

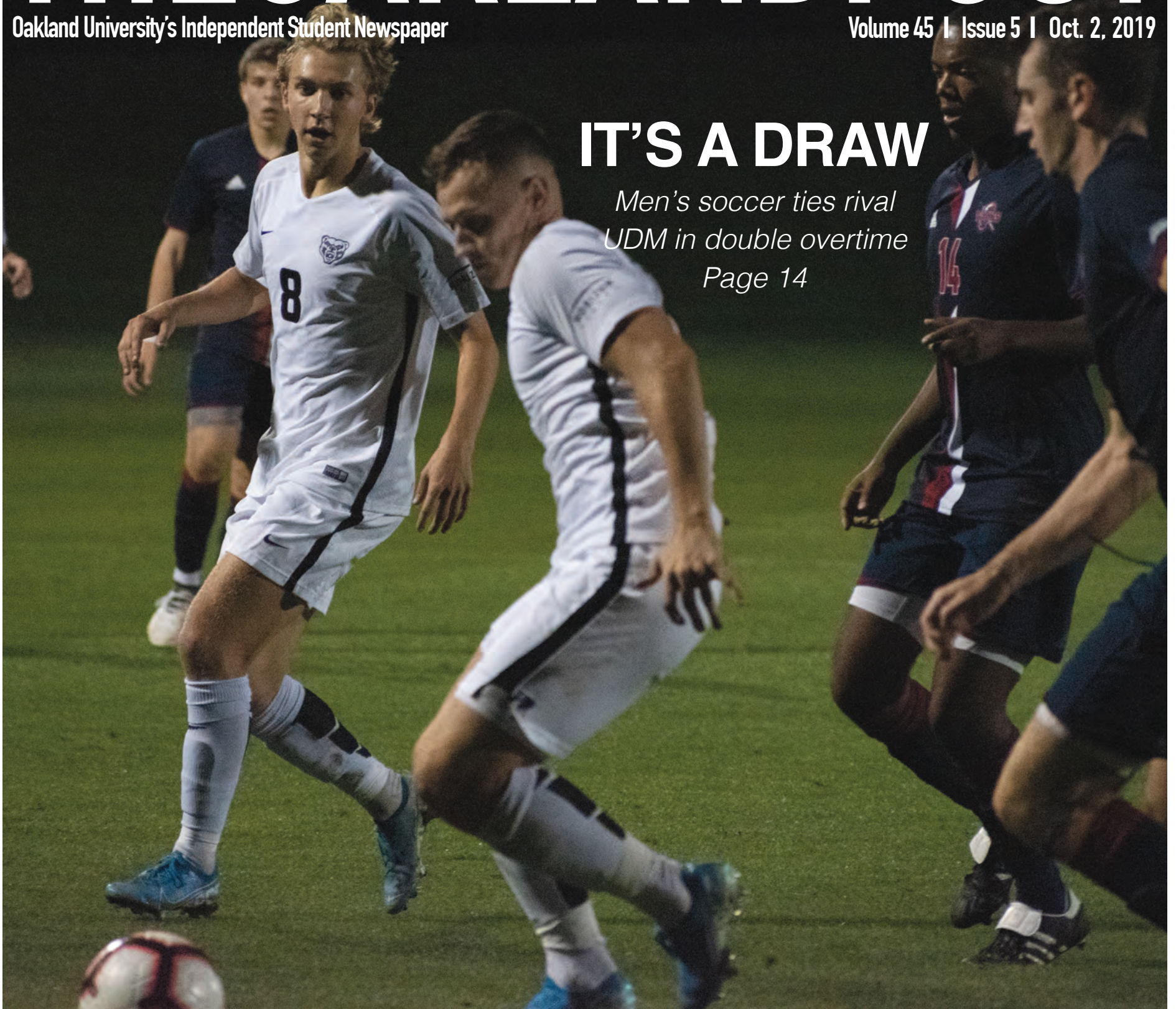
THE OAKLAND POST

Oakland University's Independent Student Newspaper

Volume 45 | Issue 5 | Oct. 2, 2019

IT'S A DRAW

*Men's soccer ties rival
UDM in double overtime
Page 14*



INFAMOUS PARKING

OUPD chief says parking is the best
it's been in years

PAGE 6

GRIZZLIES VOTE LOUDER

OU students outperform national
average in 2018 voter participation

PAGES 8 & 9

VAGINAL HEALTH

Helpful tips and common
misconceptions

PAGE 11

PHOTO BY SAM SUMMERS

THIS WEEK

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



FIRE DRILL IN HILLCREST Residents of Hillcrest Hall participate in a nighttime fire drill Monday, Sept. 23. Students had to show their room keys upon reentering the building to prove they were Hillcrest residents. PHOTO / SAM SUMMERS

THE OAKLAND POST

EDITORIAL BOARD

Trevor Tyle
Editor-in-Chief
editor@oaklandpostonline.com
248.370.4266

Katie LaDuke
Managing Editor
katelynladuke@oakland.edu
248.370.2537

Katie Valley
Content Editor
kvalley@oakland.edu
248.370.4268

EDITORS

Nicole Morsfield Photo Editor
nmorsfield@oakland.edu

Ben Hume Web Editor
bhume@oakland.edu

Lauren Karmo Campus Editor
laurenkarmo@oakland.edu

Rachel Basela Life&Arts Editor
rachelbasela@oakland.edu

Michael Pearce Sports Editor
mpearce@oakland.edu

Liz Kovac Engagement Editor
ekovac@oakland.edu

REPORTERS

Devin Boatwright Staff Reporter
Katelyn Hill Staff Reporter
Bridget Janis Staff Reporter
Taylor McDaniel Staff Reporter
Dean Vaglia Staff Reporter
Rachel Yim Staff Reporter

ADVERTISING

Angela Gebert Ads Director
ads@oaklandpostonline.com
248.370.4269

Whitney Shelby Ads Assistant

COPY&VISUAL

Mina Fuqua Chief Design Editor
Erin O'Neill Design Editor
Ashley Averill Design Editor
Jimmy Williams Graphic Designer

Ryan Pini Photographer
Sergio Montanez Photographer
Sam Summers Photographer

DISTRIBUTION

Kat Malokofsky Distribution Director
kmalokofsky@oakland.edu

Meredith Atwell Distributor
J.C. Elliott Distributor
Alex Pham Distributor
Caitlyn Ulery Distributor

ADVISING

Garry Gilbert Editorial Adviser
ggilber@oakland.edu
248.370.2105

Don Ritenburgh Business Adviser
ritenbur@oakland.edu
248.370.2533



5 GRIZZLIES CARE TEAM
New initiative works to improve safety on OU's campus.
Photo/Oakland Post Archives



10 DRONES VS. DISEASES
An OU professor uses drones to stop the spread of malaria in Africa.
Photo/Nicole Morsfield



11 JOURNALISM JOB TIPS
Former Golden Grizzly gives career advice to journalism class.
Photo/WNEM-TV5

VOTE AND CONNECT AT:
oaklandpostonline.com

POLL OF THE WEEK

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT SPIDER-MAN COMING BACK TO THE MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE?

- A) ALL IS WELL IN THE WORLD AGAIN
- B) FRICK SONY AND DISNEY
- C) I'M READY FOR "SPIDER-MAN: NO LONGER HOMELESS"
- D) SPIDER-MAN LEFT THE MCU?

LAST ISSUE'S POLL

DID YOU WATCH THE EMMY AWARDS ON SUNDAY NIGHT?

4%

A) YES, AND I LAUGHED AT THE KARDASHIANS, TOO

8%

B) YES, BILLY PORTER IS BAE

27%

C) THE EMMYS? I DON'T KNOW HER

62%

D) NO, I WAS TOO BUSY NOT CARING

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Diminishing the digital divide for those with disabilities



TREVOR TYLE
Editor-in-Chief

Dear readers,

Twenty-nine years ago, Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of either mental or physical

disability. It was the first comprehensive law passed in this country to address the needs of individuals with disabilities, and is arguably one of the most important pieces of legislature to exist within our government.

October is Disability Awareness Month at Oakland University, an opportunity to educate ourselves and celebrate those individuals on campus who might not feel seen or heard, but whose place in our story is just as important.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 26% of adults in the United States live with some type of disability. While documented statistics specifically on OU students with disabilities weren't publicly available, the Office of Disability Support Services estimates that it works with 500-600 students per semester, approximately 2.5% of our overall campus population.

One of the goals I hope to accomplish as editor-in-chief is to make continuous strides toward a more inclusive publication that more accurately reflects our diverse campus community, including those with disabilities. While the content produced by The Oakland Post will undoubtedly be the clearest way in which this goal is implemented, we will also be making some more

discrete changes, particularly with regard to our website.

In 2010, the Department of Justice finally expanded ADA standards to apply to digital platforms as well. Last year, I was brought on as the marketing assistant for the School of Education and Human Services (SEHS) on campus, where I was informed of a university-wide movement toward web accessibility. This means that individuals with auditory and/or visual impairments should be able to better access content published under the oakland.edu domain.

I'm proud to work with a small team of people at SEHS that is really at the forefront of such a pivotal and progressive initiative. We have students, staff and faculty on our own campus who struggle to access basic information on our website because we as a society have failed to properly educate ourselves on the importance of ADA compliance. As they say, Rome wasn't built in a day, but the work we've accomplished so far to develop more inclusive website standards within our school is inspiring.

It's a conversation I've wanted to start having at The Post for a long time now, and one that's largely been ignored — not just on campus, not just in the United States, but on a global scale.

In the coming months, I will be working extensively with my editorial board and web editor to improve the standards to which we hold our content, both in print and online. Until then, how can we truly say The Post is advocating for students when an entire community within the student body is being excluded?

We have over 10 years of publications stored on our website — that's over 10 years worth of stories we now have to make ADA compliant. As the leader of this news organization, I have a duty to my staff and readers to be realistic about the changes I'm able to implement during my term as editor-in-chief. I can't promise our website will be ADA compliant by the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. I can't even promise it'll be halfway there by the end of the year.

But what I can promise is progress, and without that, change will never come.

Sincerely,

Trevor Tyle, Editor-in-Chief

WRITE FOR THE OAKLAND POST

We're looking for contributors from

**ANY MAJOR
ANY BACKGROUND**

**Attend a staff meeting Mondays at 4 p.m.
or Tuesdays at 3 p.m!**

**Contact our Content Editor
Katie Valley at
kvalley@oakland.edu
for more details**

Dance bans swept across campus in 2005

BRIDGET JANIS

Staff Reporter

People on a campus coming together at an event is an important part of the college atmosphere. In 2005, bans made on dances that didn't allow non-Oakland University students to be on campus for student-run events made it harder for student organizations to have alumni and current students gather together.

The bans were made after issues following an event on Feb. 18, 2005. The OU Police Department ended up issuing warrants for five individuals for different reasons that night — and none of them were OU students.

That night, there was a fight within the Oakland Center, a felonious assault in the hallway of the 3000 building in the University Student Apartments and a group of individuals who forced their way into a room in the 2000 building in the University Student Apartments. All these events led to a ban on dances and for non-OU students from being on campus.

The concerns of the members and advisers of student organizations were addressed during a formal meeting by Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities at the time, and Glenn McIntosh, then-dean of students and other campus administrators.

When addressing a main concern from students on campus who were worried parents and friends would not be able to attend their on-campus events, McIntosh said, "If student organizations feel they need to open their event



THE OAKLAND POST ARCHIVES
Inappropriate behavior was the cause of these bans.

up to the external community, then it is a sign they are not meeting the needs of the current students."

Representatives from various student organizations such as the Association of Black Students, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Muslim Student Association showed up to the meeting to express their

opinions and offer suggestions.

One highly suggested idea was allowing each OU student to bring and have the responsibility of watching over two non-OU people at every dance or event, along with requiring 10 workers at each event.

Also, there was an idea of setting two different policies: one for events that are just for fun and another for events that are showcasing the university. Jonathan Parks, student body president at the time, said dances were used as a way to fundraise — and that was all they are used for.

The idea of having outside participants within the university attending events did not make sense to McIntosh at the time. He said alumni and parents attending student organization events are not appropriate because they are not the intended audience.

Members of the OU community such as Tina Marleau, a member of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority at the time, felt that "excluding people is not going to make your community stronger."

While some members of the community believed the ban on non-OU members being on campus would help student organizations refocus their attention to pleasing the interests of students, there were some people contradicting this idea, claiming that student organizations are made to bring all types of people together.

The ban on both of these issues was planned to last until the end of the winter semester, forcing student organizations to come up with new ways to fundraise and gather people on campus.

Police Files

Don't run stop signs, silly

Two Oakland University police officers were on patrol on the night of Aug. 20 when they observed a black Buick run the stop sign on west Oakland Drive. The black Buick turned east and was run down and stopped by the two on patrol. There was only the driver in the car, and she stated she was in a rush because she was feeling ill. The officers issued a civil infraction citation and released her without further issues.

Mom, come pick me up. I'm scared

Two OUPD officers spotted a white Chevy doing 15 over the speed limit on eastbound Walton on Aug. 25. The officers initiated a traffic stop and stopped the vehicle on Festival Drive. The driver had no driver's license, and said he had never obtained one. The vehicle was not registered to him, but to his mother who was at work. The officers advised that he cannot drive the vehicle without a license and told him to contact his mother to come take care of the vehicle.

The driver was placed under arrest for driving without a valid license, and officers placed him in handcuffs before placing him in the back of the vehicle. He was then transported to OUPD where he was booked and released to his mother.

*Compiled by Ben Hume,
Web Editor*

KEEP UP WITH THE POST



OAKLANDPOSTONLINE.COM

CAMPUS

CARE Team gives an outlet to report issues

Wadsworth initiates team to address campus issues

KATIE VALLEY

Content Editor

Golden Grizzlies, faculty and other community members now have the chance to report behavior that doesn't quite fit disciplinary measures, thanks to a new initiative on campus.

An existing behavioral intervention team and a care team in Student Affairs combined to create a force to ensure campus safety, following many other schools in the state. The Grizzlies CARE Team, CARE standing for Counseling Assessment Response Education, is a new multidisciplinary team launched this year by the Office of the Dean of Students (DoS), the Oakland University Police Department (OUPD), and several Student Affairs and Academic Affairs offices.

Dean of Students Michael Wadsworth said the team handles the increasing-by-year frequency of "middle-ground" behavior — meaning behavior that doesn't necessarily indicate someone is breaching the Student Code of Conduct or engaging in academic misconduct.

Students report issues via the "Report Behavior" option at the top of the OU homepage or the DoS "Report an Incident" page, and the Grizzlies CARE team evaluates the situation to ensure campus rules are followed and the person is not a danger to themselves or others.

The DoS page describes these issues as "behaviors that [others] feel are concerning, worrisome or threatening (no matter how small or insignificant that may seem)," though the form notes that immediate concerns should be reported to OUPD.

When situations are reported, the DoS office and OUPD triage the information to decide whether it is an actual violation or an issue for the CARE team to address.

The "report behavior" practice was allegedly developed after the 2007 Virginia Tech incident as a way for offices to collaborate to best help students in need. Wadsworth said OU developed the Grizzlies CARE Team to address community needs.

"In our everyday lives, things happen that we don't think should happen, or trouble us, or concern us — let's say not even just on campus — but here on campus, this team provides a conduit for giving that information," Wadsworth said. "And then, the team can provide some direction or even reach out to the person who is exhib-

iting whatever behavior and help them get the resources they need if that's the case."

According to Wadsworth, the DoS office took the lead to develop the team after attending National Behavioral Intervention Team Association (NaBITA) training about a year-and-a-half ago. The new team follows NaBITA's national standards and procedures — like risk rubrics and assessment tools — evaluating every reported issue equally.

Wadsworth said when students and OU community members report behavior issues, they come to administrators' attention faster and help foster more proactive resources and preventative education.

Though the Grizzlies CARE Team is new, Wadsworth would like to see it grow into a resource that pushes past being a response team that follows national practices.

"We don't want to be a team that sits and reacts because then you don't know what the needs are going to be," he said. "We're still in our beginning stages, but it is definitely a hope and a goal that we will be able to provide educational materials to the community, training materials to the community, to help people identify things of concern at early stages so that folks can get the assistance they need and be successful — whether it's as a student, as an employee or whatever your role is at the university."



OAKLAND POST ARCHIVES
Dean of Students Michael Wadsworth helped initiate the Grizzlies CARE team.

OU hosts second Quinceañera

RACHEL YIM

Staff Reporter

In addition to many other activities and events, the Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI) at Oakland University hosted a Quinceañera, sponsored by the OU Credit Union, to celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of Hispanics.

Quinceañera is a common form of celebration of a girl's 15th birthday in Hispanic countries, marking her passage from girlhood to womanhood. This celebration is important to many Hispanics who believe a girl, after Quinceañera, can find a good path to become a better person.

Jean Ann Miller, senior director of the Office for Student Involvement (OSI), also serves as a member of the Hispanic Heritage Month Committee.

"Well, this is our second year but we have done it in the past as well," Miller said. "This is a very big celebration of the life of a young woman from Hispanic background. And that's what we are doing, celebrating the Hispanic culture this way. And everyone at Oakland University is invited to attend."

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a national recognition of the culture, contributions and heritage of Hispanic Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The celebration is held from Sept. 15-Oct. 15, as many Hispanic countries celebrate their independence days in September.

The Quinceañera guest of honor was Madelin Burnau, the niece of Yoel Joa, assistant director for residence life. Burnau is of Cuban descent, as both of her parents were born there.

"I chose to have my Quinceañera here because my aunt and uncle both work here, and my aunt used to work for the cultural department," Burnau said. "And when she told me about this event, I thought it was a perfect opportunity for me because I've always wanted to have my own Quinceañera."

OU has hosted such events for Hispanics for only two years, but it is already becoming a tradition at OU, according to Miller. She also mentioned that last year's Quinceañera during Hispanic Heritage Month was one of the biggest reasons the school could rehost the event.

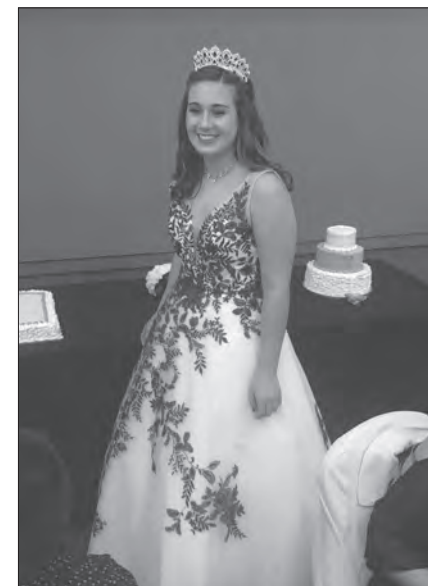


PHOTO COURTESY OF NICOLE LUCIO
Madelin Burnau celebrated her Quinceañera at Oakland in Sept.

For Burnau's Quinceañera, many of her relatives and OU students came in to celebrate her upcoming birthday in January.

The ceremony included the introduction of the Court of Honor, a father-daughter dance, choreographed dance, girls' dance to "Dancing Queen," presentation of the Last Doll and many other traditional ceremonies, such as the changing of the shoes.

Burnau also mentioned how she was feeling about her party before it started.

"I'm really excited for my party, but I'm a little bit nervous," Burnau said. "I'm looking forward to the choreographed dance that we've been working on. We've been working on it a lot, so I'm excited for that."

Along with the Quinceañera, Miller and the OSI have been planning many other events, such as a film feature and book club discussion to allow students to better understand and embrace the culture of Hispanic countries.

"So, we're very much in recognition of the diversity of students that go to school here, faculty and staff," Miller said. "We really pay attention to other traditions and other big celebrations in students' culture that is not just all American."

For more information about the Hispanic Heritage Month or relevant events, visit the CMI celebration page.

OUPD chief says parking is the best it's been in years

KATELYN HILL

Staff Reporter

Commuting to campus is an unavoidable stress in many students' lives.

Oakland University Police Department (OUPD) Chief Mark Gordon thinks parking this year, however, is the best it's been in years.

Every year during the first three weeks of the fall semester, OUPD goes through the different parking areas to see how many empty spaces are available at different times during the day. Gordon said the lots this year never had fewer than 400 open spaces, which is more parking than OU has had in previous years.

Though the spaces aren't necessarily where students might like them, there is parking available.

Officers also look at the number of parking citations that have been issued at a given time. For the first 10 days of the 2019 fall semester, OUPD issued 100 fewer citations than they did in 2018.

"Between those two types of evaluations, I feel we get a good idea of what the parking is like," Gordon said.

Lindsey Andersen, a sophomore who commutes to OU, said the parking situa-



RYAN PINI | PHOTOGRAPHER

The parking lots at Oakland this year have not had fewer than 400 open spaces.

tion is less than ideal. She feels there are more students than parking spots.

"Sometimes, if you get lucky, classes are getting out so you can find one," she said. "But most of the time, I have to go down

the hill to the parking garages or the big overflow parking lots."

Andersen said, no matter the time, parking always seems to be bad. On one Wednesday, she arrived at OU at 9:30 a.m.

and said she couldn't find a parking spot for an hour.

Furthermore, Andersen wishes there was another parking garage closer to the Oakland Center (OC) and the Human Health Building.

However, according to Gordon, there were 660 additional parking spaces added back in 2017. He said there were improvements that needed to be made and the university listened, providing an adequate amount of parking spaces.

With these new spaces, Gordon said there is more supply than demand.

"At this point in time, I don't think too many improvements are really called for," he said. "Our demand and our capacity is pretty good."

To help with the stress of finding a parking spot, he said students should build enough time in their schedule to walk. Generally speaking, Gordon said you can walk anywhere on campus in about 10-12 minutes.

In the same way the lots have expanded in the past, Gordon said there are a couple of parking structures in the master plan for the university. With increased student enrollment, the supply will need to meet the demand and the lots will expand.

Cancer treatment pioneer speaks on campus

DEAN VAGLIA

Staff Reporter

The Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center were filled for cancer treatment pioneer Dr. Evangelos Gragoudas' visit to Oakland University on Friday, Sept. 27.

Gragoudas, an ophthalmology professor at Harvard University and co-director of the Laser Laboratory and Retina Research Institute at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, is a pioneer in the use of proton beam irradiation therapy (PBT) for eye tumor treatment. Gragoudas began his work at Harvard in the 1970s, and his work has had a profound effect on the way ocular melanoma — a rare but often fatal cancer of the eye — is treated.

"Up until that time, most eyes with melanoma had to be removed in order to save the life of the patient," Dr. Frank Giblin of the OU eye research institute said. "But with the use of PBT, more than 30,000 patients world-

wide have been successfully treated and their eyes saved."

Aside from the removal of eyes, the radioactive isotope cobalt-60 (Co-60) was used to kill tumors within the eye. The problem with Co-60, however, is that it has the habit of penetrating past the tumor and irradiating much of the healthy eye, blinding the eye. According to Gragoudas, the person who originated the use of Co-60 declared it too risky of a treatment only five years after starting.

Compared to Co-60 irradiation, PBT is a safer and more reliable treatment. Protons are able to be easily directed into a beam, have very little scatter in an object and are able to be used at precise and adjustable energy levels thanks to the Bragg Peak.

The Bragg Peak is a sort of gradual spike, growing slowly but exponentially until a peak is reached where the graph rapidly begins to drop off. In terms of PBT, the line of a Bragg

Peak graph is the proton beam while the spike is beam hitting the tumor.

"The beam is extremely accurate," Gragoudas said, "and next to it, there is no radiation at all."

Gargoudas and his team tracked over 4,000 PBT patients and recorded the outcomes of their operations. For the 4,000+, the tumor normally stuck around after treatment but regressed within six months.

"Radiation damages the DNA of the [tumor] cells, so the cells cannot make other cells," Gragoudas said. "But they can stay there for large periods of time ... If you look at those cells two, three, four days later they will look exactly the same. But if you follow them for two, three months you can see that gradually the cells die."

Only about 3% of patients had vision problems (usually resulting from tumors near the macula or optical disc, as well as oth-



SAM SUMMERS | PHOTOGRAPHER

Harvard University professor Evangelos Gragoudas discusses eye tumors and the use of proton beam irradiation therapy.

er factors like diabetes) while only about 9% had to have their eye(s) removed. PBT has also been used to treat cancer in other parts of the body such as the stomach and lungs.

Despite the benefits of PBT,

the underlying threat of ocular melanoma remains present. An exact cause is unknown despite the discovery of genetic and lifestyle risk factors, and PBT does not change ocular melanoma's relentless mortality rate.

SECS expands partnerships with Chinese universities

KATIE VALLEY

Content Editor

After traveling to China from Sept. 8-13 to strengthen partnerships with three STEM-focused universities, leaders of the Oakland University School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) are expecting an increase in the number of Chinese exchange students attending OU.

SECS Dean Louay Chamra; Lianxiang Yang, distinguished professor of mechanical engineering; and Gary Barber, professor of mechanical engineering — as well as James Lentini, provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs — took a trip to China to sign new agreements to expand partnerships with the Changchun University of Technology (CCUT), Zhengzhou University of Light Industry (ZZULI) and Beijing Information Science & Technology University (BISTU).

The new agreements came after being expanded last year when the SECS leaders and OU President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz met with the leaders of the universities in China.

While at CCUT, OU signed a new Agreement for American Semester Abroad Program that will host up to 35 undergraduate or graduate students. With ZZULI, OU signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a new joint institute to implement Engineering and Computer Science programs at ZZULI sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Education.

Leaders visited BISTU to discuss existing programs and also share ideas about new joint programs. Two-hundred students and parents also attended an opening ceremony for the OU-CCUT international program to learn more from a panel of OU and CCUT professors and administrators.



PHOTO COURTESY OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
The OU delegation at the Opening Ceremony of the 2019 Sino-Foreign (CCUT-OU 2+2) Joint Teaching Program.

For international students who are part of the exchange, the programs consist of either a three-week summer camp with hands-on experience in engineering and computer science or a one-year exchange where students then finish their degrees in China. Chamra said a top benefit of the exchange program is students pay OU tuition when attending.

OU's partnerships with China bring in around 40-50 students each year. At least 30-40% of these exchange students pursue graduate degrees at OU, according to Chamra.

OU is also establishing a graduate student exchange program, where students take classes in China for one year then transfer to OU for another year, earning them degrees from both institutions.

Currently, the SECS has about 300 students from China out of the 3,600 total students. Many other SECS stu-

dents agree the partnerships will offer exchange students a beneficial opportunity.

Savonna Sou, junior, said the program is a great step for future STEM workers to heighten their technical skills through learning.

"The learning techniques of engineering over there translate into ours," he said. "We're just getting a variety of different types of engineering advances, even learning about history about [China's] advancements, and also taking part in how we can change our engineering to either better theirs and then apply it to ours, or just better ours by using their advances."

David Huang, sophomore, said every other SECS student can benefit by building friendships with exchange students.

"China is currently the world's largest manufacturer, and having these partnerships with Chinese universities will allow students here to potentially network with Chinese students who will get to work in these manufacturing firms," Huang said.

The OU SECS offers a unique program for students that focuses mainly on practice and theory with much out-of-the-classroom experience. According to Chamra, 95% of students find jobs after graduating, with an average annual salary of around \$70,000.

With the expanding partnerships, Chamra said other SECS students have the opportunity to learn about cultures other than their own.

"Everybody knows about the tensions between our government and the Chinese government, and I really think the strength of these agreements and bringing Chinese students to our campus make us better people by understanding each other, talking to each other — and that cultural difference is very important to talking one-one-one — and that's the power of having a diverse student body at Oakland University."



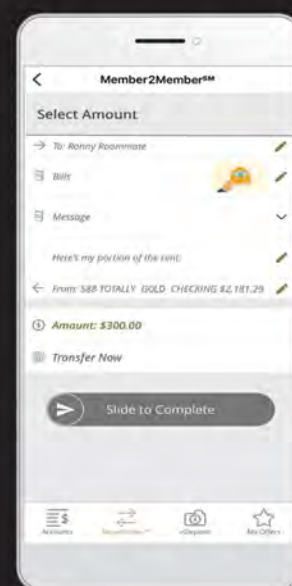
Discover the guidance that awaits you at **OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**. Attend our Graduate Open House to explore more than 135 master's, doctoral and certificate programs.

Thursday, October 17 | 5-7 p.m. | Oakland Center Founders Ballrooms

Reserve your spot today.

oakland.edu/grad/openhouse | (248) 370-2700

INTRODUCING OU CREDIT UNION'S MEMBER2MEMBERSM



The easy and secure way to send money between OU Credit Union members — instantly.



oucreditunion.org/M2M

OAKLAND
UNIVERSITY
Credit Union

New report shows increase in voter participation among campus community

story by David Dulio, Professor of Political Science // design and graphics by Erin O'Neill

Congratulations, OU students! On nearly every measure, OU students outperformed the national average in terms of voter participation on Election Day 2018.

The National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement (NSLVE), which is run through the Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University, recently released data on voter turnout on college campuses across the nation. The average voter turnout on campuses that participate in the study (over 1,000 of them) was 39.1%



— here on our campus, voter turnout was nearly 47.5%.

Remarkably, this represents an increase of nearly 22.5 percentage points over the turnout number from the previous midterm election in 2014. In raw numbers, nearly 3,900 more OU students cast a ballot in 2018 than did in 2014. These voter turnout statistics continue a trend of on campus — in 2016, OU student voter turnout rate (nearly 57%) bettered the national average by more than 6 percentage points (the national average was 50.4%).

The voter registration rate of OU students also went up in 2018. As of the 2018 midterm election, 69.5% of all OU students were registered to vote, up from just over 63% in 2014. What is more, of only those OU students who were registered, over 68% cast

a ballot in 2018. According to NSLVE, this beats the national average by nearly 15 percentage points.

While there is great news throughout the latest report from NSLVE on voter participation on our campus, there are some areas where we can improve. While it increased from 2014 and beat the national average, the fact remains more OU students didn't vote in 2018 than did. With voter turnout under 50%, there is a great opportunity to improve and bring more students into the process.

In addition, there was uneven voter turnout across age group, which mirrors trends nationally. In particular, OU students over 40 years of age voted at a roughly 70% clip, while those under 40 were stuck in the mid-40% range. Most votes cast by OU students,



23%

increase in OU voters
from 2014 to 2018



70%

of OU students were
registered to vote

unsurprisingly, were by those 18-21 years of age; those in this age group voted at a rate of over 43%. There was also uneven participation across field of study — some were over 60% while others saw turnout only slightly over 30%.

One place that generally sees large differences in the electorate as a whole is participation across racial and ethnic groups. This was not the case on OU's campus in 2018. While more white students voted (48.4%), African American students (45.2%) and Hispanic American students (45.1%) were right behind. However, there was lower participation among Asian American students and Native American students in 2018.

All in all, the latest NSLVE report is excellent news for our campus. It shows

— compared to other campuses and the nation — that our students are relatively engaged in a critical component of our civic and democratic society. But, as I noted, there is more work to do. Indeed, when we really reflect on it, voter turnout of less than 50% is really nothing to brag about. We can do better as a campus and a community in terms of engaging in our democracy.

As the director of the Center for Civic Engagement here on campus, one of the main activities we engage in is providing students the tools they need to become an active participant in their democratic system. This includes voter registration. OU Student Congress (OUSC) has been a great partner for the Center in this effort, and they have done great work in this regard.

Changes to the voter registration process are coming after the passage of Proposal 3 in 2018. We will work to take advantage of those changes and make it easier for OU students to register.

The Center — with help and support from OUSC, the Office for Student Involvement, a variety of faculty and staff, as well as the University's administration — also looks to provide the campus with a wide range of democratic engagement opportunities. These come in the form of speakers, panel discussions, debate watch parties and other activities.

As we move deeper in to the 2019 fall term and then turn the page to 2020, keep an eye out for opportunities related to voter registration, voter engagement and civic engagement in general.



NICOLE MORSFIELD | PHOTO EDITOR

Assistant professor of anthropology Jon Carroll visited Malawi, Africa over the summer to research the use of drones in preventing the spread of malaria.

Professor uses drones to fight disease in Africa

RACHEL YIM
Staff Reporter

Jon Carroll, a professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, visited Malawi, Africa this summer to assess the capability of drones in helping prevent the spread of malaria.

Malawi is a landlocked country in southeast Africa and it is among the world's least-developed countries. Its economy is highly dependent on agriculture, and it's facing many challenges in expanding economy, healthcare and environmental protection.

Made up of individuals from Michigan State University and the University of Alabama, Carroll's research team spent nine days in Malawi collecting data to test the efficacy of the drone imagery in detecting areas in need of improvement.

"The idea of our project was that given the impact of climate change, it's going to make people want a lot of different environments, so we had to come up with a new strategy for growing food," Carroll said.

He also mentioned that the most difficult part of coming up with a new strategy was to figure out every situation on an individual farm-level from many standards and imagery taken from a satellite or an aircraft.

"So, we thought, wouldn't it be great if we could use drones to help take special photos of individual farmsteads and collect lights that you can't see with naked eyes?" Carroll said.

Carroll and his research team also hope the drone imagery can help develop strategies that allow water to more efficiently flow through the irrigation scheme, which will avoid stagnation that helps mosquitoes to breed. Through the process, they

found a couple of different ways drones could help the Malawi community.

"[We] believed that the drone imagery would be effective in helping to assess an irrigate landscapes — what's getting water, what's not getting water and also where's water stagnating?" he said. "Because stagnating water causes mosquitoes to breed."

Carroll not only participated in this research project in Malawi for crop health assessments of each individual farm, but he also has active research projects for archaeology elsewhere — near East (Israel), France and the Great Lakes region.

Sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development on a grant for sustainable intensification, this aid-sponsored program gave Carroll and his research team the opportunity to perform crop-health assessments for each individual farm. And in that, drones played a key role.

"[The drone] was a proof of a concept to fill in the gap between the data you can get from the satellite and actually have it stand there on it," Carroll said.

Along with the drone assessment, the team was able to hold a lecture on their research at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Malawi. It was a meaningful opportunity to talk to professors and students about how they might be able to find a path to use similar technology on a daily basis, according to Carroll.

"We do intend to apply for more grant funding through the U.S. Agency [for] International Development and take what we've done so far to the next level," he said. "But the first phase we just finished was kind of a proof of concept. The next phase, if funded, will be to figure out what does it take to get this technology out to people who need it."



2020-2021 FAFSA

NOW

File your 2020-2021 FAFSA now to maximize your eligibility for financial aid!
Submit the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov or on the MyStudentAid app.

January

Check OU email and MySail for your 2020-2021 award information and requirements.

February

Submit 2020-2021 requirements to Student Financial Services.
Continue to check MySail until all requirements are marked *Satisfied*.

For more information and assistance visit oakland.edu/fafsa or walk-in to 120 NFH

Alum discusses his 'breakthrough moment'

Utilizing online platforms expands the opportunity for exposure with employers

RACHEL BASELA

Life&Arts Editor

Jonathan Jackson, an Oakland University alumnus who majored in communication and minored in both broadcasting and journalism, brought some words of advice to students in a journalism class on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

As a reporter for WNEM-TV5, his words were of great value to many students in the room who aspired to do something similar to Jackson. However, his advice on how to get discovered by major companies and do well at your first job out of college could help many other students who do not fall under the umbrella of a path in communications.

One of the stories that Jackson shared was centered around his breakthrough moment in his career. After graduating in 2015, he put a demo reel of his work in broadcasting online, and it was discovered by a news director, which prompted an interview.

"Putting out that demo reel that my old news director saw online ... that's one of the ways you get noticed," Jackson said. "Usually, a lot of people tell you it's about

forming connections, which is very important. You want to grow your connections, talk to people, network, all of that, but also putting your stuff out there online. For me, it was that."

However, other ways to get noticed by an employer have to do with what's on your resume. Furthermore, what you do with your skills when you do land the job can be vital to your career.

"A lot of my internships and training I did [at OU] helped me so much when I got to TV5," Jackson said. "I was only training for a week before they threw me in there, and that's because I picked it up so quickly."

Internships can be desirable, but many are unpaid. This may make it difficult for struggling students to utilize the program.

"An unpaid internship can be difficult because, 'I'm learning so much and this is going to help me in my career, but at the same time, I'm not making money,'" Jackson said.

That's why Jackson stressed the importance of putting your own skills out to the public. He said setting yourself apart from the crowd could be the thing that helps you breakthrough into your career, too.

Jackson also discussed how utilizing



PHOTO COURTESY OF WNEM-TV5

Jonathan Jackson, reporter for WNEM-TV5 and OU alumnus, visited a journalism class to share personal stories and provide advice on starting a career.

the skills given to you at OU can be one of the most important opportunities to take.

"I'm not saying when you first get your

new job, you're going to be the fastest or the best, because you're not," Jackson said. "But if you already have a base here, you're ahead of the curve."

Shutting down misconceptions on vaginal care

What to do and what not to do down there when seeking to maintain vaginal health

TAYLOR McDANIEL

Staff Reporter

Drink pineapple juice, put garlic cloves in it, douche down there: all common rumors and misconceptions when it comes to vaginal health.

What absolutely should not be done is putting anything inside of the vagina that could upset the natural pH balance.

The vagina is essentially self-cleaning, doing so with natural and healthy secretions. Balanced bacteria is also imperative in its health. The "good" bacteria is a tad acidic and helps to ward off the "bad" bacteria. There are tips to keep the equilibrium solid while there are also things that a person should never do.

Douching, or cleaning out the vagina with water or other fluids, can actually do more harm than good, possibly causing a woman to be more prone to vaginal infections. However, washing the outside skin of down there is completely fine, encouraged even.

"Be sure to get in between the vagina fold and the external area and the labia, just nothing inside," said Dr. Nancy Jansen, director of the Graham Health Center (GHC) at

Oakland University.

The American Public Health Association (APHA) recommends using mild, unscented soap while washing the exterior area. Another tip is to always be sure to wipe the vagina and anus from front to back to avoid spreading any germs.

Above all, the APHA said a good diet and regular hygiene are key to keeping the vagina healthy.

Camille Bilby, a third-year student at OU, believes the destigmatization of discussing vaginal health is important.

"[As a young teen] in my shame and confusion, I felt too shy to seek out answers from adults in my life," Bilby said. "I turned to the internet, where there are all manner of dangerous lies and misinformation."

The wide-spread misinformation referred to by Bilby includes letting garlic cloves sit overnight in the vagina, which is highly inadvisable, according to Harvard Health Publishing, and douching with scented products to improve the smell.

Although, apparently the pineapple rumor may have some truth to it, as a person's diet has an effect on any body fluid, vaginal or otherwise, altering natural pH balance and smell of bodily secretions. However, drinking or eating pineapple right before sexual rela-

tions will not alter the scent. Only proper hygiene and diet on the long-term scale will help the vagina be — and smell — healthy.

One clear indicator of poor vaginal health can be a strong, unpleasant, "fishy" kind of odor and an odd color or discharge (yellow, greenish, gray or thick white). It is completely normal and natural for the vagina to have a slight odor and experience clear or white, moist discharge, but any changes should receive medical attention. Symptoms such as itching, redness and burning (can cause burning with urination) should also be sought treatment for as it could mean a vaginal infection.

Only a healthcare provider can diagnose a vaginal infection, so it is probably best to skip the home remedies and internet posts.

"As an adult, I can look back and realize that this would have led to nothing but bad [results]," Bilby said. "Upsetting my vagina's pH balance and risking infection or worse, and that, above all, the slight scent of my vagina was totally normal and nothing to be ashamed of."

For more information on vaginal health, go to the American Sexual Health Association website or visit the Graham Health Center on campus.

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13	
14					15					16					
17					18					19					
20				21					22						
23				24				25				26	27	28	
29			30				31					32			
			33			34					35				
36	37	38							39	40					
41						42									
43					44	45				46			47	48	49
50					51				52				53		
				54					55			56			
57	58	59													
62															
65															

- Across**

1. Shindig
5. “Diff’rent Strokes” actress Plato
9. Bunk
14. Cassette component
15. Dash
16. Canner’s activity
17. Sea near the Caspian
18. Went caroling
19. Snake hazard
20. Diminutive actor?
23. Down
24. Freudian concern
25. End of an accord?
26. Baseball stat
29. Motto
31. Outlawed pollutants in the U.S.
32. Place for a hammer
33. Franklin of soul
35. Scandinavian capital
36. Scatterbrained singer?
41. Pavarotti performance
42. Measure
43. Airport shuttle, often
44. Coffeehouse
46. Nuclear
50. Noted twin
51. M.D. provider
52. Jeanne d’Arc’s title,
- briefly
53. Soccer phenom
Freddy
54. Freaky weatherman?
57. “Mrs. Miniver” star
Garson
60. “You’re right”
61. Direct
62. Crossing swords
63. Some U.S. inductees, once
64. Aquatic bird
65. Dorkish
66. Has an obligation
67. Basilica feature
- Down**

1. Rankles
2. It helps you get the picture
3. Shed
4. Enemy’s opposite
5. Planned out
6. Site of a last stand
7. Darling dog?
8. Church of England group
9. Sanctuaries
10. Certain field workers
11. Relations
12. Game with a colorful
- deck
13. “The Wizard of Oz” studio
21. Emotional
22. Propel
26. Word with bed or chin
27. One of the Lesser Sundas
28. Fairway pick
30. Mediterranean area
31. Stage
34. Day classic
35. About
36. Comedian Chappelle
37. OPEC member
38. Pizazz
39. Vegetarian
40. Daisylike bloom
44. Kind of tomato or bomb
45. “What ____ doing?!”
47. End a squabble
48. Perfect examples
49. Get lumpy
52. Tasty embellishment
54. Feeble
55. Attraction
56. Nadia’s forerunner
57. Muzzle
58. Way with a no.
59. You homophone

NOVICE

		8	6	7	9			5
	3	7				4		
		5		2			8	7
1					8	5	4	
	4						1	
	8	6	1					3
3	5			1		7		
		2				6	5	
8			9	5	7	2		

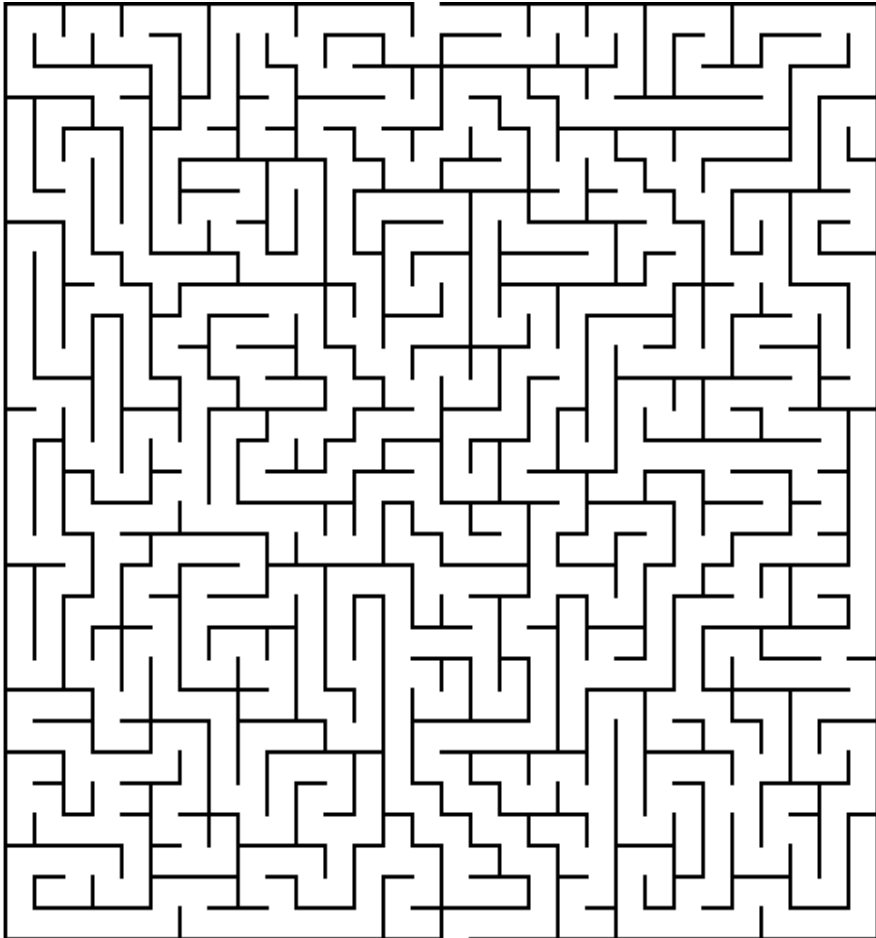
TOUGH

	9	2	3	7				8
			5	9	2	3		1
5		7			4		9	
3		6					4	
	1						2	
	5					7		6
	8		7			9		4
9		1	8	4	3			
7				6	1	2	8	

INTERMEDIATE

6			9		4			
			8			9		6
8	9			6	3	7		
		1		4		8	9	3
7	3		5		9		6	4
9	4	2		8		5		
		5	2	9			3	8
3		6			8			
			6		5			2

	4				5			
9		3		8	2	5		
	8				4		7	3
		7		3			5	4
6	1			2			8	9
5	3			4		7		
2	7		1				3	
		8	2	6		9		7
			4				2	



POLITICAL FOCUS

Impeachment: the long road ahead for Democrats

BEN HUME
Web Editor

The impeachment inquiry we never truly believed would happen is underway. Republicans and Democrats alike may have been inundated with the mention of impeachment since Trump took office, but this is certainly a surprise for even myself. Impeachment has been a buzzword to encourage liberals and piss off conservatives for so long the idea of it actually coming into effect is in some ways bizarre. The jokes about Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the House, writing a sternly worded letter in response to every crime Trump commits were starting to make me believe nothing would ever happen, but here we are.

The beginning of an impeach-

ment inquiry doesn't mean anything will come of it. The process is a lengthy one and a difficult one. Even the two presidents in the past who have had successful impeachment inquiries opened about them still stayed in power. Reagan would have been the third but resigned before impeachment could be started. The historical track record for sitting presidents being impeached is — for all intents and purposes — pretty poor.

It's easy to see why impeachment is so uncommon. In order for impeachment to occur, first the House Judiciary Committee has to formally investigate the president. This is the first step the House Democrats have taken with Pelosi's opening of a presidential inquiry.

Next, any misconduct they find will have to be voted on by



the House of Representatives, which currently holds a Democratic majority. You would hope an issue of presidential corruption would be nonpartisan, but, unfortunately, it seems as though the Democratic majority will be an important factor.

After that vote is passed by a majority, Trump would then face a trial in the Senate. The vote here will be even more difficult to pass, requiring a two-thirds majority vote in a Republican-dominated Senate. The same issue of nonpartisanship would then arise, where overwhelming evidence of broken laws will still likely be a hard sell for a Republican-dominated Senate, especially when requiring a two-thirds majority. Only after that point would the president be removed from office.

On top of being a long and difficult process, I assume there is another reason such an inquiry hardly ever makes it so far — it takes a special caliber of idiot to garner enough anger from all sides of the country for an impeachment to be started.

This is why, even with the im-

probable beginnings of impeachment, I hold no hope for this probe to come to a happy conclusion. A feverish Trump-supporter base will guarantee that no Republicans will risk reelection to support an impeachment vote. Democrats were hard enough to convince to get to this point, as is evidenced by how long it took for the House majority leader to do anything besides scold the president on Twitter.

Do not mistake my cynicism for hopelessness. I have faith that the system that is broken and has been broken for so long can be repaired, and that begins with a bipartisan agreement that President Trump is too flawed of a human being to continue leading our country. It's a lot to ask for in a divided political climate, but a boy can dream, can't he?

The scary school reality children face today


AUTUMN PAGE
Contributor

A sobbing girl crouching on a toilet sends an "I love you, Mom" text as someone enters the bathroom. The Sandy Hook Promise video shows the depressing reality of today's schools in America.

The video starts off with boys and girls showing off their new backpacks and colorful binders to mirror the start of a new school year. As a boy shows off his new headphones, there is commotion behind him. A boy running in his new sneakers, a girl tying the door shut with her jacket, a boy breaking a window with his new skateboard to escape. Cut to kids jumping out of windows, a little girl and boy holding colored pencils and a pair of scissors — hiding. A girl tying her friend's leg with her knee-high socks to make the bleeding bullet wound clot.

This is the reality of today's America. According to CNN, there were 22 school shootings from Jan. 7, 2019, to July 11, 2019. While this isn't the most recent article, the numbers don't lie. This is the America we live in — where little kids have to worry about their safety in school.

Twitter user @itshaileyreese took a screenshot of a text where a daughter, age 8, came home crying because she realized during an ac-

tive shooter drill that the lights on her Sketchers would give her location away.

An 8-year-old, grade 3, is worried about her shoes giving her away if there was an active shooter in her school. I know when I was in her grade, I was looking forward to snack time in my Twinkle Toes. Nowadays, we have innocent kids fearing every time they go to school. These kids may never know whether they'll see their parents again. Nowadays, kids don't get to live an actual childhood.

When Hailey tweeted the screenshot, the replies varied. Many of them showed statistics from places like the Netherlands, Scotland and Canada, places that don't have these constant school — and mass — shootings. It's only America and, yes, Americans talk about gun reform. Nothing happens, though, because of outdated text and amendments. Americans cling onto the Second Amendment like a monkey clings onto a tree.

Is this really the America we want our kids to live in? Is this really the America WE want to live in? Where people of ALL ages have to fear for their lives? No matter how many rallies, protests and movements people start and involve themselves in, nothing ever seems to be good enough — or powerful enough.

Then you see this video, the kids, the inside of what a school shooting is like for those inside. You think twice. You may cry, you might tear up. It might shock you, considering the title of the video is "Back-To-School Essentials." But, quite literally, those items can, and probably will, be "essentials." No school is safe anymore, not here in Michigan, not in California, not anywhere. I know I'm always somewhat hesitant when leaving my dorm room, because you never know. During high school, I was always nervous to leave the house.

This is the America we live in. Are you OK with this? Because I know I'm not.



SAM SUMMERS | PHOTOGRAPHER

Men's soccer played a hard fought match against rival UDM on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Men's soccer ties Horizon League rival in overtime

MICHAEL PEARCE

Sports Editor

A tough-fought match between two rivals ended in a 1-1 draw in the chilly evening mist on Saturday, Sept. 28. The University of Detroit Mercy Titans visited Oakland to face off in their only match of the season.

The match started slow, as Detroit played a conservative style of soccer. Their strategy revolves around the sweeper/stopper defense, which is rarely used anymore in soccer. The sweeper/stopper defense uses man marking, where the backs each pick a man to stick to, and they work on keeping up with their marks and heading the ball defensively.

"I think for guys that are playing at a high level, it's tough to prepare for their defense," Head Coach Eric Pogue said. "They just don't see it."

This led to a stagnant first half, where there were few scoring opportunities for either team. The biggest scoring threat in the first half was off of a long strike by Dominic Gatson of Detroit, which hit the crossbar. At the half, neither team was able to reach the back of the net, and the score sat at 0-0.

"In the first half we were impatient," Pogue said. "We were nervous to play balls into guys because they had guys right at the backside and we were getting countered."

The second half proved different, as both teams were able to get looks at the goal. The half started off with Dylan Borzcak drawing a foul deep in UDM territory, which led to a free kick that missed wide right. Shortly after, the Golden Grizzlies had a chance at goal, but the shot went slightly left of the post. After multiple chances at a goal, the Golden Grizzlies finally broke through.

Borzcak and Dawson Schrum were able to assist Spencer Nollf on a goal near the right post in the 69th minute, breaking the drought and scoring the first goal of the game. The goal was Nollf's first of his senior season. Borzcak, who has been the team's leading passer and point scorer, continued getting assists, recording his sixth on the season.

UDM kept pushing. On a counterattack, they got deep into Oakland territory and fired a shot into a crowd of Golden Grizzlies. The ball was sent into the crowd, and a whistle was blown. A handball was called on an Oakland defender, and Detroit's Kyle Bandyk stepped up to the spot to take a penalty kick.

The kick went right, and goalkeeper Sullivan Lauderdale guessed left. The shot hit the bottom right corner, and Detroit tied the game in the 75th minute.

The next 15 minutes were far from slow, as multiple yellow cards and fouls were called. A Detroit midfielder was ejected for a late hit after the ball had already went out of bounds. Reid Sproat and Schrum both got yellow cards as well in the 79th minute.

After multiple failed attempts by both teams to score the game-winner, the game went to overtime. Overtime brought more of the same, as both teams failed to break through the defense and end the game. Other than a save from Lauderdale, there were no significant goal scoring threats in either overtime period.

"It doesn't matter if a team is 0-10 and the other is 10-0, I can't remember the last time a Detroit/Oakland game wasn't close or went to overtime," Pogue said.

The next home game for the Golden Grizzlies is Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. against Western Michigan University on LGBTQIA+ Pride Night.

Men's basketball transfer shares his Oakland story

MICHAEL PEARCE

Sports Editor

Daniel Oladapo is a Maryland-born kid, but decided it was best for him to play his college ball somewhere outside of the DMV area.

So, he signed with Chipola College, a junior college (JUCO) in Marianna, Florida. There, he won freshman of the year and was named to the All-Panhandle first team. After averaging 14.5 points and eight rebounds per game, he gained interest from Tony Jones, men's basketball assistant coach at Oakland University.

"I came to JUCO to see what I could do," Oladapo said. "It turns out Oakland was the best choice."

His recruitment to Oakland began in the fall of 2018, and he committed for the first time in the spring of 2019.

While at Oakland, the sophomore forward is pursuing a degree in communication and social work with hopes of becoming a basketball analyst in the future. Basketball is his true passion in life.

After numerous transfers and a lot of roster turnover, Oladapo decommitted from Oakland and recommitted a few times, leading many to believe it was due to the scholarships of players transferring.

However, that is not the case. Oladapo's commitment snafu had nothing to do with basketball — it was a matter of the heart.

"I had a girlfriend for a year, and love makes you do some crazy things," he said. "I finally committed and she was OK with that, and we're in a good place now. So, that's what that was about."

A lover off the court, Oladapo has a fighter's mentality when he's playing basketball. He compared his game to Paul George, Kawhi Leonard and Kevin Durant. The 6'7" wing looks to be a defensive stopper who can make open shots.

"My game is aggressive, I like to get to the basket and create for myself and others," he said. "I can knock down open shots and I'm a very good rebounder. I have a high motor and I'm always going hard on the court. I love playing defense."

Oladapo put his defense and rebounding on display during the basketball team's trip to Greece. He recorded eight rebounds in two of the four games, in which all players received limited minutes.

During the more than weeklong Greece trip, the team played two young teams and two professional teams. They learned to play together and played minutes against professional players with years of experience.

"Greece was fun, both of those pro teams were really good teams," Oladapo said. "It was a good experience for us as a team."

Head Coach Greg Kampe traveled with the team to Greece, and Oladapo has gotten to know his new coach very well over the past few months.

"Coach Kampe is a great coach, he's always good to me," Oladapo said. "He really does a good job of taking care of his players, he cares for us dearly. On the basketball floor he can get feisty, but he's just trying to make you better."

Above all else, Oladapo believes he has found his new home at the O'rena.

"I really think I made the right choice coming here," he said with a smile.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL SMITH

Daniel Oladapo drives to the basket in a high school game in Bladensburg, Maryland.

SATIRE

Managers rejoice as Tropical Storm Karen nears its end

TREVOR TYLE
Editor-in-Chief

Store managers across Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands were trembling last week after hearing reports of an extremely agitated, bloodthirsty, middle-aged white woman named Karen speeding across the Atlantic Ocean in her minivan, with one simple demand — “Can I speak to the manager?”

It all started after a local Target manager refused to let Karen use several expired coupons, prompting her to end his existence and enter a fit of rage, after which she headed toward one of Target’s corporate offices in Puerto Rico.

According to witnesses, the manager — whose last words were allegedly “ma’am, I’m gonna need you to calm down” — had his soul sucked out of his body after Karen simply removed her Gucci sunglasses and stared into his eyes. Witnesses told investigators that Karen allegedly threatened the man before he evaporated into thin air.

“She told him, ‘Honey, you’ve got a big storm coming,’” one witness said through tears. “It was some Medusa level shit.”

Karen had reportedly been triggered prior to being unable to use her coupons. According to Ben Dover, a barista at the Starbucks located inside Target, Karen accused him of giving her “one too many shots of espresso and a little bit of a ‘tude.”

“I wrote down her order: a venti vanilla iced latte with skim milk, three pumps of espresso and exactly two iced cubes — no more, no less,” Dover said. “She told me too much ice would give her an allergic reaction because of her keto diet or something.”

After her meltdown, Kar-



JIMMY WILLIAMS | GRAPHIC DESIGNER

The calm after the storm eases store managers’ nerves.

en’s husband Chad said she “took the kids” and zoomed off in her silver minivan, leaving nothing but a trail of essential oils in her path of destruction.

Karen was also allegedly responsible for the tremendous amount of rain that hit Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands last week. Deemed an “unstoppable force of nature,” weather officials have since named the phenomenon “Tropical Storm Karen.” Several of the locals claimed the rainwater had a “salty aftertaste,” with some even alleging it was made from the tears of Karen’s victims.

Upon arriving at Target’s corporate offices, she cornered an employee and demanded to speak to the manager, to which he replied, “I am the manager.”

Security footage showed Karen exiting the office shortly after, with one singular vein in her forehead protruding with such force that it could truly burst at any moment.

“I’m shook,” she wrote in a Facebook post, which has

since become so popular that it was liked and shared more than two times.

Last Friday, officials reported that the threat of Karen had significantly declined. Sources close to the situation say she backed down after realizing her kids were running late for soccer practice.

Stores are now being urged to recall Monster energy drinks and Axe body spray products to avoid spreading the impending Kyle epidemic, which experts believe originated in one of Karen’s unvaccinated children. Symptoms include an inexplicable spike in rage and the irresistible urge to put one’s fist through drywall.

Authorities are currently on the lookout for Karen after her husband Chad expressed concerns that she “might be unstable.” She was last seen styling her signature blonde bob cut into a messy bun, prompting concerns that she might be rallying an army of VSCO girls to help her seek revenge.

Types of boys you will encounter in a lifetime

KATIE LADUKE
Managing Editor

Lady Gaga once said, “Boys, boys, boys.”

As a straight, young woman in her prime dating days, I have developed a love/hate relationship with the male species. They’re so cute, but so stupid sometimes. You don’t know if you want to kiss them or slap some sense into them.

I kid you not when I say every boy I have romantically encountered has left me saying, “Are you fucking kidding me?”

It’s probably not “politically correct” to put people in categories, but I can’t help but notice a trend in the boys I come across — whether that be in the wild or through dating profiles.

I lay before you the most common types of boys you most likely will encounter in your life.

The stoner guy

Ah, weed. We all know what it is. But, weed is something special to this type of guy. You will always be No. 2 in his heart — right after his Mary Jane.

Don’t get me wrong, these boys are usually super nice and chill (I wonder why), but you will get at least 24 snaps an hour of just him hitting a bong. You thought getting dick pics was bad? Try clicking through a whole ass movie of Nick showing off his latest dispo purchase and ripping a bong while you’re sitting next to your mom.

But nonetheless, you’ll always have a plug in him.

The hype beast

This group of boys is absolutely iconic and will never go out of style. You can spot them in public a mile away. Why’s that?

He has the word “Supreme” taking up his entire shirt, hat, backpack, literally everywhere on his body. This type of boy also won’t shut up about his “impressive” shoe collection. Thank you, Adam, but if I wanted to see some ugly ass shoes, I would’ve just went to the Croc store.

You might also find that you’ll be the one paying for the date. That’s because he spent thousands on a new pair of Air Yeezys, but don’t worry, he’ll pick up the tab next time!

The too cool for anything

This is a personal favorite of mine. When you’re with this boy, you better not even think of anything mainstream. These boys thrive on being “edgy” and MUST make their own music.

While they pride themselves on being lyrical geniuses, they can’t be fucked to go to class or actually wake up before noon. “College just isn’t for me.” Well, John, maybe you should’ve thought about that before you got four years deep in a major you don’t even like.

With these types of boys, you usually stay in long-term relationships until it eventually falls to shit.

The gamer

Is home all the time? Check. Never leaves his room? Check. Has time to text you back? Absolutely not.

These types of boys are unlike anything I have ever seen before. They will literally stare at a computer screen for 14 hours straight and then go into a deep hibernation for the next two days while generously spacing out texts every six to seven hours.

Even when they’re not playing an ever evolving collection of games, they’ll talk to you like you actually have a clue what goes on in the games. But don’t worry, Josh will be there if you need someone to fight for you since he has so much experience yelling at 12-year-olds over his headset.

The fuckboy

Ever since high school, I honestly don’t think I can remember how many fuckboys I’ve met. They run rampant no matter where you live, and it seems like there are more every year.

I’m confident every female on this planet has met at least one fuckboy in their life. This is the type of boy that will call you “pretty” and “beautiful” one minute and then ask for nudes the next. Better yet, he might just send an unsolicited dick pic with no warning.

Thank you, Chad, but I’m sure your mother would just be tickled pink to know her son is a disappointment to girls everywhere.

I’m not saying every boy falls into one of these categories. I know good guys still exist. And if you just so happen to be one of those good guys and don’t belong to one of these groups, please hit me up. I’m tired of Tinder boys.

OU-AAUP

The Faculty Voice

Improving the
quality of
education

Protecting
academic freedom
and tenure

Involving
faculty in
university
governance

Upholding faculty
rights and due
process

Improving
salaries, benefits,
and working
conditions



If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to:

President: Amy Pollard (pollard@oakland.edu)

Executive Director: Scott Barns (barns@oakland.edu)

Visit: oaklandaaup.org OR OU-AAUP&Friends on Facebook