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What's the scariest thing about Halloween?

- A** My GPA
- B** That it's on a Monday
- C** The inevitability of death
- D** Student loans haunting me

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

Have you had your mid-semester breakdown yet?

- A** Of course not, I'm always mentally healthy
10 votes | 17%
- B** Ask my therapist
9 votes | 15%
- C** Saving my tears in a jar
14 votes | 24%
- D** Ready for death
26 votes | 44%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 27, 1986

The Michigan Collegiate Coalition was pushing to get two students to be voting members on the governing boards of Michigan's public colleges and universities. At the time, 35 states had students in these positions.

OCTOBER 28, 1992

For the third time in four years, budget cuts were proposed for the College of Arts and Sciences. The Honors College was moved out of the College of Arts and Sciences and became its own entity.

OCTOBER 23, 2002

Suspected violations regarding fire safety were found in Vandenberg Hall. The Oakland Post conducted a walkthrough and found numerous fire code violations, which were mostly in the form of doors to incinerator rooms being propped open with chairs and desks.

BY THE NUMBERS
STDs and STIs

1/4
teens contract an STD/STI every year

90%
of those with genital herpes are unaware that they have it

14 million
people acquire HPV every year

80%
of women will have acquired HPV by age 50

Looking Back

The curious case of G. Rasul Chaudhry

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

According to AIDS.gov, in 1992, AIDS-related illnesses became the leading cause of death in men ages 25-44. By 1993, these illnesses were the leading cause of death in all Americans in the same age range.

Oakland University claimed that during 1992 and 1993, G. Rasul Chaudhry was overseeing research done with the HIV virus in 304 Dodge Hall.

On Nov. 1, 1995, OU President Sandra Packard sent a letter to G. Rasul Chaudhry, associate professor of biological sciences, following a tip from another professor and a subsequent investigation about possible academic misconduct in the HIV research.

"It is with great sadness that I must inform you of Oakland's intent to impose discipline against you . . . for your acts of scientific and professional misconduct," Packard wrote.

Gary Russi, who was vice president of academic affairs at the time, made the recommendation for Chaudhry's punishment. Chaudhry was forced to teach a full load of classes, despite the fact that this reprimanding letter said he was unable to become a full-time teacher until fall 1998.

Fay Hansen was one of the professors who reported Chaudhry's research. Chaudhry responded by filing a libel suit against her.

"This seems to be the classic response, to sue the whistleblower," she said in a November 1994 article written by The Oakland Post.

However, Chaudhry maintained his innocence. He said in another article that the university had no proper protocol for warning students about HIV research, and said that the room he did his research in was the only lab in Dodge Hall to have a biohazard warning.

He was represented in court by Stephen Landau. "This is a world-class researcher, the university should be proud to have him as a faculty member," Landau said in a November 1994 article in The Post.

Fay Hansen, however, said she didn't learn until February 1993 that this research was happening.

"I think he should be removed from the university," she said.

However, he wasn't. As punishment for academic misconduct, Chaudhry was not permitted to do any research at OU until May 1, 1996. In addition, he wasn't able to apply for or receive any internal or external research funds until that date.

However, as of today, both Chaudhry and Hansen are still teaching at OU's Department of Biological Sciences.

This week, The Oakland Post contacted both Chaudhry and Hansen to discuss what they thought about the eventual outcome of the situation and their feelings on the matter over 20 years later.

"I did what any responsible faculty member would do, which is to bring student and post-doctoral complaints about a perceived human safety issue to the attention of my superiors," Hansen said.

She doesn't regret reporting Chaudhry. When asked if she'd do it again, she said, "Yes. The health and safety of our students, staff and faculty is of utmost priority. Who wouldn't?"

Chaudhry did not reply to The Post's email.

Recently, Chaudhry has done stem cell research, which he said he believes can help lead to vision aid in the near future, according to a 2015 Morning Sun article.

Hansen now teaches classes at OU on organic farming, human biology and histology. She is also the founder of the Campus Student Organic Farm.

Suspended professor a 'scapegoat' and claims professional jealousy

Fellow professor believes Chaudhry should be removed from university

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Speech policy quietly changed in Student Code of Conduct

Alex Stevens
Political Columnist

At some point during the fall semester, Oakland University has made significant changes to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as university ordinances relating to speech and expression on campus.

The extent of the changes isn't clear as, thus far, university officials have declined all requests for interviews from The Oakland Post regarding this matter.

Nancy Schmitz, the vice president for Student Affairs and the dean of students, confirmed through email that the following policies no longer exist as part of either the Student Code of Conduct or the university's ordinances:

From the "Behavior Policies" section of the Student Code of Conduct:

"Distribution of material and soliciting of any kind by an individual or group are not permitted on OU's campus without proper approval. All distribution of printed material, as well as other items, must be approved through the Dean of Students Office."

From the "Telephones" section of the university's ordinances and regulations:

"No person shall use any telephone or other communications device to harass, offend or disturb any other person, nor shall any person use threatening, obscene, immoral or insulting language over any telephone or other communications device. No person shall use any telephone or other communications device to summon emergency service of any type as a prank or otherwise when such service is not needed."

At some point after Oct. 10, 2016, both policies were removed from OU's website, as confirmed by cached versions of the website.

When asked in a follow-up email about when exactly the changes were made, Schmitz explained that this process has taken place over the past year.

She wrote:

"The new Student Code of Conduct uses community standards as its basis as opposed to the former system that used the University Ordinances."

Having reviewed the information coming out of both the Division of Student Affairs and University Communications and Marketing, there is no record of OU informing students or faculty of plans to make changes to the Student Code of Conduct or the university ordinances as they pertain to campus speech.

Furthermore, though these policies were removed from both the Student Code of Conduct and university ordinances within the past month, students



Grace Turner / The Oakland Post

A speaker practices his First Amendment rights on campus. Oakland University's rules regarding campus free speech have been changed.

and faculty have not received any notice of the changes.

It is not clear what spurred the university to make these significant changes in policy, as representatives from the university did not offer responses when contacted through email and have declined requests for interview.

Brian Bierley, director of media relations for OU, offered the following statement via email:

"Oakland University periodically reviews its written policies to, among other things, ensure compliance with all applicable laws, including the First Amendment to the United States Constitution."

Prior to OU's removal of these policies, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), an independent non-profit organization that monitors free speech policies on college campuses, gave OU their worst rating in regard to campus speech policies.

Azhar Majeed, a lawyer and the director of policy reform at FIRE, explained FIRE's campus rating system and why OU's policies scored so poorly.

"The red light rating in our rating system means that the university has at least one policy that is clearly and substantially restrictive of free speech," he said.

"Oakland University has two red light

policies. One of those is the student handbook policy on the use of telephones. This policy says that a telephone or other communication device may not be used to offend or disturb another person, or can't be used to communicate immoral or insulting language. That's a pretty clear restriction and it encompasses a great deal of protected speech.

"Similarly, the student handbook policy on discrimination prohibits any language that stigmatizes or victimizes any individual on the basis of listed personal characteristics. A lot of conduct that may stigmatize or victimizes another person may be offensive, but it is certainly protected by the First Amendment."

It is clear that leading up to the changes made during this semester, OU maintained policies that conflicted with the First Amendment rights of students and faculty for some time.

What is not yet clear, due to the administration's lack of response to attempts at contact, is the extent of the changes that have been made to the Student Code of Conduct and university ordinances.

Furthermore, as the university changed these policies in the middle of the semester without notifying students and faculty, there are concerns regarding what motivated the university to suddenly review and revise these policies.

Break it down

WHO

Oakland University administration.

WHAT

Made changes to the Student Code of Conduct, unbeknownst to the student body.

WHEN

Sometime this semester, but the changes have reportedly been a work in progress over the past year.

MORE INFORMATION

Why this is a problem can be further explained by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE).

- FIRE gave Oakland a low "red light" ranking regarding the school's former campus speech policies.
- A representative from FIRE told The Post they believe Oakland's preexisting policy was restrictive of speech.

Presidential search committee to have no student representation

Paige Brockway
Editor-in-Chief

The Oakland University Board of Trustees has named four confirmed members of the presidential search committee.

Trustees Richard DeVore, Mark Schluskel, Melissa Stolicker and Ronald Robinson will participate in the search. DeVore, chairman of the board and the search committee, said the goal is for the committee to include a dean, faculty members and someone who represents the campus community.

Though the board held a standing-room-only formal session on Monday, Oct. 24, the remaining four committee members will not be announced until the morning of Friday, Oct. 28.

Sean Foe, student liaison to the board, directly asked the board whether there will be any student representation on the search committee.

"We have somebody from the staff that we feel pretty convinced will represent the students . . .," DeVore said. "Three years ago, the selection was made after graduation, and so my guess is it will be again. We felt like that was awkward, so there will not be a student on the committee."

Back in 2013-14, Student Body President Brandon Hanna was a voting member of the twelve-person search committee for current University President George Hynd.

"While university representatives are great advocates for students, they aren't students," said Cassie Hock, student liaison to the board. "They can have some perspective, but when it comes down to it, they don't know."

Student Body President Zack Thomas sent a five-page letter to DeVore following the meeting, which outlined his argumentation for student representation on the committee.

"There is everything to gain, nothing to lose by adding a student vote," Thomas said. "OU students are the primary stakeholders of the university, comprising the lion share of OU's revenue. We deserve a voice and vote on this committee."

"If there is anything that this



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Chairman Richard DeVore (center) will lead the search committee for the President George Hynd's (left) successor.

year's OUSC has shown, it's that we can work with the administration and board to make real change happen. We would like that to continue, but it cannot if excluding students is the direction the board is taking."

DeVore said that when the names of the other search committee members are released on Friday, students will see that they were highly considered and will be well-represented by staff.

"I am confident that my letter will change DeVore's mind," Thomas said. "If not, Anders [Engnell] and I will hold true to our campaign promises — we will amplify the student voice through other means, if necessary."

DeVore also promised that both the pool of candidates and the committee will be diverse in race and gender.

Search procedure

DeVore said he hopes to negotiate a five-year contract for the next president, in contrast to Hynd's three-year contract, which expires in August.

When asked why they're considering a longer term this time around, DeVore said, "Lessons learned. I go back again to when we hired George. There was trauma here [after the resignation of former President Gary Russi]. So, I think that the natural inclination was go shorter rather than longer."

DeVore added that the norm for university presidential contracts is about seven years, with a five-year initial contract and additional years added to that contract before its expiration.

"There have been some studies that have shown that after eight or nine years, people aren't as effective," DeVore said.

Hock said the five-year contract will provide more stability for OU.

DeVore also addressed the timing of the announcement that the university is seeking a new president.

"In talking with George, I did not want to be making announcements right after trustee meetings. I find that to be someone disingenuous. And [Hynd] wasn't suggesting that . . . we wanted to get it out there."

DeVore hopes to have a new president in place by June, so he or she could work with Hynd and make the official transition in the first or second week of August. That gives the committee eight to nine months to make a selection.

The committee's next goal is to select a search firm before the next board meeting on Dec. 5.

The search will remained closed until there are two or three final candidates, which DeVore estimates will be around April or May. Then, the search will be shifted to an open forum in which students and faculty are encouraged to participate.

DeVore said the committee will "err on the side of overcommunicating" with the campus community during the search.

"Even if we have nothing to say, we're just going to remind you that we're still working on it . . . I know there were things done last time that were concerning to people, and I'm hopeful not to repeat that."

Oakland, six Alabama schools share \$5 million grant

Students will research STEM programs, graduation rates

Shelby Tankersley
Campus Editor

Oakland is part of a seven-school team to receive a \$5 million grant. The schools applied for the grant together because they are conducting the same research through the National Science Foundation.

The schools will give scholarships to talented students from low-income areas in Alabama who pursue degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). To find these students, the schools will look at local universities and community colleges, as well as high schools.

The principal investigator for OU, Martha Escobar, has contacts in Alabama, where she used to work. These connections gave OU the opportunity to participate in the research. The team from OU will travel to Alabama during the research.

What will the grant will be used for?

Every school on the team except for Oakland is in Alabama, so the grant money and scholarships are being used for Alabama students.

Melissa McDonald, who is a co-principal investigator on the project, said that the purpose of the research is to help improve the graduation rate of students studying STEM fields, since they don't always stay in those programs.

"STEM fields have a really high dropout rate," McDonald said. "So we want to see what causes people to stay in STEM and what causes them to drop out. Do they need mentors? Do they need more professional development? That's what we're interested in seeing."

While it makes these interventions, the team will track the success rate of the students during their four years at school. They'll then look at

how the team's help played a role in the students' success or failure.

Participating students will be given both academic and peer mentors and will work on projects together that benefit their communities in order to create a support system for them while they go through school.

"The program will implement a few interventions to help improve retention of the students," McDonald said. "We want to make sure they have a network of social support. We're going to evaluate the extent to which the interventions contribute to them staying in STEM majors."

She said the team is hoping these academic and social networks will help the students feel supported as they tackle particularly challenging fields of study. If they're successful, they hope their findings can help colleges around the country modify their programs to better help students.

What does the grant mean for OU?

Though the grant is not being used here, McDonald said her team plans to include OU students to assist in the research. Not only that, but the findings of the research will have potential to benefit STEM programs all over the country, including Oakland.

"This doesn't directly help students here, but we are applying for similar grants and are hoping to have Oakland undergraduate and master students help us in the research," McDonald said.

Kevin Corcoran, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said being a part of a grant this size is an honor for the school.

"Five million dollars from the National Science Foundation for a grant like this is a pretty big deal," Corcoran said.

Corcoran also said that it's important that the grant is being almost completely used to make scholarships to do research that will benefit STEM students everywhere.

Record-breaking year for ISSO

Amy Swanson
Staff Reporter

Oakland University has officially surpassed the milestone level of 1,000 international students and scholars this last 2015-2016 academic year, according to International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) Director David Archbold. This year's total is 1,022, a giant leap from 216 five years ago.

As Oakland's student population is just over 20,000, these international students are starting to make up a sizable portion.

"With this growth, I think it is safe to say that we are transitioning from a regional university to a university with international distinction," Archbold said.

The report also shows that the number of scholars, or international researchers and visiting professors, has gone down since 2010-2011, from 49 to 36. Many of them come to OU for its labs and faculty, working on projects and furthering their research, Archbold said.

Archbold said the decrease may be because of how long it takes the government to do security checks, as it sometimes takes up to two or three months. However, he hopes these numbers begin to increase soon.

The ISSO's annual report shows that all of OU's schools have recorded growth in international student enrollment, some more significant than others.

The School of Engineering and Computer Science dominates with 398 international students. Coming in second is the College of Arts and Sciences with 162.

However, growth across the board shows there is diversity in all schools.

The ISSO has been kicking things into high gear to make this happen.

The office has developed new programs with countries including Iraq and Saudi Arabia. These new programs have brought in more students.

In total, as of October, the office services international students and scholars from 55 countries. This year, the People's Republic of China led with 259, followed by Saudi Arabia with 220 and India with 212.

A team of OU officials make annual trips to Washington, D.C., where they visit several embassies to discuss the advantages of coming to Oakland, emphasizing everything from the school's safety to the various specialized academic programs.

OU is also a popular choice because of its affordability. For example, one year of study for a bachelor's degree requires students to show they can pay \$38,855, which includes things like medical insurance, tuition and books. This is compared to \$100,000 at the University of Michigan, according to Archbold.

"We are very competitive in comparison

to other schools in Michigan."

As of spring 2015, Central Michigan University had 1,099 international students enrolled, according to its website. While Michigan State University had 7,568 in the fall of 2015, this was actually a decrease from the previous year.

"I expect that in the next couple years, we will exceed some of the other schools in the area in terms of our overall population of international students," Archbold said.

The ISSO has many successful programs for international students.

One is the International Allies Organization, a student organization where Americans are matched up with international students. Participants can spend their time together however they want, from attending ISSO events to just coordinating times to meet and learn about each other's countries.

Another opportunity is the International Village, where two international and two domestic students can live together in the campus apartments.

"This way, students form relationships that last a lifetime, which can be hard to do in the classroom," Archbold said. "It's been a real point of pride to have at OU."

There is also the newly-renamed Creating American International Relationships Program (CAIR). International students are matched with families of OU faculty or the community, doing activities to experience what America has to offer.

Alison Radell, assistant director of the ISSO, finds it very rewarding to see these students grow.

"It's heart-warming to watch them get involved and blossom around campus."

“Having our students be a part of the campus community and bringing the community into that international space really gives them that firsthand experience of what the world looks like.”

Alison Radell
Assistant Director of the ISSO

For these international people, Archbold refers to the office as their "home away from home." As living in a new country can be challenging, the ISSO is there to answer questions and advocate for them.

He laughed while recalling a student from Kuwait who had never seen snow before.

"He wanted me to explain what it felt like, and I said 'you need to open the freezer

door and put your hand in.'"

The student later sent Archbold a picture next to his first snowman, which was wearing a traditional Kuwait head-covering.

Radell said that everyone benefits from these international students.

"Internationalization and globalization is so prevalent in the working world of society these days," she said. "Having our students be a part of the campus community and bringing the community into that international space really gives them that firsthand experience of what the world looks like."

Archbold agreed.

"The more international students that we can recruit to Oakland, the more worldly our education because you get that different perspective of someone overseas," he said. "It really helps to enrich our educational product."

In the future, Archbold hopes to increase the numbers to between 1,200 and 1,500.

Radell said they also want to develop programs to engage the spouses and kids of those who travel here, as they may not have as much of a chance to experience American culture.

It may be easy to lose sight of America's opportunities if one has always lived here.

There was once a student from Iraq who told Archbold that the beauty of America was that no one asked about things like his religion or family.

"He said it was such a freeing experience that people were only concerned about what he could do to better their company versus things that he had no ability to change."

This really sets the U.S. apart.

"That's what makes the United States unique to every country in the world — that you can come from anywhere in the world and be successful in the U.S.," Archbold said.

Archbold hopes this milestone is only the beginning, and Oakland's global population continues to climb.

"The international students and scholars at the ISSO represent the world," Archbold said. "To me, that's the ultimate diversity."



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The ISSO recently moved to O'Dowd Hall.

POLICE BRIEFS

Buy one, get one free MIPs

On Oct. 1, the Oakland University Police Department investigated the fourth floor of Hamlin Hall after receiving complaints about two intoxicated minors. Officers made contact with a male and female suspect in the lobby. The male suspect consented to a breathalyzer test after denying that he was intoxicated. After the results revealed the male suspect had a .015 blood alcohol content (BAC), he was given a minor in possession (MIP) citation. The female suspect had bloodshot eyes and breath that smelled of liquor. She told the officer she drank a pint of vodka at a party in Pontiac. Her breathalyzer test revealed a .130 BAC. She was also given an MIP citation, and the matter was turned over to University Housing.

Suspect in unwanted sexual contact caught

A victim stepped forward on Oct. 4 to issue a complaint about unwanted sexual contact the day prior. OUPD was eventually able to locate a suspect with the help of witnesses and video surveillance. The suspect offered a much different story from the victim's. According to him, he walked the woman to her car, they hugged, she smoked a cigarette, and she left after telling him to stop chasing after girls. OUPD pressed him about the issue and mentioned they had received complaints about him from three different people. The suspect's eyes widened, he became visibly nervous, and he eventually started crying. OUPD booked the suspect, gave him a citation for assault, and the matter was eventually turned over to the dean of Student Affairs.

Compiled by Robert Ogg
Intern Reporter

Vendors to be showcased at Benefits and Wellness Fair

Rec Well aims to keep students informed about health

Laurel Kraus
Intern Reporter

The annual Benefits and Wellness Fair will take place at the Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

The fair is an opportunity for students to explore holistic approaches toward their health through mingling with different providers and companies.

"It is the one time of year where we have businesses, organizations and nonprofits all coming together in one place for faculty, staff and students to ask questions and make changes in regards to their health," said Coordinator of Wellness and Education Outreach Stephanie Willis.

Among the vendors will be multiple chiropractic groups offering free assessments, the Oakland University Credit Union to help with financial planning and opening accounts and Chickpea and Bean to educate about plant-based diets.

"One of the things I'm really excited about is that the fire department is coming to demonstrate how to do hands-only CPR with dummies," Willis said. "They're always involved in all of our stuff, and they do a great job."

Orangetheory Fitness will also be attending, along with vendors from The Essential Oil Company, massage therapy and Painting with a Twist, which will include demonstrations.

"Most of these places come with

giveaways, whether it's coupons or little things here and there," Willis said. "Trader Joe's is coming, and I know they always do samples of their seasonal foods, so you can expect to definitely walk away with a bag of stuff"

The Visiting Nurses Association will also be present to give flu shots. These will be free, provided attendees' insurance falls in the wide range of accepted insurance plans.

In the past, there have been as many as 80 vendors at this event. However, this year OU decided to limit the number to 45.

"Instead of quantity, we're going for quality," said Wellness Graduate Assistant Kelsey Zuchowicz. "So, we wanted to make sure that we brought in vendors that we felt were the most beneficial for the students, faculty and staff to have, as

well as just really paring down what the offerings are to best fit our needs here."

Although the fair was initially created for university faculty and staff with the purpose of coinciding with open enrollment, which is when employees are able to make changes to their benefits plans, the event has been extended to the entire campus community in recent years.

The event is free and there is no need to RSVP, but there will be a sign-in station so the Rec Center can record the number of attendees.

Last year, the fair drew around 750 attendees, encouraging the Rec Center to set a goal of 1,000 for the Benefits and Wellness Fair of 2016.

For more information, contact Stephanie Willis at (248) 370-4968 or willis@oakland.edu.

Holly Robinson Peete to speak at 25th annual Keeper of the Dream

Celebration to focus on campus diversity, what still needs to be done

KeyVonna Taylor
Staff Reporter

Holly Robinson Peete — actress, author and talk show host — will be keynote speaker at Oakland University's 25th annual Keeper of the Dream Awards Celebration.

At the event, which will take place Monday, Jan. 16, Robinson Peete will help the OU community observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day by honoring his legacy.

"We're excited to have her," said Omar Brown-El, senior director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives.

Robinson Peete is most noted for her roles in the Fox TV police drama "21 Jump Street," ABC's "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper" and NBC and later the WB network's "For Your Love." She has also appeared in the CBS series "Mike & Molly," served as a co-host on the CBS daytime talk show "The Talk" and is starring alongside her family in the reality series "For Peete's Sake" on the Oprah Winfrey Network.

She published a children's book in 2010, "My Brother Charlie," which won the 42nd NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in 2011.

"I have watched Mrs. Holly

Robinson Peete perform in various movies and television shows for nearly two decades, said Glenn McIntosh, vice president for Student Affairs. "Additionally, she has been an impactful spokesperson for autism. So, I am excited about such a compassionate and talented person serving as the event keynote speaker."

The Keeper of the Dream Award was established in January 1993.

Every year, scholarships of up to \$5,000 are provided for OU students who have "contributed to interracial understanding and good will," and demonstrated strong citizenship, scholarship and leadership.

Over 80 students from a range of academic majors have been awarded scholarships since the start of this program, according to the Center for Multicultural Initiatives' website.

"The scholarship recognizes the significant contributions of current OU students to improving the campus climate for all individuals," McIntosh said. "Since diversity is a core value of Oakland University, I see the scholarship as public recognition of a group of dedicated and socially conscious young

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Tasha Tinglan
Senior

people.”

Robinson Peete follows last year's keynote speaker, LeVar Burton, host of "Reading Rainbow" and actor in "Roots."

"Looking back on last year's ceremony, it still feels like a dream," said one of last year's recipients, senior Tasha Tinglan. "Waking up and getting ready for the KOD ceremony was like waking up on a holiday that was catered for me. It was one of the best honors to be able to attend the ceremony and be recognized by LeVar Burton as someone who is currently working toward Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream."

Tinglan is looking forward to attending this year's event.

"I am most excited for the VIP breakfast, where I will have a chance to mingle with the scholarship recipients, as well



Courtesy of Oakland University

Holly Robinson Peete will serve as keynote speaker for Oakland University's 25th annual Keeper of the Dream Awards Celebration on Monday, Jan. 16, 2017.

as this year's keynote speaker, Holly Robinson Peete," she said.

She believes Keeper of the Dream signifies celebration of how far OU has come in being a diverse and culturally aware campus, but also shows that OU recognizes that there is still progress to be made.

Tinglan encourages other students to support this occasion.

"I am looking for our celebration to reflect the hard work of individuals have put in to reflect social justice and recognizing and honoring OU students who will be the recipients of the award for their diversity and inclusion work on our campus," Brown-El said.

For more information about Keeper of the Dream or this year's keynote speaker, visit oakland.edu/cmi/KOD/.



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The Graham Health Center has a display of stuffed representations of different sexually transmitted diseases. They can be purchased from the bookstore in the Oakland Center.

Get Yourself Tested Campaign encourages awareness of STDs

Gina Navaroli
Intern Reporter

Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are a perpetual topic on college campuses. As college students are introduced to a new environment, experimenting on campus can lead to severe, unintentional health issues.

The social movement of the Get Yourself Tested Campaign (GYT) is striving to raise young adults' awareness about STDs and make testing a normal behavior. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national campaign is partnered with the American College Health Association, the Kaiser Family Foundation, the National Coalition of STD Directors, MTV and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Nancy Jansen, director of Oakland University's Graham Health Center (GHC), explained the importance of getting tested and understanding STDs.

Jansen said the frequency of STDs

has increased nationwide. In Oakland County, there are an estimated 4,000 cases of chlamydia and 1,000 cases of gonorrhea.

"So many people think they don't have it [STDs]," Jansen said.

Jansen is concerned that there is a lack of awareness.

"A lot of people don't want to participate in our screening because they think they feel fine," she said.

Jansen said it's difficult to get students to get tested, but getting students to recruit other students has become a successful approach.

"Sometimes we'll have a GYT event each semester," Jansen said. "Sometimes it's very successful, sometimes not so much. More recently, we're trying to direct it [GYT events] more toward the health center . . . We're trying to do whatever works to reach the students."

Jansen said most infections of chlamydia and gonorrhea are in young adults, and this is a critical reason for the GYT campaign to be in schools.

"One in two young adults will get

an STD by the time they're 25," Jansen said. "If I had the money, I would expand the program and do a whole lot more."

STDs have various symptoms and consequences. Jansen explained just the surface of them.

"Infertility is [caused] by chlamydia and gonorrhea," Jansen said. "Infertility is usually preceded by severe pelvic pain and pelvic infection. If it's not caught early, the loss of fertility is because of the general infection."

Jansen said the recently encouraged HPV vaccine (Gardasil) is extremely effective at preventing many cancers.

"I can't stress enough how many cancers I've seen in my career, directly related to HPV, and it can happen many years later," Jansen said. "I think many students are afraid of the HPV vaccine, many parents are not certain, nor encouraging it."

She also said many insurance companies are mandated to cover the HPV vaccine until 26 years of age and also cover general STD testing.

"If students have insurance, they go to their primary care provider, and most of the time, GHC can provide it, depending on the health insurance," Jansen said.

Sophomore Nadine Brikho and senior Peter Keum shared their perspectives on STDs.

"I think it's very important that students get tested for STDs, considering they are more likely to explore their sexual side during college," Brikho said. "I am educated enough about STDs. In my high school gym class, our teacher brought a speaker to talk to us about STDs."

Keum learned about STDs in his biology classes.

"Depending on how sexually active they are, if they've had multiple partners, or a sexual partner, get tested once a year for screening," he said. "If you're in an area where STDs are prevalent, definitely. It depends. It's not for everyone. Especially if you're monogamous, I don't think it's as pressing. It can spread and affect anyone."

Breaking it down: The final presidential debate

Candidates finalize positions on national, international issues

John Bozick
Social Media Editor

Tensions were high as Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton met for the final debate, which could very well decide the winner of the 2016 election. Taking place at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the debate was moderated by Fox News host Chris Wallace.

The debate was split into six different categories, each lasting 15 minutes. The topics included the Supreme Court, immigration, the economy, fitness to be president, foreign hot spots and national debt.

Supreme Court

Trump: The Supreme Court under Trump would work to defend the Second Amendment. He said he believes that at the moment, the Second Amendment is under siege, and that if Clinton wins, the amendment will be very different from what it is today.

Trump also said he wants to appoint pro-life justices to the Supreme Court, and said if the courts decide to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, then abortion rights will be up to the states, not the federal government.

Clinton: Clinton said she believes that the Supreme Court needs to work for the American people and not for the wealthy corporations. She also said that the country needs a Supreme Court that will stand up for women's rights and the LGBT community and be against Citizens United.

Clinton said the country needs to have someone in the Supreme Court who will work to keep the decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

Immigration

Trump: Turning the focus of his immigration stance toward Clinton, Trump said, "She wants to give amnesty, which is a disaster and very unfair to all of the people that are waiting on [sic] line for many, many years. We need strong borders."

Trump continued to push for the building of the wall on the Mexican border, saying that the U.S. Border Patrol wants the wall to help capture many drug lords south of the border.

Clinton: Clinton said she is far more lenient on immigration than Trump, saying, "I don't want to rip families apart. I don't want to be sending parents away from children. I don't want to see the deportation force that Donald has talked about in action in our country."

Clinton said she plans to keep the nation

whole, and that if she wins, she will introduce comprehensive immigration reform within her first 100 days in office.

Economy

Trump: Trump believes that Clinton's plan will lead to a tax increase for all citizens. This is why he intends to push for more free trade instead. Trump also intends to not raise taxes on anyone who makes more than \$250,000 per year.

Trump also said that his economic plans will not increase national debt and drew attention to President Obama's economic policy.

Clinton: Clinton wants to implement the largest job-creation program since World War II. It would lead to a large increase in manufacturing and infrastructure jobs. These jobs, according to Clinton, would be greener and would allow the U.S. to compete with high-wage countries.

Two ideas that were borrowed directly from the Bernie Sanders campaign are those about debt-free and cost-free college. Clinton wants to make it so that college will be debt-free, and that students who come from families that make less than \$125,000 a year would be eligible for cost-free tuition, albeit only at public universities.

Fitness to be president

Trump: Trump commented on the nine different women who have made sexual harassment claims against him by saying, "Well, first of all, those stories have been largely debunked. Those people — I don't know those people."

He insisted that the women were paid by Clinton's campaign after it was shown on tape that other protesters were paid \$1,500 each to disrupt his rallies and cause violent acts.

Lastly, when asked if he would accept the results of the election in November if he does not win, Trump responded by saying, "I will look at it at the time. I'm not looking at anything now."

Trump followed up by saying he will leave voters in "suspense" about what he will do if he does not win in November.

Clinton: When pressed on the fact that she allowed Clinton Foundation donors special access to herself while she was Secretary of State, Clinton simply said that she did it with good intentions for the U.S.

Clinton did not respond to Trump's claims that countries that repress women's rights, such as Saudi Arabia, have given millions of dollars to her foundation. Instead, she talked about how much the foundation has done to help poor countries, such as Haiti, recover.

Foreign hot spots

Trump: Trump was critical of the attack

on Mosul, asking why the attack was not a surprise. Trump believes that if the city is taken, the only country that will benefit from the victory will be Iran, as the U.S. will be unable to take ISIS leaders due to the fact that they will most likely have fled.

After being asked about Aleppo, Trump called it a disaster, saying that it was Hillary Clinton's fault that the city is in its current state. Trump said the U.S. must be wary about taking down Assad in Syria because someone worse than him may come to power.

Clinton: Clinton said that if the Iraqi Army is successful in driving ISIS out of Iraq and Mosul, she would be against stationing troops in Iraq, saying it "would be a big red flag waving for ISIS to reconstitute itself."

Instead, she wants to attack ISIS from the air and online. She also said that she wants to push for a no-fly zone and more safe havens in Syria to help ease the flow of refugees and end the war.

National debt

Trump: Trump said that his job initiatives will help raise the country's gross domestic product (GDP) beyond the 1 percent that it is today. He also said that

if Clinton is elected, the nation's GDP growth will fall below what it is today. Trump said he believes that if he is elected president, economic growth will increase to 4 percent and may even get as high as 5 or 6 percent.

Trump went on by saying, "I'm cutting taxes. We're going to grow the economy. It's going to grow at a record rate of growth."

Trump also plans to do away with the Affordable Health Care Act and entitlement programs like it, as he believes they are destroying both small and large businesses.

Clinton: In regards to debt, Clinton stated, "If you look at the debt, which is the issue you asked about, Chris, I pay for everything I'm proposing. I do not add a penny to the national debt."

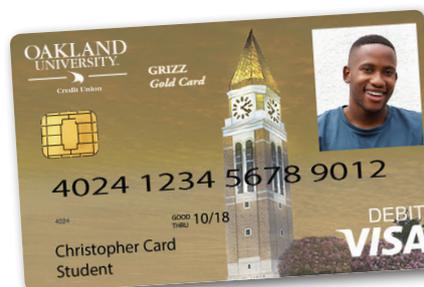
Clinton wants to build on the middle class and small businesses, and said she believes that this is the best way to grow the economy. She said she wants to put more money into the Social Security Trust Fund by raising taxes on the wealthy. This is the opposite of what Trump wants, as according to her, his plans would result in an additional \$20 trillion in debt.

This was the final debate before Election Day on Nov. 8.

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The freedom of the abstract

OU Art Gallery exhibits *The Berding Memorandum*

Amy Swanson
Staff Reporter

A new Oakland University Art Gallery (OUAG) exhibition titled “The Berding Memorandum” displays the abstract work of Thomas Berding. It will be displayed until Nov. 20.

“The most challenging aspect of contemporary abstract painting is to make something that we never anticipated seeing before,” reads the gallery’s website. “Thomas Berding’s uniquely distinct paintings overcome this challenge with brio and inventiveness.”

Berding said the final exhibit pieces were chosen after much discussion with OUAG Director Dick Goody.

“In the end, we settled on focusing on paintings done over the last eight years, in that the paintings from this time period are in a dialogue with each other and yet also illuminate some shifts in the work,” Berding said.

Berding received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Xavier University and a Master of Fine Arts

from the Rhode Island School of Design.

His work has been displayed at countless venues, including The Painting Center in New York and the Rhode Island School of Design Museum. His paintings received awards from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, the NEA/Mid-America Arts Alliance and the National Endowment for the Arts.

“Art exists in a visceral universe. There is nothing between the viewer’s eyes, other than her or his intellectual and intuitive perception.”

Dick Goody
OUAG Director

“While I only went to my first museum in my late teens, I loved both the activity of making and the internal dialogue and experience that looking at art engendered,” he said. “I really never

considered pursuing anything else and followed what I was most passionate about.”

He was specifically attracted to the freedom of the abstract.

“Contemporary art explores nearly any subject you might think of, and there is such a range of ways an artist can work materially today,” he said. “It is a wildly plural field and allows one to fully explore the human condition — engaging the intellectual, emotive and aesthetic aspects of our experience in the most interpretive and compelling ways.”

Berding tried to emulate this in the Berding Memorandum.

“As for the works themselves, I hope they speak to our contemporary existence, yet also constitute their own experience,” he said. “I am a decidedly process-oriented artist who is interested in the interplay between abstraction and representation and in picturing a world that is in a chronic state of construction and disassembly.”

He mentioned that his most recent work was influenced by informational diagrams and flowcharts that are common in assem-

bly manuals.

“As these sources move into the language of painting, the identifying cues of these beginnings are often challenged,” he said. “If a kind of wholeness or singularity appears in the canvas, what emerges is a tenuous peace within a field of remnants and surplus.”

Berding summarized his thought process.

“In total, the abstract impulse that drives my thinking is about hanging onto an edge of awareness that never settles into the wholly known and lives in a perpetual state between construction and deconstruction, representation and abstraction, addition and deletion,” he said. “For all its apparent boldness, it is actually a very fragile thing.”

The OUAG shows both regional and more-established international artists. Berding represents both, as he has exhibited his work all over the country and also teaches studio art at MSU.

“It seemed high time to put a lens on a really good abstract painter,” Goody said.

As a professor, Berding supports students in their artistic development.

“I aspire to help each student find how they connect with the field, to help them find their relationship to art and, at the same



Courtesy of Oakland University Art Gallery

Thomas Berding’s abstract paintings are on display in the OU Art Gallery.

time, aid them in seeing how art ideas and experiences are all around us.”

The OUAG can be used as a space for contemplation and learning. Goody said students worlds are mediated by technology, like the screens of their phone.

“Art exists in a visceral universe,” Goody said. “There is nothing between the viewer’s eyes, other than her or his intellectual and intuitive perception.”

As always, visits to the exhibit are entirely free. It is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Visitors are also welcome to drop by during Meadow Brook Theatre performances up until the first intermission.

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Grizzlies get their country on

Jessica Leydet
Intern Reporter

Country artist Stephen Neal put on a performance at the Student Program Board's Hoedown on Friday. He played multiple songs off of his EPs, including "Baby's Got Me Buzzin" and "Lay it On My Lips," as well as other popular songs like Smash Mouth's "All Star."

Neal has been writing songs since he was a freshman in college in Indiana. After realizing his passion, he moved back to his hometown of Joliet, Illinois, and started taking classes at the University of Saint Francis. He began working on his career as a country singer.

"I had a really rough time my first year in college, and I found writing songs helped me express my emotions," Neal said.

During his performance, Neal shared the heartfelt story behind his song "I Just Drive."

"I was dating this girl and we were planning to get married, but one thing led to another and we broke it off," Neal said. "Now

every time I drive past a place we used to go together, it always hits me."

Neal only has two EPs out at the moment, but said he has major plans for next year.

"I'm working on a big project right now that we are hoping to get out by May, but until then I plan on releasing some acoustic tracks in February," Neal said.

Neal said he particularly enjoyed his visit to OU, and was thankful that people still came out to see his show despite the cold and rainy weather.

"OU is awesome," he said. "The campus is great and the town is really nice."

His fans were pleased with his performance. Lauren Whitlock, a freshman, had a great time at the Hoedown.

"I was a fan of Stephen Neal's before I knew he was coming to OU, so I am so excited to be here and I'm having a great time," she said.

Despite the timing of Michigan weather, everyone had a great night doing the "Hoedown Throwdown," enjoying the free barbecue food and, most of all, jamming out to Neal.



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Country artist Stephen Neal played for line-dancing students.

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Participants at the event were able to carve and decorate their own pumpkins.

Campus Student Organic Farm hosts first Halloween Bash

The event featured a pumpkin-carving contest, costume contest, games, food and music to keep students entertained

Gina Navaroli
Intern Reporter

The Campus Student Organic Farm (CSOF) was decked out in spooky decor when it hosted its first Halloween Bash on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Strobe lights, a smoke machine, haystacks and naturally fallen colored leaves completed the setting. The bash brought student involvement and new faces out to the farm.

Marissa Diccico, senior farm manager and president of the Student Organic Farmers, shared her perspective on the event and the preparation put into it.

"We spent the last two to three days making sure everything was cleaned up around here," Diccico said. "The e-board members and everybody who works here took on different tasks for bringing food, making sure we had

decorations and advertising."

Students were entertained as the farm provided food, and competitions in pumpkin carving and ladder golf to win mystery prizes. Students competing in the pumpkin carving contest raised money for the farm through pumpkin sales.

Freshman Stephanie Allen and sophomore Brandon Scoppa shared their experiences at the bash.

"It's my first time here, so it's fun to see the entire farm for the first time," Allen said. "I heard they have cider and doughnuts. Pumpkin carving has been my favorite part so far."

"It's a lot of fun," Scoppa said. "I took a tour of the farm, played ladder golf and [am] having a good time with friends."

With the success of the bash, CSOF has had a successful semester in student participation.

"[We've had] a lot of volunteer help," Diccico said. "This semester we have a lot of work-study students that have been helping out."

As CSOF has expanded this year in student involvement, the farm has reduced in sales, according to Diccico. The loss of their farm coordinator, who worked 40-60 hours a week, has caused difficulty for part-time students to fill in the coordinator's work hours.

"Sales are a little bit down, but [we are] big on student involvement this year, which is a really good thing," Diccico said.

Diccico shared future projects students can look forward to from the CSOF.

"We have a club garden, so next year will be the second year that we will have it," Diccico said. "I really want to focus on allowing students to plant whatever they want. That way we have more of a variety."

She encouraged students to come out to the farm. She hopes that by next year, the CSOF will have raised bread boxes and lemon trees.

New Features added to Annual RHA Zombie Walk

Simon Albaugh
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) will bring back its annual RHA Zombie Walk on Oct. 28. With this year's theme of Back to the Mansion, an homage to the movie "Back to the Future," the walk promises new and exciting additions.

The event will begin when buses bring students to the start of the walk at Hamlin Circle from 7 to 10 p.m.

Brendan Scorpio, resident assistant in Vandenberg Hall and a sophomore studying psychology, talked about some of the new features to this year's Zombie Walk. He listed storytellers, tour guides, and cider and doughnuts by a fire at the end to calm the nerves.

As a volunteer for the Zombie Walk, Scorpio also implied that the walk has more to offer, stating, "We have to keep some secrets."

Run by the RHA and volunteers, this event promises a lot for students who are on campus, regardless of housing status.

Randy Jefferson, a resident assistant in Hamlin Hall, talked about last year's event and his thoughts on the new aspects of the walk.

"The walk itself is pretty scary," Jefferson said. "Last year, it was great. This year is a little different. It's more of an experience.

There's more stuff this year. Lots of fun, lots of people, lots to experience."

Jefferson also added that the first 100 people in line for the event will receive a free T-shirt.

Jefferson will be a volunteer for the recently-added cider and doughnuts portion of the event at the finish of the walk.

A way to get involved in the fun on campus will be coming in the form of this zombie invasion. And what better way to kick off your pre-Halloween weekend than with a revamping of a classic movie, chilling stories of campus, and free cider and doughnuts?

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Randy Jefferson
Resident Assistant
Hamlin Hall



Courtesy of the Residence Hall Association

Last year's RHA Zombie Walk was pretty dead.

Political Focus: The Trans-Pacific Partnership

Melissa Deatsch
Political Columnist

Last Wednesday marked the end of the debates for the 2016 election season. Looking back on the issues discussed throughout the primaries and presidential debates, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal has repeatedly come up in conversation.

On multiple occasions, Trump has slammed Clinton for calling the TPP “the gold standard” of trade deals when it was still in negotiation. Clinton said that after the deal was finalized, her position changed.

This week’s Political Focus examines the TPP and why both major-party candidates oppose this trade agreement.

Why is it such a big deal?

Because it’s literally a big deal. The trade deal involves 12 countries bordering the Pacific Ocean. Cumulatively, these 12 nations have a population of about 800 million and are already responsible for 40 percent of world trade, as reported by the BBC.

What are the goals of the TPP?

The TPP aims to create deeper economic ties between its nations.

It will essentially reduce tariffs (taxes on imports), encourage trade and address multiple 21st-century problems.

U.S. supporters say that the TPP would increase American exports and support well-paying American jobs. Additionally, the 30-chapter trade deal would set the standard on many American values like protecting workers, the environment and human rights.

How would it affect tariffs?

The BBC reports that the TPP would affect about 18,000 tariffs. Some would be reduced immediately, and others would be implemented over time. For example, countries that sign the deal will reduce or eliminate taxes on agricultural goods.

The pro-TPP argument is that eliminating these taxes would make trade easier overseas, therefore allowing major growth to American businesses, which would then drive job growth.

Tariffs were originally put in

place to protect domestic businesses from cheaper products imported from other countries. In the past, tariffs have been a huge revenue booster for the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By addressing 18,000 tariffs, the TPP would affect most markets.

What 21st-century problems?

Negotiators of the TPP say one major goal of the deal is to create labor and environmental standards for each country involved.

The deal would require nations to enforce the same standards that the U.S. has implemented for years.

For example, participating countries would be required to allow unions, eliminate unfair child labor and implement a minimum wage.

These worker standards, along with many more laid out in the deal, would effectively “level the playing field” for American businesses.

The deal also requires signatories to allow free access to the internet to ensure the “free flow of global information,” according to the TPP’s website.

So why do people oppose it?

An independent study released in January said the deal would indeed lift U.S. incomes, exports and growth, but would not add to overall employment.

Trump has promised to demolish the deal. Clinton said upon finalization that it no longer passed her “test.”

On both sides of the aisle, opponents are pointing to the report’s claim that the deal will create a loss of jobs in certain industries, specifically manufacturing. Some say that the deal will cause more companies to take their production overseas, and majorly damage certain industries, namely the auto industry.

Trump has opposed the deal, saying it’s weak and gives away much of the U.S.’s power.

He has also said it will further push businesses overseas and make it easier for foreign competitors to ship cheap goods into the U.S., while “allowing foreign countries to continue putting barriers in front of our exports.”

Clinton has explained her flip on the deal by saying that the fi-

nalized version does not crack down on currency manipulation. After examining the final deal, “it didn’t meet [her] standards for more new, good jobs for Americans, for raising wages for Americans.”

Because Clinton supported the TPP during its negotiation stages, there is some skepticism that even though she says she opposes it now, she will support it once elected.

What’s next?

To be implemented, the deal must be ratified by at least six countries that account for 85 percent of the group’s total economic output in total. This means that if Japan and the U.S. are not on board, years of negotiations will effectively be erased.

The TPP has been finalized and now awaits ratification in Congress. It has been fast-tracked, meaning lawmakers can only reject it or ratify it in its current form.

Supporters pushed for a lame-duck vote, so Congress will vote on the issue after the election and their successors have been elected.

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The battle for last: Clinton, Trump and the American people

Isaac Martin
Political Columnist

In 13 days, Americans will have a doozy of a choice at the polls. The presidential election of 2016 pits two caricatures against one another. Both candidates are historically unpopular and have horrible records.



This column is not designed to rehash the trash being peddled by both sides, but rather to hold up the incontrovertible facts on each candidate, so we may reflect upon our state as a nation. As a democratic republic, our leaders are a reflection of “we the people.” Let us examine the record of each candidate and thereby gain a better picture of ourselves.

When Donald J. Trump exploded onto the political scene last year, he was known to be a bombastic businessman, playboy and entertainer extraordinaire. In recent months, we have been afforded an unparalleled opportunity to scrutinize “The Donald.”

What have we discovered? First and foremost, despite all his bluster and bravado, Trump has suffered a string of unmitigated financial faceplants ranging from a fraudulent real estate school to a titanic casino which sank abysmally.

Trump’s track record is placarded with extravagant promises and meager results. Yes, there is no doubt he is in fact quite wealthy, but it would be unwise to ignore his numerous bankruptcies.

Bankruptcy is an indictment not only of business prowess, but also of character; if Trump can’t keep his word to his investors, how will he keep his word to the American people? No one is perfect, but the fact that Trump boasts of how he played the system is evidence of a level of self-centered egotism the American public has never before suffered from a president.

This is but a taste of the personal decadence we have seen exhibited in Trump. Time would fail me to speak of his association with organized crime, his reckless flip-flopping and his personal uncouth-

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We the people have the unprecedented privilege of selecting our own leaders.

ness. In short, Trump is not worthy to bear the noble title, “President of the United States.” He is clearly unfit for such an esteemed position.

On the other hand, Secretary Clinton is not the picture of innocence herself. Clinton’s proponents tout her experience and expansive resume as positives. I look at both of these and am repulsed by Clinton.

In an election cycle rife with sensational headlines, scandals which receive mere cursory coverage in 2016 would have riveted the coffin for presidential candidates in yesteryears. Take, for example the Democratic National Convention (DNC) email scandal back in July.

Leaked emails proved that the Clinton campaign worked hand-in-glove with the DNC to subvert the public will and leave Bernie Sanders out in the cold. With this in mind, is it implausible to suggest that the general election could also be manipulated? Clinton has proven she is completely capable of it.

I am disheartened by what I see in politics. It saddens me that the Democratic challenger has lied concerning her emails, betrayed the confidence of thousands of men and women in the line of duty and cavalierly mishandled sensitive data — without a single charge being brought against her. It is a dark day indeed when the party of Lincoln and Reagan fronts a bully in a suit as their man of the hour.

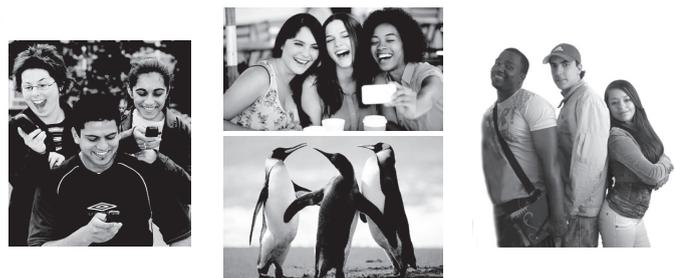
In 13 days, we will vote in arguably the most important election of the past century. I cannot help but brood as I consider our choices. Nevertheless, America need not be defined by this election. If we desire better candidates, however, we must turn inward, not outward. We the people of the U.S. have the unprecedented privilege of selecting our own leaders. If the two candidates are reprehensible, therefore, it is because we have enabled and applauded their ascent.

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Keeping the Faith: A conference survival guide

Oakland Post Life section editor Faith Brody shares her firsthand experience

Faith Brody
Life Editor

Going into my first college conference, I had no idea what to expect. I knew I should look nice, have a bunch of resumes and business cards (but what do I even put on a business card?) and be prepared to be exhaustively professional.



Well, I just got through my first conference ever. I attended the Associated Collegiate Press Conference in Washington, D.C., this past weekend with some fellow Posties, and I'm here to tell you what I screwed up on, forgot to pack, triumphed in and more — so you don't have to panic when it's time for your first conference!

Come prepared. Bring copies of your resume, business cards, snacks, Tylenol, sight-seeing clothes, cash and chargers.

Speaking of which, invest in a portable charger. Or, if you're like me, don't forget that portable charger at your parents' house and have your phone die mid-Snapchat.

Talk to people! Depending on the type of conference you're attending, everyone there is probably going into a similar career as you and will probably have good connections. Hand out those business cards and resumes!

If someone is giving a presentation and they provide their Twitter handle, email or website URL, write it down and make contact with them. Tweet at them about how much you enjoyed their presentation or send a follow-up email. It's all about connections.

Dress fancy. Get some actual business attire. Treat packing for the conference like you're dressing for a job interview.

Download the conference app. If the organization hosting the conference has an app, don't hesitate to download it. They'll send alerts to your phone if a session is cancelled or moved.

Save money ahead of time. Start saving up money for food and other trip-related expenses trip right away. I went to Washington D.C., and the food there was really expensive, plus 10 percent sales tax. As if tuition wasn't already draining my bank account enough...

Explore the city. Sure, you'll probably be exhausted after being 150 percent professional all day and want to die in your hotel room, but you really should go out and enjoy the sights, especially if you've never been there before. Figure out how to work the



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Attendees at the Associated Collegiate Press Conference in Washington, D.C. participated in a video chat with Edward Snowden.

transportation system in the city, or be prepared to walk everywhere.

Research the weather before you go. You don't want to be wearing booty shorts when it's 35 degrees outside (and you should be dressing more professionally than that, anyway).

Pack (professional) layers! I went to one session where I was freezing, then another that felt like a sauna.

Go to the trade show or job fair. If there's a trade show or a job fair, take advantage of that. I actually made plans to go to the trade show, but didn't because I was in so many sessions throughout the day and didn't feel like waking up early to go. Now I regret that. (Who doesn't love free swag?! Oh, and possible job opportunities.)

On that note, **accept the fact that you'll be sleep-deprived.** There's just no way around it.

Hang out with the peeps you're attending with. Chances are, you'll never get to bond with them in a strange city ever again.

If you're flying, pick out new jams, make sure all of your liquids are under three ounces and smile at all of the TSA agents.

This is the first conference I ever went to, so I'm by no means an expert, but I hope my experiences are able to help you feel more prepared when you attend your first conference.

♪ Drew's Review: ♪ Top 10 debut hip-hop albums

Drew Hagge
WXOU Sports Director

1. "Ready to Die," The Notorious B.I.G.
2. "Illmatic," Nas
3. "The Chronic," Dr. Dre
4. "Sothornplayalisticadillacmuzik," OutKast
5. "College Dropout," Kanye West
6. "Doggystyle," Snoop Dogg
7. "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," 50 Cent
8. "Enter the Wu-Tang (36 Chambers)," Wu-Tang Clan
9. "Reasonable Doubt," Jay Z
10. "Good Kid, M.A.A.D City," Kendrick Lamar

It's no surprise that many of these albums remain the best work that their respective artists have ever produced. Many artists have said that their first album is actually a culmination of their life up until the album's release.

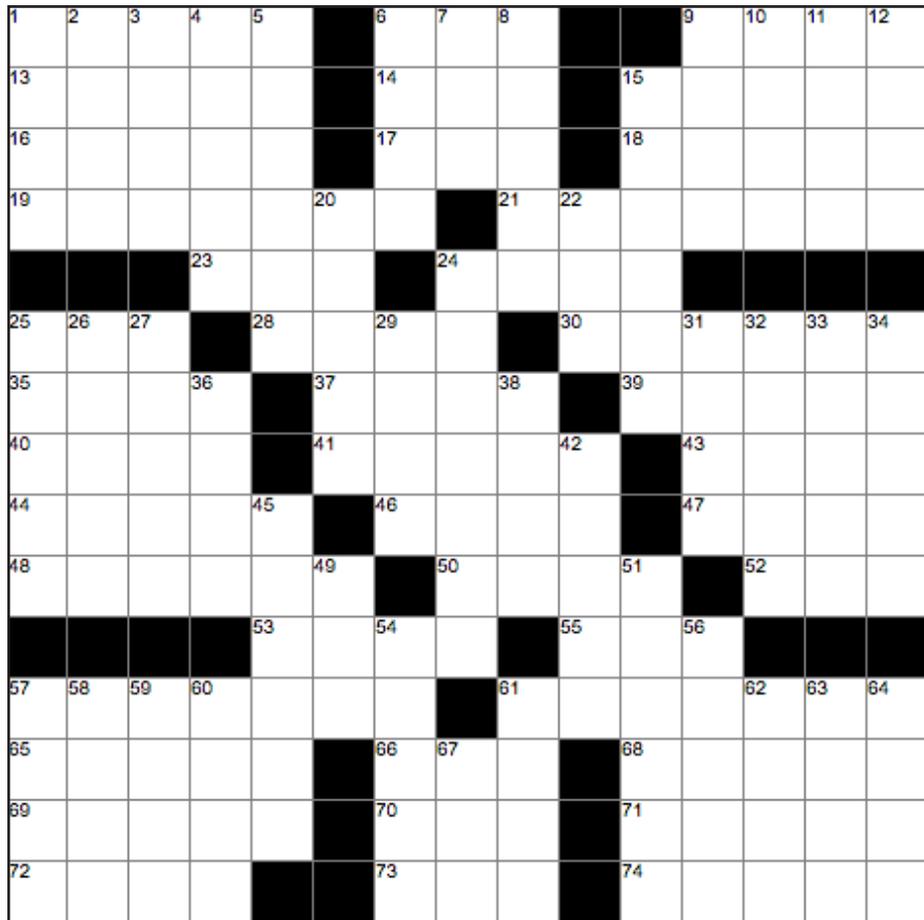
Jay Z's "Reasonable Doubt" is an obvious example of why debut albums in hip-hop tend to be better

than debut albums in other genres. "Reasonable Doubt" portrays Jay Z as a mafia-esque, drug-dealing kingpin, while presenting the pitfalls that are inherent to that lifestyle. Most importantly, "Reasonable Doubt" shows the tangible effects America's War on Drugs had on poor, inner-city kids who wanted access to all the material things they witnessed through pop culture.

While "Reasonable Doubt" remains Jay Z's best work, if he were to release an album with the same content in 2016, then he'd get laughed off the hip-hop scene. He's no longer that drug-dealing inner city kid. So much of Jay Z's success, and the success of the genre as a whole, is directly tied to credibility.

For evidence, look no further than the hit Rick Ross took when 50 Cent revealed that the Miami rapper had worked as a correctional officer. This happened as Rick Ross was enjoying his height as Miami's biggest drug dealer, both literally and figuratively.

Puzzles



Across

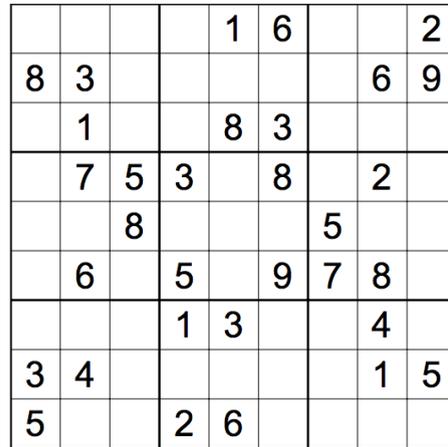
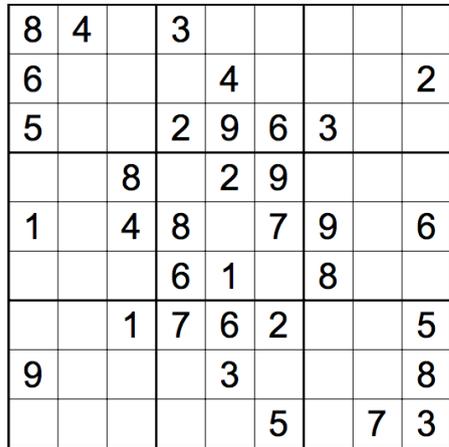
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- 6: Like any number finishing with '9'
- 9: Pencil remnant
- 13: It'll make you red in the face
- 14: '___ Town'
- 15: Unfortunate turn of events
- 16: Raymond and Aaron
- 17: San Diego tourist magnet
- 18: Word with Peace or Job
- 19: Spire
- 21: Least slovenly
- 23: Excessively
- 24: Ground corn
- 25: Absorb, with 'up'
- 28: Drink to excess
- 30: Brief summaries, briefly
- 35: Constant complainer
- 37: Toy boat spot
- 39: Pelvic bones
- 40: Well-ventilated
- 41: Gaze fixedly
- 43: Use UPS
- 44: Lab jobs
- 46: Surface-to-surface missile
- 47: Hang on to
- 48: Chilling downpours
- 50: Dubai VIP
- 52: Unproductive

- 53: Black-and-white divers
- 55: Crow's cry
- 57: Endurance
- 61: Backless couch
- 65: Greek hymnist
- 66: Craving
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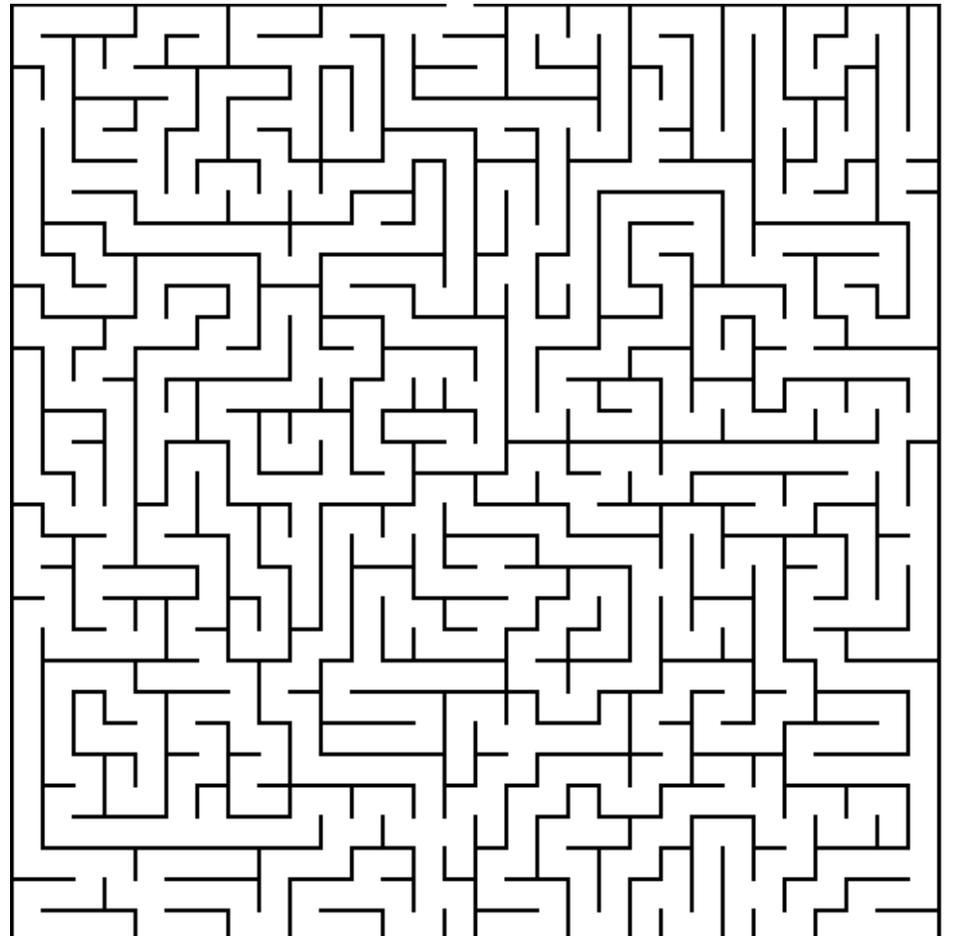
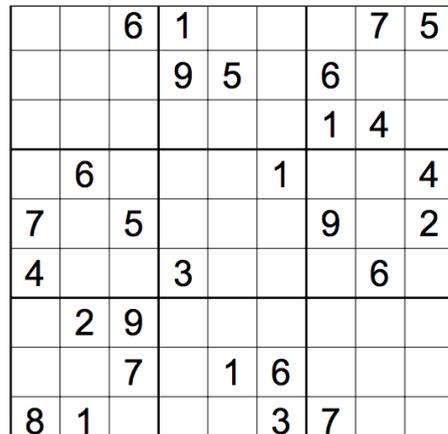
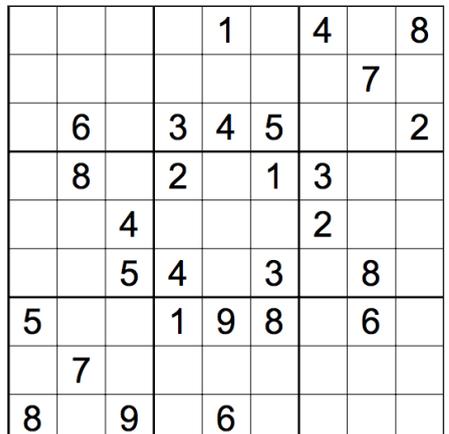
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- 1: Eyes
- 2: Joint inflammation
- 3: Trout tempter
- 4: White wading bird
- 5: Totalitarian ruler
- 6: Primordial sludge
- 7: White Stripes, for one
- 8: Pilotless plane
- 9: Whiskey measure
- 10: Weight allowance
- 11: Baseball VIPs
- 12: Gold medal-winning
- 15: Goes to the top of
- 20: Aerobat's maneuvers
- 22: Van Gogh's love offering
- 24: Threats
- 25: Improvises like Ella
- 26: Corbeled-out window
- 27: Analyze in English class
- 29: Flower sites
- 31: Amontillado container, for Poe
- 32: Felt bad
- 33: Buttinsky
- 34: Maudlin
- 36: Memory morsel
- 38: You can beat it
- 42: Undemocratic law
- 45: Elevator alternative
- 49: Daylight
- 51: Wicker stick
- 54: Floors
- 56: Marital antonym of 'better'
- 57: Leveling wedge
- 58: Pooch in 'The Wizard of Oz'
- 59: Last word in prayer
- 60: In-box item
- 61: Figurine mineral
- 62: Connors of 'Mannix'
- 63: Mocked by imitating
- 64: 'That's ___ to me!'
- 67: Devon river

NOVICE



INTERMEDIATE



Housing horror stories from the depths of Hell

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

At Oakland University, the dedicated students who handle the rowdy residents are members of an elite squad known as Oakland University Housing workers. These are their stories.

Dun dun.

Nightwatch: Our personal security guards

The nightwatch worker slings into his chair. It's 1 a.m. No human being should be starting their shift this late.

Luckily, he is no human. He's grown beyond such a puny word. He's a nightwatch worker, a superhuman.

"I just watched you walk in like a newborn horse. I know you're intoxicated," he says under his breath as a student stumbles through the doors.

Another student comes up, signing in a guest. The worker does his duty and asks for the guest's ID.

He's handed a cell phone.

"No, you idiot. A picture of your ID does not work under any circumstances," he grumbles.

The guest is taken aback, but hands over his high school ID.

Those aren't allowed either. Before the worker can respond to this situation, an alarm goes off.

"Can you not read? The sign says, 'Do not exit.' That means 'Do not exit!'" he screams out in frustration.

The guest leaves the building. The nightwatch worker turns back to his homework.

Desk worker: Not a concierge

The mail desk worker doesn't get to sit down at first. She comes in, and the first thing she must do is sort the mail and send out emails to residents who have packages to pick up.

Then, she sits and waits for the slew of students to come in demanding textbooks they ordered weeks too late.

Instead, surprisingly, an older lady walks in. A mother, it seems. She asks to give the desk worker her son's medicine, keep it at the desk and call her son down from his room.

"You can't drop off stuff at the desk. We aren't a hotel. I don't know what to tell you," the desk worker tries to reason with the mother.

The mother just looks perplexed. She

doesn't understand that the poor worker cannot reveal where her son's room is.

The mother pulls out a cell phone and texts her son over and over. He is most likely ignoring her.

A freshman walks up to the desk and asks where his package is. He says he got an email from Amazon. His exam is today, and he has yet to read his textbook.

"We will send you an email when your package comes," the desk worker replies. "Please stop asking. I don't care if Amazon says they shipped it. If you didn't get an email, it isn't here yet."

The freshman looks like his world is ending.

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"Don't you just love when two people start having sex in the back of the Bear Bus?"

Bear Bus Driver

Bear Bus: The forgotten ones

The Bear Bus driver begins her shift. The bus is quiet. It's always quiet because no one knows we even have a bus system on campus.

"My favorite thing is when the bus is empty for three hours and it becomes a karaoke bus," she says with a smile. She turns on her favorite song and drives across a quiet campus. Her shift ends at midnight.

She pulls up to a stop. Empty, as usual. Once in a while, a few people will board the bus and silently nod to the driver.

Her real stories come from the nights she drives the route to downtown Rochester. These journeys produce stories only a hero could tell.

"Don't you love it when two people start having sex in the back of the bus?" the driver remarks.

She shakes her head. Turns her music up louder and drives. And drives. And drives.

Situations presented in this article are combinations of stories told by real Housing workers, and this article is in no way meant to offend Housing employees, who bust their butts trying to make life easier for OU's residents. All workers quoted in this article were aware that the story would be satirical in nature.

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Oakland 20, Wright State 6: Club football goes 6-0

Golden Grizzlies cap the Raiders, continue undefeated run

Aujene Hirsch
Staff Reporter

Oakland University Football Club (6-0) beat Wright State (4-3-0) 20-6 on Saturday, Oct. 22. It was the Golden Grizzlies' last home game of the season.

Going in, Oakland was ranked No. 1 in the week-five power rankings and coaches poll, while Wright State was No. 5 in both.

"Today's game was a must-win for both teams in order to keep their playoff aspirations alive," said Oakland head coach Tom Menas.

Oakland and Wright State have a rivalry against each other that started in 2013. The teams have now played each other four times, Oakland winning three times.

In 2013, Oakland lost to WSU 31-13, but in 2014, the team came back with a vengeance and beat Wright State 35-24. The 2015 score was 33-6 Oakland, a game in which the Golden Grizzlies got a few sacks and made eight interceptions.

Wright State's starting quarterback Forrest Cordova returned to the field on Saturday. Cordova was leading the National Club Football Association in passing touchdowns and passing yards coming into the game, according to Oakland club football's Facebook page. Oakland expected a lot of passes.

According to Nic Bongers, adviser for the Oakland team, the Golden Grizzly defense rushed the Wright State quarterback

26 times, made three interceptions, and blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown. The defense also forced two fumbles, made three fumble recoveries, and made four sacks.

"Our defense played exceptional[ly]," Menas said. "I think [a standout] would be Brian Khashola, who played a great game again for us."

According to Bongers, the Golden Grizzlies put up 166 yards of offense in the game — 93 rushing and 73 passing. The team lost 105 yards on offensive and special teams penalties.

Bongers wrote in an email that five of Oakland's starters were injured, prompting Andrew Corcoran, a member of the 2014 championship team, to play offensive line, coming out of retirement.

Club football plays at University of Michigan-Flint at 1 p.m. ET on Saturday, Oct. 29.



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The Golden Grizzlies defense held up the game, making four sacks and forcing two fumbles.

Oakland University Football Club Statistics

- 166 offensive yards
- 93 rushing yards
- 73 passing yards
- 105 yards lost (offensive/special teams penalties)
- Five starters injured
- 26 rushes
- Three interceptions made
- Two fumbles forced
- Three fumble recoveries
- Four sacks
- One blocked punt
- Three games remaining in the 2016 season. Next one at UM-Flint.

Volleyball team teaches younger players

Aujene Hirsch
Staff Reporter

Every year, the volleyball team hosts fall and winter volleyball clinics over the course of four days. The last day of the fall 2016 clinic took place Oct. 18, and 13 girls attended.

"I set up a practice plan, and each week I build on what we need to do," said Claire Galli, associate head coach of Oakland volleyball. "So the basic [skills] are the first day, and then from there, we make it a little bit tougher. We amp up what we are talking to them about skill-wise as well as instructional-wise. It's really just a lot of fun."

The clinics are designed to get young girls between fourth and eighth grade interested in volleyball by showing them ba-

sic volleyball skills such as passing, setting, serving and spiking. The attendants also have the opportunity to learn these skills from members of the Oakland team.

At the beginning of the clinic, the girls did cardio warm-ups and practiced passing with a partner. For 15 minutes, the girls practiced controlled passing by aiming the ball at a net. The participants were put into two lines, and the goal was to get 15 points.

After passing, the clinic participants did an exercise called five-by-five which focused on receiving attacks. The girls also learned the proper technique for spiking.

Once spiking practice was done, the girls moved to blocking. Galli had the girls stand on large blocks so they could reach the top of the net.

She and members of the women's volleyball team hit balls at the net and showed

the girls how to position their hands.

"I think they look up to us as volleyball players and really take our advice and put it into action," junior Darrin Rice said.

Serving was next after blocking. The girls practiced overhand serving by starting out at the 10-foot line.

Once they successfully got the ball over the net two times in a row, they had to step back. The girls continued the pattern until they were behind the end line. Some struggled with serving.

Sophomore Jordan Massab and freshman Mackenzie Schneider each helped one of the participants with serving.

"I love seeing [the girls] get better over these past four sessions," Massab said. "When they start getting something they get so excited, and it's so cute."

Toward the end of the session, the girls

split into two teams and played a game of volleyball. All the skills the girls learned were put to the test as they served, blocked and spiked their way to 21 points.

"I think we accomplished our goals with the clinic," Galli said. "I know it's a fundraiser for us at Oakland, but at the same time, it gets a lot of the kids back into our game environment."

Many of the girls and their parents attend the Oakland volleyball games at home or watch them on ESPN3 when the team is on the road.

"I'm sure it's really cool for them to actually be able to interact with us and learn from us," said redshirt freshman Jordan Lentz.

The winter clinic is scheduled for February, but the dates have not yet been confirmed.

Taking her life head-first

Despite benign brain tumor, Eding swims for Golden Grizzlies

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

Freshman swimmer Raleigh Eding takes her problems head-on.

In 2013, the Hamilton, Michigan, native and biochemistry major was informed of a brain tumor that lies on the left side of her head, directly behind her ear. Although the tumor is not cancerous and small in size — roughly a quarter of an inch wide — it was still a discovery that threatened the swimmer's career.

Initially, it was difficult to diagnose Eding due to the peculiar symptoms she had been experiencing.

"I started having these weird things in my mouth, so my parents took me to the doctor," Eding said. "The doctor didn't really know what it was, and she sent me to my dentist to see if there was a nerve problem."

Unable to attribute the symptoms to dental-related issues, doctors ordered an MRI. When the results came back, Eding was shocked to learn that she had a brain tumor.

"I was diagnosed as a freshman [in high school], so it was hard to deal with at that time," Eding said.

She was then referred to a neurosurgeon.

"They said that I was actually having seizures in my mouth," Eding said. "They were scheduled to remove [the tumor], but after taking another look at it, they decided that it wasn't worth the risk of taking it out."

The news offered partial relief for Eding, who had been training for the 2013 Girls Division 3 State Finals, where she managed to take second in the 100-yard backstroke in 57.52 seconds.

Eding considers her family her biggest advocates.

"My mom was a swimmer, and I started around seven with age-group swimming in the summer and winter," Eding said. "I started swimming year-round when I was 12. My parents were a really big part and helped me through a lot."



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

Diagnosed with a benign brain tumor as a freshman in high school, Raleigh Eding swims as a freshman in college.

She also noted the significant role her high school coach, Eric Talsma, had in helping her overcome the obstacle.

"I went through a period of depression after I was diagnosed, but my high school swim coach helped me out of that. He sat me down and told me that I could either beat it, or I could let it beat me, and that made all the difference."

Eding swims the backstroke, butterfly and freestyle at Oakland. As a Golden Grizzly, she hopes to bring in more accolades for the program.

"I really like the school, I really like the team, and I feel like I fit in very well here. The academics are really good and it felt like home. I think NCAAs would be a big thing to achieve, so that is always a goal. I'm just training harder every day."

Men's and women's head swim coach Pete Hovland said it'll take time.

"For some of the kids like Raleigh that come out of high school, this is a huge adjustment for them," Hovland said. "This is a process, and I try to tell the kids that. Don't expect things right away, because we're in a very, very heavy training period right now."

Despite the strenuous training sessions, Eding seems to be acclimating well.

"I think Raleigh, like all the

freshmen, is probably wondering what she got herself into, but she'll adjust and adapt just like everybody," Hovland said. "She's got a great personality and work ethic and likes to race. She's doing great with her teammates and fits in really well."

Today, Eding continues to combat and monitor the tumor.

"I go in for MRIs every now and then, and I've had a few EEGs [electroencephalograms] to track the epilepsy," she said. "I'm also on medication. I realized that it doesn't really affect me physically other than the mouth thing."

Eding's endeavor has ultimately been a positive experience.

"I think it made me more resilient," she said. "It made me realize that I can overcome things like that. It's just a small part of my day, the medication regulates it, and I've just grown to live with it."

According to the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA), "It is estimated that more than 4,600 individuals between the ages of 0-19 will be diagnosed with a primary brain tumor this year."

The association also cites brain tumors as the "most common cancer among those aged 0-19."

Eding hopes to one day promote awareness of the condition.

"I haven't had much time to look into that, but I definitely would like to," she said.

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Volleyball (15-9, 7-3)

The Golden Grizzlies split a pair of matches over the weekend, beating Green Bay in five sets on Friday, Oct. 21, and losing in five sets to UIC on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Oakland came back in the win against Green Bay, going down in the first set, trading the next three and closing it out in the fifth, 15-10.

Melissa Deatsch led the Golden Grizzlies with 15 kills, followed by Jessica Dood with 11 and Sammy Condon with 10. Jordan Lentz had 44 of the team's 54 assists. Alli Gutschow led the team with 13 digs, followed by Deatsch with 12 and Lauren Dolmage with 11. Krysteena Davis led Oakland in block assists with eight, followed by Lentz and Darien Bandel with three each.

UIC got Oakland in the first set Saturday night, 25-22, but the Golden Grizzlies grabbed the next two. The Flames edged out Oakland by two in the fourth and took the fifth 15-10.

Deatsch led the Golden Grizzlies with 20 kills, followed by Bandel with 19 and Dood with 11. Lentz got 50 of the team's 68 assists (her second time ever getting 50 or more assists). Gutschow got 22 digs (a season high), followed by Lentz with 21 and Darrin Rice with 14. Dood led the team in block assists with six, followed by Megan Hobler with four and Davis with three.

Oakland sits in third place in the Horizon League standings. The Golden Grizzlies play Northern Kentucky at home at 6 p.m. ET on Friday, Oct. 28, 2016.

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Chase Jabbori trails Belmont's Adriano Balani. Jabbori had three of the Golden Grizzlies' 23 total shots in the 2-0 loss to the Bruins.

Men's soccer outshoots Bruins, loses

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

Oakland University men's soccer (5-8-0, 4-3-0) fell 2-0 to Belmont University (2-11-3, 1-4-2) on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Oakland Soccer Field. Oakland is fourth in the Horizon League standings, while Belmont is ninth out of the ten teams.

Oakland outnumbered Belmont in shots, 23-5, but the Golden Grizzlies could not connect with the net. Austin Ricci led Oakland with seven shots, while Chase Jabbori, AJ Shaw and Wilfred Williams recorded three shots each. Oakland also led Belmont in corner kicks, 9-4.

An offside call in the third minute interrupted Belmont's momentum early in the game, but two corner kicks provided new opportunities for the Bruins. Oakland defended the net, and after Belmont got a series of fouls in the sixth minute, the Golden Grizzlies went on the offensive.

Ricci ripped the first shot of the game wide from close on the left wing. Nebojsa Popovic quickly followed in the 18th minute with a shot from the close right wing that went high.

After the teams traded fouls, Oakland convened on Belmont's net once again. This time, it was Jabbori and Ricci who sent shots barreling toward the net in

the 22nd and 25th minutes, but Belmont's defense held and blocked the shots.

Belmont regained possession of the ball and got a corner kick in the 27th minute, and the Bruins began pressing the Golden Grizzlies.

Belmont's Jack Driscoll, assisted by Adriano Balani, scored the first goal of the game and his second of the season in the 28th minute. Driscoll took a pass in the top of the circle and beat Oakland goalkeeper Liam McQueenie with a shot from eight yards out.

The teams continued brawling for the ball, but Oakland gained the upper hand in the 35th minute when Ricci got off a shot that was blocked from close in the right wing. The Golden Grizzlies sustained their presence in Belmont's territory.

A corner kick from Popovic put the ball in front of the net, where Shaw executed a shot that was blocked. Just under a minute later, Ricci unleashed a shot that flew high.

Despite concerted efforts, Oakland went into halftime down 1-0 to Belmont.

The Golden Grizzlies returned from the intermission with the intention to expand their offensive efforts. Although Oakland surpassed Belmont in shots 15-3 in the second half, the Golden Grizzlies still had trouble netting a goal.

Play mimicked the first half, but the

outcome of the match was solidified in Belmont's favor when Eli Crognale, assisted by Elliot Jones, scored his first goal of the season in the 84th minute. Crognale's shot was not deflected, coming from 13 yards out in the far left wing.

Oakland scrambled to answer as time ran out, but ultimately Belmont came out on top.

"I think going down [in the first half] really rattled us, and from there we were on edge," McQueenie said.

Williams was quick to acknowledge Belmont's tenacity.

"We talked about it in the locker room that this team had nothing to lose," Williams said. "They're at the bottom of the league and they were just playing their hearts out. That's one thing we didn't do tonight in the beginning: coming out and playing strong."

Williams also stressed the importance of the remaining games.

"This is a lesson learned for us, and we're on our heels right now. Every game matters and every win matters," he said.

Oakland head coach Eric Pogue agreed with his players.

"We knew we were going to get a very strong Belmont team," Pogue said. "They were creating chances and battling hard all the time. When you go down 1-0, I think that goal just keeps getting smaller, smaller and smaller."

Women's soccer splits games before tourney

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W 1-0 at Valparaiso, Oct. 22

The result came off a Valpo own goal in the 36th minute. A Crusader passed the ball back to goalkeeper Tess Barrett, and it went in.

Oakland head coach Mags Saurin mentioned Alison Holland and her shutout and said it was great, but that there was something else.

"She took a few hits tonight, showing how brave she is in there, making it very difficult for them to get the ball past her," Saurin said in a GrizzVision interview. "Very happy with our team performance today on both sides of the ball."

The teams garnered 40 fouls, 22 for Oakland and 18 for Valpo. Valpo got three yellow cards and Oakland one.

L 1-0 at Detroit, Oct. 19

The Detroit goal came in the 93rd minute when Phylisha Drayton netted the only goal of the game from a turnover at the top of the box.

Play was largely restricted to the midfield in the first half, but Oakland managed to outshoot Detroit 4-1 in those 45 minutes.

Detroit led the game in fouls, accumulating 18 to Oakland's 11.

Oakland tallied 11 shots in total compared to Detroit's seven. The Golden Grizzlies placed eight shots on target, doubling Detroit's four. Oakland also led in corner kicks, 6-5.

"Obviously losing to Detroit is a tough one," Oakland head coach Mags Saurin said in a GrizzVision interview. "They capitalized off a mistake in the back and punished us for it."

What now?

Oakland (7-9-1, 4-4-0) sits at sixth out of ten teams in the Horizon League standings. The league tournament begins on Oct. 31, with subsequent rounds on Nov. 3 and Nov. 5. The location of the games will be at the "highest seed that meets facility requirements," according to HorizonLeague.org.

Oakland's regular season finale is at 7 p.m. ET on Friday, Oct. 28, against Wright State. It will be Senior Night, and the game will be broadcast live on ESPN3.