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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**WELCOMING THE YEAR OF THE WOODEN HORSE**// The China Club, Asian American Association, Chinese Friendship Association and International Allies teamed up Monday, Feb. 10 for the annual Lunar New Year Celebration. The celebration, open to all OU students and staff, was held in the Banquet Rooms of the OC and ran from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. There was free food and shows to promote Chinese culture. *Kailey Johnson// The Oakland Post*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

How prepared are you for your midterms?

- ☐ A I've still got to study.
- ☐ B Extremely prepared. Consider my tests aced.
- ☐ C I feel decent, but I've felt better.
- ☐ D I'm wingin' it. YOLO.

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

Have you ever been to a hookah bar?

A) I don't like to smoke, or be around it

62.1%

B) All the time, it's my favorite place to hang

0%

C) I've been there a few times

34.5%

D) No, but I've always wanted to go

3.4%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### FEBRUARY 19, 1965

Construction on the new Matilda R. Wilson began. George Karas, Director of the Physical Plant, hoped for completion by mid-1966.

### FEBRUARY 19, 1979

Oakland University's vending machine providers switched from Canteen to the ARA (now known as Aramark) food company. The old vending machines regularly needed service and high-traffic student areas were often out-of-order.

### FEBRUARY 19, 1997

A search committee presented five candidates for Vice President of Academic Affairs to President Gary Russi. The five candidates would visit campus sometime in March 1997.



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### STUDENTS GIVING VOICE

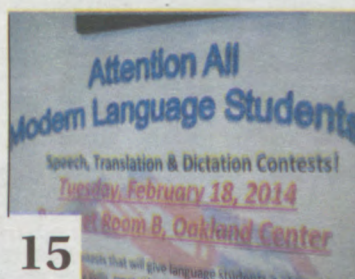
The OU Student Congress met Monday to discuss the ongoing search for Oakland University's next president, among other things.



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### D III CLUB MAKES NATIONALS

Thanks in part to senior forward Collin Elkins of the OU Division III hockey club, the team will take part in the ACHA National Championship Tournament March 11-15.



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### LOST IN TRANSLATION

Students participated in speech, translation and dictation contests Tuesday in Banquet Room B. Languages covered included French, Spanish and German.

## BRR...THE NUMBERS

355.9 inches

Michigan record for snowfall in winter of '78-'79

81.3 inches

record for least snowfall, '30-'31

14

No. of inches needed to break current record

15

degrees, all-time average low in February in Michigan

10.8

degrees, current average low in February



## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Questions for Miller don't bode well with viewers, journalists

American skier, Bode Miller won a bronze medal Sunday, Feb. 16, making him the oldest alpine skier to win a medal in Olympics history.

It was his sixth medal in five Olympics and a time for celebration and emotion. However, an NBC reporter, Christin Cooper, was waiting for him at the finish line—ready to swoop in and capture that emotion.

During the interview, Cooper repeatedly asked Miller questions regarding the death of his brother, Chelone.

Chelone, who had dreams of competing in the 2014 Olympics, died last year after suffering a seizure.

Cooper did what any reporter would do and asked Miller about his brother and what his thoughts were after the race.

Specifically:

1. "Bode, you're showing so much emotion down here, what's going through your mind?"
2. "I know you wanted to be here with Chelone and really experience these games, how much does it mean to you to come up with a great performance

for him? And was it for him?"

3. "When you're looking up at the sky in the start, we see you there and it just looks like you're talking to somebody. What's going on there?"

The problem is that Miller began crying after the first question— and by the third he was doubled over, unable to speak. Making matters worse, NBC continued to roll the camera for about 45 seconds as Miller continued to cry.

Cooper's interview with Miller prompted an outrage. Viewers and journalists vented online, in print and on air. According to an article from The New York Times, "in this instance, Cooper and NBC lacked the sensitivity to know when enough was enough."

We at The Post agree with this stance, but we think that overall, Cooper did the right thing as a journalist.

According to the same New York Times article, "He might have cried on his own, for his brother, for joy, for the way his life had changed. But had the tears not been provoked by Cooper's questions, we probably would not have seen that emotion."

As journalists, we seek the truth and give a voice to the voiceless. It is our duty to show the audience that raw emotion that NBC captured.

We just don't think Cooper went about it the right way.

The first and second questions she asked make sense. The third question seems to be almost rhetorical and didn't receive an answer. The rapid succession of the questions also makes it look as though she was badgering Bode, waiting for him to break down.

His response after the second question would've been sufficient.

Although Cooper has been vilified for her actions, Miller stood up for her on Twitter, saying:

"My emotions were very raw, she asked the questions that every interviewer would have, pushing is part of it, she wasn't trying to cause pain."

Miller himself understood the necessity of the questions, meaning Cooper had the right idea.

However, that doesn't mean Cooper had to ask her final question.

Bode Miller was already crying.

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EDITORIAL

# A Reflection- My Life: Deafined

*Student discusses her loss of hearing and its unique impact on the world around her*

**S**o, I can't hear things. Actually, I can't hear a lot of things. I can't hear my teacher diligently explain why their favorite author is the world's greatest writer, or how that even relates to my Statistics class.

I can't hear my roommate complain that I make "repetitive" noises throughout my morning routine, waking her up. I (thankfully) can't hear crying babies that seem to plague grocery stores across America.

But, unfortunately, I still managed to have enough hearing to awake at 2:46 on a Wednesday morning to the sound of a fire alarm and the refreshing smell of a freshman's burnt cookie.

My deafness is a little rare. In fact, it is actually one of the rarest. I have sensorineural hearing loss. Basically, it means that ever since I was born the little nerves in my ear that once allowed me to hear



**JENNA  
VAROSI-GARAVAGLIA**  
Contributor

the birds simply started dying. They fell like dominoes for years until finally, about seven months ago, one too many had fallen and hearing aids were no longer efficient.

There are many aspects to my life that I never thought would be so drastically changed because of my deafness. I find that I am more patient with people, because they need to be patient with me. My balance isn't anywhere near as graceful as it used to be.

I can't go through a drive-thru window with a poor McDonalds' employee thinking I'm going to turn him into Swiss cheese.

Don't get me wrong, being deaf isn't the end of the world. In fact, I've met some pretty interesting people along the way.

My roommate and best friend, Becky Starke, was there when I started losing the last bit of my hearing. She decided to learn a whole new language just so she could make me feel comfortable.

Remember that freshman's cookie I told you about earlier? She came busting in the door not two seconds later to make absolutely sure I hear the alarm. I never would have had the same relationship with her that I do now I had never become deaf.

My deafness even led me to meet the man I actually feel the need to listen to all the time. Not only was he the first guy to be intrigued about my disability and what it does, but he was the first one who was willing to put up with it for more than a year.

In addition to these wonderful relationships, I also meet people from the opposite end of the spectrum. I have had job offers revoked, my heart broken, and even been labeled as mentally retarded by a retail worker.

Overall, being deaf has given me a perspective that I simply would not give up, even if it meant regaining my hearing. I simply spend too much time enjoying things I see, feel, and experience to give it away. Every day I meet people love me and appreciate me for who I am, and one of those people is me.

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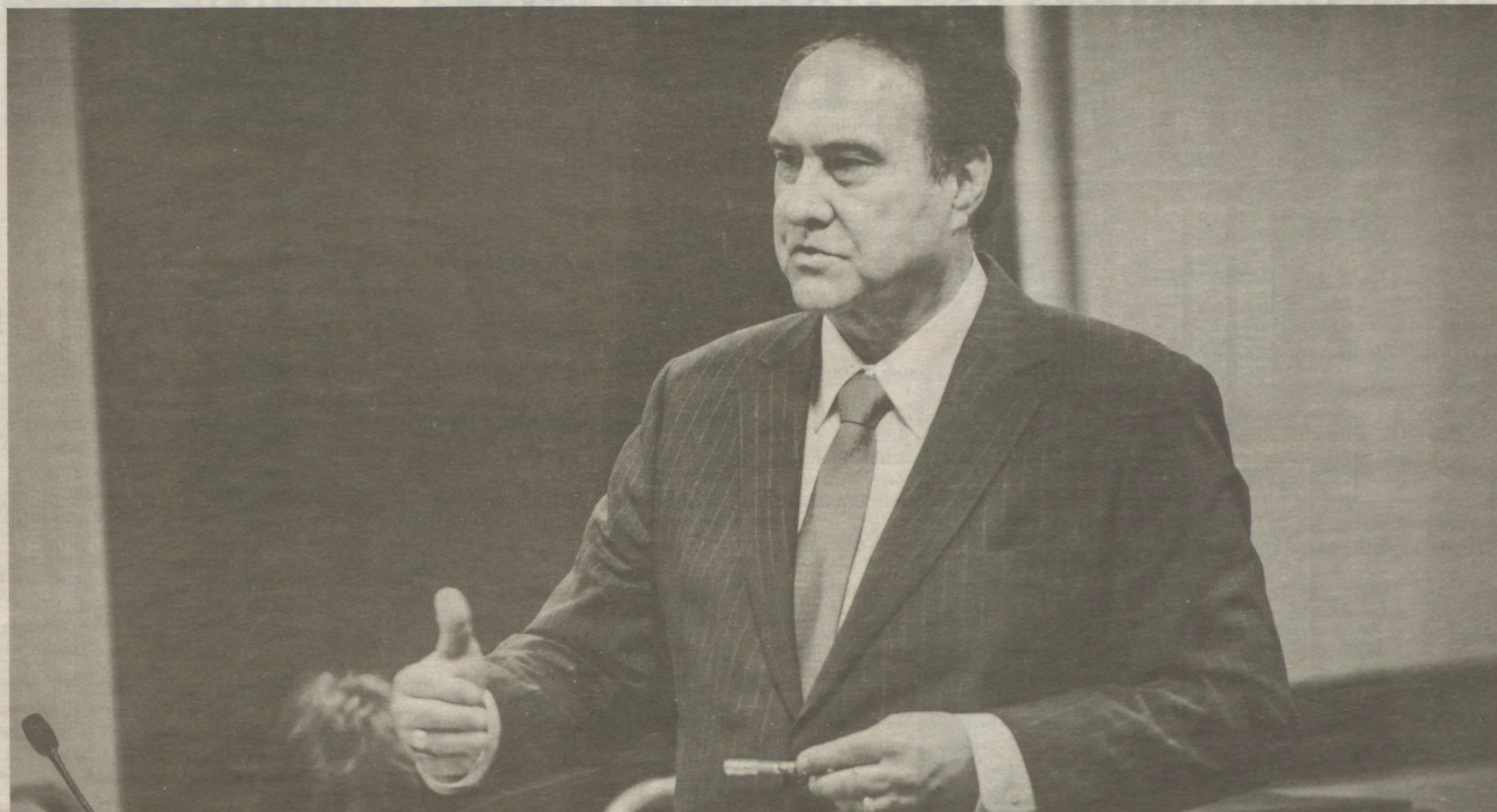
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William Funk is the founder and leader of R. William Funk & Associates and has worked with 375 schools. Oakland University hired his company in December 2013 to help find a new president

## OUSC contributes its voice

*Student Congress members speak with leader of ongoing presidential search, share opinions*

**Ali DeRees**  
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University Student Congress met Monday, Feb. 17 to share its opinions on the presidential search and approve a bill that will provide funding for the next Salsa Night.

This week's OUSC meeting welcomed Mr. William Funk to speak and listen to members' opinions as to who should be the next president of Oakland University.

Funk is the founder and leader of R. William Funk & Associates, a higher education search firm based in Dallas, Texas that focuses on finding presidents, vice presidents, chancellors, provosts and deans for colleges and universities.

The Oakland University Board of Trustees chose to work with the firm in December of this year.

Funk said his firm has worked with 375 schools. It has successfully located presidents for universities such as Ohio State University.

Funk came to the OUSC to gather opinions as to what is so compelling about Oakland University and what they want to see in the next president of the university.

"It's quite an opportunity, we think, to take this institution to the next level," Funk said.

Many members of the OUSC said that they wanted a president that was involved in student life and understands the potential and growth of the university.

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Chairman Phillip Johnson said that he wants to see a president who is "approachable and student friendly."

Legislator Laina Townsend echoed Johnson's thoughts and said she wanted to see "someone who is very involved in student life."

Other legislators had more specific requests and opinions.

Legislator Liz Iwanski said she'd like to see a president with "a future driven mind," noting that the university is dealing with the issue of lack of space.

Legislator Jeffrey Schuett said he wants to see a president who is more veteran friendly and "who understands the projected growth of vets."

Legislator Ellen Searle noted that diversity is very important to the university and that the next president should "take an active role in

promoting diversity."

Funk said the search for the next president will take about six months and will be nationwide.

"Coast to coast, border to border," Funk said.

In addition to this discussion, a bill providing funding to the Hispanic American Leadership Organization's Salsa Night was passed by the OUSC.

Legislator Josh Pokrefky was in charge of the bill and said that \$500 would go towards the overall cost of the event, which will be scheduled for March 14.

CSA Director, Jean Ann Miller also celebrated the achievements of the 13th annual PB&J Day.

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# Political purge left Röhm in ruins

*Derek Hastings talks Nazi involvement in WWII for History Comes Alive Lecture*

Ali DeRees  
Staff Reporter

**N**azis: Most people cringe when hearing the word.

The Nazi involvement in WWII is a sensitive subject, one that history professor Derek Hastings has spent nearly 20 years researching.

"How a country that was so highly cultured could wind up embracing such a brutal ideology," Hastings said.

Hastings has been working at Oakland University for 10 years. His major fields of study include modern Europe, German history, nationalism and religion and society.

Recently, Hastings presented for the history department's History Comes Alive Lecture series. His presentation "The Remarkable Rise and Spectacular Fall of a Nazi Icon: The Case of Ernst Röhm," gave a look into the career and life of Nazi leader Ernst Röhm.

Röhm was an officer in the Bavarian Army and eventually worked alongside Hitler in the early Nazi party.

Hastings described Röhm as "a gay

man in a homophobic movement."

This along with his growing power in the Sturmabteilung (the paramilitary wing of the Nazi party) lead to his execution in the political purge known as the Night of the Long Knives.

The presentation drew not only Oakland University students, but students from local area high schools.

Lake Orion High School seniors Kaitlin Parrott and Arianna Ilenich are enrolled in an Advanced Placement European history course.

"The lecture was optional for our class," Parrott said.

"We are currently learning about World War II," Ilenich added.

Fellow Lake Orion classmate Maddy Marquardt said that supplemental lectures like this make classroom lessons much more interesting.

Hastings' presentation on Röhm couples with the book he is writing on the Nazi leader, which will be out in the next few years.

Oxford University Press published his earlier book, "Catholicism and the Roots of Nazism: Religious Identity and National Socialism," in 2009.

Along with the Röhm book, Hastings is working on a book on nationalism in modern Europe.

Hastings grew up in Michigan and moved to New York when he was 18. He

attended Sony Brook University in Long Island for his undergraduate degree and attended University of Chicago for his Ph.D.

"By the time I went to grad school, I knew I wanted to do European history," Hastings said.

He participated in a summer fellowship in Munich in 1997 and also did research at the University of Munich from 1999 to 2000.

Hastings still travels to Germany every summer, usually spending two months. This summer he went to Munich for research on Röhm.

When doing in-depth research, Hastings said he looks at what other historians have written and look for what he calls "holes in the literature."

Hastings said, when you find one piece of information, it leads to the next.

"It morphs from one aspect to the next aspect," Hastings said. "You don't know what the puzzle looks like at the outset."

While teaching, Hastings said he likes to see his students engage in "the active interpretation" of history.

Through his work and teaching, Hastings said there's a great lesson to be learned from Nazi history.

"Trying to make the world aware of what happens to the world when you are uncomfortable with people who are different from them," Hastings said.

## POLICE FILES

### Marijuana in car

OUPD responded to P-31 near the new facilities management for a suspicious car Feb. 13 5:02 a.m.

When the officer approached the car, it was parked and running. The officer could see a glass jar full of marijuana through the driver's window. Next to the jar on the passenger's seat was a pipe.

Police entered the building and located the car's owner. There was only the owner inside the building.

When asked, the owner admitted that there was marijuana in the jar, and that it was his.

The owner was issued a ticket. OUPD weighed the marijuana, which totaled 0.3 grams. All evidence was placed in a storage locker.

### Destruction of property

Officers were dispatched to P-43 for destruction to a car Feb. 13. at 12:55 p.m.

The owner a 2004 Mercedes Benz said he parked in P-1 at 9:40 a.m. and when he returned at noon, he saw a long scratch. The scratch reached from the front of the rear wheel well to middle of the driver's side door.

The student said he believed that no one was upset with him, but admitted someone might be jealous of him.

The investigation is pending.

### Theft of keys

An employee from Classroom Support called OUPD to file a larceny report Feb. 10 at 2:13 p.m.

The employee stated that an ex-employee did not return five Oakland University keys. The keys can open about 125 general purpose classrooms and equipment cabinets in those classrooms.

He said he left the ex-employee three voicemails, two emails and four texts.

OUPD discovered that the ex-employee was convicted of a DWI in February and is currently on probation.

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## Grizzlies on the Prowl: "When did you realize you were on your own/grown up?"



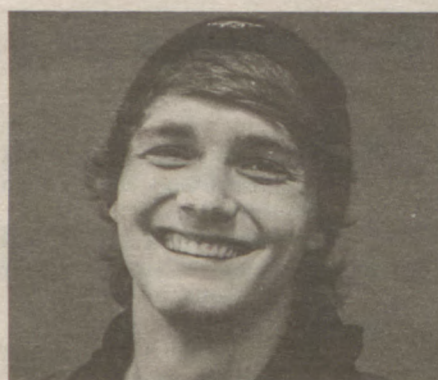
Erica Kin, sophomore, nutrition

"Well I still live at home... My parents are very strict and they still treat me like a little kid even though I'm 20."



Adriana Lo Pittolo, junior, French

"I think when I moved out of home. I'm from Venezuela, so I don't see them (my parents) for a year... I might not go home this summer so it will be two years."



Brian Feldpausch, sophomore, health sciences

"The first month of my freshman year. Everything just kind of hit me at once."



# Keeping it classical

*Oakland Symphony Orchestra performs with student soloists*

Andrew Wernette  
Staff Reporter

Varner Recital Hall came alive Sunday, Feb. 16, with the 17th Annual David Daniels Young Artists Concert. Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance was responsible for holding the event.

The concert is named after former Music Director David Daniels. Part of its purpose is to exemplify student talent in musical studies.

The concert was performed by the Oakland Symphony Orchestra (OSO), a combination of students, alumni, faculty and notable musicians from the southeast Michigan area. Gregory Cunningham, Director of Orchestral Studies at Oakland University and Music Director of the OSO, led the orchestra for the evening.

"This is really an opportunity to showcase what goes on here at the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance," Cunningham

ham said in his address to the audience.

Many people, young and old, turned out for the event.

"I've taken a couple of music classes and have had to come here before," said Vinnie Warren, a sophomore. Warren explained that he had come to take notes on the concert and the auditorium.

The performance began with Overture to Oberon by von Weber, a festive piece with a courtly rhythm. The next selection, "Voi Lo Sapete" from Cavalleria rusticana, featured an operatic feat sung by soprano Samantha Wood, a Master's student at OU. Eric Essler, a junior at OU and a renowned saxophonist in the Southeast Michigan area, soloed along with the orchestra for the piece Scaramouche.

Other student soloists who performed with the orchestra included soprano singer Ann Toomey in "Je dis que rien ne m'épouvante" from Carmen, and pianist Alexander Kopitz in Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Mi-

nor, Op.18, by Rachmaninoff.

"I thought it was very good," audience member Mike Hickey said after the performance. He said he attended because a partner of his was one of the bassoon players.

"All of the solos were very good," he said.

Cunningham, the director of the orchestra, agreed on the program's success.

"It's very unnerving," Cunningham said of the pressure soloists can face onstage. He thought that they had put on a good show this year.

Cunningham explained that the concert has been held annually for a few decades, being renamed after David Daniels left the position of Music Director. He does not see it ending any time soon.

"This will probably go on as long as the orchestra is in residence," he said.

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The cello section of the Oakland Symphony Orchestra drops a fat beat for orchestral director Gregory Cunningham. "It's very unnerving," he said.

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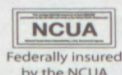


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# A TALE OF TWO T

Story by Matt Saulino Photos by Jake Alsko and Matt Saulino Design by Frank Lepkowski

**T**he Oakland University men's basketball team is finishing up their regular season, and they are hoping to get hot heading into the tournament.

Currently sitting at 10-18 (5-8 Horizon), the Golden Grizzlies are hoping their chance to recast their season in a more positive light hasn't come and went.

Inconsistency has plagued Oakland all year. Saber-metric statistics like free throw percentage, turnovers and steals suggest a winning product, but no dice.

"It's a weird dynamic, it really is, we find a way to bumble it," OU head coach Greg Kampe said. "In every one of the games we make big plays it's just weird stuff is happening."

Oakland led for the vast majority of the game against both Detroit Mercy and Wright State over Valentine's Day weekend.

Both games were decided on a missed shot as time expired, but, appropriately enough, the key stops OU needed to hold on against UDM were nowhere to be found late against WSU, who overcame 10 points in two minutes. with the Raiders coming back from 10 down in the final two minutes.

"We lose a 10-point lead in two-minutes, and we didn't even miss a free throw, Kampe said. "(I've) never really seen much like it before."

## "Consistently Inconsistent"

The problems the Grizzlies have faced seem to fluctuate from game to game, making it tough to pinpoint what exactly needs to be fixed.

The most noticeable difference between the two games, was the performance of OU senior guard Travis Bader. In the win over Detroit, Bader scored 30. Against Wright State, he finished with only nine points.

Bader acknowledged how his role has changed during his time at Oakland.

"On the other teams I was kind of the begin-

ner, I had a role of just coming out here and shooting the ball," Bader said. "And now, I have a greater role and I'm trying to lead this team."

Bader's production doesn't necessarily mean a Grizzly victory, however, as the team is just 1-3 this season when he scores 30-plus.

## Do the stats lie?

In their best performance during league play, the Grizzlies shot 54 percent and lost, but were able to win only shooting 41 percent in their first matchup at Detroit.

In their most recent tilt with the Titans, the Grizzlies turned the ball over 20 times and won. At Cleveland State, Oakland committed just two turnovers and lost.

"We're consistently inconsistent," Kampe said. "That's probably the only thing you can say about this team. We shoot the ball poorly, and then we shoot it well, and then we shoot poorly (again). I don't have an answer to it."

The Grizzlies ranked in the top 40 in scoring offense last season. This year, OU has struggled to find consistency and currently ranks 104th at 73.8 points a game. That number ranks fifth in the Horizon League. Defensively they are four points worse than any other defense, allowing 77.4 point per game.

"I do think we're much better defensively now than at the beginning of the conference season," Kampe said.

Over the last six games the Grizzlies are allowing over 78 points per game, a number that hurts the defensive stat.

Oakland is allowing opponents to shoot over 48 percent and is getting outrebounded by more than five boards a game this season. All of this, despite having the conference's leading rebounder in center Corey Petros at 8.2 a game.

Petros fouled out during the final few minutes against Wright State, and his absence inside left the Grizzlies vulnerable.



Oakland's defense struggled late

"The main thing I focus on is rebounding," Petros said. "I've seen them (other teams) double a lot more, and are focusing down low a but you still have to fight through that and through it."

## Believing is achieving

No one knows better than Bader, the most prolific collegiate shooter of all-time, that all takes is one game to get hot.

"With this team we have great shooters, we have great scorers, great talent, we haven't been able to put it together all year," he said. "If we can put it together going into the tournament we can be pretty scary."

OU is set to go on the road to play at the University of Illinois at Chicago on Feb. 20. After that, Oakland comes back home to face Green Bay, then finishes on the road against Youngstown State.

These games should shed a little more light on what this team will be when entering the Ho-



# TEAMS



OU freshman guard Kahlil Felder scored 15 points, grabbed a career-high 10 rebounds and dished for 11 assists. Felder recorded just the eighth triple-double in Division I basketball this season.



Oakland's Grizz Gang came out in droves as a record-attendance of 4,065 packed the O'rena.

uggled late, allowing Wright State to shoot 57 percent from the field in the second half.

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zon League Tournament.

"The good is, is that we can win on any given night, we can beat anyone in this league," Kampe said. "When you're going into tournament time, if you believe that, you have a chance to do it."

The players have remained on this bandwagon of belief.

"I don't think anybody really wants to play us in the tournament, and that just may be my personal belief," Bader said. "Every single game we're right there."

Senior guard Duke Mondy, who has found himself in late-game heroics several times this season, also believes in the Grizzlies' chances as the regular season comes to a close.

"I think if you ask around the conference, and if they give you their honest opinions, we can be one of the most scary teams, despite our record," he said. "A thing we've got to work on is learning how to finish games."

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Courtesy of OU Division III Hockey Club

"I knew I was going to Oakland by then, but I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to continue my hockey career," Elkins said

## Star senior leads Division III hockey club charge to national tournament

By Jackson Gilbert  
Staff Reporter

For the first time since the creation of OU's Division III hockey club eight years ago, the Golden Grizzlies are headed to the National Tournament.

The Grizzlies (24-3-4) sit atop the final ACHA North rankings, earning an automatic qualification to the league's National Tournament which will be held from March 11-15 on the campus of Florida Atlantic University, located in Coral Springs, Fla.

This has been a long time coming for the Grizzlies. The team has come close in years past but has never been able to put it all together late in the season. This season marked great improvement for the team, with contributions coming from all of their senior leaders.

### Leading the squad

At the top of the stat sheet for most of the season, senior forward and captain Collin Elkins has led the Grizzlies through what has easily been their best season to date. Elkins leads the team with 43 points, with 22 goals and 21 assists, good for first and third-best on the team, respectively.

"I knew I was going to Oakland by then, but I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to continue my hockey career," Elkins said.

After one of his games as a senior in high school at Walled Lake Northern, the then-coach of Oakland's Division I hockey club handed Elkins his business card.

### Some time off

Elkins took his first year of college off before getting back in contact with the coaches. He tried out for both of Oakland's clubs, making the Division III

"Over the past four years he has been a great offensive weapon and his senior leadership has helped the program to where we are today,"

Derek Sulpizio  
Team co-captain

team. It's a good thing he did.

"Back then it was a bunch of guys just starting out," he said. "A lot of us have been playing together for four years now, and there are certainly a few characters that I'll never forget."

The forward also acknowledged how lucky he's been to stay healthy throughout his career, minus a few shoulder problems. Elkins could have moved up to the D1 team over his career but says he never felt the need to.

"(He's) been a great asset

to the team on and off the ice," fellow captain Derek Sulpizio said. "Over the past four years he has been a great offensive weapon and his senior leadership has helped the program to where we are today." Sulpizio also mentioned that the team usually refers to Collin as "Elky."

The Grizzlies have been finishing up the regular season in style. They completed a season sweep of longtime rival U-M Flint and are now set to compete in the first round of the MCHC tournament (essentially the local Division III hockey conference) against Adrian College on Feb. 28.

The team will then take part in the ACHA National Championship Tournament March 11-15.

For more information on Oakland's Division III hockey club visit [www.htosports.com/OAKLANDHOCKEYD3](http://www.htosports.com/OAKLANDHOCKEYD3)

## THE SPORTING BLITZ

### Swimming and Diving

Sophomore Karin Tomeckova traveled to the Orlando Grand Prix to compete Saturday in the 200-meter backstroke. Tomeckova finished in eighth place and achieved an "A" standard qualifying time for the 2014 European Championships, which take place this August in Germany. She returned home shortly after and will travel with the team to participate in the Horizon League Championship at Cleveland State from Feb. 26 to March 1.

### Track and Field

Both of the Golden Grizzlies men's and women's teams traveled to the Grand Valley State Big Meet over the weekend, putting on a strong performance. Karli Keur won the women's mile with a time of 5:06.19, beating a field of 57. Candice Mack had a fifth place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.54. For the men, Jeff Arirguzo continued his strong season with a fifth place finish in the 200 with a time of 22.07, with teammate Nicholas Girodat finishing third in the event, posting a 21.95. The Grizzlies will now prepare for the Horizon League Championship at Youngstown State on March 1 and 2.

### Baseball

The Horizon League announced last week that the Golden Grizzlies were picked fifth in the Preseason Coaches Poll. Chris Van Dyke was also named to the Preseason All-League Team at the designated hitter position. The Grizzlies will begin their season at Oklahoma State on Feb. 21 in a weekend tournament featuring four games at Allie P. Reynolds Stadium.

— Compiled by  
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Sports Reporter

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# Oakland to hold 2014 MASAL conference

*Professors to speak  
on science, arts and  
humanities research*

By Kaylee Kean  
Staff Reporter

The Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters Annual Conference will be held on Friday, Feb. 28 in the Oakland Center and South Foundation Hall.

Independent researchers, professors and undergraduates will be presenting throughout the day on over 30 different disciplines, according to Dr. Graeme Harper, dean of the Honors College.

The conference is held at a different Michigan college or university each year, according to Harper. This is Oakland's second time hosting the event.

"It's a really well-established celebration of research and things in Michigan - science, arts and letters," said Harper. "It's pretty much all varieties of stuff that people do in universities and colleges."

Oakland will simply act as host for the academy's event, but Harper said he and other faculty members will be planning a few events around it, such as recording interviews and sharing student and faculty research.

## A first time for everything

One interview Harper conducted was with Dr. Andrew Goldberg, associate professor of biomedical sciences.

Goldberg will be presenting his research on rod and cone photoreceptor cells at this year's conference with some of his students.

This is the first time Goldberg and his students will be participating in the conference, but Goldberg said he already sees the conference as a valuable experience for students.

"By presenting their lab research at a conference, undergrads can experience the original intent of high education," Goldberg wrote via email. "They begin to understand how ideas are revised over time, and how to distinguish authority based on expertise from authority based on status and position. For me, that's the heart of healthy democracy and the real promise of higher education."

It also helps students to develop important skills and relationships,



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"It's a really well-established celebration of research and things in Michigan - science, arts and letters," Dr. Graeme Harper said.

"A lot of institutions do research where the students can get involved, but they rarely have the sort of relationship that we have between professors and undergraduates in research,"

Dr. Graeme Harper  
Dean of Honors College

Goldberg said.

"Conferences are places new ideas are being born, discussed, and revised, and there's usually a real sense of adventure, excitement and fun that's driving people to make sense of whatever they are working on," Goldberg wrote. "All together, there may not be a better bang-for-the-buck for promoting teaching and learning."

Research from Oakland students and faculty will be showcased in the Oakland Center the day before the conference, according to Harper.

"Just to sort of say before we talk

about research generally and have all those papers tomorrow... let's think about all of the research going on around Oakland," Harper said.

## Researching and relationships

Harper said they are also having the conference's keynote speaker, climate change expert Dr. Frederick E. Nelson, coming in Thursday Feb. 27th to speak to students.

"There's a good tradition of Oakland students - as well as faculty - doing some really good presentations and research," Harper said.

Robert Zielinski, a 2012 Oakland University graduate, received an award during last year's conference for the most outstanding undergrad paper presented, according to Harper.

Goldberg said that while there are a few reasons he is at Oakland University, one of the factors that come in to play is the atmosphere created for students and faculty.

In his interview with Harper,

Goldberg said he stays at Oakland because of "the administrative culture that recognizes the unique contributions nationally competitive research programs make to a campus that truly values teaching and learning in a higher education context."

Harper said the fact that this is Oakland's second year hosting the MASAL conference is proof that "this is the sort of stuff we're good at doing."

"A lot of institutions do research where the students can get involved, but they rarely have the sort of relationship that we have between professors and undergraduates in research," said Harper. "Michigan Academy promotes that sort of stuff and that's cool. It's cool to have it here again to say, 'Hey, so do we. We like this stuff.'"

Anyone can register online or on-site the day of the conference. Email Dr. Harper at [gharper@oakland.edu](mailto:gharper@oakland.edu) for more information.

Contact Staff Reporter Kaylee Kean at [kmkean@oakland.edu](mailto:kmkean@oakland.edu).



# Outstanding adviser dedicated to students

*Renee Ligeski, communications adviser at Oakland, is recognized for her years of advising and service*

**Kailee Mathias**  
Staff Reporter

The Outstanding Professional Advising Award for 2013-14 was awarded to Renee Ligeski, an academic adviser in the Department of Communication and Journalism.

In order to receive the award, the person must be nominated. Erica Szajna and Charles Lapastora are both senior communication majors, and nominated Ligeski for the award. Both seniors will be graduating in April and felt Ligeski was a key factor in their journey to graduation.

"She really embodies what an academic outstanding adviser is," Erica Szajna, senior at Oakland said. "I think that Oakland is very lucky to have her and many students in the communication program that are able to speak with her are really blessed. I know I was blessed to have her as my academic adviser."

Initially, Ligeski received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in biology with secondary teacher certification in biology and physical science. However, she realized this wasn't her passion and decided to redirect her career choice by going to Oakland University and getting her master's degree in counseling in 1994.

During the second year of her graduate program is when she stumbled into an internship for advising that changed her life.

"I obviously had my own struggle in deciding what I wanted to do," Ligeski said. "So I became passionate about making a difference in helping students find their passion, because it took me so long to find my own."

Throughout her career at Oakland, Ligeski has advised students in Oakland University's School of Nursing, School of Business and Administration and College of Arts and Sciences.

"I've gotten a lot of exposure



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Renee Ligeski is an academic adviser for the College of Arts and Science.

to different student populations and I've found I like working with them all," Ligeski said.

For Ligeski, the award was not the biggest reward.

"The most important part was the appreciation and words that the students wrote in their letters," Ligeski said. "Everyone likes to think that they're making a difference and when I read the letters I saw I was. It reaffirmed the decision I made 20 years ago to do this."

"Whenever I get advised by Renee, I come out feeling helped," Laspastora said.

Laspastora is currently in an

internship at Fox 2 News this semester, which required him to take 20 credits. With the help of a slip Ligeski signed allowing him to take the course load, he has now found his niche.

"I ended up loving this internship and it made me realize what I want to do with my career," Laspastora said.

"Not only will I be finishing my degree in three years I'll also be getting a minor in applied leadership skills," Szajna said. "She assisted me throughout the whole process."

Ligeski will receive the award at a reception in April.

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# Fashion Passion



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Kayla Stringer, demonstrates some beauty techniques for the Make-up Madness event.

*Student org sponsors week-long demonstrations for those interested in make-up and style tips*

**Kailee Mathias**  
Staff Reporter

**F**ashion House at Oakland University kicks off their fashion week with the first event make-up madness.

The fashion week consists of events planned from Feb. 17-21. Throughout the course of the week there will be tie's got swag, a do-it-yourself custom clothes day, a fashion panel and a best-dressed contest to celebrate fashion week.

"My favorite thing about fashion is expressing yourself, you can tell a lot about a person based on how they dress," Dantel Shaw, Fashion House member said.

Make-up madness consisted of a make-up class instructed by Kayla Stringer. Stringer attended the Make-up Designory, located in New York and has been working with make-up for 11 years.

"It's been a passion of mine ever since I was a kid, I've always loved it," Stringer said. "I used to get into my mother's make-up bag."

Throughout the class she gave tips and tricks and shared her knowledge of working in cosmetology. She instructed the class on how to perform a smokey eye look. Questions were allowed to be asked while she demonstrated how to apply the make-up, and not one question stumped her. Whether it came to application of products or information on products Stringer provided answers.

Kathy Johns, who is working towards

becoming a learning leader in the field of cosmetology attended the class. Johns began working at Paul Mitchell, located in Sterling Heights, in August.

"There are so many opportunities," Johns said. "You can be a teacher, own your own business, do make-up or even work your way doing make-up for stars in Hollywood."

Stringer also sees the various opportunities in the field of make-up and aspires to receive an Oscar award for her make-up or possibly open up her own make-up academy. Stringer is also embraces the idea of teaching make-up to others.

"I think teaching people is important because it took me a while to educate myself and I want to be able to educate other people," Stringer said.

Along with every skill, applying make-up can come with its challenges and rewards.

"It's recognizing the face that can be tricky," Johns said. "I believe why there is so many hair dressers is because everybody has their own style, their own look and fashion it's our job to enhance the beauty of the individual."

"It's a confidence booster, you're helping someone feel better about themselves, I think that's the true gift of it," Stringer said.

To contact Kayla Stringer for personal make-up tips, look her up on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/kayla.stringer> or instagram, Kaylasmua.

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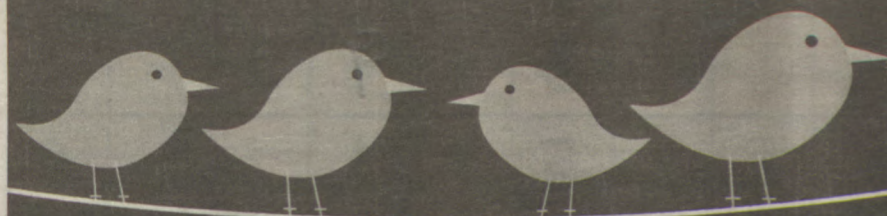
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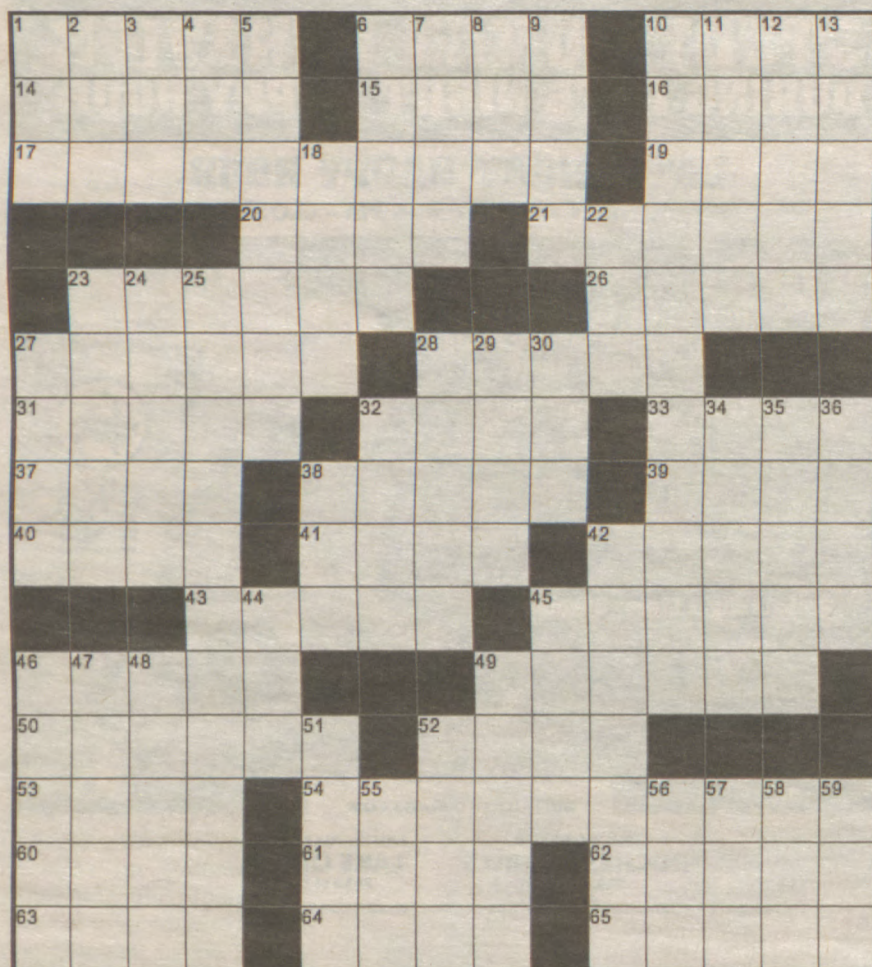
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# Puzzles



## Across

1. Publisher Henry and romance novelist Victoria
6. Spot of brandy
10. Melt
14. 'Farewell, François!'
15. Have the final say
16. Use a whetstone
17. Laundry
19. Elec., e.g.
20. Main point
21. 'No kidding?'
23. Kin of croissants
26. Does nothing
27. It may be stuffed in a box
28. Deli counter fish
31. Wind instrument
32. Alert with a beeper
33. Deep-massage developer
37. Island souvenirs
38. Bundled, as hay
39. \_\_\_\_\_ cheese
40. Sums up
41. Sailed right through
42. Ice cream concoctions
43. Perfects
45. Catlike
46. Eye protection
49. Six-line poem

## Down

1. I've \_\_\_\_\_ it up to here!'
2. Pindar product
3. Like cherries jubilee
4. Player's peg
5. Walter Reed, e.g.
6. Get into uniform
7. Falls, as into a chair
8. Peak stat
9. Dovetail
10. Real shocker
11. Monopoly acquisition
12. Spice rack selection
13. Whip marks
18. Gold layer
22. Coat of many colors?
23. Uncovered
24. Chilly
25. Bad places for stone

## throwers

27. Gaucho's cattle catcher
28. Marketing data
29. Stored to develop aroma, as tobacco
30. Four-poster, e.g.
32. Measure off a distance, perhaps
34. Jukebox choice
35. Wasn't uptight
36. Electrical surge protector
38. Prohibitor
42. Sonnet sections
44. Food scrap
45. Hatfield/McCoy relationship
46. Stringed Renaissance instruments
47. Inspire
48. Steeple top
49. Type of guitar
51. Right, on the map
52. Read quickly
55. McBride of 'Boston Public'
56. Touch of winter
57. Mai \_\_\_\_\_
58. Eyebrow shape
59. Place (a bet)

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## Attention All Modern Language Students

Speech, Translation & Dictation Contests!

**Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

**Banquet Room B, Oakland Center**

DMLL is sponsoring contests that will give language students a chance to have some fun with their language skills, meet other language students and compete for prizes!! These events are designed for non-native speakers of the languages.

### TRANSLATION CONTESTS

10:00-11:30

Translation will be from the target language into English. You may use your dictionary. Translation contests are open to students of French, German, Spanish, Japanese and Chinese.

### SPEECH CONTESTS

12:00-1:30

The speeches should be short (3-5 minutes max) and should be in the target language. There will be a winner in each language. Subject of the speeches: "Immigration". For example, you can give a speech in "Immigration".

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# Speaking in tongues

*Language students put their verbal skills to the test in bilingual campus contest*

By Ali DeRees  
Staff Reporter

Language students were able to show off their bilingual knowledge at the Speech, Translation and Dictation Contests. These contests have been going on for ten years now and include French, German, Spanish, Japanese, and Chinese languages.

Students were given an hour and a half for the translation contest. They were given an excerpt of a text from their prospective target languages to translate into English.

In the 90 minute speech contest, students gave a three-to-five minute speech on immigration.

French and Chinese students participated in the dictation contest in which professors of the prospective languages read a text out loud to the students and they wrote down what they heard.

Japanese Professor Akiko Kasiawagi-Wood was a judge for the Japanese students. She is proud of all who participated for having the confidence speak and write for a panel of judges.

Kasiawagi-Wood said this contest is the perfect opportunity for students to show what they've learned and is great to put on a resume.

She said that she gave the Japanese students an authentic article to translate. After the students translated the text it is given to literature professors to assess how well of a translation was done, according to Kasiawagi-Wood.

"We would like them to challenge themselves," Kasiawagi-Wood said.

Kasiawagi-Wood said she loves seeing the transformations her language students make from their freshman to senior year.

"We can see students growing," Kasiawagi-Wood said.

Japanese Major Christopher Mooradian participated in the speech and translation contests.

Mooradian said he believes studying foreign cultures has made him more aware of cultural prejudices.

"Maybe immigration can help with that," Mooradian said.

Mooradian studied abroad in Japan last winter for three and a half months. He was surprised to see how similar life was there compared to life in the U.S.

"Life is just life over there," he said. "I met the same personalities."

Mooradian said that the Japanese language is made up of two phonetic alphabets, one consisting of characters that must be memorized in order to draw and read them.

Junior and French major Leah Sandner was more than happy to challenge herself by competing in this contest.

"It was a personal challenge for me,"

Sandner said. "To see if I could do as well."

Sandner took part in the translation and dictation contests. Six students participated in the French dictation Sandner said. Two women read through stories about four times and the students wrote down what they heard, according to Sandner.

French is more than just a language or major for Sandner.

"I really love it, it's my life," she said.

She studied abroad in Angers, France last year. It took eight months for her to feel fluent in the language, she said.

Learning and becoming fluent in a foreign language takes time and hard work, according to Sandner.

"You need to have passion, you have to work at it everyday," Sandner said.

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# Mouthing Off

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## TV marathons are the best exercise

**Brian Figurski**  
Copy Editor / Addict

There's an epidemic blanketing the United States right now. It's an issue that's been growing, like a massive hernia on our pelvic floors, and it seems like now is the time for a rupture. I speak of the crisis in binge watching.

However, before you assume I'm pointing my fingers at Netflix, Hulu Plus or any other the myriad insta-television services, there is no fault there. No, it's each one of us that holds the blame.

As of late, many critics have come out against this idea that these new tools promote overindulgence of our thoughtless minds with moving media marathons. I am most familiar with Netflix's services, and it is true

that after watching anything, it will either automatically start another episode or give you a plethora of other programs to watch without moving more than your index finger.

I have this consistency when I start a season of television, I'll watch a couple episodes before bed and have lucid dreams of cooking meth or murdering serial killers or whispering to dogs, and in the morning, even before breakfast, I'm right back at it again.

And I solemnly swear breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

But I'm quick to realize it's my hand that grabs the remote, my finger that hits the power button.

The other day, I was up until 2:30 a.m., fully aware I had to get up in three and a half hours for work. And I wasn't even watching a Netflix



Salwan Georges / The Oakland Post

Brian Figurski is ready for 10 hours of TV.

program! I was stuck on that new True Detective show, a case in which I had to physically go out of my way to get the show on my God-blessed wall-mounted TV across from my bed.

Then I slept through my alarm and was late to the job. Which really ruined my plans for watching another episode in the morning. I mean, I was sure who I was my entire life, but McConaughey, I swear. I don't even know what I'm doing anymore.

So if we're even considering outlawing Netflix's services, let's get the DVR out of here, too. It's mangled the way we used to watch TV. To hell

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with the idea that we're very busy people with hectic timetables and not able to be home at 9 p.m. on Thursday!

While we're there, let's ban everything that can garner an addiction. No more cigarettes, alcohol, gambling, junk food, gyms, medicine, energy drinks, cereal, coffee shops, video games. The world is looking pretty blank at this point, isn't it?

Granted, binge watching doesn't carry the same albatross as binge drinking or eating, but it's clearly becoming our favorite addiction.

It's not TV's fault you watched the entire season of House of Cards over the weekend, nor is it Texas Hold 'Em's fault you emptied your bank account, nor is it Jack Daniel's fault you slapped your girlfriend on Topsy Tuesday. It's the user for abusing the product.

But hey, we've all gotten good at witch hunting over the last 200 years here, so why stop now?

Which reminds me, I have to catch up with "American Horror Story." Sorry, Professor, I'll be missing class for a couple of days.

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