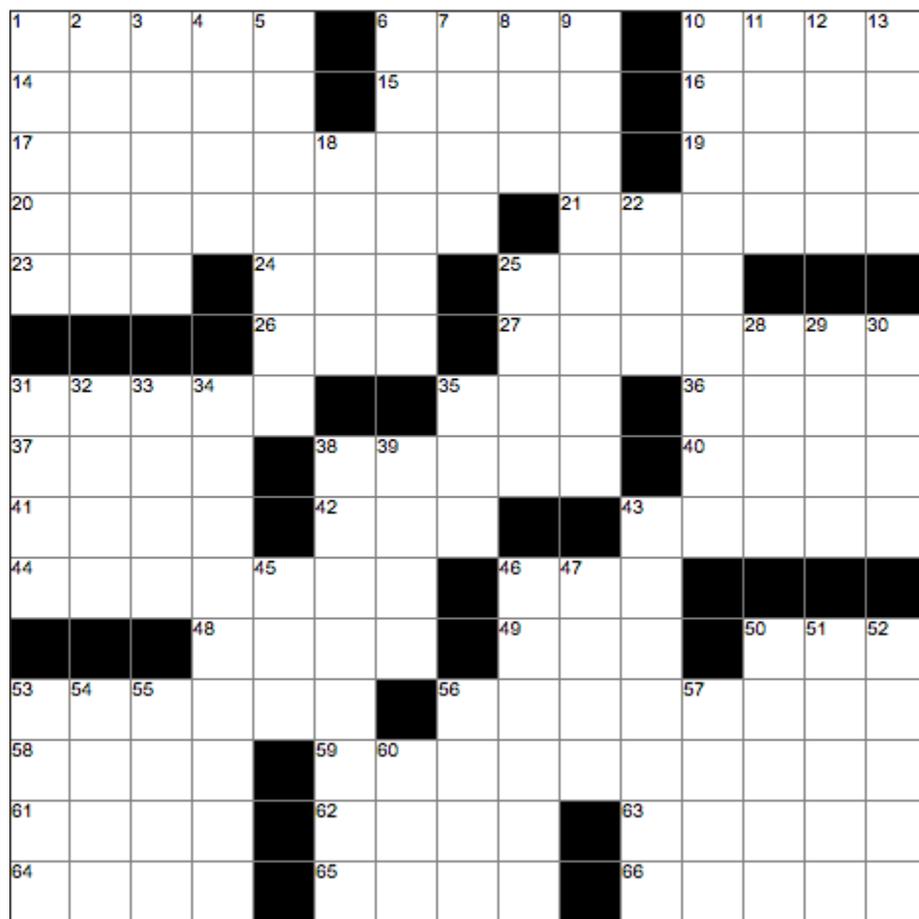
There are also miniature options, like BACtrack's Go Key-chain breathalyzer.

If dealing with an intoxicated person who wants to drive, hiding their keys is a good tactic. According to State Farm, if the person gets angry, it shows that the friend or loved one is doing the right thing.

The Oakland University Police Department, which is available 24/7, is also there for help on campus.

One service they offer is preliminary breath testing (PBT) for people with a court order for testing. It costs \$10 and a state- or government-issued identification card and PBT log issued by a court or probation department must be provided.

# Puzzles



## Across

- 1: Sparkling topper  
 6: Hoof-on-pavement sound  
 10: Section in the credits  
 14: Weariness  
 15: 'I can't \_\_\_ you!'  
 16: Some intestinal divisions  
 17: Finish that should be long and complex  
 19: Attire  
 20: Moon shape  
 21: Balanced states  
 23: 'I've \_\_\_ it up to here!'  
 24: Tease mercilessly  
 25: Cauterize  
 26: Squeeze (out)  
 27: Surrounds  
 31: Melonlike fruit  
 35: Take one's cuts  
 36: Roller coaster feature  
 37: Qualities of the conceited  
 38: Bones up  
 40: Like some excuses  
 41: Drinks like a dog  
 42: Campaigned for office  
 43: Like the Pantheon  
 44: Cradle locale, in a lullaby  
 46: '\_\_\_ Loves You'

48: Debutante, typically

- 49: Highlander's cap  
 50: Navigator's need  
 53: Geography class fixtures  
 56: Night air?  
 58: Drummer's rhythm  
 59: 'Swan Lake' leads  
 61: Up to the task  
 62: Burn soother  
 63: Bumbling  
 64: Honey-based liquor  
 65: Snitches  
 66: Lab jobs

## Down

- 1: Instruct  
 2: Prefix with red  
 3: Paid to play  
 4: Montreal streets  
 5: Plane complement  
 6: Alter  
 7: For fear that  
 8: Feed seed  
 9: Under-the-tree items  
 10: Thin smoke wrapped in whole-leaf tobacco  
 11: Word of woe  
 12: Withered  
 13: Filing aids  
 18: Wood used for furniture  
 22: Label  
 25: Junction  
 28: Wander about  
 29: Stadium topper  
 30: Stepped on it  
 31: Hit with hailstones  
 32: Emulsifying agent  
 33: English poet Alexander  
 34: Gathered  
 35: Prohibition  
 38: Kicker's target  
 39: Emulates Eminem  
 43: Bad mark in school  
 45: Garbage bag closer  
 46: Source of ancient depictions of kings and gods  
 47: Fabled race loser  
 50: Crowning glories, of a sort  
 51: Rewrite for a film, say  
 52: Annoying ones  
 53: Family nickname  
 54: Earring spot  
 55: Earthenware jar  
 56: Frequent Las Vegas money taker  
 57: Span's inches  
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# Political Focus: The Syrian war, refugee crisis persists

*While some have urged the U.S. efforts to take in more migrants from unstable countries, opposition still stands*

Melissa Deatsch  
Staff Reporter

Leaders from the G20 community met earlier this week to discuss possible solutions to international issues such as trade, terrorism and climate change.



The G20 is a group of 20 major economies across the world that gathers to discuss policy issues that have an international effect.

In a statement released by the European Union, EU President Donald Tusk shared his expectation of other countries to step up and help during the refugee crisis because Europe's capabilities are "close to the limits."

## What's the Issue?

According to Tusk, the number of migrants that have fled due to instability in their home countries has reached 6.5 million. A large number of these migrants are coming from Syria, which has been strewn with devastating conflict due to a civil war that began in 2011. Violence in countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq and many more have also contributed to that number.

The Syrian War has forced half of the population from their homes. According to numbers released by the United Nations in April, 4.1 million of those displaced have moved abroad. Many have fled to neighboring countries such as Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. However, the number of asylum requests in Europe doubled from 2014 to 2015.

## What is the United States doing to help?

The Obama administration set a goal of accepting 10,000 Syrian refugees by this October. That milestone was reached early, on Aug. 29. According to a 2015 New York Times analysis, the U.S. only accepted 1,900 during the first four years of the Syrian War, so this number seems like a major milestone.

While this milestone may be significant for the U.S., this number pales in comparison to many other countries. For example, Canada has accepted 25,000 Syrian refugees since November 2015.

## What do the candidates think?

Last fall, when President Obama stated his goal of 10,000 refugees in the fiscal year 2016, Democratic Nominee Hillary Clinton urged him to increase that number to 65,000. Meanwhile, Republican nominee Donald Trump has repeatedly called for the suspension of the Syrian refugee acceptance program.

The main argument backing Donald Trump and many other Republicans' calls for suspension is that our current screening system cannot ensure that refugees hoping to enter the U.S. don't have intentions of terrorism.

Trump has made claims that there is no vetting system in place for refugees hoping to enter the U.S., which others have proven to be a major exaggeration.

## What is the current system?

By the time a refugee's name reaches the U.S., he or she has already been initially vetted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Their information is then run through federal terrorism and criminal databases, and the refugees are interviewed by the Department of Homeland Security.

Additional security checks depend on the refugee's country of origin. The process can take over two years, and is completed before a refugee sets foot in the U.S., according to Politifact.com.

While Trump's claims that there is no system in place are inaccurate, the system that does exist is certainly nowhere near foolproof. Major calls for concern have come from the lack of data the U.S. has in areas such as Syria.

The head of the National Counterterrorism Center, Nick Rasmussen, stated to Congress last October that "the difficulty in collecting precise intelligence on terrorist intention and the status of particular terrorists plots is increasing over time."

Additionally, FBI Director James Comey acknowledged that there are gaps in data availability.

## What you should you think about?

Trump's proposal to suspend the refugee resettlement program has been criticized for dehumanizing the refugees who have been fleeing their countries.

So what do you think? What's more important to you — prevention of terrorist attacks on U.S. soil, or access to a better life for those whose lives have been uprooted by violence in their home country?

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The volleyball team will participate in the Rice Adidas Invite I on Sept. 9-10 in Houston, Texas. The next home game is on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.

## Volleyball in Iowa: A bit of high and low

**Carter Jacobs**  
Intern Reporter

The Oakland volleyball team had two very different-faring days during the Hawkeye Classic over the weekend. On Friday, Sept. 2, the team dug deep and came back to beat Butler and Western Illinois in five sets. On Saturday, Sept. 3, however, that magic ran out.

The squad lost to Arizona State in five sets and Iowa in three straight. For Friday's games, the team first took on Butler in the first volleyball match between the schools. The Golden Grizzlies had to rally several times, and they were up to the task every single time.

In the fourth set, down 17-22, Oakland got eight consecutive points to win 25-22 and force a fifth set. Melissa Deatsch had 16 kills and Jordan Lentz had 32 of the team's 41 assists in the match.

The squad then took on Western Illinois, the 32nd meeting between old Summit League foes. Western Illinois got up two sets to one, having lost the third set 25-10.

Oakland won the next two sets 25-17 and 16-14 to win for the second time that day. Melissa Deatsch again led the team in kills with 10; Jordan Lentz had 42 of the team's 46 assists.

"These are really gutty performances,"

head coach Rob Beam said in a GrizzVision interview. "We've fought through injuries, we've had people step up to the plate."

He said no matter where they were, everyone contributed.

"I think both teams, Butler and Western Illinois, gave great competition," Beam said. "These were really tight matches."

On Saturday, Oakland took on Arizona State, the first meeting between these two squads. The game had the same feel as the previous two: The teams went back and forth until Oakland forced the fifth and final set.

But the result was different. Arizona State jumped out to a 12-4 lead and never looked back. In the losing effort, Sammy Condon and Jessica Dood led the team with 11 kills each, and Jordan Lentz had 46 of the team's 52 assists.

"I thought our team actually played better this morning than we did the entire first day," Beam said in the GrizzVision interview.

Oakland then wrapped up against the real home team of the tournament, the Iowa Hawkeyes. This was the fourth meeting between the two teams.

Oakland kept it close in the first two sets, dropping both of them 22-25. The third set would be the proverbial nail in the coffin, a 16-25 loss. Melissa Deatsch

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**Rob Beam**  
Head volleyball coach

and Darien Bandel led the team with nine kills each and Jordan Lentz had 25 of the team's 27 assists.

"I think that the seven and a half, eight hours of volleyball we played really caught up with us," Beam said. "I thought we played good volleyball up until the third set, when I think the fatigue really set in."

Although the weekend ended on a sour note, the team is 4-3 overall and showed a bit of grit in the tournament's Friday games. Beam said the team can build on the tournament experience.

Oakland plays Rice University, USC and Sam Houston State at the Rice Adidas Invite I in Houston, Texas. The games are, respectively, at 7 p.m. ET on Friday, Sept. 9 and at 1 p.m. ET and 6 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The Golden Grizzlies play their home opener at 6 p.m. ET on Tuesday, Sept. 13, against Western Michigan.

## Oakland among first to offer CBS Gameday Live app

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

The Golden Grizzlies have joined the ranks of Georgia and Pitt and are offering the CBS Gameday Live app for free to Oakland sports fans on iOS or Android phones. Oakland is the first non-football school in the NCAA to do this.

The new app provides many of the features users can find on GoldenGrizzlies.com — they can check the Golden Grizzlies Twitter feed and find out how to buy tickets to the basketball home-opener all in the same application.

"To better serve our fans and student-athletes, we developed the Golden Grizzlies Live app," said Director of Athletics Jeff Konya in a Golden Grizzlies press release. "This provides easy and instant access to up-to-the-minute news and information."

We understand that sports fans follow their teams on their smartphones and tablets, so it was important for our organization to provide that service with a first class product."

The app covers all sports. Here is a list of the features:

**Grizz Vision:** Live and on-demand streaming audio and video

**News:** All the latest headlines from GoldenGrizzlies.com

**GameTracker:** Follow along live, with GameTracker scoring integration

**Schedules:** Complete sport schedules with access to all event-related content

**TailgateTracker:** Save, share and find parking spots or tailgate locations

**Social:** Facebook, Instagram and Twitter integration

**Facilities:** Sport and venue-specific information, including seating and parking maps, directions and more

**Enhanced Roster and Bios**

**Photo Galleries**

**Mobile Alerts**

"We continue to be on the frontline of intercollegiate athletics, becoming just one of sixteen programs to have this Gameday app," said Senior Associate Athletic Director Padraic McMeel in a press release. "This is an exciting time for Golden Grizzly fans and student-athletes, and we look forward to continuing to provide a first-class experience."

To download the app, visit GoldenGrizzlies.com.



# Bittersweet goodbye: A peak year for swimming

*Large senior class lines up for last hurrah, new assistant looks ahead*

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

After a summer of Olympic trials, Oakland swimming and diving has the same task as ever: building and fortifying its multi-decade conference dynasty. They have some new help.

"I love it so far," said assistant coach Stacy Busack, who replaced former associate head coach Shawn Kornoelje.

There were a few swimmers training over the summer when she moved in.

"I had so many people show up to help unload [the truck] that I couldn't keep all of them busy," Busack said.

She didn't know much about Oakland before she saw the job posting, so she did as much research as she could — past meet results, a variety of articles.

But she noticed something behind all the numbers.

"Here's a great coach that's been in the game a long time, and has a system, and it works for [head coach Pete Hovland]," Busack said. "There must be some culture of excellence there."

She wanted to learn more. So when she was on the phone with Hovland, she asked him a few questions.

"The more he talked about his philosophy and his approach to running the program, the more excited I got about it," Busack said.

Their mindsets meshed. Busack went through the interviews and got the job.

"Basically hit the ground running," she said. "Pete's schedule was pretty packed."

Hovland needed someone to take care of things when he was gone in the summer. She fit in a week and a half of observation before he left.

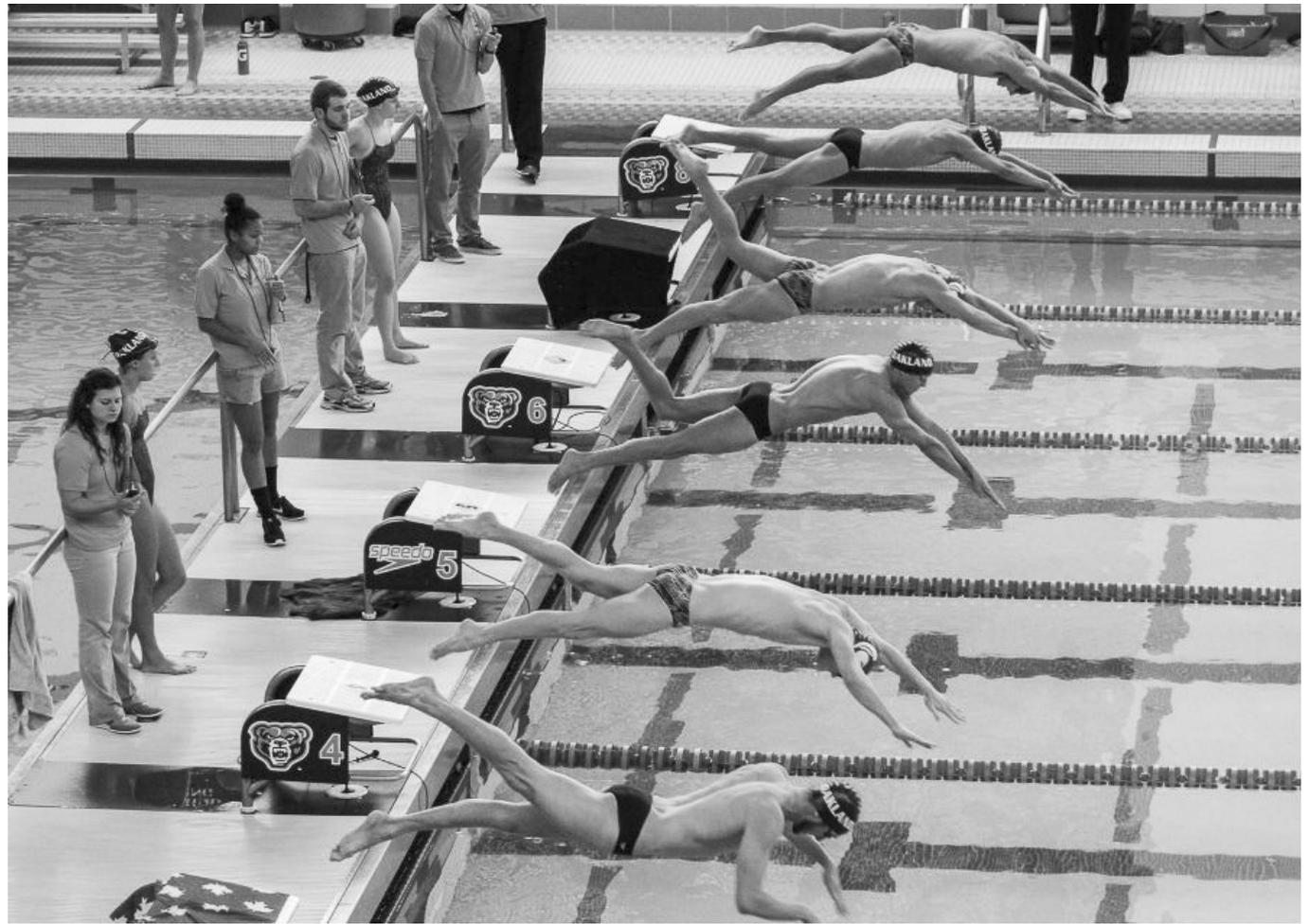
Busack set out building rapport with the athletes.

"Getting to know people takes a little bit of time, but they've been very open," she said. "It's been really smooth and as easy as I think it could be."

Busack wants Oakland to be at the top of the conference this year, something the program has managed to do well the last couple of decades, having won 38-straight league titles for the men's team and 23-straight for the women. Busack also wants to be a top-10 mid-major program in Division I.

There's something else:

"Build a bigger presence at NAAs," Busack said. Depending on recruiting and the development of the current



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Oakland men's swim team captured its 38th straight conference title and the women's team won its 23rd straight conference title last season.

"At the end of the conference championship next year you'll probably see me alongside the pool shedding a few tears . . ."

**Pete Hovland**  
Head swimming coach

athletes, "we can definitely work toward sending more people to that meet" and rising among the mid-majors.

Busack is trying to meld her coaching style with Hovland's. Nothing too out-there. It's still unknown whether she will make any big changes in Oakland swimming and diving.

But one thing is clear: she knows the basis of the program.

"We're focused on helping people achieve their potential, but we're also focused on coaching the whole person," she said. "With being as well-aligned as we are, it's going to allow us to take really great care of the people on our team, and invest in ways you might not get everywhere."

She doesn't know everything Hovland does, but she'll try to contribute to the culture and raise the bar.

"I'm super excited to have the opportunity to be at Oakland," Busack said.

## Outlook

While Busack sees the beginning, Hovland sees the horizon. Another year means more turnover.

"You lose a lot when someone graduates from the program," Hovland said.

It's bittersweet. They've grown, but they're gone.

"Graduating seniors are really hard to replace," he said. "A freshman class . . . just can't do it overnight."

The rising seniors are the ones to look to. Sometimes there will be a freshman prodigy, but they'll initially contribute more in numbers than in leadership.

One of those rising seniors is Aleksander Danielewski, who was out from December 2015 on with a wrist injury. He missed the Horizon League Championship. Hovland suspects he's hungry.

On the whole, last year's group of juniors was a good bunch, Hovland said.

"At the end of the conference championship next year you'll probably see me alongside the pool shedding a few tears because, on both the men and women's side, we're losing what could be two of our best senior classes in recent memory," he said, referring to last year's class, as well. "That's going to be a hard, hard class to replace."

Oakland lost five seniors at the end of last season.

This season they lose 16.

Case Study No. 1: Rachel Waite, Takara Martin and Melissa VanderMeulen. They're the best breaststrokes on the women's team and the best women breaststrokes in the Horizon League, Hovland said. They're gone after this season.

Case Study No. 2: Patricia Aschan, who was the Horizon League Women's Swimmer of the Year the past two seasons.

Thus is the complexity of Oakland's situation: The better the swimmers do — which is of course the goal — the worse it is when they leave. This is the cruel part of Newton's Third Law. It's going to be a tough February.

# Cross country sweeps Golden Grizzly Open

*Stroede, Levy among runners who protected home course*

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

**T**hey made it look easy. Oakland absolutely dominated its own cross country meet, the Golden Grizzly Open, on Friday, Sept. 2.

In the 6K, five Oakland men finished within a second of each other and almost a minute before anybody else:

Bryce Stroede (18:41.3), George O'Connor (18:41.5, running unattached), Brad Mallory (18:41.5), Jacob Bowman (18:41.7, unattached) and Connor Wuori (18:41.8).

In the 4K, four Oakland women crossed the line before Devon Sutton of Detroit Mercy, the first opponent: Rachel Levy (14:02.5), Ashley Burr (14:07.6), Miranda Haas (14:15.2) and Kailey Weingartz (14:23.2).

The women's team won with 16 points. Detroit was in second with 49.

The men's team won with 22 points. Detroit was in second with 55 (tied with Oakland's unattached runners).

"It went a lot better than I thought," sophomore Levy said in a GrizzVision interview with Mekye Phelps. "We've had a lot of hard training this past week, so my legs are definitely feeling it. But I pushed through it, and it went well."

"We've had a pretty rough last three weeks," redshirt junior Stroede said in the same interview. "I'm a little tired. But [we] went out and had a good performance as a whole. I mean five guys crossed the line at the same time, everyone else right behind . . . That's the big thing moving forward. Just keep it together and run it as well as we can."

Head coach Paul Rice laid out the prescription he used for the last couple of weeks of training: Some high-intensity work and some high-volume work. A little bit of everything.

"We came back from summer and we shocked their systems a bit," he said in the GrizzVision interview. "You never know ex-



**TOP** Bryce Stroede, George O'Connor, Brad Mallory, Jacob Bowman and Connor Wuori won the 6K race.

**BOTTOM** In the women's 4K race Rachel Levy, Ashley Burr, Miranda Haas and Kailey Weingartz crossed the finish line before any one else.

actly how they're going to feel on a day like today."

But he was glad his teams performed.

"We've got a combination of some veterans and some younger athletes," Rice said. "But they all know how to push through the pain, and they all know how to push through the fatigue. So the more they learn to race hard on tired legs, the better they're

going to be late in the season when their legs aren't as fatigued."

The men and women followed that plan on Friday, he said.

"Next week we'll see where we're at," Rice said. "We're only going to have a handful of women at the Tommy Titan [Invite], everybody else will not race again until Notre Dame. September's a big month for us:

high-level training, getting back into school. It all has to start coming together in September to set us up for October."

The plan is there, he said. What follows is to stay healthy and do it.

The Golden Grizzlies will run at the Tommy Titan Invite in Cass Benton Park, Northville, Michigan, at 10 a.m. ET on Saturday, Sept. 10.

## Coming up

**TOMMY TITAN INVITE**  
10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10  
Cass Benton Park  
Northville, Mich.

**NOTRE DAME INVITE**  
2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30  
Notre Dame Golf Course  
South Bend, Ind.

**STRATEGY AHEAD**  
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The plan is there, he said. Now comes the fun part.

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Cecilie Dokka celebrates scoring a goal with her teammates. Oakland defeated Chicago State 5-0 on Sunday.

## Women's soccer splits homestand

### Five goals scored in winning game

Sam Schlenner  
Sports Editor

Oakland women's soccer (3-3-0) split a homestand in a 1-0 loss to Western Michigan (3-1-0) and a 5-0 win against first-time opponent Chicago State (1-4-0).

The Golden Grizzlies' half-and-half record is an improvement over their 0-5-4 start in fall 2015, when they won the Horizon League Championship.

#### Western: L 1-0, Sept. 2

Oakland was simply out-gunned: 16 shots to three, seven on goal to one. The Broncos put up six corner kicks and the Golden Grizzlies put up none.

At least Alison Holland got some practice. The senior keeper made six saves. Her 33 percent save percentage coming in rose a bit.

Only one slipped by, but that was enough.

Perhaps part of the reason for the onslaught was Oakland's eight fouls to Western's two in the first half. Even though that ratio dropped to six-to-four in the second half, the reversal

of game flow would be hard to quell.

In fact, the one goal of the game was from a free kick 20 yards out on right-center. Maria Jaramillo got the score in the 72nd minute.

"I thought we came out pretty well in the first half to start out, but slowed off a little bit, took our foot off the pedal," Oakland head coach Margaret Saurin said in a GrizzVision interview with Neal Ruhl.

The numbers don't tell the whole story. Saurin had the women make some adjustments at halftime.

"I thought we put them under a lot of pressure and actually created a number of chances for ourselves," she said. "We felt that if we just had a little bit more pace, essentially, that we were going to be able to put the two center-backs under a little bit more pressure. They did open up quite a bit."

The full-backs went forward and the Golden Grizzlies were able to infiltrate some.

"Their keeper made a great block to keep it zeroes," Saurin said, "and then they went down the field, got a free kick and put that in the back of the net, unfortunately."

#### Chicago St.: W 5-0, Sept. 4

Not in nearly two decades

has an Oakland women's soccer player scored as many points as Sydnye Gagner did on Sunday. With four goals, she tied a school record.

Three were within a half hour of each other (one of those on a penalty kick in the 86th minute). The other one was in the 24th minute. She played 67 minutes total and made for a hefty lead.

"I think it was just a good team performance," Gagner said in the GrizzVision interview with Neal Ruhl. "Team played really well, which helps."

Cecilie Dokka got the other goal in the 72nd minute from five yards out, her first goal of the season.

"It took us a little while to get going," Saurin said. "It was only one-nil at half time."

So she and the team talked. "We knew that we had some opportunities in the first half that we really wanted to put away," Saurin said. "We had players in the right positions, we had some good decisions on passes, crosses that were made, and unfortunately we didn't put it in the back of the net."

That obviously didn't last. Oakland plays at Florida Atlantic at 7 p.m. ET on Thursday, Sept. 8.

## O'rena hallway renovated with new decor, TVs

Carter Jacobs  
Intern Reporter

The entranceway to the O'rena experienced some renovations this summer. The hallway now features flat-screen televisions and graphics of past athletes on the walls, plus newspaper headlines and interesting factoids.

The man behind the redo, Athletic Director Jeff Konya, said that the Athletics Center has been open for nearly twenty years and was in need of a facelift. The main mission was to update the technology.

The hallway is decked out with three state-of-the-art televisions; two more are on the way. These TVs will eventually be adorned with push-button technology, and they'll be able to stream videos, post social media messages and more.

One of the televisions will be charged with the Hollie L. Lepley Hall of Honor, a roster dedicated to student-athletes, coaches and athletic staff who have been extraordinarily committed to Oakland University Athletics. This is a prime example of what Konya wanted to accomplish with the new look: honoring the past and acknowledging the future of Oakland's athletic program.

Two side-by-side wall graphics, one explaining the history of the Oakland Pioneers, and the other acknowledging the Golden Grizzlies era, are a window into the story of the university.

Konya says there eventually will be tiles for sale to take home that depict Pioneer Pete,

The Grizz and/or the Oakland Sail. The price for these tiles is unknown at this point, though the current estimate is \$2,500-\$2,700.

There is no shortage of athletes being honored throughout the hallway. Those depicted include Keith Benson — a 2011 graduate who has played basketball in Italy, China and the NBA Development League, among other places — and Kay Felder, Oakland's former point guard who signed with the Cleveland Cavaliers in early August.

Another section honors Oakland's Olympic athletes. For Konya, this part is the most inspiring. He thinks the Olympic athletes from the university are underrepresented, both in the national and local media, and that showcasing these athletes will inspire all students to "become whatever you want to be here at Oakland University."

Konya is particularly proud of that section, which is not to say he isn't proud of every single aspect. He says the inspiration for the renovations comes from the work Athletics does inside its offices, which filled the walls with inspirational quotes and sayings. These decorations highlight the culture Konya has striven to create in his two years as athletic director: "Culture eats strategy for lunch" and "maximum effort" are among the citations.

The renovations are not over. Konya says that the changes are only 75 percent completed, and other items, including the additional televisions and statues, are still on the way.



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New wall graphics were installed in the O'rena hallways.