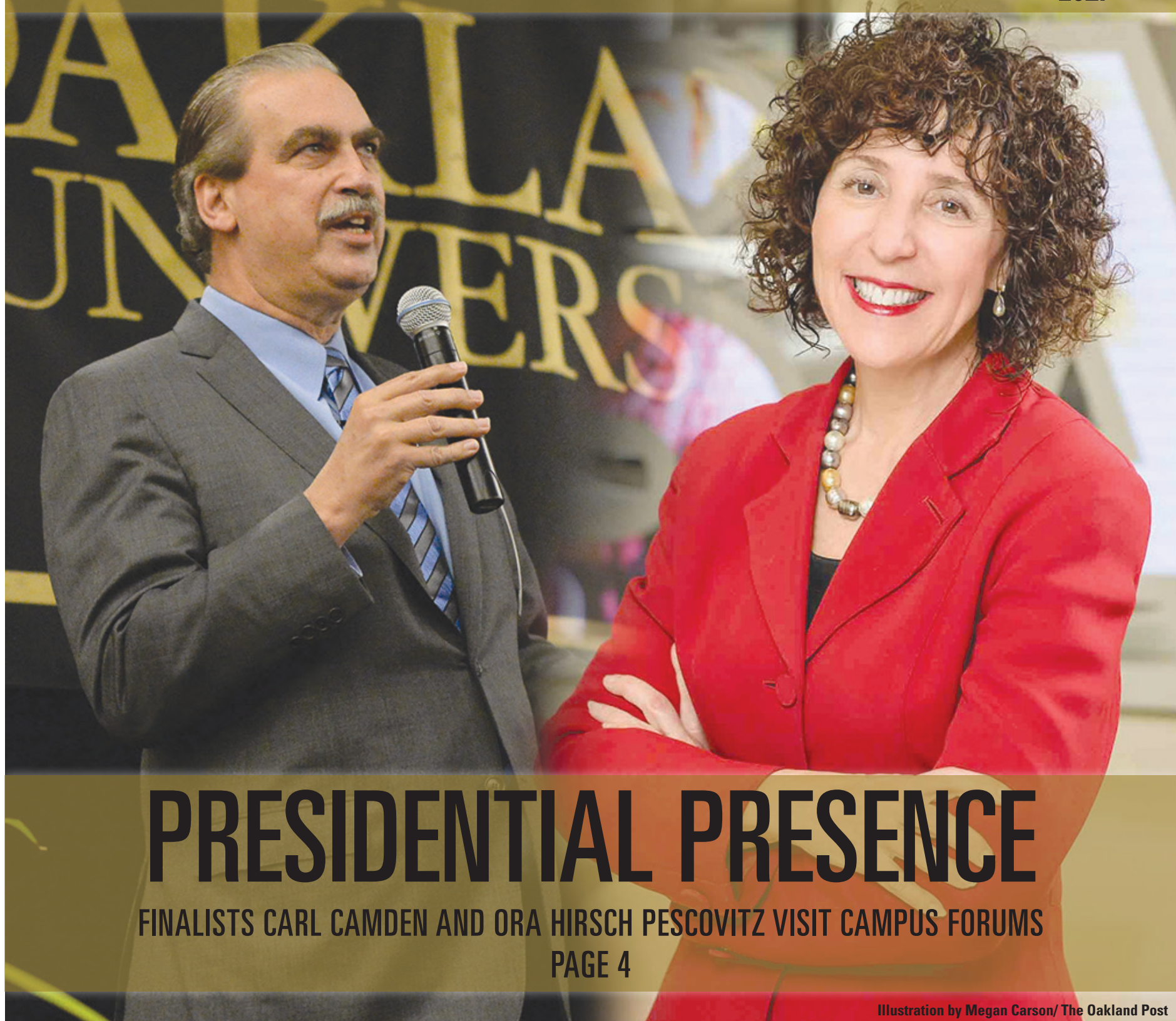


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The third annual Black and Gold Awards honored student-athletes Tuesday night at Detroit's Fox Theatre. PHOTO / Nowshin Chowdhury  
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**HOME AT LAST** // After a series of moved and canceled games, Oakland's baseball team finally played its home opener on Tuesday, April 18 against Eastern Michigan. Oakland won 14-11, with Drew Demumbrum hitting his first career home run in the first inning. Read full coverage of the game at [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com).  
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POLL OF THE WEEK

Which presidential candidate do you prefer?

- A Carl Camden
- B Ora Hirsch Pescovitz
- C Jean Ann Miller
- D George Hynd

Vote at [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com)

LAST WEEK'S POLL

How will you spend your study day?

- A) With the rest of you peons in the library  
1 votes | 3%
- B) Drowning my sorrows in the reopened fountain  
12 votes | 32%
- C) Sleeping because I've given up  
19 votes | 51%
- D) Hopping on a plane (not United Airlines) with my dreams and a cardigan  
5 votes | 14%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

**MAY 6, 1966**  
Chancellor Woody Varner announced that the new \$4.3-million dorm would be named in memory of late Republican Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg.

**APRIL 19, 1979**  
A seventh fire was set in Van Wagoner Hall, despite installation of smoke alarms and a second hallway monitoring committee being set up. There were two bulletin board fires, an incinerator fire and four shower curtain fires, all within 10 weeks.

**APRIL 21, 1986**  
Bruce Bazile, a Mount Clemens student, pleaded guilty in a case involving a September stabbing that took place after an Omega Psi Phi fraternity dance.



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**TREES THREATENED**  
Students and faculty share concerns about how construction impacts campus ecosystems used for course work and club activities.  
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Oakland's on-campus feminine hygiene product dispensers have been decommissioned, but student congress is seeking solutions.  
PHOTO / Elyse Gregory



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**TEACHING TRUMP**  
Presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin gave President Donald Trump advice in the Varner Vitality Lecture on Thursday.  
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EARTH DAY

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number of years Earth Day has been celebrated

0.1%

of homes in the U.S. use solar energy as their primary source of heat

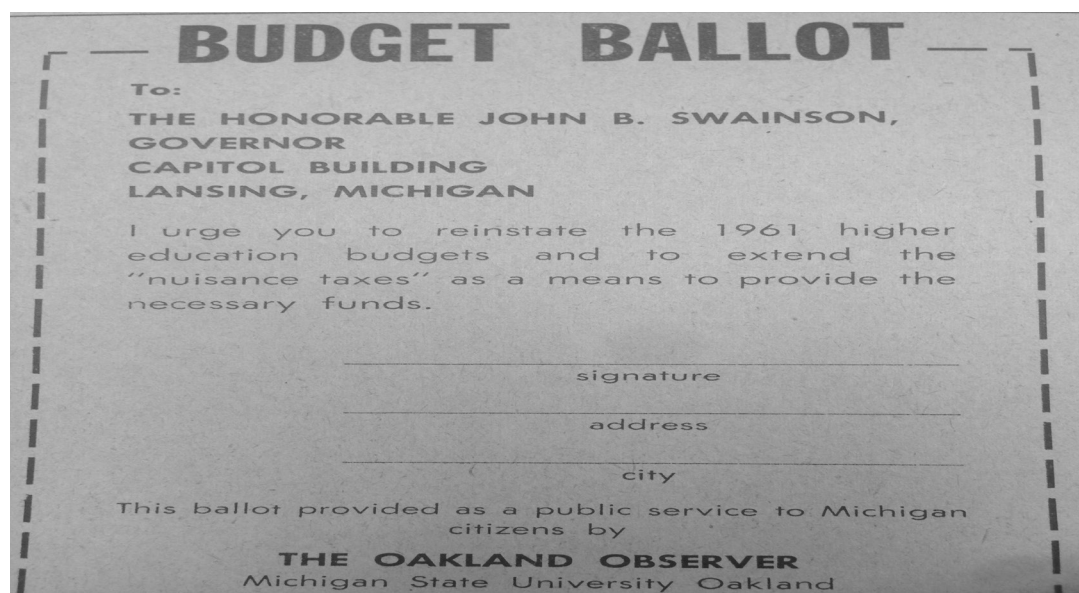
3.2%

of American workers take a bike or walk to work every day

109.9%

the percentage increase in the number of nuclear electric power generation establishments across the U.S. from 2005-2014

# Looking Back



*The Oakland Post Archives*

This budget ballot was included in the April 28, 1961, issue of The Oakland Observer for readers to mail to the governor.

## Funding troubles hit MSU-O

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
*Web Editor*

**O**akland University was established in 1957 as Michigan State University-Oakland. It was known as MSU-O until 1963, and became independent in 1970.

But in April 1961, MSU-O almost shut its doors for good. Legislators at the state level aimed to decrease the financial burden universities posed to the state by decreasing funding to MSU-O.

In the legislators' proposal, the state would provide Oakland somewhere around \$12,300 for the year. Today, this is worth less than \$100,000.

There were 18 new faculty members brought on for the fall 1961 semester, and two new buildings were opening. The state thought this \$12,300 would be enough to employ the new faculty members and maintain the new buildings.

In reality, it would cost \$80,000 of 1961 currency just to maintain the buildings. MSU-O also increased in-state tuition by a flat amount of \$20 per student.

One way that MSU-O would be able to continue operation was through the extension of Michigan's "nuisance tax," which was due to expire soon after April 1961. Though this would help, it wouldn't be a long-term fix.

Governor John Swainson also ordered state-funded universities to reduce the cost of operation per student. MSU-O's response was to offer year-round classes to cut costs by 17 percent per student. However, the legislature overlooked these appropriation measures.

Rumors were also swirling that the residence halls would open in fall 1961. The April 14, 1961, issue of The Oakland Observer showed a photograph of an area being bulldozed for the suspected residence halls.

In the April 28, 1961, issue of The Observer, the newspaper took action by providing a "Budget Ballot" for readers to cut out and send to the governor.

If the appropriation measures passed in the Michigan Senate, the state would grant MSU-O an additional \$12,300 for the 1961-62 academic year. With this money, the university would need to pay for not only those 13 new faculty and the two new buildings, but also course offerings for its first junior class. These were all new expenses in the 1961-62 school year.

If the nuisance tax wasn't left in effect, then MSU-O only had a few solutions. One would be to raise tuition again, but Chancellor Woody Varner felt this was unlikely to be approved by the Board of Trustees, as a large tuition increase had just happened in the 1960-61 academic year.

Another option would be to only admit 100 new students in the fall, even though there were already plans to admit at least 340 freshmen.

Another solution would be to keep the library and the new science building (now known as the Math and Science Center) from opening. This would leave faculty members without offices, furniture or supplies.

A final solution was a suggestion that MSU-O could become a two-year institution. In response, Varner and the Board of Trustees urged community members to reach out to state legislators to let them know they were willing to pay the taxes "to save MSU-O from disaster."

By May 26, 1961, the state appropriated an additional \$200,000 to MSU-O, instead of the original \$12,300 on the table. This allowed for a 1961-62 total student population of around 1,200 students.

However, the university proposal to recognize MSU-O separately from MSU was denied, leaving MSU-O reliant on MSU for funding.

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## First presidential candidate grilled at forum

Paige Brockway  
Editor-in-Chief

Carl Camden, one of two finalists for Oakland University's presidency, participated in an open forum on Monday, April 17.

Camden is president and CEO of Kelly Services, a staffing company in Troy, where he earned more than \$5 million per year as of 2015, according to Salary.com. He announced his upcoming May 10 resignation from the company on April 14, the same day his presidential candidacy was made public.

Richard DeVore, chair of the Board of Trustees and the presidential search committee, opened Monday's forum by addressing the elephant in the room: the rumor that Camden has already been selected as OU's next president.

"We have two finalists, not one," DeVore said. "We have, in my mind, two great finalists."

The Oakland Center Banquet Rooms were packed with an estimated 600 audience members.

### Skills for the job

While audience members asked about Camden's credentials, leadership approach and future plans, he focused many of his answers on job training and preparedness, relating his goals for OU to his experience at Kelly Services.

"Academia is not a business," said one faculty member who approached the microphone. "It is not to be reduced to training for jobs."

The same faculty member expressed concern over Camden's lack of academic experience. Camden hasn't worked in academia since leaving Cleveland State University in 1986, where he worked his way up to chair of the Department of Communication.

Camden responded that there are many skills that are transferable between business and education.

"I have been involved in education policy all through my time as a businessperson," he said.

Camden's education-related positions include serving on the University of Detroit Mercy's Board of Trustees, the Duke University Fuqua School of Business' Board of Visitors and the OU School of Nursing's Advisory board.

### Leadership style

Shea Howell, a professor of communication, called this presidential search "the most poorly managed search" she



Taylor Stinson / The Oakland Post

Carl Camden is one of two finalists in Oakland University's presidential search and participated in an open forum on April 17.

has seen in her 30-some years at OU.

"You are about to come into a situation where the distrust for you personally is very high," Howell told Camden. "... And it is a distrust which, frankly, isn't your fault so much as it is the Board of Trustees'. And I wonder how you are going to address that contradiction in your first few weeks in office."

Camden responded that, in past positions, he always began as the outsider but proved his leadership by listening.

"Listening has worked, and alignment of needs has worked," he said. "... I would prefer to think that what we were trained in as academics, what we were trained in in our degrees, was to come in with an openness to new ideas, new thoughts and see how they play."

He noted that "CEOs are typically viewed as deeply dictatorial," but assured the audience that he is not.

### Strategy moving forward

Camden criticized the university's strategic plan, which was developed through a two-year, cross-departmen-

tal collaboration among faculty, staff and students.

"I get that a whole lot of time was spent on it," he said. "I'm going to tell you, in my opinion, it is less than actionable. . . . That plan may have the right thoughts in it, but it is not driving university behavior, and it is not driving actionable results, in my opinion. I want a plan that every document I see represents the vision of the university that's written in the plan."

He also openly admitted that he wasn't sure how to answer some questions related to OU's future because he hasn't been able to communicate with university leaders yet.

"I've been careful throughout this process of not answering questions that I do not actually have the knowledge of," he said.

Some appreciated Camden's candor, but others took these admissions as a sign that he didn't do his homework.

"I need to hear things that tell me you know this university," said Andrea Knutson, an associate professor in the

Department of English, as a part of the forum's final question. "I need to hear things that tell me about your vision."

"In your opening words, you suggested that we needed to be made great in some way and that greatness is tied, it seems to me, directly to economic terms, and that's the main message I've gotten this whole time. . . . I'd like to hear you articulate what our current mission is, and I'd like you to be able to talk to why we are a strong institution right now, and then to maybe tie that to some kind of vision that is not solely about the economy."

### Next steps

Camden's executive resume is available on OU's website, and the campus community is invited to give feedback on his candidacy by completing an online survey available at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/OaklandCarlCamden](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OaklandCarlCamden).

A forum with the other finalist, Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, will be held 10-11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 20 in the OC Banquet Rooms. See page 5 for more information on Pescovitz.



# OU announces second presidential finalist

**Paige Brockway**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

An April 18 press release by Board of Trustees Chair Richard DeVore announced the second of two finalists for the Oakland University presidency.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz is senior vice president of Eli Lilly and Company and U.S. medical leader for Lilly Bio-Medicines. The other finalist, Carl Camden, participated in an open campus forum on Monday, April 17.

Now that her candidacy has been made public, Pescovitz's executive resume is published on Oakland's website.

Pescovitz is a pediatric endocrinologist and researcher who is also an adjunct professor of pediatrics at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She has worked with Lilly since 2014.

Prior to that, she was the first female executive vice president for Medical Affairs at the University of Michigan and CEO of the university's health system from 2009-14. She also served

as president and CEO of Riley Hospital for Children in Indiana from 2004-09.

Pescovitz holds a medical degree from Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, as well as a bachelor's degree in medical science from Northwestern. She also studied for one year at Hebrew University in Israel.

Among other professional positions, Pescovitz is chair of the Indiana University Center for Global Health/AMPATH-Kenya Development Board.

Pescovitz was married to the late Mark Pescovitz, a renowned transplant surgeon at Indiana University who died in a car accident in 2010. She is a mother of three and has three grandchildren.

Pescovitz will be on campus Thursday, April 20 and will participate in an open forum 10-11:30 a.m. in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. Faculty, students and staff are encouraged to attend.

Following Pescovitz's visit, an electronic survey link will be open for 48 hours to obtain feedback from the campus community.



Photo courtesy of Oakland University

# Graduation: How to be prepared for your commencement day

**Amy Swanson**  
*Staff Reporter*

Graduating in the spring and have no idea what's going on? Here's a full run-down of what you need to know:

**Who, what, when, where**  
The commencement ceremonies will be on Thursday, April 27, Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 in the O'rena.

The graduate degree ceremony will be at 4 p.m. on Thursday. Friday and Saturday are devoted to undergraduates, who are divided up by school and major. A detailed breakdown can be found on the commencement website.

**Preparation beforehand**  
Those who still haven't purchased a graduation cap, gown or ring can do so at the Barnes and Noble in the basement of the Oakland Center. This attire is required, and casual clothing like jeans, T-shirts and tennis shoes will not be permitted at the ceremony.

If you're planning on decking out your cap, submit a photo on OU Social Media's website for a chance to be featured in its posts. Participants may also win a diploma frame and an alumni swag bag. Submissions will be accepted until noon on April 27.

For those who want a visual walk-through of the event, check out the virtual commencement rehearsal video on Oakland's website.

Students who requested additional tickets prior to April 13 are now able to pick them up from the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development window in the basement of the Oakland Center. However, there are no extra tickets available for the 2 p.m. ceremony on April 28.

DVDs of each ceremony will be available for purchase. The commencement programs will include order forms, and the DVDs can also be ordered online.

In addition, commencement



Kevin Bradsher / The Oakland Post

This semester's commencement ceremonies will take place April 27-29.

flowers can be pre-ordered online at [www.thecommentgroup.com/Oakland](http://www.thecommentgroup.com/Oakland) or purchased at the ceremony.

**What to expect on the big day**  
One hour prior to the ceremony start time, graduates should arrive through the Recreation Center doors, where as their guests should enter through the Athletic Center doors.

Graduates will go down to the lower level, check in at the registration table, pick up their name cards — which will list their degree titles and any honors — and hold on to the cards.

Those with a 3.6 GPA or above and/or school, departmental or conciliar honors will also receive honor cords. Graduates should not be carrying cameras, purses or food, and all electronics should be turned off.

Graduates will proceed to the three-court gym and be instructed on how to stand by major. With around 20 minutes to go, they will be led in two single-file lines. Stand in front of, or behind, someone to sit next to them at the ceremony.

Once in the O'rena, graduates will walk up the center aisle and file into the rows, taking a seat after the national anthem. Row by row, graduates will line up by the sides of the stage, where a photographer will snap a picture.

Graduates will have their name cards scanned before handing them to the reader

and stepping on stage. After receiving their diploma covers and having another photo op shaking hands with President George Hynd, they will return back to their seats.

Following closing remarks, graduates will be escorted out of the O'rena and meet up with their guests in the Oakland Center.

The ceremonies should last around two hours each, and graduates are asked to stay for the duration.

For those unable to attend commencement, a live stream will be broadcast at [www.oakland.edu/outv/live-streams/commencement/](http://www.oakland.edu/outv/live-streams/commencement/). The stream will also be played in the OC.

Graduates will be contacted afterward with information about purchasing photos from the ceremony, and diplomas will be mailed out within 10-12 weeks.

Theawiana Bracewell, events coordinator for the School of Business Administration, feels this day is an important one for graduates.

"It symbolizes the completion of the students' academic journey and the beginning of their professional career," Bracewell said. "Students should feel proud, honored and joyous on this day that their hard work and dedication paid off."

For more information, visit [www.oakland.edu/commencement](http://www.oakland.edu/commencement) or call the Office of the Provost at (248) 370-2190.

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# Construction reduces outdoor research areas

Grace Turner  
Managing Editor

As construction continues on Oakland University's campus, buildings and trees compete for attention, sometimes with fatal results.

But it's not just ecosystems that are destroyed — so are opportunities for students and faculty to study in these outdoor classrooms.

Scott Tiegs, associate professor of biological sciences, has watched the battle unfold. Since he began teaching at Oakland in 2008, one on-campus wetland has been filled in and another has been paved over and was turned into P37.

"I wish there was better communication between the people who decide where these parking lots go and the people who make use of these natural areas," Tiegs said. "I don't think it's too idealistic of me to hope for that. We have lots of people on campus who have expertise in things like aquatic ecology, stream ecology, amphibian ecology."

There is one part of campus that appears to be safe: the

Oakland University Biological Preserve, two chunks of land offering 110 acres of ecology-class paradise. The areas are collectively referred to as the "preserve," and the Galloway Creek snakes through.

Oakland's extensive natural areas are gems not available on many college campuses, especially those that are woven into cities. Tiegs said some students come to Oakland because of the preserve.

Classes that visit the preserve include those in ecology, biology and botany, Tiegs said. During the 2015-16 academic year, about 1,000 students used the preserve. Tiegs estimated about a dozen professors incorporate the preserve into their lesson plans.

While the preserve is a snip-pet of Oakland's 1,443 acres, students study everything from microbes to ecosystems. Many have the opportunity to perform research.

Kennedy Phillips, a senior studying biology, and Jasmine Mancuso, a third year studying environmental sustainability and resource management, use

leaves from several cottonwood trees near P37 that have since been cut down to accommodate Oakland's plan to increase parking. The two use the leaves to study the impact of New Zealand mud snails on decomposition rates. While this invasive species is absent from Oakland's preserve, Phillips and Mancuso introduce the leaves to an environment that includes these snails to study their effect on the decomposition of the leaves.

The two also use the preserve for Oakland's Ecology Club — Phillips is the president and Jasmine Mancuso is the secretary. Also on the team are Morgan Morin, a junior studying environmental science and the upcoming vice president, and Chandler Mancuso, a third year studying environmental science and the outreach coordinator. Tiegs is the adviser.

The club planned a Bio Blitz for May 20, during which faculty will help students identify species in the preserve. The goal is to create a catalog of these species. Each professor will work to spot species associated with his or her specialty.



Grace Turner / The Oakland Post

A bulldozer sits in front of what was once a larger wetland on campus.

The group may find more species than expected — Chandler Mancuso said some species were recently found to be living in the preserve.

However, Morin found a less pleasant surprise — a bald spot in a wooded area that was filled with trash, including old tires.

Further damage to Oakland's natural areas could discourage faculty and staff from coming to or staying at Oakland, Phillips and Morin said. The two added that work in the field helps stu-

dents figure out their interests.

"It definitely paints a real picture of what is out there that you're learning about," Morin said.

The preserve also serves the community — people hike, jog and birdwatch in the natural areas.

"To tear it down degrades the integrity of the university," Jasmine Mancuso said.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 4.19	THURSDAY 4.20	FRIDAY 4.21	SATURDAY 4.22
<b>NO CLASS — STUDY DAY</b> <b>12:10 - 12:50 P.M.</b> Lunch & Learn: Eat Your Veggies — Locally   Hosted by the Campus Student Organic Farm Recreation Center, Conference Room <b>7:30 - 9:30 P.M.</b> Jeffrey Heisler, Faculty Saxophone Recital Varner Recital Hall	<b>FIRST DAY OF FINAL EXAMS</b>	<b>12 P.M.</b> Baseball vs. Milwaukee Oakland Baseball Field <b>3 P.M.</b> Baseball vs. Milwaukee Oakland Baseball Field <b>8 - 10 P.M.</b> Take Root in "Apartment 402" Varner Studio Theatre	<b>9 A.M. - 12 P.M.</b> Human Health Day   Hosted by Undergraduate Admissions Oakland Center <b>5 - 8 P.M.</b> OU Filmmakers Guild Awards Gala 112 Varner Hall <b>8 - 10 P.M.</b> Take Root in "Apartment 402" Varner Studio Theatre
WEDNESDAY 4.26	THURSDAY 4.27	FRIDAY 4.28	SATURDAY 4.29
<b>LAST DAY OF FINAL EXAMS</b> <b>3:30 P.M.</b> Softball vs. Toledo Oakland Softball Field <b>5 - 7:30 P.M.</b> Spring 2017 Faculty Assembly Meeting Qazi Family Auditorium in the Moceri Learning Center at Beaumont Hospital in Troy <b>6 P.M.</b> Baseball vs. Central Michigan Oakland Baseball Field <b>8 P.M.</b> School's Out! AcapalOUza   Hosted by Gold Vibrations Varner Recital Hall	<b>4 - 7 P.M.</b> Spring Commencement Doctoral and Masters Ceremony O'rena	<b>9 A.M.</b> Spring Commencement Undergraduate Ceremony: School of Health Sciences, School of Nursing and Bachelor of Integrative Studies O'rena <b>2 P.M.</b> Spring Commencement Undergraduate Ceremony: School of Business Administration, School of Education and Human Services, School of Engineering and Computer Science O'rena	<b>10 A.M.</b> Spring Commencement Undergraduate Ceremony: College of Arts and Sciences I O'rena <b>3 P.M.</b> Spring Commencement Undergraduate Ceremony: College of Arts and Sciences II O'rena

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In the women's restrooms of the Oakland Center, OUSC provides free tampons and pads.

## What's the deal with missing tampons?

Shelby Tankersley  
Campus Editor

**W**hat's metal, gives false hope and is full of quarters? The tampon dispensers on campus.

Oakland University has done away with tampon and pad dispensers in recent years. Though some still hang on bathroom walls, the dispensers on campus aren't usable.

Still, some female students put a few quarters in a dispenser, only to find that nothing comes out. Unless they have time to walk to the bookstore or Oak View Hall, there is no way to quickly get a tampon on campus.

Alex Nelson, a junior majoring in biology, has had some bad days due to the decommissioned dispensers. As a student who frequents Hannah Hall, she has been left without resources.

"I've had to miss portions of class before," she said.

With OU's student body being primarily female (56.4 percent of the student population was female as of fall 2016), Nelson wishes there was something in place for the female students.

"It's like not having water fountains or not having a coffee shop," she said. "It's something that should be here but isn't."

On March 12, 2014, The Oakland Post ran a column in its Police Files describing an incident of vandalism to a dispenser in Elliott Hall. A suspect was never identified, but someone pried the dispenser open and took all of the money inside, leaving behind an open

dispenser full of tampons and pads.

Patricia Engle, associate vice president of Facilities Management, said vandalism is why many schools do away with public tampon dispensers. Her last place of work, Lansing Community College, had the same problem.

"People would steal all of the change, steal all of the product, or both, while also breaking the machine," she said. "Paying the average quarter for a tampon doesn't even cover the price of the tampon, so we didn't know how to keep the machines going because those were being broken and are already very expensive on their own."

Since there are obvious complications when it comes to monitoring bathrooms, the machines had to be put out of use.

"It's not like these are pop machines where you can see how full they are before you buy something," Engle said. "So, people would try to buy product and get nothing out. We had larceny issues, but we can't put cameras in a bathroom or have male police officers monitor the problem."

Another option was to have feminine hygiene products in a public place on campus, so their distribution could be controlled, but that poses the issue of humiliating students when they have to ask a stranger for a pad or tampon in a public place.

Engle was relieved when she came to OU about three months ago to find that it had also decommissioned the dispensers. Issues related to them consumed a lot of her day at LCC and seemed like an unsolvable problem

## POLICE FILES

The Oakland Post staff has compiled three of its favorite Police Files from this academic year. While not all Police Files are funny, some give us a laugh.

### This is my private RV, and I will not be harassed

An anonymous person called the Oakland University Police Department to report a suspicious vehicle on Oct. 10, 2016. It was a 1997 RV parked in Parking Lot 11 with its lights on. When the officers knocked on the door to the RV, a male answered. The owner of the vehicle said he was a student and slammed the door when the officers asked to see his student ID. When the officers spoke with him again, he became defensive and rude. Officers informed him that he could not sleep on campus, and he slammed his door again. The officers returned to their patrol vehicle, but the man grumpily marched toward them, demanding to know their names. He returned to his RV and slammed the door once again. The officers then left without further incident.

### My car eyelashes are gone!

Following complaints of damaged property, OUPD was dispatched to the Ann V. Nicholson Apartments parking lot at 12:35 a.m. on Oct. 16, 2016. A woman returned to her car that evening and discovered that the plastic car eyelashes that had been glued to her headlights had been cut off. The value of the car eyelashes was estimated to be around \$20. When the officer on the scene approached the woman's car, he found the car eyelashes on the ground in front of the headlights. OUPD was unable to locate a suspect on camera and told the woman there was a strong chance they might not find out who cut the lashes.

### Yes, you do have to listen to the police

On Nov. 19, 2016, OUPD dispatch was informed of a possible minor in possession on campus. Two officers made their way to a residential building and knocked on a door through which they could hear loud music. The officer attempted to key into the room after receiving no response, but the door was blocked with furniture. After the officers made their way inside the room, they found beer cans, and many of the people in the room fled outside. One of the women in the room was uncooperative, stating at one point, "You guys can't tell me what to do. My friends said that I don't have to." She was subsequently arrested and placed in handcuffs. At the station, she was charged with an MIP because she was in the presence of open alcohol. Her preliminary breath test revealed no intoxication.

Compiled by Robert Ogg  
Staff Reporter

that a few people were creating for the female portion of the student body.

The only solution OU has right now is the free pads and tampons in the Oakland Center, provided by OU Student Congress. The initiative is part of OUSC's budget, and staff refill the baskets as often as possible.

OUSC has been providing free feminine hygiene products since February, but has not moved past the OC.

Margaret Merogi, OUSC's director of student services and the mind behind the initiative, is a student and does not have the time to fill baskets outside of the OC, although this was her original plan.

"Unfortunately, it is impossible for student congress to provide free feminine hygiene products throughout campus at this juncture," she said. "This is simply because we do not have the

manpower to refill every bathroom in every building every day. We love supporting our students and are excited to provide this service to them."

With the recent amendment to OUSC's constitution, bringing in students who are not OUSC legislators to help with the initiative could be an option. Part of the amendment allows nonlegislators to be on OUSC committees.

Nelson said, if OUSC's initiative to provide free feminine hygiene was opened to other students, she would be willing to jump on board.

"Having free [tampons] everywhere on campus would solve such a big problem," she said. "We pay so much to go here and should be supplied with necessities. I would be willing to help solve the problem because it's such a big and important job."



# Celebrate end of the semester with Gold Vibrations

**Katerina Mihailidis**  
Intern Reporter

School will soon be out, and finals will be history. What better way to celebrate than attending Gold Vibrations' final concert of the year, School's Out AcapalOUza?

The Oakland University group's 16 talented a cappella singers will put on the concert to mark the end of the year. They will sing songs they performed in March at the Varsity Vocals International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella semifinals in Chicago.

"Our spring concert always contains ICCA songs because we want to show the school what we do for them," said Maria Gutowski, a junior double majoring in nursing and Spanish. It is Gutowski's first year singing in

Gold Vibrations.

Since the concert's theme is the last day of school, the songs will be summer-y and fun, Gutowski said.

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My favorite parts [about this concert] are getting to perform with all these wonderful people, getting to perform my first arrangement and getting to perform the ICCA set one last time as a group.

- Maria Gutowski  
Junior, Gold Vibrations  
singer

Besides the ICCA set of songs, Gold Vibrations will also perform songs by Panic! At the Disco, Bonnie Tyler and Ariana Grande.

Andrew Berkowitz, a member of professional a cappella group Six Appeal, helped Gutowski arrange the Ariana Grande song.

Throughout the concert, Gold Vibrations will be joined by three other a cappella groups: Euphoria from Grand Valley State University and the University of Michigan's groups, Amazin' Blue and Gimble.

According to Gold Vibrations Vice President Noah Hubbard, a junior majoring in creative writing and cinema studies, Amazin' Blue will be performing in the ICCA finals right before the concert.

"We will have one of the top-10 groups in America singing

with us," he said.

Per tradition, Gold Vibrations alumni will also be joining the group on stage to sing "Black and Gold" by Sam Sparro.

"We do this to emphasize that we are kind of like a family," Hubbard said.

Gold Vibrations started rehearsing for the School's Out AcapalOUza right after the ICCA semifinals in March, Gutowski said. According to Hubbard, the singers are still putting in a lot of hard work.

"I couldn't be prouder," Hubbard said.

He added that, despite their busy schedules, all members of the group have also put in effort outside of their rehearsals.

"The work that people put in is amazing," Hubbard said.

"My favorite parts [about this concert] are getting to perform

with all these wonderful people, getting to perform my first arrangement and getting to perform the ICCA set one last time as a group," Gutowski said.

The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 in Varner Recital Hall.

"This is open to everybody!" Gutowski said.

At-the-door-admission costs \$8 for students — kindergarten through college — and \$10 general admission.

Tickets can also be purchased in advance for \$5 during the week of the event at a table in the Oakland Center.

"At the concert, we're going to have a special announcement for everybody," Gutowski said. "So, come and find out what it is."

For more information about the concert or Gold Vibrations, visit [www.ougoldvibrations.com](http://www.ougoldvibrations.com).

# 'Stripping the Whale' art exhibit inspired by 'Moby Dick'

**Robert Ogg**  
Staff Reporter

A "Moby Dick"-themed art exhibit was featured in O'Dowd Hall from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 13. The exhibit was made by students who studied "Moby Dick" in an English 400 class this semester.

The project was spearheaded by Jeffrey Insko, associate professor of English, and David Shaerf, assistant professor of English.

"Professor Insko and I decided to team-teach a course on 'Moby Dick' and art," Shaerf said. "As a final project, we asked the students to make art inspired by and in conversation with 'Moby Dick.' We thought to have an art show of it. It's exceeded expectation; all these pieces are so amazing."

The exhibit included paintings, originally composed music, books, quilts and sculptures. Many students incorporated pages and quotes from the famous book in their art pieces.

Many of the artists talked about their pieces at the event.

"One of the things that I found most interesting about the experience of the text was the concept of physical books and papers, which was something in our generation that I think is so lost: a palpable book," said Lindsay Onica, a senior stud-

ying English. "How many e-books have you bought? That and going through the experience of the novel. The body of the text, for me, represents the physicality of the pages that you're experiencing while you're reading the novel, and it is a physical experience. Ishmael is the first-person narrator. He's experiencing his physical world and then kind of regurgitating that, processing that and putting that into words and text for readers."

Onica is enrolled in Shaerf's class. As part of the exhibit, she created a sculpture called "The Body of Text" of a life-sized human body made from pages of "Moby Dick."

"There's not one page of the novel that's not on this mannequin," she said. "It's every single page."

Onica said she bought an extra novel to create her piece for the exhibit and, like her professor, found the novel inspiring.

"['Moby Dick'] was a book I came to a little bit later," Shaerf said. "When I was a student, I had to read it, and I hated it. I reread it when I graduated, and I discovered what an amazing piece of work it is. I became obsessed."

Shaerf is wrapping up production on a documentary he directed about "Moby Dick." It discusses the novel, art inspired by "Moby Dick" and people who study and are inspired by the novel. He plans



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ENG 400 students created art pieces with pages and quotes from "Moby Dick."

to informally premiere the film this summer before it hits independent movie festivals.

"To see how 'Moby Dick' has made an

impression on these students is incredible," he said. "It's remarkable to see what kind of an impact it can have on people of all ages."



# The growing trend of internet friendships

*Social media facilitates creation of strong bonds between users through online communication*

**Laurel Kraus**  
Staff Position

When 16-year-old Alyssa Ledesma made a Facebook post about her passion for wrestling in July 2016, she didn't predict that 20-year-old David Cass, who lived states away, would comment on it and begin a close friendship she cherishes today.

While Ledesma and Cass have yet to breathe the same air, there are big hopes for the future. Ledesma is planning a surprise trip to see Cass this summer.

Internet friends are a controversial yet quickly growing trend in recent years.

While "catfishing," the creation of a false identity online with the purpose of misleading others for one's own benefit, is always a concern, it seems to have little effect on the decision to form bonds over the internet.

As a trend that exists predominantly with millennials, people from across the world are meeting each other through social media sites, video games and chat rooms.

Tanner Holt and Kenneth Nunnally, who live in Texas and Oklahoma, respectively, met nearly seven years ago while playing "Call of Duty: Black Ops II." They now describe their relationship as like having a brother a few hundred miles away.

According to a 2015 Pew Research study, 57 percent of teens have met a new friend online.

Reasoning behind the growth in this emerging type of friendship is vast and, for the most part, debatable.

When these friendships first begin, it is possible that anonymity is often the most attractive factor.

After discovering on Instagram that they were both self-teaching sign language, Elise Johnson of Alabama and Erin Lubey of New Jersey declared themselves instant friends.

"Sometimes around the friends that live close to you, you have to be careful about what you say," Johnson said. "[With] internet friends, you can fully be yourself and trust that, even if you stop being friends with that internet friend, they don't have anybody to tell worthwhile."

Beyond that, internet friends have an outsider's perspective of each other's lives, allowing for non-biased and often-appreciated opinions.

After meeting over Tumblr in early 2015, Rachel Connolly from England and Luma Serandi from Greece see the importance of this in their relationship.

If you've got an issue that maybe you're not comfortable talking to your family about or your friends about, that maybe only other people in the same boat as you would understand, there's a great support opportunity in online communities and online friendships that can exist.

**Christine Stover**  
Instructor of Communication

"I know that I can go to her and explain any situation, and she'll always be honest with me, so she won't be someone who only sees my side of the story," Connolly said. "She'll be very blunt. If I'm being irrational, then she'll tell me, and so I really feel like I can trust her."

There is also speculation that, in some cases, motives in online friendships can be unintentionally selfish.

"When you eliminate face-to-face communication and you just rely on texts going back and forth, it gives the person communicating the power to sort of fill in all of the perceptual gaps of understanding," said Christine Stover, adjunct instructor in Oakland University's Department of Communication and Journalism. "So, 'I love you' or 'You're my best friend,' those words, just the print words, as a recipient of them, you're allowed to add whatever sense of emotion or meaning to it that's not necessarily been attached by the person who wrote the words."

However, internet friendships can have largely positive impacts on lives, as well.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, an estimated three million adolescents in the U.S. suffered from major depression in 2015. Internet friends can be an outlet for thoughts and feelings that adolescents may not feel comfortable sharing with those around them.

During the four years that Ashley Densel of Maryland and Julie Polawski of Brazil have been internet friends, mental illness has been a part of their bond.

"When my depression got pretty bad, she was always there to make sure I was OK," Densel said.

Even beyond mental health, it can be

invaluable to find a community of people who understand what one may be going through.

"If you've got an issue that maybe you're not comfortable talking to your family about or your friends about, that maybe only other people in the same boat as you would understand, there's a great support opportunity in online communities and online friendships that can exist," Stover said.

As far as the effects of internet friend-

ships on social dynamics, Sambo Srauy, an assistant professor of communication at OU, reported that there are none. This is due to the overall similarity between internet friendships and traditional friendships.

"The most rational, most reasonable explanation of why we view online friendship and offline friendships as different is because we don't have the cultural language or the cultural context yet to view them as the same," Srauy said.

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# REFRESHING YOUTH RADIO

*Oakland University students work through broadcasting course with Avondale students*

**Laurel Kraus**  
Staff Reporter

Students from Oakland University and Avondale High School will have the opportunity to team up in a new broadcasting class that will be offered in fall 2017.

COM 3900: Community Radio will be taught at 89.5 FM WAHS Auburn Hills, Avondale High School's radio station. It will take place Mondays from 6:30-9:50 p.m. and be taught by Christine Stover, adjunct instructor of communication and former faculty adviser and coordinator of broadcast services for OU's on-campus radio station, WXOU.

"Hopefully, the class will help expand the community radio aspect and involve more voices that people want to hear," said Kim McKnee, WAHS radio station manager.

The class will consist of three

sections. The first will ask students to analyze the concepts of community and having a voice, as well as learning Federal Communications Commission regulations for community radio. The class will then delve into searching for stories in the area while using National Public Radio as a model. Finally, it will create and produce content relevant to the Auburn Hills area.

Avondale High's juniors and seniors will also be eligible to take this course and receive college credit in the process.

"I think the best benefit for the high school students is to see some real role models and see what college course work is like and have that relationship with established people who are working within radio at the college to come and give them some mentorship and guidance," Stover said.

Students will have the op-



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A new communication course will be taught at Avondale High School's radio station, 89.5 FM WAHS Auburn Hills.

portunity to continue work at the station after the class has ended.

"As far as a 24-hour programming day is concerned, there's lots and lots of opportunity to fill and establish a real, set program day to day," Stover said. "We're hoping that once the collaboration starts, that people from other areas of the university might be interested in sharing what they're doing, whether it's research or something nursing-related."

However, Avondale isn't the only one to benefit.

The high school's station began development and reconstruction in 2012, and Stover

and McKnee said it's more advanced than WXOU.

The Avondale High station was upgraded in March 2016 to 2,400 watts, compared to WXOU's 110 watts, creating a range that reaches through Macomb and Oakland Counties. It recently earned the Michigan Association of Broadcasters' 2017 High School Radio Station/Program on the Year.

The possibility of COM 3900 in future semesters will depend of the success of the pilot semester.

"The ideas are only limited by the people who see the studio, who want to embrace the

opportunity to have an authentic voice," McKnee said.

According to Stover, in order to take this class, having basic prior experience in radio would be best, but exceptions can be made.

Students who are interested must contact Stover at [cronauer@oakland.edu](mailto:cronauer@oakland.edu) for approval before registering on Banner.

Information on the radio station can be found on its Facebook page. Search 89.5 WAHS.

"We're building this amazing community radio, and expanding to Oakland University just makes the next logical step," McKnee said.



# Varner Vitality Lecture gives Trump advice

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Presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin visited Oakland University on Thursday, April 13 as the 2017 Varner Vitality Lecture speaker.

Goodwin earned her Ph.D. in government from Harvard University and has written a number of books, including the book that served as the historical basis for Steven Spielberg's 2012 film "Lincoln."

Goodwin's lecture was titled "How Did We Get Here: The First 100 Days of an Unprecedented Presidency." During her speech, she used her expertise on three former U.S. presidents — Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Roosevelt — and provided 10 pieces of advice she believes they would give President Donald Trump.

Goodwin studied these three presidents the most.

## Resilience is the great key to leadership.

Goodwin noted that, when asked about his temperament, Trump said he had the best of any previous presidential candidate because he always wins.

However, Goodwin doesn't think this is a selling point. She pointed out that our very best presidents have failed, sometimes many times.

Lincoln was raised through adversity, losing his mom at only nine years old and his first love at 22. According to Goodwin, Lincoln found himself haunted by the idea of death and driven by the desire to create a legacy that would outlive him. This desire drove him through his depression and many failures.

Teddy Roosevelt lost his mother and wife on the exact same day, while FDR suffered from paralysis due to polio. All three of these presidents had to overcome adversity, and, as Goodwin put it, "with resilience they have conquered themselves." She believes the best way Trump can move forward is to accept his defeats and use them to fuel his desire to be better.

## Surround yourself with people who will argue with you, provide diverse perspectives and question your assumptions.

Lincoln surrounded himself with his biggest rivals, while FDR had his wife Eleanor, who he called "a welcome thorn in his side."

Goodwin said she was encouraged when watching the confirmation hearings of Trump's cabinet choices, as many were willing to disagree with some of Trump's ideas. For example, Secretary of Defense James Mattis said the U.S. must honor its



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Presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin speaks at her lecture titled "How Did We Get Here: The First 100 Days of an Unprecedented Presidency."

nuclear deal with Iran.

Trump responded by tweeting: "All of my cabinet nominees are looking good and doing a great job. I want them to be themselves and express their own thoughts, not mine!"

This appears to suggest Trump is willing to surround himself with people who have the potential to change his mind.

## Create a culture that inspires and motivates the people on your team.

Lincoln's staff would commonly find notes praising them for their recent actions. Teddy Roosevelt motivated his colleagues through his own work ethic, saying his accomplishments came from having heart rather than extraordinary qualities.

Goodwin says, from examining Trump's first months in office, he is a very hard worker, as well. Her advice is that Trump should find a way to let his work ethic diffuse to his team members.

## Shoulder blame for your subordinates' failures.

Goodwin told the story of Lincoln standing by his secretary of war, Edwin Stanton, who was responsible for poor war contracts that resulted in the deaths of many soldiers. Lincoln wrote a public letter to the country accepting responsibility for Stanton's actions, saying they were a result of his own orders to move quickly.

Goodwin is interested to see how Trump handles similar situations of failure within his own administration. Will he shoulder the blame or look to someone else?

## Keep growing. Take time to be self-reflective, learning from your failures and mistakes.

This piece of advice comes from Lincoln's, Roosevelt's and FDR's abilities to turn their failures into success by examining what they had done wrong and making adjustments for the future. None were error-free, but they could not live with their mistakes until they'd found what they could learn from them.

Goodwin used Lincoln as an example, quoting him as saying, "When anything goes wrong, as long as I can know what it is, then I can believe I'm smarter today than I was yesterday, and then I can go to sleep."

Goodwin suggests Trump take the time to really examine the failures that have already come in his first 100 days in office, such as the executive order of the Muslim ban and the failure to repeal and replace Obamacare.

Goodwin said Trump should have instead focused on two of his most-popular campaign promises: infrastructure projects to create jobs and corporate tax cuts to drive the economy.

## Control your emotions.

"Here, more than anywhere, I think President Trump can learn from his predecessors," Goodwin said.

Each president had his own rituals to release his anger without unleashing it to the world.

Lincoln would write what he called a "hot letter," which he would never send.

FDR's speeches would go through six or more drafts. The first draft would contain his full thoughts regarding what and who

had angered him. The final draft would have no trace of his original anger, but he would feel better after letting it out.

Goodwin's specific advice for Trump got laughs from the audience. She suggested he get two Twitter accounts: one for when he's happy and one for when he needs to get his anger out.

## Stay connected to the people you serve.

Lincoln made visits to Civil War battlefields, and Teddy Roosevelt spent 12 weeks of the year on the road. These presidents made extraordinary efforts to ensure they never forgot the people who had voted for them.

Goodwin suggests Trump makes it out of Washington as often as he can, allowing him to "be one with the people."

## Master the age's style of communication.

Lincoln was president in the time of the written word, and his speeches were articulated beautifully, then printed in full in newspapers to be distributed throughout the country.

Goodwin said Teddy Roosevelt's style of speaking was widely appreciated in his time.

"He had an instinct for memorable phrases," Goodwin said. "Teddy mastered the style of speaking for the newspaper age."

FDR, however, had a conversational tone ideally suited for the radio age. He mastered this art of speaking and used it in his fireside chats to explain his decisions directly to the American people.

Goodwin said, for Trump, mastering the age's communication may mean mastering the art of social media.

## Relax, replenish your energy and shake off anxieties.

For Lincoln, it was the theatre. For Teddy Roosevelt, it was exercise. For FDR, it was a cocktail hour where no one was allowed to speak of the war.

Goodwin noted that, though Trump criticized Obama for the same thing, if he is finding that escape by playing golf and visiting his home in Mar-a-Lago, he should do so.

## Leave behind a legacy that shows the moral aspect of your leadership.

Goodwin said Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt and FDR left legacies through programs and legislation that "advanced the laws of liberty, economic opportunity and soulful justice."

She said what made Lincoln so great were his morals and his integrity, and it is on these things that we should judge our presidents.



# Holi: The Festival of Color



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The Holi celebration welcomed spring on Friday, April 14 with paint bombs and balloons.

*SPB creatively markets, hosts event that brings Indian culture to campus*

**Gina Navaroli**  
Staff Reporter

**O**akland University students got a taste of Indian culture at Holi: The Festival of Color, hosted by the Student Program Board on April 14.

This SPB event was the first of its kind at OU. It was held on the Oakland Center North Lawn. Having the large space on the lawn allowed for a color-bomb fight during the event.

Lauren Jurczynszyn, the marketing director for SPB, said color is a big part of traditional Holi events. SPB used dyed starch for its color bombs. Every 15 minutes, SPB would allow students to throw color bombs in the air, creating a big cloud of color. Between those tosses, participants enjoyed pelting each other with color bombs.

"In a word, it was insane," Jurczynszyn said. "It was so cool because you would see all of these separate colors that would just become one big cloud of color."

SPB Diversity Director Sean Foe said the event welcomed the spring.

"It's about being happy and having fun," he said. "It's a celebration filled with colored powder, music and dancing. It's the last SPB program of the year, and we just want it to be a happy, fun-filled event."

Holi was indeed a colorful event filled with dancing, Indian music and Channel 955 DJs playing American music.

Foe said he hoped the Indian music gave students a taste of a culture differ-

ent than the one they live in.

Planning for the event started back in October 2016. As it was SPB's first time doing this event, it came with a lot of hard work.

"In terms of planning, we've been securing reservations, getting the colored powder and planning the marketing," he said.

Marketing included flyers and a hump-day event during which students threw paint-filled balloons onto canvases last week between the OC and Dodge Hall.

Jurczynszyn spent the days leading up to the event sharing information and videos on Holi events to educate students before they came. She wanted students to know the tradition behind the event.

As diversity director, Foe plans events that highlight the diversity of Oakland's campus.

He said it is important to him to provide cultural events on campus because students can understand and be exposed to different cultures.

"I think one of the things that makes OU great is how diverse the student population is," he said. "That extends just beyond race. It extends to sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic class. Any different type of diversity is really important for us to highlight."

SPB President Cassie Hock said students should be exposed to different cultures at all times. She said learning about different people is one of the best parts of college.

"It is very important during college because students are being exposed to a lot of diversity that they have not seen before, and it is important for them to be educated," she said.

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Circle K's members collectively tallied 1,614.25 service hours during the school year.

## Circle K rakes in service hours, awards

**Katie LaDuke**  
Staff Reporter

At Oakland University, there are 327 student organizations. Of these, 28 dedicate their time to helping others through local charities. A few of these organizations that log the most service hours include Habitat for Humanity and Circle K.

Over the 2016-17 school year, Circle K's members collectively tallied 1,614.25 service hours through large- and small-scale service projects. This is the greatest number of hours by any service organization on Oakland's campus for this school year and the most recorded in the eight years Circle K has been at Oakland.

Circle K is a collegiate branch of the high school Key Clubs, which fall under the broader Kiwanis International. Circle K works to promote fellowship, service and leadership, while being one of the smaller service-based student organizations at Oakland.

"We do a bunch of service projects that include volunteering with Gleaners Food Bank, Play-Place for Autistic Children, Kids Against Hunger, Humane Societies and HAVEN," said Emma Densmore, president of Circle K and a junior at OU. "Circle K also helps support Kiwanis International that sponsors us."

At the beginning of the fall semester, Oakland's Circle K had just 11 active members. Its numbers have since grown to a total of 30 active, initiated members. On March 8, Circle K held its yearly elections for the new executive board. Densmore was reelected president for the 2017-18 school year.

Due to participation in service around the community, Circle K and several members were recognized at the 39th Annual Student Activities and Leadership Awards Banquet on April 10. The club won the SAFB Outstanding Community Service Award. Densmore took the Leadership in Community Service, OU Credit Union's Outstand-

ing Commuter Student Award and Platinum Level in the Volunteer VIP Program. Members Jordan Parkin, Andrea Kumm, Hanna Boussi and Mary Mason also attained Platinum Level in the Volunteer VIP Program. Those in the program have logged more than 100 hours of service.

"I was so proud of our club being recognized and winning the outstanding community service award," Densmore said. "It shows that all our hard work didn't go unnoticed and that we are making a positive name for ourselves on campus."

Aside from the recognition from Oakland, Circle K took a total of six club awards and five individual awards at its District Convention on March 24-26 at Wayne State University. At this convention, Circle K chapters from across Michigan gathered to accredit each club's dedication and perform large-scale projects in the Detroit area. Also at this convention, the new district executive board was elected. Representing Oakland, juniors Nathan Wright and Caitlyn Theis served as 2016-17 district governor and district secretary, respectively. Gabriella Byars now serves as the 2017-18 district bulletin editor.

"My favorite part of DCON was seeing all the students from all over the state come together and serve side by side, helping the community we stayed in," Wright said.

Because service is a major component of the club, Circle K also stresses the importance of pillars regarding leadership and fellowship. Within the club, there are multiple chair and committee positions available to active members. Members can work their way up to roles on the club's executive board as well as the district's executive board.

"I was so passionate about the community service aspect, and I knew that leadership was a part of it," Wright said. "So, I wanted to take it a step further and put my own mark on the club."

For more information on Circle K, visit its Facebook page and GrizzOrgs page.

### Circle K's 2016-17 Awards

#### CSA Awards:

SAFB Outstanding Community Service Award — Circle K

Platinum Level in the Volunteer VIP Program — Emma Densmore, Jordan Parkin, Andrea Kumm, Hanna Boussi, Mary Mason

Leadership in Community Service — Emma Densmore

OUCU Outstanding Commuter Student — Emma Densmore

#### District Convention Awards:

Distinguished Kiwanis Family Relations

Outstanding Service Award (May 2017)

Outstanding Service Award (June 2017)

Distinguished Club Growth

Distinguished Club Achievement

Outstanding Club Newsletter — Jordan Parkin

1st Place Club Scrapbook — Jordan Parkin

Outstanding Club Editor — Jordan Parkin

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## End of Trump's first 100 days in office draws near

**John Bozick**  
Social Media Editor

**T**he first 100 days under President Donald Trump are nearly over, and the time to examine how successful his presidency has been thusfar is here. Trump made multiple promises on the campaign trail, such as defeating ISIS within 30 days, repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act and labeling China a currency manipulator.



However, a new Gallup poll for the month of April found that only 45% of Americans believe Trump will keep his promises, which is down from 62% in February. In fact, the Trump administration has already changed its tone on many of its campaign promises.

Trump's stance on China is a perfect example of how much his tone has changed on the country, as tensions with North Korea have forced Trump to abandon his promise to call China a currency manipulator. Trump instead asked his Twitter followers why he would call China a currency manipulator when the country is helping deal with the North Korea situation.

This move comes at a time when the U.S. and North Korea, one of China's key allies, are on the brink of war over North Korea's nuclear program. President Trump, when asked about North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un, replayed by saying he's "gotta behave."

While Trump wasn't starting wars with North Korea, he was working to repeal and replace the Affordable

Care Act with "a much better plan." However, House Speaker Paul Ryan's plan, the American Health Care Act, seemed dead in the water as soon as it arrived, barely garnering support from either side of the aisle.

Instead of working with Democrats to fix the Affordable Care Act, Trump promised to withhold funding for "Obamacare" used to help poor people afford medical care. Trump's reason for doing this is to force Democrats to negotiate on health care reform.

Yet, despite these hiccups, the Trump administration has not been a complete failure. Trump saw some success in the Supreme Court after Senate Majority Leader and human turtle, Mitch McConnell, triggered the nuclear option in order to confirm Trump's Supreme Court pick, Neil Gorsuch.

Trump also took action in Syria following a gas attack that was allegedly perpetrated by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. Trump ordered a Tomahawk missile strike on Shayrat airbase, the base where the chemical attack reportedly came from.

However, despite 20 planes getting destroyed and nine Syrian soldiers being killed, the president's show of force seemed a little weak, as hours after the strike, Syrian jets were taking off from the base.

Trump's official 100 days' mark is April 29, and while some may regard his time in office as a complete failure, the president still has 10 days to show the country that he means business. However, with war looming on the horizon, it will be interesting to see where Trump goes next.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Faculty discontent over presidential search process, administrative processes

**Ken Mitton**  
President, OUAAP

**T**o the incoming president:

Most of us (your professors) don't feel that the process of this week's open forums is a sincere attempt to get our input. This may offend some on the Board of Trustees, but our Board should recall that it told us an open format was chosen because of the low morale and the distrust we have experienced for over a decade between Oakland's faculty and administration.

I can safely state on behalf of faculty that the open search idea only went about half as far as it might have. Ultimately, ONE faculty member graciously served on the search committee, but there was no communication process in place between that faculty member and the rest of the faculty. That's a tough job. We appreciate her willingness to advocate for faculty.

I resorted to simply letting all faculty know about the ongoing issues that we were dealing with as OU's American Association of University Professors over the last several months so that the search committee's faculty member would have all the information at hand to support any discussions during her work on the search committee.

I cannot judge intentions, but I can note perceptions. Maybe time is forcing the process to be rushed — a realization that wow, it's final exam week. Faculty are paid for the academic year, so many will leave soon to work on their scholarship and fields of study, unless they do lab research on campus. Should we be surprised that the faculty are unhappy with a 48-hour warning about the next visitor, and have no time to think about

the candidate? Should we be offended if students may feel the same? I think that Board members want to do well by Oakland, but they have ended up with a search that is perceived not much differently than a closed one.

As I complete my two-year term as OUAAP president and we enter final-exam week, I contemplate the state of affairs regarding the two most important groups at this or any other university — students and the faculty who teach them. As a previous AAUP vice president, contract-bargaining team member and now president, I have seen hopes dashed on key issues affecting both of these groups. I am sad to report that the morale of faculty at this university is low. The next president of OU needs to accept that reality. Here, there are issues with student services that remain broken, yet they are not expensive to fix. We have professionals in administration giving themselves an average 9.6-percent raise, while at the same time telling faculty that OU cannot afford to do something similar for them. We have a grievance with outside arbitration because the university insists on having a merit system for faculty but it avoids providing feedback to faculty as to why they reduce merit scores, and thus their annual raise.

So, whoever you are, next OU president, I hope you are willing to fix some of these issues. The employees you rely on to make the product and deliver it to your most important customers are skeptical.

Sincerely,

Ken Mitton  
President, OUAAP

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# ‘Beauty and the Beast’: Another successful Disney live-action adaptation

Lawson Robinson  
Movie Columnist

Once again, Disney cashes in with the live-adaptation of the animated classic, “Beauty and the Beast.” It is the most recent film in a string of live-adaptations including “Cinderella” (2015) and “The Jungle Book” (2016).

“Beauty and the Beast” is a well-made adaptation that boasts a star-studded cast and has crushed the box office since its opening weekend.

It is amazing that Disney has found repeated success in adapting its own previous animated films. While the live films are not scene-for-scene remakes, there are nearly no changes made to the plot. This does not seem to matter, however, as Disney has success in all other facets of filmmaking.

Director Bill Condon has had previous success at the helm of a film in “Dreamgirls” (2006), but he’s not a household name. He is careful with how he directs this “Beauty and the

Beast,” and he allows the film to be simple, elegant and expressive when it needs to be.

The strongest aspects of “Beauty and the Beast” are the talent that was cast and the quality of the voice-overs throughout the film. Emma Watson is overwhelmingly charming as Belle and performs the musical sequences very well. Dan Stevens plays the Beast, and although he has little screen time, his vocal abilities shine.

The best casting lies within the charismatic household items, such as Lumière, Cogsworth and Mrs. Potts, portrayed by Ewan McGregor, Ian McKellen and Emma Thompson, respectively.

If you like Disney films, seek this one out.

Rating: 4/5 stars



# Drew’s Review: ‘DAMN.’

Drew Hagge  
Music Columnist

When Kendrick Lamar released the song “The Heart Part 4,” one lyric stuck with fans more than any other.

“Y’all got ‘til April the 7 to get your shit together” meant only one thing: a new Kendrick album would soon be upon us.

After Lamar sent his fans into a frenzy by making them wait another week, the music populace was blessed with Lamar’s “DAMN.” on Friday, April 14.

“DAMN.” peeks behind the curtain into Lamar’s contradictory personal life, where condemnation and redemption, personal success and survivor’s remorse all butt heads against one another simultaneously.

Sonically, the album feels more aggressive and alive than any of Lamar’s previous works.

Producer Mike WILL Made-It

contributed to the bulk of the album’s aggressiveness and sense of urgency, creating the instrumentals for “HUMBLE,” “DNA.” and “XXX.” It’s also worth noting that I could feel myself beginning to levitate during the beat change in “DNA.”

Sprinkled throughout the album are DJ drops from the legendary Kid Capri, which ought to leave fans exclaiming, “What happens on Earth stays on Earth,” to each other for years to come.

Capri’s drops help make the album feel fresh and alive even after several listens, as if a DJ were premiering the album for the first time in a nightclub.

It’s far too early to discern exactly where “DAMN.” ranks among both “To Pimp a Butterfly” and “Good Kid, M.A.A.D City.” However, it is clear that these three projects are Lamar’s most perfect bodies of work and have contributed to the lexicon of all-time great albums in the genre’s history.

# Political Focus: North Korea launches failed missile test

Melissa Deutsch  
Sports Editor

North Korea launched an unsuccessful missile test on Sunday, April 16. According to the U.S. Military, the device blew up “almost immediately” following the launch.

The test came just one day after North Koreans celebrated the country’s military strength in a parade for the anniversary of the birth of the regime’s founder, Kim Il-Sung. The parade showed off new missiles and launchers from the North Korean military.

This semester’s final Political Focus will explain the significance of this missile test to the U.S.

## The status of North Korea and the U.S.

In the week leading up to Saturday’s North Korean celebration, tensions rose as President Donald Trump ordered a U.S. aircraft carrier strike group to the Korean Peninsula on Wednesday. The order came after a week of tough talk between the U.S. and North Korea and in anticipation of the missile test to coincide with the holiday.

Trump sent a series of tweets on Thursday, including one that said, “I have great confidence that China will properly deal with North Korea. If they are unable to do so, the US, with its allies, will!”

In response, North Korea’s Vice Foreign Minister Han Song Ryol told the Associated Press that North Korea was prepared to go to war against the U.S. and its allies. On Friday, China — North Korea’s only ally — stepped in to try easing tensions.

U.S. concern over North Korea’s nuclear program has continued to rise, as North Korea appears to be getting closer to creating a nuclear missile that could reach the U.S. mainland.

A January 2017 BBC article reported that North Korea has a nuclear bomb, but needs to make it small enough to fit on a missile before it is capable of a nuclear attack. North Korea has conducted five nuclear tests, the most recent in September 2016.

Sunday’s test failure, however, doesn’t appear to back up North Korea’s claims of strength. North Korean officials have made claims that the country possesses the ability to launch an attack on the U.S., but have shown no evidence to back that up.

## U.S. response to the missile test

Trump has repeatedly ensured that the U.S. will not let

North Korea develop a weapon capable of reaching the U.S., saying all options are on the table to deter this from happening.

“It’s time for us to undertake all actions we can, short of a military option, to try and resolve this peacefully . . . we are working with our allies and partners and with the Chinese leadership to develop a range of options.”

- H.R. McMaster  
National security adviser to President Trump

Trump’s national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, said on ABC’s “This Week” that the

initial efforts to deter North Korea’s nuclear program will be peaceful, and military action is not being considered at this time.

“It’s time for us to undertake all actions we can, short of a military option, to try to resolve this peacefully,” he said on the program. “We are working together with our allies and partners and with the Chinese leadership to develop a range of options.”

McMaster echoed the Trump administration’s efforts to push China to reign in North Korea. As North Korea’s only ally and biggest trading partner, China holds a lot of economic power over North Korea.

While McMaster and Chinese President Xi Jinping have said U.S. Military action is unlikely, all eyes are on the Korean Peninsula as two of the world’s most unpredictable leaders make claims that could end in mass destruction.



# Student impacted by Trump's executive order

*A student's experience traveling from Pakistan in wake of Muslim ban*

**Samana Sheikh**  
Contributor

I continuously pinch myself, hoping to wake up from this nightmare.

I'm standing in a line at the Chicago O'Hare Airport, silently observing security guards as they harshly organize two groups. One contains people who have U.S. citizenships. The other holds individuals with green cards and anyone who classifies as a minority.

Traveling overseas to Pakistan, even as a U.S. citizen, was a grueling experience.

President Donald Trump recently laid out an immigration policy and executive order that aimed to "Make America Great Again." The policy was supposed to help lower the number of illegal immigrants in the U.S. and help create more jobs for U.S. citizens.

Due to the singling out of Muslims, many have dubbed the policy a "Muslim ban."

Trump's plan was later overturned, but it never should have made it so far in the first place.

This action suspended Syrian refugees from seeking asylum within the U.S. indefinitely and banned entry from seven countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

Saman Raza, a young woman I met in line at the Chicago O'Hare Airport, was watching security guards treat green-card holders like aliens.

She noticed a security guard talking slowly to an older foreign woman who had a thick accent. Then, security asked the woman to step aside for a "special check."

The "special check" included a female security officer patting the woman down, head to toe, to make sure she wasn't a threat. She was then taken into booth, and the door was shut while security presumably asked her questions.

"I am a woman," Raza said. "I am a Muslim. I am also a citizen of the United States. It's ridiculous that Trump is spreading hatred toward a minority group. This country is built off of immigrants, and we all originated from somewhere."

Airport security treated me differently when they saw my mother was wearing a hijab. They acted like we didn't exist and were extremely rude just because of our affiliation with Islam.

"I'm outraged by the amount of racism Muslims already face because of 9/11," Pakistani businessman Hamid Mehmood said. "We aren't stealing jobs, and we aren't terrorists. We are peaceful people that want to be accepted."

Mehmood is from Pakistan and used to want to move to the U.S. He does frequent business in America and feels that Pakistan is not a safe environment in which to raise his children.

He travels to Boston, Massachusetts, for business about four times a year.

"As a minority, and doing business with the United States for the last 10 years, my feelings are hurt," he said. "Trump needs to do more research before aiming hatred toward one minority group."

Mehmood has halted his business with the U.S. for the time being, and has taken his investments out of the U.S. stock market.

Many Pakistanis, especially politicians, felt upset about the ban and feared Pakistan would be added to the list of banned countries. They think Trump should separate religion from government.

The Hindustan Times, an Indian news organization, quoted Pakistani People's Party Lawmaker Khurshid Shah as telling reporters, "What is clear is that Donald Trump is targeting Muslims, not terrorists."

Sumaiya Siddiqi works for a nonprofit organization in Pakistan to help bring awareness to government affairs and voting.

"Separation of church is a thing," he said. "I don't understand why religion is involved. If this ban wasn't aimed toward Muslims, then I could say at least this might make some sense. But this is outrageous."

"I just wish I could have dinner with Trump and help enlighten his perspective on life. He needs someone to help him see that, without unity, we are nothing."

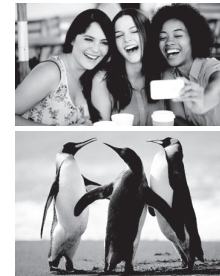
Traveling to Pakistan following the ban and having a first-hand experience with religious intolerance showed me why many individuals think that the policy was a form of religious persecution.

"The way several people have suddenly shifted their perspective of Muslims shows that, in the near future, we will have to stick together and have a stronger sense of unity," Siddiqi said.

The "Muslim ban" was put on hold due to judicial rulings. Many people worked tirelessly to ensure that it would remain inactive.

Fortunately, the travel ban was blocked nationwide in February.

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## Zipline system installed at Elliott Tower

Faith Brody  
Life Editor

One dream-come-true has taken a drastic turn.

"Ever since it was built, I've wanted to climb Elliott Tower," said Simon Snuzzle, senior accounting major.

Snuzzle was climbing Elliott Tower as a part of the senior Tower Climb when he unexpectedly went into cardiac arrest, presumably after climbing eight flights of stairs while chowing down three Big Macs.

"I was hungry," Snuzzle said.

Fortunately, Wentworth DiPizza, Ph.D. of Clockology, was also participating in the climb. DiPizza is Oakland University's resident clockology expert, studying the manic obsession OU has with the clock tower.

As Snuzzle went into cardiac arrest on the floor of the carillon room, DiPizza jumped into action. There is a special zipline that is hooked up to the wall of the tower especially for this type of situation. DiPizza expertly hooked Snuzzle up to the zipline and sent him flying down to the waiting emergency medical services crew.

"The ride down was so beautiful and exhilarating that I totally forgot I was having a heart attack," Snuzzle said.

He couldn't have been helped by a more qualified expert.

"I took Clock Tower Safety 380 at Harvard and have my Clock Tower Safety Certification renewed every two years, so

I was completely prepared for the situation," DiPizza said.

The heroism of DiPizza and the curiosity of students who haven't had heart attacks but enjoy the thrill of ziplining have put significant pressure on the administration to install ziplines across campus for a speedier form of transportation.

As a result, four major "zipline highways" will be installed on campus, centering at the clock tower. One zipline will soar students over Bear Lake to Vandenberg Hall. Another will send people to the Upper Fields. The third extends from Elliott Tower to Pawley Hall. The last one will take people to the center of the roundabout off University Drive.

"The construction of the four ziplines will definitely affect normal student life during the construction period, but the reward of efficiently ferrying people across campus will more than make up for it," said director of OU Transportation, Larry Bussi, in a press release.

As the resident clockology expert, DiPizza was instrumental in designing the ziplines.

"In my 40 years of clockology, I've never had a request quite this strange," DiPizza said. "But it certainly beat the heck out of pulling the dead bodies out of the University of Michigan clock tower."

The plan has been met with significant resistance, however. One OU Police Department officer, who requested his name be withheld, said accidents are expected.

"We had a car go into Bear Lake three



Illustration by Nowshin Chowdhury

The Oakland Post editors were picked to test the new zipline from the Elliott Tower.

years ago," he said. "I am doubtful that students will safely operate the ziplines."

Bear Bus drivers are worried about their future work, as the ziplines will take away their clientele.

"I am worried that the ziplines will take away all three of my regular riders," said Bear Bus Driver Katie Korn at a recent anti-zipline protest.

Most students, however, are more than thrilled that ziplines are being installed.

"I live in Oak View, and most of my

classes are in Pawley," said Lisa Junior, a junior studying elementary education. "The zip lines will cut my travel time from nearly 30 minutes down to, like, probably five!"

"I'm just really excited to Snapchat myself on the zipline," said freshman Tom Toon.

The ziplines are expected to open fall 2018. All students will be required to attend mandatory zipline training. More information on the training will follow.

## Toddlers taught how to counterprotest latest smoking craze in day care

Simon Albaugh  
Staff Reporter

Toddlers are in for a hazy situation as students who want to smoke are protesting the police crack-down on campus cigarette use in a recent stream of radical smoking.

The Oakland University Police Department recently broke its record for smoking-related citations, with 238 in the last month. It came after "increased awareness," according to administrators, but it's most likely just from a really good anti-smoking commercial that came out last month.

Regardless of the efforts

being made by OUPD and administrators, smokers are trying to push back for their rights "as smokers and as people," according to Jacob Idoccar, a junior majoring in health sciences and one of the leaders of the movement.

Idoccar, along with other protesters, will hold what leading activists call a "smoke-in" at the Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education in response to the citations. The protesters' goal is to raise awareness on the rights of smokers, who occasionally use cigarettes to treat underlying mental illnesses.

"Smoking isn't a choice sometimes," Idoccar said. "We

want people to understand that by all means necessary, so we just needed to be here with all these children to really prove our point."

The inappropriate locale for this protest still begs questions, as many unaffected students are wondering about the entire situation.

"Wait, they're seriously doing that?" said freshman political science major Octavia Hanams. "Has the nicotine gone to their brains or something? I mean, I know it goes to your head, but . . . wait . . . can you not put that quote in the paper?"

Despite confusion and uncertainty, education students in Pawley Hall seem to have

found a solution in the soon-to-be-irreparably-damaged lungs of toddlers.

"Yeah, we're making a counterprotest," said Diana Wathername, a senior who works at the early childhood center. "The children are being taught how to breathe through their noses and how their undeveloped lungs are being sacrificed for democratic expression, all while showing the smokers who they're killing."

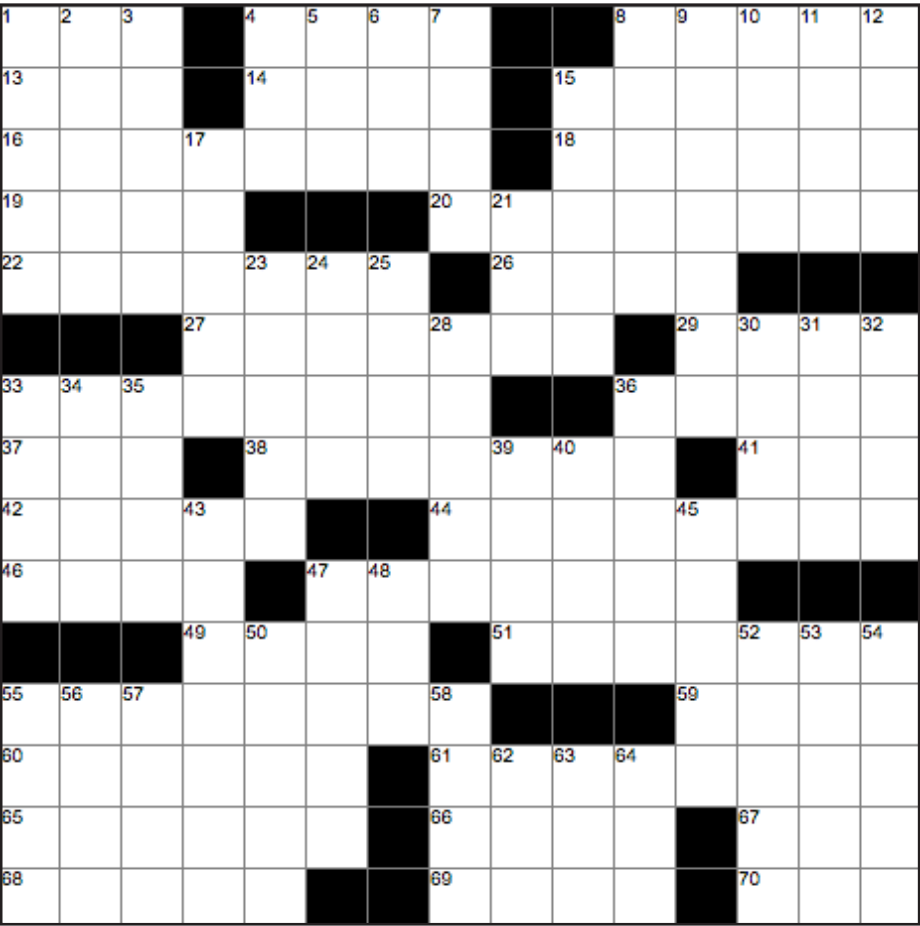
So, just to be clear, people are breaking into a day care center to teach toddler-aged children to smoke cigarettes. And the teachers are using this as an opportunity to teach kids civic

responsibility.

"I'm proud that the children, every one of which has an incomplete understanding of language and yet-to-be-developed vital organs, are taking this campus' livelihood into their tiny hands, which will almost definitely pick up a cigarette after being under the impression of adult behavior," said one administrator over the phone. Much of the administration was having a sleepover with Hynd as part of a going-away party. "I'm very proud."

Parents were not available for quotes. Mostly because after I asked them about it, they started freaking out.

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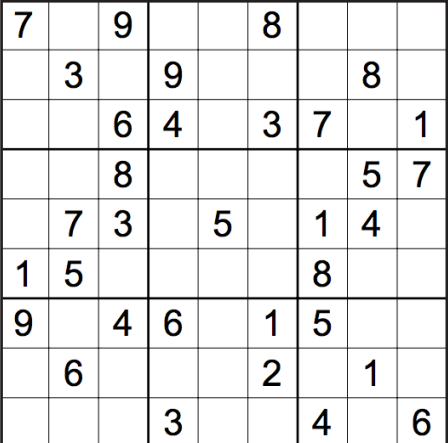
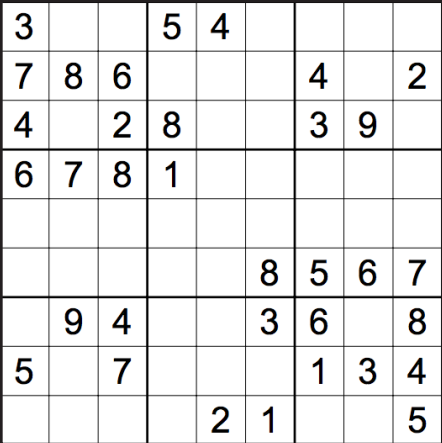


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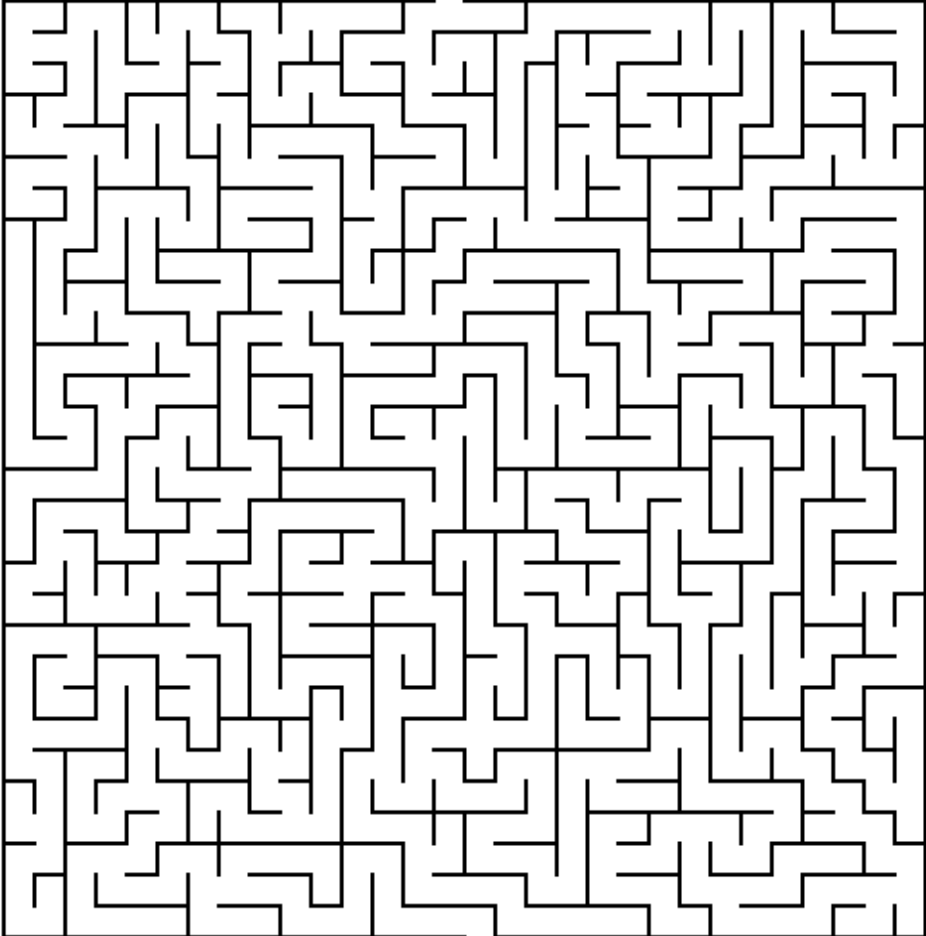
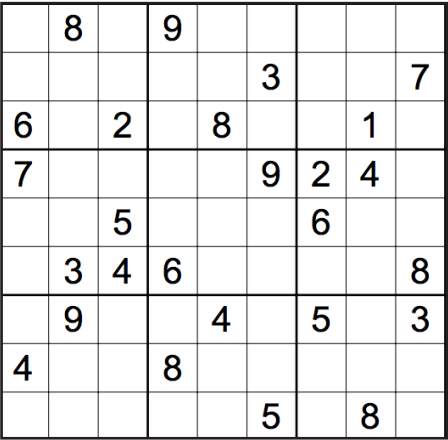
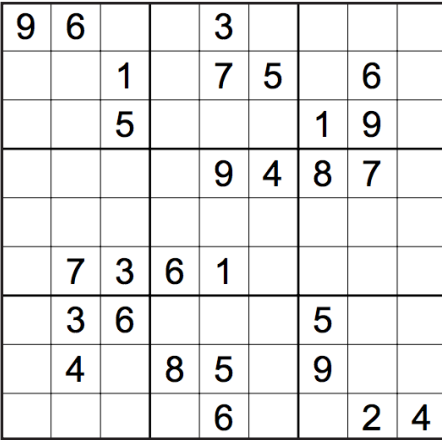
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# Annual Golden Grizzly Invite returns

*Oakland records nine first-place finishes, seniors honored*

**AuJenee Hirsch**  
Staff Reporter

Track and field hosted the third annual Golden Grizzly Invite April 14-15. The women's team finished third with 116 points, and the men's team finished second with 111 points.

"We have been so lucky and had really good weather at every meet we've hosted, and today is no exception," said head coach Paul Rice in a GrizzVision interview. "It got really [windy] for a while, but it was sunny, it was warm. It was just nice to be outside, and the athletes, I think, were just excited to have a great day."

The Golden Grizzlies recorded nine first-place finishes. Kendell Jefferson and Aaron Davis both placed first in the 100m at 11.90 and 10.50, respectively.

"I found that, although I run for me, I also run to represent any and everyone that has ever believed in me, cheered for me, prayed for me," Davis said. "All those people invested something in me, and I find that keeping that in perspec-

tive helps to get me through those hard practices and long meets."

Bryce Stroede placed first in the 800m with a time of 1:52.01, while Lydia Stanley took first place in the 800m for the women with a time of 2:15.78. Rachel Levy placed first in the 1,500m (4:38.53), and Ashley Burr took first in the 5,000m (18:06.53).

Both the women's and men's 4x400 relay teams took first place with times of 3:53.49 and 3:24.10, respectively.

The women's relay consisted of Stanley, Chanel Gardner, Sydney Sterling and Odette Ingall. Zach Joyce, Austin Dawn, Geoffrey Williston and Zach Stadnika made up the men's relay team.

After the preliminaries, a ceremony was held to honor Oakland's seniors in their last career home meet. The 2016 women's cross country team members received rings for winning the league championship in the fall. Last season's NCAA qualifiers — Stroede, Gino Vitella, Andrew Bowman and Nick Girodat — were also recognized.

Before the meet began, the seniors

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**Aaron Davis**  
Senior sprinter

filled out a questionnaire that asked them to list their top-three achievements and greatest memory at Oakland. As the seniors embraced the coaches and track and field alumni, their answers to the questionnaire were announced over the loudspeaker.

Twins and teammates Aaron and Austin Davis both listed one another's achievements on the questionnaire.

Aaron said graduating with Austin was one of his greatest achievements, while Austin said watching Aaron's progress as a great runner was one of his greatest memories at Oakland.

"We definitely push each other mentally," Austin Davis said. "I haven't had a great year, and I've been bummed a lot, but he's definitely been there for me to lift my spirits up and vice versa."

"I have something that a lot of people don't in my twin brother," Aaron Davis said. "There have been a lot of times where he's believed in me more than I believed in myself. I know that, no matter what, Austin is there for me, in my corner when I need it and even when I think I don't. Time and time again, he's pulled me out of doubting myself and worrying before a championship run, and I'm thankful for that."

Track and field will split to compete in three different meets on Friday, April 21. Golden Grizzlies will head to Atlanta, Georgia, to compete in the Georgia Tech Invite; Charlottesville, Virginia, for the Virginia Challenge; and Columbus, Ohio, to compete in the Jesse Owens Classic.

## NEW PAYMENT DUE DATES

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Beginning with fall 2017, payment due dates for all semesters will be two to three weeks before the semester begins. If you do not pay your charges in full by the due date, you will be canceled\* from all your classes and on-campus housing (if applicable).

Students canceled for not paying current semester charges can re-register for classes (based on space availability). Students canceled for not paying past semester charges can re-register (based on space availability) once the prior balance is paid in full.

### IMPORTANT FALL SEMESTER DATES

- **July 16, 2017** — fall tuition and housing charges posted
- **August 15, 2017** — fall payment due date

\* Students who are canceled from classes will have their tuition charges reversed. Students who are canceled from housing will have their charges adjusted according to University Housing's terms and conditions, available at [oakland.edu/housing/policies-and-procedures/forms](http://oakland.edu/housing/policies-and-procedures/forms).

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The Oakland Baseball Field is located in the lower fields, next to the Recreation Center and the soccer field.

# Diamonds in need of tune-up

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After 32 straight games on the road, the Oakland University baseball team finally hosted its home opener of the 2017 season on Tuesday, April 18. The team had its last two conference series moved to the opponent's location due to inclement field conditions.

The softball team's story isn't much different. Thirty-three games into its season, the team has yet to open up the season on its true home field. Instead of traveling to the opponent's field, softball has moved its home games to Madonna University's field in Livonia.

Spending so much time on the road takes a toll on the players. While some of that is inevitable with outdoor spring sports in Michigan, the location changes add to the number of missed classes, hours spent on the bus and lack of fan support for the program.

"I think [the hardest part] is the grind of riding the bus," said junior baseball player Nate Schweers. "There's a lot of teams in the north that have to do it, especially early in the season, but we're pushing 30-plus games now, so it gets long."

While being a baseball or softball program in Michigan comes with unavoidable challenges, Oakland's fields are an exceptional problem. This is not as much due to cold weather conditions as

it is to field maintenance, as both fields sit at the bottom of hills.

"The history is that that entire lower level used to be a lake or a pond, and over the years, it went away," said Deputy Athletics Director and Sport Administrator for the baseball team Padraic McMeel. "And there's actually a stream deep underneath the baseball field... So it just doesn't drain like a lot of other places could. Based on when we get rain, especially at baseball, it really does affect how quickly it dries."

The solution is to get turf fields, an estimated \$2-million project, according to McMeel. Turf would allow for a much better drainage system and the ability to have home games at Oakland would be determined by the day's weather, instead of the week's precipitation, which is currently the case.

"The weather hasn't been as cooperative in the months of March and April to allow for the field to dry up," Schweers said. "It's tough when two of your first three conference weekends are scheduled at home, and the weather in southeast Michigan just doesn't cooperate. It's not that different [from past years], it's just a little more highlighted this year."

McMeel agreed.

"This is an extremely frustrating year due to the rain that came through for the field," he said. "In the past, we just had to worry about the field thawing, but we had rain come in at extremely untimely points, and that's what kept

us from the first two weekends.

"The best and almost only true solution would be to bring in a turf field, which is becoming bigger and bigger across the country. So, we are actually in the process of starting a fundraising campaign for baseball and softball turf."

McMeel said the athletics department is looking to launch the campaign with some initial conversations in the next month or two.

"It has really been on the conversation docket for several years," McMeel said. "But nobody has really stepped up to want to support it."

The department has recently had some initial interest from people who may be willing to contribute. According to McMeel, it intends to split the project into phases, with the turf field getting completed as soon as possible and additional stadium renovations to follow as soon as the money is collected to do so. Costs are still being determined.

"It takes as long as it takes to actually fund it," McMeel said. "So, as soon as someone says, 'We are willing to fund it,' we can start on it."

Until then, the teams will continue to operate under their current limitations. Some home games are still left on their schedules. Baseball continues at home at 12 p.m. on Friday, April 21 with a doubleheader against Milwaukee. Softball hosts Toledo at 3:30 p.m. on April 26.

## The Sporting Blitz

**Katie LaDuke**  
Staff Reporter

### Baseball at Valpo: Game 1

Oakland baseball traveled to Valparaiso University for a three-game series April 13-15. Oakland lost the first game 7-6.

### Baseball at Valpo: Game 2

The teams traded runs until the top of the ninth, when Oakland gained a 6-3 lead. Valpo scored three runs to tie the game in the bottom of the ninth and send the contest into extra innings.

Oakland quickly responded with three runs in the top of the 10th inning and held on to win 9-6.

### Baseball at Valpo: Game 3

In the final game of the series, the Black and Gold broke the gap open with nine runs in the fourth inning. Valpo quickly responded with six runs in the fifth inning, moving the score to 13-8. The Golden Grizzlies tacked on one run in the sixth inning, three in the seventh and two in the ninth.

With a late-game rally, Valpo added one final run in the ninth. Oakland came out on top with a score of 19-9 to take the series 2-1.

### Softball at Wright State: Game 1

Oakland softball traveled to Wright State for a three-game series April 14-15. The Golden Grizzlies could not hold on to the first game and were topped by WSU 4-2.

### Softball at Wright State: Game 2

Oakland struck first with a two-run home run in the third inning. In the fifth, WSU got on the board with three runs and added one more in the sixth inning to make the score 4-2.

In the top of the seventh inning, the Golden Grizzlies broke the score open with four runs. Oakland held on to win 6-4.

### Softball at Wright State: Game 3

In the second game of Satur-

day's doubleheader, Oakland got on the board first in the second inning with two runs. Wright State quickly answered with two runs of its own in the bottom of the second inning, two runs in the third and three in the fourth.

Oakland racked up two runs in the fifth inning from a two-run home run from Jamie Squires and one final run in the seventh inning. WSU topped Oakland 7-5 in the final game of the series.

### Men's golf at Rutherford Intercollegiate Tournament

On day one of the Rutherford Intercollegiate Tournament at University Park in Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 15, Oakland finished round one in 12th place with a score of 299 (+15).

After round two, the Golden Grizzlies moved to fifth place with a combined score of 583 (+15). Jacob Johnson carded a 2-under par 140. He finished the day with a score of 68 (-3), tying for a tournament best and tying for second overall.

On day two, Oakland men's golf team finished third overall with a score of 876 (+24). The Golden Grizzlies had four golfers finish in the top 25. Johnson led, finishing T4 carding a 214 (+1). Chris Handy, Marc Norton and Jake Kneen all finished T22 with a score of 222 (+9).

### Softball at University of Detroit Mercy: Game 1

Oakland softball opened a three-game metro series with the University of Detroit Mercy on Tuesday, April 18. Oakland lost the game 2-0.

### Softball at University of Detroit Mercy: Game 2

Oakland struck first, giving Oakland a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

UDM added one of its own runs to tie the game in the fourth inning. In the seventh, the Golden Grizzlies gained a 2-1 lead and held on to win.

The final game of the series will take place at noon on Wednesday, April 19.