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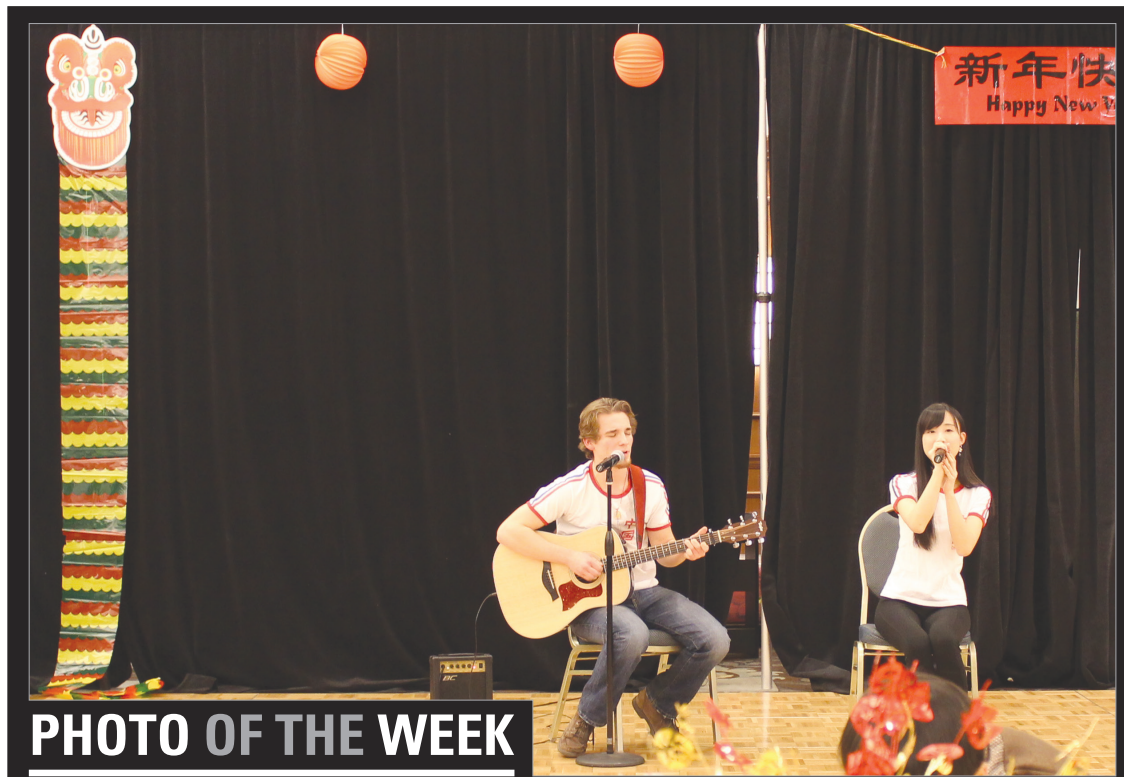


PHOTO OF THE WEEK

YEAR OF THE ROOSTER // The Chinese Students and Scholars Association, a new student organization supported by the International Students and Scholars Office, celebrated the 2017 Lunar New Year on Monday, Feb. 6 in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. Free food at the event included fried rice, pot stickers, spring rolls and flavored tea. There were also live performances of cultural songs and dances. *ELYSE GREGORY // The Oakland Post*

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In the midst of tax season, OUPD's Detective Shona Collins shares timely advice about how college students can avoid identity theft. PHOTO / Taylor Stinson



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Men's basketball guard Nick Daniels keeps his energy level up and boosts the hype of his team members both on and off the court. PHOTO / Nowshin Chowdhury

POLL OF THE WEEK

Super Bowl thoughts?

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- B** Falcons losing is the metaphor of my life
- C** Tom Brady is the second coming of Jesus
- D** Mr. Clean is daddy

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

How do you deal with being sick?

A) Suffer in silent dignity

19 votes | 35%

B) Go home to be coddled

18 votes | 33%

C) Whine until someone brings me soup

11 votes | 6%

D) Accept my inevitable death

12 votes | 22%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 10, 1986

University President Joseph Champagne decided to move out of Sunset Terrace, forcing the Board of Trustees to look for a new home for him and his family. At the time, they discussed turning Sunset Terrace into a conference space.

FEBRUARY 6, 1978

Beginning in 1972, Hamlin Hall was designated a freshman-only dorm. However, Housing determined there was "no real benefit" to keeping all the freshmen together. Instead, all residence halls were to be mixed, with about 40 percent of each floor consisting of freshmen.

FEBRUARY 3, 2016

Palace Sports & Entertainment and OU announced that the "Meadow Brook Music Festival" would be renamed "Meadow Brook Amphitheater."

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Looking Back

Professor accused of classroom bias

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

In October 1985, Mary Karasch, associate professor of history at Oakland University, was accused of expressing liberal bias in the classroom.

An unnamed student came forward claiming the professor made untrue statements about U.S. involvement in Central-American politics.

A third-party company called Accuracy in Academia sent out a news release announcing its newsletter, leading students from 110 colleges around the country to call in complaints about professors being too liberal, too conservative or even too Marxist.

Once a student called in a complaint, the organization would call the professor to verify information given to them. Then, AIA would publish the professor's name in a monthly newsletter sent to colleges nationwide, as well as private contributors, student informants and the media.

Les Csorba, the director of AIA, said that the goal was not for accused professors to be fired or disciplined, but rather the purpose was to "shed some light on biases."

Then-dean of OU's College of Arts and Sciences, Brian Copenhaver, was opposed to the project.

"The purpose of a university is learning and teaching," he said. "The purpose of inquiry should not be obstructed."

Csorba advised Karasch to present information from government reports, since he felt her

reading list was too one-sided.

"If she doesn't, I'll be back in touch with her," Csorba said.

AIA is still around today, with the second tab on their website directing to a website called Conservative University, which is owned and operated by AIA. According to its website, AIA is a nonprofit group in Washington, D.C. that "publicizes political bias in education."

In addition, AIA states that its articles focus on the use of classroom resources to persuade students, discrimination against students based on political or academic beliefs and campus violations of free speech.

Until the Oct. 21, 1985, issue of The Oakland Sail in which the news of AIA's allegations was released, Karasch had no idea she was even being accused.

"In previous classes, people always felt free to express opinions that differed from mine," she said.

She said that students had commented on past evaluations that she was biased, but said that answers on exams allowed students to express converse views.

In the late 1960s, Karasch had lived in Brazil, where there were protests against the dictatorship.

"I can see, having lived there, what it [monitoring] can lead to," she said.

She cited an incident at the University of Brasilia, where bugging devices were found in a classroom, and students destroyed them.

"When they begin to control what is said, surveillance is next," she said.



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The Oakland Post corrects all known errors of fact.

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Residents resist changes to dining plans

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

University Housing is considering a new dining system that would eliminate transfer meals and increase declining points, in hopes of reducing traffic in the Pioneer Food Court. The Residence Halls Association hosted two townhall meetings last week, during which students voiced their opinions and heard from Chartwells higher-ups about the proposed changes. The first meeting was held Jan. 31 and focused on the proposed system, while the second took place Feb. 1 and focused on food quality.

The current meal plans

The existing meal plans operate on a system of meals in the Vandenberg Dining Center; transfer meals in the Pioneer Food Court, Tilly's cafe in Oak View Hall or the Oakland Center's Bear Cave; and declining points, also called "meal dollars."

Residents choose from three plans:

Total Meals	Declining Points
285	\$50
210	\$100
150	\$250

Regardless of which meal plans they choose, all students have seven transfer meals per week, which they can use at Panda Express, Chick-Fil-A, Moe's Southwest Grill, Create, Subway, Tilly's or the Bear Cave.

Declining points can also be used to purchase meals from these locations, or they can be put toward snacks or drinks from the various shops and cafés on campus.

The average dollar equivalent of a transfer meal is \$7.46, according to a handout distributed at the Jan. 31 RHA meeting.

If students were to use their complete declining points balance on meals — leaving no points leftover for miscellaneous purchases — the existing meal plans, including total meals and meals from declining points, would equate to 291.7, 223.4 or 183.5 meals per semester.

The meeting handout said: "Every transfer meal used creates one less Vandenberg meal swipe. Total meals are a wash between Vandenberg meals and Food Court meals."

The proposed meal plans

In the newly proposed dining system, transfer meals would be removed, but



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Chartwells' Mark McCormic speaks about newly proposed meal plans for residents.

there would be a vast increase in declining points.

Instead of \$50, \$100 or \$250 in declining points, the new plans would offer the following:

Total Meals*	Declining Points
300	\$250
225	\$325
165	\$425

*At Vandenberg Dining Center Only

According to the handout, the total meal equivalencies of these plans would be 333.5, 268.5 and 221.9 per semester, respectively.

James Zentmeyer, director of University Housing, said part of the reason for the proposed change is to cut down on traffic in the Pioneer Food Court.

"Transfers only work in the food court," Zentmeyer said during the first townhall meeting. "We need to see what to do about the overcrowding."

He explained that, in the past, when residents were limited to three transfer meals per week, the average student used one-and-a-half per week. Now, with the limit at seven per week, the average resident uses about three.

"You get to decide the size of the meal [with the proposed plan]," Zentmeyer said.

Students expressed various concerns during the meeting. One student brought up that the equivalent of a transfer meal in Tilly's costs over \$10 and said the pricing is unfair.

Mark McCormic, district manager of Chartwells, said there are "weird outliers," and the intent of the new plan isn't to

overcharge students, but to provide flexibility.

"We aren't this unanswerable cooperate force over in the OC," McCormic said. "We want to hear your opinion seriously."

Throughout the meeting, multiple students pointed out problems with the math on the handout, claiming that the proposed increased declining balances are not equivalent to seven transfer meals per week.

At one point, multiple people in the audience said, "It doesn't add up."

McCormic said that it isn't possible to "create a meal plan for outliers, and this plan meets the needs of the average student."

He also said that this plan is "almost equivalent."

Student Sarah Benson asked what options would be available for residents who use all of their transfer meals and rely on the food court for their meals.

"So, it depends on what plan you get," McCormic responded. "If you want to do the 150 meals, with 425 declining dollars, that's 850 in your academic year for use in retail. It does a lot. Most people would be fine with that, and there are some outliers like this young lady, who probably might have some behavioral changes when she's out of money in October . . . You still have to make choices in life, right? Do you want flexibility, or do you want no flexibility?"

McCormic said that perhaps a system could be created in which students have two-thirds of their declining points available from the beginning of the semester and then receive the other third partway into the semester, as a sort of "speed bump" to keep students from using up all of their declining points too quickly.

"You might run out for a week or two, and hopefully that's not, you

POLICE FILES

Drunk or sick?

At 1 a.m. on Jan. 7, the Oakland University Police Department received a call stating that an individual in North Hamlin Hall was having difficulty breathing. Officers arrived and found the individual near an inhaler, but noted that his eyes were red and watery. The man told the officer he was having an asthma and panic attack. The officer offered to call an ambulance, but the man refused to be examined by emergency medical services, explaining that he had just used his inhaler. The officer eventually performed a breathalyzer test, which revealed the man had a BAC of .186. Another person in the vicinity also confessed to drinking and showed a BAC of .172. Both were given MIP citations.

Locker room thief

OU PD was called to the Recreation Center after a complaint of larceny. A man had set his headphones on the locker room bench before stepping out. When he returned five minutes later, the headphones were gone. No suspects have been identified at this time. Due to the lack of video surveillance inside the Recreation Center locker rooms, it's unlikely that the thief will be found.

Compiled by Robert Ogg
Staff Reporter

know, starvation for somebody, but that might be one kind of solution to that problem," he said.

Throughout the entire meeting, there were no students who stood up and spoke in support of the proposed meal plan changes.

Quality concerns

The second townhall meeting focused on food quality. It was held last Wednesday during lunch and had a much smaller turnout than the first.

Students brought up concerns of food poisoning.

Zentmeyer responded that students were most likely experiencing stomach viruses and said there would be more than one isolated incident if it were food poisoning.

"On an ongoing basis, Chartwells is always testing its food," he said.

RHA streamed both meetings on its Facebook page, where they can both be watched in full.

Test prep courses available

OU offers review for entrance exams into higher education

Amy Swanson
Staff Reporter

Continuing on to a graduate or professional school? Be proactive and take test preparation courses offered by Oakland University's Professional and Continuing Education.

In contract with The Princeton Review, students can prepare for entrance exams such as the LSAT, MCAT, GRE and GMAT.

"Our partnership with The Princeton Review ensures that students engage with a high-quality curriculum that allows them to develop the knowledge and skills that they need to be successful on test day," said Amy Olind, assistant director of PACE. "The Princeton Review has a strong reputation and 30-year history of helping students to be successful on educational examinations, so we are proud to partner with them on our programming."

All course instructors are either trained staff from The Princeton Review or faculty at OU. Classes are held at various times throughout the year to accommodate individual schedules and align with test dates.

Lessons for the LSAT cover strategies for tackling each exam section, as well as the Logical and Analytical Reasoning questions.

Highlights include two full-length practice tests and four online tests, as well as multi-week study-plan guides and an "LSAT Insider" bonus section.

For the MCAT, students work with a team of three to five subject-matter experts. This course includes 22 hours of verbal coaching, the most in the industry, according to PACE. It also grants access to Amplifire, an exclusive study tool that helps individuals retain more information and learn faster.

GRE prep uses an Adaptology teaching method to adjust classwork and homework to an indi-

vidual's skill level. The Princeton Review is the only test-prep company to include access to the instructor outside of class.

The GMAT course concentrates on both content and test-taking techniques, with comprehensive prep for the new Integrated Reasoning section.

Paul Trumbull, coordinator for OU's graduate business programs, worked with PACE to offer this specific course to his prospective students.

"It seems like the GMAT submission was a hurdle for many students wishing to apply to the MBA [Master of Business Administration]," he said.

Trumbull stated that many students who take these prep sessions obtain the score they need to gain admission. For example, there was a student who scored under the minimum twice and was close to giving up.

"After taking this prep course taught by instructor Jeff Pozy, he brought his scores up about 100 points and was admitted,"



Taylor Stinson / The Oakland Post

Professional and Continuing Education program is at students' service to study and review for entrance exams

Trumbull said.

He said the graduate business programs at OU offer a \$500 scholarship to students who take the GMAT prep course and are then granted admission into OU's MBA program.

"So, the \$900 he originally spent was really a \$400 investment," Trumbull said.

Olind feels this kind of preparation is essential to score well on these tests.

"Enrolling in prep courses allows [students] to develop the

time-management skills that are so crucial when taking the actual exams and gives them a way to establish a benchmark from which they can measure an increase in their performance," she said. "Receiving instruction on proven test-taking strategies and actually taking multiple practice tests in advance can help students to reduce their stress and feel comfortably prepared come test day."

For more information, visit www.oakland.edu/pace/.

Civil rights panel held for African American Celebration Month

AuJenee Hirsch
Staff Reporter

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives hosted a panel about the civil rights movement on Monday, Feb. 6 as a part of its African-American Celebration Month. The featured speaker for the panel was Oakland University associate professor of history, De Witt S. Dykes Jr.

The panel's speaker was originally supposed to be John W. Hardy, a current Detroit Public Schools teacher who was a civil rights activist and was arrested and pistol-whipped for attempting to register several black Mississippi residents to vote. Due to some personal issues that arose a few weeks before the event, Hardy was unable to make it.

Dykes teaches U.S. urban history, gender and family history and African-American history. He earned his bachelor's degree at Fisk University and his master's degree at the University of Michigan. His work has appeared in a variety of publica-



Mary Mitchell / The Oakland Post

Professor De Witt S. Dykes Jr. speaks at CMI's panel about the civil rights movement in celebration of African American Celebration Month.

tions, including "Epic Lives: One Hundred Black Women Who Made a Difference" and "Struggles and Triumphs of People of Color in Michigan."

Dykes primarily spoke on the civil rights movement, specifically touching on the role freedom schools and citizenship schools played at the time and how the movement helped to transform the U.S.

The lecture started off with discussion of a problem that arose in Texas. In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the University of Texas School of Law to admit an African-American student for the first time. Texas instead tried to set up a law school at Texas Southern University, a state-supported school for black students.

"What's so important about

this particular decision is that the issue was not whether or not an African-American could get a law-school education, a degree and presumably go on to practice law, but whether or not the African-American would be eligible to be considered for the best in the state offered to whites," Dykes said.

After speaking on the inequalities of the education system that existed at the time, Dykes went on to talk about how the South started to target African-American school teachers, such as Septima Clark, who were associated with black organizations like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This, in turn, caused the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to turn its focus to voting rights for African-Americans.

The SCLC helped to set up schools that taught African-American adults to read enough to complete the voting application.

"Many adults had either little

education or inadequate education in terms of reading," Dykes said. "So they had to try to bring the literacy level up to a level where they could read the application for voting, interpret the questions and give reasonable answers . . . to the questions various states used to keep the African-Americans from voting."

At the end of his speech, Dykes discussed the significance the civil rights movement had on the country.

"The whole movement helped to transform America," he said. "The United States of America was much better than it ever was at that time. Without the civil rights movement, we might not have the same country that we have today."

Dykes will speak at another lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 in Gold Rooms B and C of the Oakland Center. He will be discussing African-Americans in Michigan. This lecture will be a part of the Department of History's History Comes Alive series.

OUWB provides health care to struggling citizens

Amy Swanson
Staff Reporter

Both community members and medical students continue to benefit as the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine's student-run free clinic progresses forward.

Held at Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic in Pontiac, the medical school's clinic operates on the first Thursday of every month from 6-9 p.m. Run entirely by first- through fourth-year medical students and overseen by physician faculty, it provides affordable, non-emergency health care to those underserved.

To be eligible for free treatment, the patient must be an Oakland County resident who is below the poverty line and without insurance. Patients must also be between the ages of 18 and 65, as children younger than 18 are covered by Michigan's MI-Child health insurance program and those over 65 are covered by Medicare, according to an OU/Pontiac Initiative e-blast.

The clinic is a relatively new operation, having been founded in March 2016.

OUWB students Allen Nelson and Jenny Truong partnered to spearhead the clinic. According to Truong, the medical school finally had a full class, so they were able to get the ball rolling.

After overcoming all of the hurdles, they secured a partnership with Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic, a non-profit organization that offers free medical and dental services to low-income and

uninsured Michigan residents, according to the website.

During clinic hours, a total of 14 medical students volunteer in different areas — three in triage, three in pharmacy and four sets of two-student exam teams. While treating people, students are able to experience all steps of patient care.

"Being at this clinic gives students the most autonomy where they can work their own thinking process," Truong said.

Rollin Cook, an OUWB student who helped with the clinic's growth, believes this clinic is especially unique in that it is able to work with members of different educational classes.

First- and second-year students can take vitals or help in the pharmacy, while third- and fourth-year students can perform exams. However, those earlier in the program can also shadow a physician, learning how to do exams and discussing the reasoning behind diagnoses.

"You see from the top to the bottom this emphasis on teaching and serving the community that the [medical school] really fosters," student Thomas LaRouere said.

At the end of clinic hours, learning is furthered as everyone comes together to review interesting cases from the night.

"We're in the classroom for the first couple years, so it's nice to be reminded why we're doing this and what's really important," said medical student Josh Powell. "It's a great way to connect with our community members and give back early on."

The number of patients visiting the clinic has continued to grow since its opening.

"In this area in particular, poverty is very high, and access to health care is an issue," said Dr. Justin Brox, executive director of the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic. "If you don't have insurance, you can't get access to health care."

And while emergency rooms are legally obligated to treat life-threatening conditions, Brox said patients are often released once deemed in the clear.

"What they need is someplace that can chronically be there for them every month, giving them the medications they need, monitoring them and taking control back from their disease," he said. "And that's one of the reasons why what we do is so important."

Truong recalled one patient they worked with for two hours because she had so many health problems.

"She told us that for the first time she felt like she was understanding what was going on with her body," Truong said. "Nowhere would you ever get that amount of personalized health care."

LaRouere also spends significant time with patients. He said it's easy to get caught up in the fast-paced nature of training as a physician.

"It brought me back to why I chose to go into medicine," he said.

OUWB student Jonathan Chan has been involved with the clinic since its opening.

"The patients and community members we interact with at the clinic are just



Amy Swanson / The Oakland Post

The Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic in Pontiac has hosted OUWB since March 2016.

wonderful people and have so much to teach us about what being a compassionate physician is about and what it looks like to serve and advocate for the community," Chan said.

Moving forward, Nelson hopes to add additional clinic times and rotation sites, as well as to continue establishing the relationship the clinic and its local community.

"We want to publicize the Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic so that patients and the community know there is someone here that can provide them with affordable health care," Truong said.

They are also working on monthly educational classes for patients and have connected with the OU Spanish Club to teach medical Spanish for future translators.

The Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic is located at 45580 Woodward Avenue. For more information on ways to get involved, email Jonathan Chan at jonathanchan@oakland.edu.

Actively Moving Forward pushes for bereavement policy

Laurel Kraus
Staff Reporter

More than one-third of college students will experience the loss of a loved one during their four years, according to ResearchGate.

Actively Moving Forward, an Oakland University student organization that serves as a support group for students who are grieving the death or illness of a loved one, is attempting to implement a bereavement leave policy.

AMF at OU is part of over 70 chapters nationwide and was founded at OU in winter of 2014, after the death of Cody Petzold, a well-known OU student.

"Our biggest concern was to make sure that people are safe

here, they feel included here, they feel loved and welcome," said Elijah Sanders, AMF member and congressional archivist and legislator for OU Student Congress. "That's why we're doing this. We want to grow campus and grow it as a family unit."

According to AMF President Alex Currington, once a chapter of AMF is brought to a university that doesn't already have a bereavement policy, it becomes the goal to implement one using AMF's nationwide template.

"The bereavement leave policy that Actively Moving Forward at OU is proposing would give undergraduate and graduate, part-time and full-time students of Oakland University up to three days of excused absence from classwork, whether

it be exams, papers or tests, when they have suffered a significant loss in their immediate family," Currington said.

Students would be able to utilize the policy from the time of their loved one's death up to a week after the funeral, proceedings or service.

The broad statement of immediate family includes mother, father, sister, brother, grandparents, spouse, anyone living in the same household and in-laws.

The AMF is also pushing for this to include stepsiblings, fiancées, fiancées and miscarriages.

"At this point, unfortunately, we haven't found a way we can include close friends, since another consideration is students

abusing and manipulating this policy for their own personal gain," Currington said.

The organization's first step toward implementing the policy was to send out a survey in Google Docs that asks four yes-or-no questions and was created to determine how students at OU have been affected by loss during their time at the university.

The survey has collected over 250 responses so far, and AMF plans to bring this data to a meeting with President George Hynd on Feb. 17.

Other universities, such as Purdue University and Boston University, already have bereavement leave policies. AMF's proposed policy for Oakland is being modeled after

Boston University's.

Currington's goal is for the bereavement leave policy to be implemented by fall 2018.

Currington said a possible barrier for the policy is that it's set up to be maintained through the Dean of Students Office, but the office is currently low on staffing with a significant workload.

For more information on AMF or the bereavement leave proposal, email Alex Currington at avcurrington@oakland.edu.

Check out this story at www.oaklandpostonline.com to take AMF's survey.

The next AMF meeting will take place 3-5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 in Lake Superior Room A of the Oakland Center.

Take these tips before heading out

Shelby Tankersley
Campus Editor

Going out alone at night can be nerve-wracking for anyone. Being alone in the dark can feel like being in a horror movie.

According to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, adult crime hits its peak at 10 p.m. So, the night is feared for good reason, but simple fixes in the ways people conduct themselves can make them feel safer.

Using the buddy system is best, but not always possible. Rodney Price from the Professional Karate Schools of America, along with the Oakland University Police Department's Lieutenant Terry Ross and Sergeant David Blalock shared some advice for those

who get nervous walking by themselves at night.

Pay attention

Both Price and Blalock emphasized being aware of what's going on around you.

"If you're not aware, someone can easily grab ahold of you or push you down or worse," Price said. "Making eye contact is also a great way to stay aware of your surroundings."

Blalock reaffirmed that being aware of your surroundings is one of the easiest ways to stay safe. Not only that, but paying attention isn't very hard to do.

Don't text and walk

Price said, aside from looking around you, not looking down at the ground or a cell phone can make a big differ-

ence in staying alert.

"Everybody has cell phones," he said. "They're always looking down. It's okay to look at your cell phone, but make sure you're looking up often and paying attention. You can't pay attention to your surroundings if you're looking down all of the time."

Get educated

Price, Blalock and Ross all agreed that taking some kind of self-defense class is the best way to be confident when out alone. OU offers a Rape Aggression Defense, or RAD, program for women.

"Knowledge is power," Ross said. "Take a RAD class. It's 18 hours of training that will last you the rest of your life. Training is power, knowledge is power."

RAD started at OU in 1998



Shelby Tankersley / The Oakland Post

A feature of the RAD program is learning to use keys as a weapon for simple self-defense maneuvers.

and has been around ever since.

Basic RAD is taught at the beginning of the fall and winter semesters, and an advanced version is taught in March, but OUPD will run other classes for groups upon request. On top of that, the classes are free for OU students and affiliates.

"We have people come back to us years later, after they've started families," Blalock said. "And they call us or email us and say, 'Hey, I remember this. I've had to use a technique and it worked.' For me, at least, that is awfully rewarding. That's why we do what we do."

Don't be like Jim, take identity theft seriously

Faith Brody
Life Editor

"Identify theft is not a joke, Jim! Millions of families suffer every year!"

Dwight Schrute from "The Office" wasn't kidding. According to Bureau of Justice statistics, 17.6 million U.S. residents were victims of identity theft in 2014 alone.

"Identity theft is any time your identity has been used for anything for monetary gain," said Detective Shona Collins of the Oakland University Police Department.

The internet has aided criminals in weaseling information out of people and passing it on.

Now that tax season has begun and people are releasing lots of personal and financial information to the Internal Revenue Service, thieves are working hard to break security barriers, steal sensitive information and possibly even sell it to other thieves. Unfortunately, there are a lot of scammers who target college stu-

dents.

Collins said the most common scams that go after students are "free money" and job scams.

"We just had a couple of cases recently where this person said they could get free grant money for college students," Collins explained. "... This person was able to be so convincing that these people handed over their bank card with their PIN numbers, which you never, ever, ever want to do. The person deposited money into their account and then took a bunch of it out. And, of course, the money that was deposited into the account were bad checks."

According to a study done by consulting firm Javelin Strategy, fraud Americans of \$15 billion in 2015.

Collins explained that identity crimes are hard to prosecute for two reasons. The first is that, since the victims willingly provide their financial information, they are often considered accomplices in the crime.

The second reason is that these money scams often take place in

multiple states, or even multiple countries, making it hard for local law enforcement agencies to go after the criminals.

"It usually hits around four to seven states before it ends up where it needs to end up," Collins said.

She also mentioned that scams originating from Nigeria are notorious.

Since thieves are constantly evolving their methods and breaking into more advanced security systems, preventing identity theft can seem impossible. But there are ways to make yourself less of a target.

"The best thing you can do is be an informed consumer," Collins said.

The most important thing is to never give out personal information, like Social Security numbers or bank PINs. It's also wise to request a credit check every year and to monitor bills and credit card statements.

Consumer.gov suggests keeping all personal records in a safe place and shredding papers that have personal information on them. Collins advised

getting identity insurance, which can protect identities similar to the way auto insurance helps in the event of a car accident.

It's also important to remember that if it seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

If something doesn't seem right and you believe you have fallen victim to a scam, contact the local police department and your bank or credit card company immediately. Also contact major credit bureaus to minimize damages.

A list of credit bureaus and places to report identity theft can be found at www.oupolice.com/safety/idtheft/.

According to Collins, many OU employees were targeted in a nationwide IRS scam in 2014. The impact was so huge that it can still be felt today, which is why OU sent out mass emails warning the campus community about identity theft last week.

"If you've been hit once in identity theft, you're probably going to get hit again," Collins said.

How terrorists see themselves, explained by CIA

Robert Ogg
Staff Reporter

The CIA talked about terrorists’ self perception at Oakland University on Thursday, Feb. 2. Career Services held the event, and Pi Sigma Alpha sponsored it.

Randy Burkett, CIA director of operations officer, discussed terrorism over Skype.

Burkett worked in East Asian counter-terrorism and counterproliferation. He has also served as an intelligence educator for the CIA and is chair of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, where he taught courses on intelligence and international terrorism.

He has a bachelor’s degree in political science, a master’s in national security affairs and over 20 years of experience in the military.

Burkett discussed how terrorists view themselves. He said, even though Americans don’t tend to agree or sympathize with terrorists, it’s important to under-

stand how they think to dismantle and lessen terrorism in the future.

“Terrorism is violence, or the threat of violence, for political purposes in which the victims are not the intended audience,” he said.

Burkett said sometimes other acts of violence are mislabeled as terrorism and emphasized that terrorism, because of its intent, is different from mass murder, hate crimes and other similar events.

When he was teaching intelligence courses, he would bring in psychologists to teach people how terrorists perceive themselves.

Burkett said his colleague, Marc Sageman, a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Terrorism in the Foreign Policy Research Institute, once looked at 400 members of al-Qaida and discovered less than 10 percent of them had mental illness.

“This is less mental illness than you find in the general population,” Burkett said. “What you’re dealing with is people who believe they are making rational de-

cisions.”

Burkett added that 90 percent of people who went on to lead al-Qaida came from caring homes.

He also looked at the idea of terrorists being individuals who are unemployed or of lower socioeconomic statuses and turn to terrorism out of desperation. Of 102 al-Qaida leaders, 18 percent were upper-class, 56 percent were middle-class and 57 percent were professionals. He said 73 percent of the 400 al-Qaida members were married.

He then turned his attention to religion and stressed that it is not a good indicator of terrorism. Terrorists are typically not well-educated when it comes to religion.

“For ISIS, the more someone is educated in the Quran, the less likely they are to volunteer as a suicide bomber,” Burkett said. “The only role religion plays in terrorism is it becomes the justifying ideology that terrorists use to identify who is the ‘us’ versus who is the ‘them.’”

Burkett said many young men are recruited into terrorist groups around age 25.

“It’s not so much about evil or hate as it is about empathy and a desire to be seen protecting others,” Burkett said. “They see themselves as protecting those who can’t protect themselves. They’re looking for a damsel in distress, they’re looking to be the hero. They’re looking to engage in something that’s bigger than themselves.”

To terrorists, it becomes a war of good versus evil, and ultimately, their morals degrade in order to combat their idea of evil by any means necessary.

After the presentation, Burkett opened the floor to questions. When the video chat concluded, students were able to talk with four CIA representatives about career opportunities.

“Career Services works really closely with the CIA,” said Amy Ring Cebelak, a career consultant at Career Services. “A big part of what we do is connect students with employers. The CIA comes on campus pretty regularly to do recruiting, and they came to us with this special topic and asked if they thought students would be interested.”

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8	THURSDAY, FEB. 9	FRIDAY, FEB. 10	SATURDAY, FEB. 11	MONDAY, FEB. 13	TUESDAY, FEB. 14
<p>12 - 12:50 P.M. The Campus Leader’s Guide to Launching a Career Hosted by OU Rec Well Oakland Center, Lake Superior A</p> <p>12 - 1 P.M. Speed Networking Prep Session Hosted by Career Services Oakland Center, Lake Michigan Room</p> <p>6 - 9 P.M. Black Lives Matter Panel Discussion Hosted by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives Oakland Center, Lake Michigan Room</p>	<p>12 - 1:30 P.M. First Amendment Free Food Festival Hosted by the Society of Professional Journalists at OU Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge</p> <p>2 - 2:50 P.M. Gratitude Workshop Hosted by OU Rec Well Recreation Center, Herman Room</p> <p>3 - 4:30 P.M. Bio-Brand in the Blacking Factory: Material Cultures and the Technologies of the Racial Self Oakland Center, Lake Superior A</p> <p>5 - 7 P.M. Explore Business Careers Hosted by the School of Business Administration Market, Management & HR Management: 224 Elliott Hall Operations Management: Elliott Hall, Stinson Center</p> <p>6 - 9 P.M. “Where to Invade Next” Screening 156 North Foundation Hall</p> <p>Career Night: Lightning Talks and Networking Hosted by the Society of Professional Journalists at OU Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge</p>	<p>12 - 1 P.M. Painting with an Anato-Twist Hosted by the Anatomical Society of OU 126 Oakland Center</p> <p>Volunteer Valentines for the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Hosted by Second Year Experience Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge</p> <p>1 - 3 P.M. Speed Networking Hosted by Career Services Oakland Center Gold Rooms</p> <p>7 P.M. Men’s Basketball vs. Detroit Mercy UDM’s Calihan Hall</p> <p>8 - 9 P.M. Laugh Out Loud featuring Dulce Sloan Hosted by the Residence Halls Association Vandenberg Dining Center</p>	<p>9 A.M. Women’s Tennis vs. Detroit Mercy Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex</p> <p>1 P.M. Women’s Basketball vs. Detroit Mercy UDM’s Calihan Hall</p> <p>2 - 4 P.M. American Songbook Series #5: The Songs of Irving Berlin Varner Lab Theatre</p> <p>6 - 11 P.M Namaste OU Hosted by the Indian Students Association of OU Oakland Center, Banquet Rooms A & B</p>	<p>12 - 1 P.M. Debate: “Should nation-states militarize outer space?” Hosted by Model United Nations Club Oakland Center, Oakland Room</p> <p>2 - 5 P.M. Board of Trustees Formal Session Elliott Hall Auditorium</p> <p>3 - 3:50 P.M. Millennial Work Life Balance Series Hosted by the Leadership and Volunteer Center Oakland Center, Lake Superior A</p> <p>7 - 7:50 P.M. Wellness in the House: “Battle of the Sexes: Relationships, Sex & Chocolate” Hosted by OU Rec Well Vandenberg Hall, Glass Rooms</p> <p>7 - 9 P.M. An Evening with Henry Winkler Oakland Center Banquet Rooms SOLD OUT</p> <p>8 - 9 P.M. Be My Yoga Valentine Hosted by OU Rec Well Recreation Center, Studio 919</p> <p>9:15 - 10:30 P.M. Ballroom with Bae Hosted by Ballroom Dance Club Recreation Center, Studio 919</p>	<p>VALENTINE’S DAY</p> <p>11 A.M. - 1 P.M. Internship Mixer Hosted by Career Services Oakland Center, Banquet Rooms</p> <p>11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M. Kindness Day Hosted by the Student Activities Funding Assessment Committee Oakland Center Basement</p> <p>12 - 1 P.M. The Science of Finding Love with “The Love Doctor” Terri Orbuch Hosted by the Neurology Club 128-129 Oakland Center</p> <p>7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Concert Varner Recital Hall</p>
<div><p>“Rumors” Showings at Varner Studio Theatre</p><p>Thursday, Feb. 9 8 - 11 P.M.</p><p>Friday, Feb. 10 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. 8 - 11 P.M.</p><p>Saturday, Feb. 11 2 - 5 P.M.</p><p>Sunday, Feb. 12 2 - 5 P.M.</p></div>					
<div><p>SUNDAY, FEB. 12</p><p>2 - 3 P.M. “Hiberna Flores” Artists’ Talk and Catalogue Launch 208 Wilson Hall</p><p>3 - 5 P.M. Oakland Symphony Orchestra 20th Annual David Daniels Young Artists Concert Varner Recital Hall</p><p>7 - 9 P.M. American Songbook series #5: The Songs of Irving Berlin Varner Lab Theatre</p></div>					

Getting active with bae on Valentine's Day

Alternative romantic activities of partner yoga, ballroom dance lessons at Rec Center Feb. 13

Gina Navaroli
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day is approaching, and time is slipping away for students to find creative ways to spend time with their significant others.

Oakland University Recreation and Well-Being and Ballroom Dance Club will both host events that tie in the theme of Valentine's Day: Be My Yoga Valentine and Ballroom with Bae.

Be My Yoga Valentine

This one-hour yoga event will be held 8-9 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 in Studio 919 of the Recreation Center. Attendees must come with a partner, and an \$8 guest pass must be purchased from the front desk if the partner is not an OU student.

"It is designed to be a fun event," said Erin Davidson, OU Rec Well fitness programs and services coordinator. "We had a great

response from last year, and we wanted to bring it back."

She said there will be a Valentine's Day atmosphere, with elements like candles, chocolate and music.

OU Rec Well is expecting 30 to 40 attendees, who will be doing intimate poses that are designed to be done with a partner.

Davidson said it will be an upbeat class.

"We encourage people to laugh and have fun with it," she said. "They can chat during the different poses, so it is not your typical yoga class. [It is] more loose."

It's also a way to have a healthy date.

"Working on your flexibility is encouraged to do at least three times a week," Davidson said. "It relaxes your mind, it relaxes your body, improves your overall well-being."

She explained that the Rec Center offers yoga classes in a variety of formats.

"We have gentle yoga, slow flow, yin yoga, power yoga, vinyasa," she said. "We try to

offer different formats to apply to different people."

Yoga instructor Eileen McNally will teach the Be My Yoga Valentine class. Davidson explained how to prepare prior to the event and recommended that attendees come in with an open mind.

"Make sure you have your student ID, because you can check out a yoga mat for free," Davidson said. "You can also bring your own yoga mat. Even if you find yourself to be less flexible, you can use blocks, straps and other yoga props to get yourself deeper into postures, especially if you don't have the flexibility established yet. Eat 30 minutes or more before."

Ballroom with Bae

This event, hosted by Ballroom Dance Club, is another alternative to a typical Valentine's Day dinner and movie. Student instructors will be teaching romantic dances, specifically tango and rumba.

The event will be held at 9:15 p.m. on Feb. 13, directly following Be My Yoga Valentine, in Studio 919 of the Recreation Center. The cost of attendance is \$10 per couple or \$6 per person.

Vice president of the club, Ryan Bates, said the event will feature romantic, modern music. The dances will be instructed by Bates and two other students, club president Jessie Felix and treasurer Megan Carson.

The club encourages people to switch around to dance with different partners.

Bates said people can come with or without a date. He also added that this is not a super formal event.

"We're going to dress up a little bit, but people can wear whatever they want," he said. "Bring a pair of dry shoes to avoid from slipping. The smoother [the] sole [of the] shoe, the better."

Ballroom Dance Club hopes that people will become interested in pursuing ballroom dance after this event. The club welcomes those who want to learn to dance socially, as well as those interested in competing.

"We have the social class, which meets up to three days a week," Bates said. "We do waltz, tango, foxtrot, cha cha, samba, quickstep. The competition team has two additional practices a week. We travel and compete at U of M and MSU as well as in Ohio."

Dance Jam concludes Go Red Week

Katie LaDuke
Staff Reporter

As Go Red Week came to an end, the School of Nursing, the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine and the University Recreation and Well-Being put on their first Go Red Week Dance Jam on Friday, Feb. 3 in the Rec Center.

Go Red Week takes place from the end of January to National Wear Red for Women Day on Feb. 3. The week raises awareness of women's heart health. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer among women.

The first few days of Go Red Week at OU consisted of a health fair in the Oakland Center, a heart love workshop and a mini heart walk where every participant was given a red T-shirt to support the Go Red Initiative.

Stephanie Willis, wellness and educational outreach coordinator for University Recreation and Well-Being, stressed the importance of being aware of heart health from a young age.

"The time to start caring about heart health is now," Willis said. "A lot of people we find are waiting until they are in their later years before they start paying attention to heart health, but we are finding that the sooner we can educate younger students about their heart, the less likely they are to have health issues in the future."

A healthy heart stems from two main places: diet and exercise. Physical activity plays a major role in preventing heart disease and heart attacks. This is why the Dance Jam was incorporated into this year's Go Red Week. Organizers wanted to get people interested and moving with a brand-new event.

"We really wanted [Go Red Week] to have one big splash at the end of the week where we could really get everyone moving together to end the week on a high note," Willis explained.

In order for all of these events to take place, especially the Dance Jam, everything had to be set in place and the dance routines mapped out. With the help of Erin Davidson, OU Rec Well fitness programs and services coordinator, everything ran smoothly.

"[The Rec Center] has done a couple dance parties before and really wanted to bring an intimate event for people to get active at the end of Go Red Week," Davidson said. "Our department has always worked closely with Go Red, so we were pretty packed and the energy was great. I think the community loved the Dance Jam. We always try to bring some sort of dance jam each semester because people look forward to it. We are really trying to get the word out about heart health, specifically today women's heart health, so taking care of your body and exercising."

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Enchantment under the sea

*Life is the bubbles at the 43rd
annual Meadow Brook Ball*

ABOVE A live mermaid greeted guests as they headed down toward the ballroom. She also gave away pearl bracelets to those who took pictures with her. **BOTTOM RIGHT** Light refreshments were provided in the mansion's dining room. Snacks included pita and hummus, chips and salsa, cookies, brownies and raw vegetables.

Behind the Scenes

Nowshin Chowdhury
Photo Editor

Cinderella didn't get to stay at the ball past midnight, but Oakland University students did. Dressed up in suits and ball gowns, 300 guests arrived at Meadow Brook Hall on Saturday, Jan. 28 and Saturday, Feb. 4.

The mansion was transformed with oceanic decorations for the 43rd annual Meadow Brook Ball, which was "Under the Sea"-themed this year.

The longtime tradition at the historic mansion was inspired by large-scale events hosted by Matilda Dodge Wilson, "particularly [for] graduating seniors," said Jean Ann Miller, faculty adviser of the Meadow Brook Ball Committee.

Soon after last year's ball, the committee started considering the theme, fundraising, decorations and entertainment for the two nights.

"It's a yearlong commitment to make it happen," Miller said.

First, there was a vote to select the executive board, and then the committee members voted on the theme. "Under the Sea" beat out "Ancient Greece," "Galaxy" and "Fairy Tale."

Secretary Joshika Chande, a second-year biology major, was nominated for her position after being part of the donations subcommittee for a year.

"I always thought that decorating was a lot of fun," Chande said. "I guess when I first joined, I didn't completely understand what goes into making the ball."

The board is responsible for budget planning, bake sale fundraising, communicating with subcommittee heads and collaborating with the mansion and the adviser.

During the course of the fall semester, the members met every other Thursday to check in with their subcommittee heads and stay on track. One of the first meetings was a bonfire gathering, which gave everyone a chance to get to know each other instead of having a formal meeting.

"[The] bonfire was for not only eating awesome s'mores, but having fun with

all of the [subcommittees] together," said Zachary Sandoval, head of the public relations subcommittee and a second-year biology major. "[It was] also the night we voted for the color schemes and what activities we would have."

Members were divided into three subcommittees: donations, decorations and public relations. The donations subcommittee was in charge of reaching out to sponsors to enhance the experience at the ball, while the decorations committee purchased items that incorporated the theme of the ball, and public relations spread the word about ticket sales.

Some of the other public relations jobs included making fliers, advertising on social media and designing the tickets and programs for the ball. All of the subcommittees came together to hold a can drive, raise money by filling up quarter tubes and collect items to fill two gift baskets per subcommittee.

Entertainment planned for the nights included dance lessons from the Ballroom Dance Club at OU, a live performance by a steel drum band, a live DJ from WXOU, a mermaid impersonator,

a photo booth, a scavenger hunt, a fish-bowl decorating contest, caricature and tattoo artists, a tarot card reader, tours of the mansion and a variety of snacks.

"Ultimately, it's nice to come to a resolution and see a whole year's worth of work come to life," Chande said.

Committee members were each entitled to one free ticket and one reserved ticket for their dates. After showing their dedication to the organization and completing all the required tasks, they received their tickets toward the end of fall semester.

On the days of the ball, everyone helped set up decorations in the morning and take them down afterward and dedicated an hour each night to work a coat check or front desk check-in shift.

"It should be one of those bucket-list activities, that if you go to OU, you should go to the Meadow Brook Ball at least once before you graduate," Miller said.

The committee is now in the process of choosing its new executive board members and selecting the theme for next year's ball.



A Nautical Night

AuJenee Hirsch
Staff Reporter

Enchanting “Under the Sea”-themed decorations filled the mansion. A livestream of sea life was the backdrop on the dancefloor; a live mermaid lounged in her shell, covered in pearls and wearing a shiny tail; and people were seen drinking blue beverages with little red Swedish Fish swimming in them.

Hannah Stewart, a freshman at Oakland, dreamed of attending the Meadow Brook Ball since she was young.

“I’ve always wanted to come to this ball since my parents told me about it when I was little,” Stewart said. “I really love this year’s theme. It was definitely a fun experience, and I like all the different activities they had.”

These activities included tarot card readings, body painting, caricature drawings, a “Finding Dory” scavenger hunt, a fishbowl decorating contest, board games and a tour of Meadow Brook Hall.

The winners of the fishbowl decorating contest received a gift basket from the grand-prize table on the lower floor. If ball-goers completed the scavenger hunt, they could enter their names into a drawing for one of the prizes announced at midnight. Some of the prizes in the baskets included an Oakland sweatshirt,

makeup and snacks.

Although there were a variety of activities for students to enjoy, the more popular ones may have made the ball less enjoyable for some.

“I really like the caricature and tarot card readings,” said junior Diane Walsh. “I just hated waiting in the lines. I was in the lines for almost an hour-and-a-half each. I didn’t really get the chance to dance and hang out with my friends. I probably would have enjoyed myself more if the wait time wasn’t so long.”

There was a multitude of finger foods for guests to enjoy, including candy, fruit, cookies, chips and salsa.

For a lot of students, the best part of the ball was the music, which was provided by WXOU and some other Oakland musicians.

“I love the music,” said junior Max Williamson. “It’s something that I can get hype to and dance around with my friends. I was a little worried that the music might be outdated, but I’m so glad it’s not. The music is modern, and a lot of people of our generation actually know the songs.”

Overall, students seemed to enjoy the annual formal event.

“There were some hits and misses with this ball, but I think I’ll try it again next year and see what happens,” Walsh said. “I had fun overall with my friends. It’s a great excuse for me to get dressed up and go out with my girlfriends.”



TOP Meadow Brook Ball Committee members put up decorations in the mansion on the mornings of both balls. **MIDDLE LEFT** Along with the variety of snacks, there was also blue punch, available with the option of adding Swedish Fish. **MIDDLE RIGHT** Attendees participated in a ballroom dance lesson in the mansion’s ballroom, where a livestream of an aquarium was projected on the wall. **BOTTOM LEFT** A student duo played Caribbean-style music on steel drums. **BOTTOM RIGHT** Students could vote for their favorite hand-decorated fishbowls for the fishbowl decorating contest.

Satan writing, just wanting to check in

Simon Albaugh
Staff Reporter

Dear President Trump, I supported you from the very start. I knew you would be the best candidate for my interests and my goals for this country. Right when I saw that you were running, I knew you'd art-of-the-deal every last American straight to a victory.

I mean, who else is smart enough to get elected while hiding his taxes and practically admitting to assaulting women? There's no way Bernie could've gotten away with saying something like that! He didn't even go to an ivy league school.

But I digress. Just wanted to say that I'm a big fan, and I have some executive-order ideas. Would you indulge a big fan and bring one or two of these ideas into your office? You're already doing everything perfectly; I just wanted you to start seeing a future that both of us could believe in. You know, to Make America Great Again. So here they are:

Do everything you can to limit people from other countries having any connection with native-born American citizens

You're playing with fire when you let someone from a different culture, such as a communist Scandinavian country, come in and tell good-natured American people they think wrong. Just make sure to keep building those walls, and we'll be all right.

Allow guns in schools

I don't know, say it's because of bears or something. Just make sure that those kids can defend themselves from violent people that we can just say have mental-health problems.

And speaking of the mass shootings that happen every once in awhile . . .

Get all the mentally ill people in an internment camp for treatment

Even though only about 15 percent of mass shooters have ever been described as mentally ill before their crime (less than the 18.2 percent of the general public), putting them away would give people a sense of safety that's just so much easier than actually researching and reporting on the problem.

We probably can't know the real cause of tragedies like these because we don't . . .

Amend the Constitution to make it so foreign companies can give money to the president

Let's face it, you already made that a pretty easy thing for you to do with your real estate company. But this way you could ensure that it's perfectly legal, loophole or not, to allow the other presidents to do some back-door diplomacy, to stop war or something.

And to make something like that easier . . .

Limit the press by expanding the facts used in libel lawsuits to also include "alternative facts"

The American people need a voice. And it sounds like someone who doesn't pronounce "China" or "huge correctly." Stop the news organizations from invading political figures' privacy and let them Make America Great Again by any means necessary. Even the unethical means.

And most importantly . . .

Implement a four-year ban on any religions or customs that originated in the Middle East

We already know that there's a major threat of Islamic radicalization right in our American backyards. So, the most important thing is to make sure that they don't have any more of an influence on our culture before the average Joes become jihadists. You can tell the American people that, while they're giving up Christmas morning, they still hold their freedom.

I'd really appreciate it if you could consider some of these great ideas. I won't say that my support necessarily helped you win, but let's just say that when you said, "I'd sell my soul to be president," I was listening.

Written to my orange horseman of the apocalypse, with love,
Satan

Student seeks loan relief through satanic transaction

Shelby Tankersley
Campus Editor

College is a time of friends, exploration, knowledge and debt. But it's mostly just debt, and that debt piles higher and higher with every semester. It becomes too much for some students to bear on their own.

To help pay off his debt, Oakland University junior and psychology major Fred Dyinginside literally sold his soul to none other than the Prince of Darkness himself: Satan.

"It was a great sale," Satan said via email. "I love these young souls, they have so much life in them, and I just love crushing that spirit. My favorite part is throwing them in the Lake of Fire at the end, like a basketball."

Dyinginside works a part-time job with Chartwells in Vandenberg Hall and said he is very frugal with his spending. However, he said it is still hard to make ends meet, especially with this academic year's tuition hike.

"I can only work so many hours and still pass my classes," he said. "So, I just did what I had to do. I know that my soul's eternal resting place is important, but I would rather not be in debt right now. I am trying to get my adult life started debt-free."

Apparently, Satan is a tough guy to strike a deal with. Dyinginside sold his soul for a measly \$50. But, he boasted that he was able to talk Satan up from the original offer of \$30.

"Desperate times call for desperate measures, and I'm pretty dang

desperate," he said. "I know it's not much, but now I have \$50 less to pay back."

Dyinginside explained that he immediately turned this \$50 over to the provider of his direct unsubsidized loan.

He then burst into tears when he realized that this \$50 of debt would just re-accumulate because of interest.

Though Dyinginside paid more than he was originally planning to, Satan was rather happy with his purchase.

"This kid has a lot of potential in life," Satan said. "He has a very pure soul. I can't wait to crush it."

He explained that he crushes the soul of a college student by giving it a feeling of despair that starts out subtle and slowly builds as graduation day looms closer. When graduation day finally comes, he then allows the soul to feel anxiety about whether or not it will die alone.

When asked if he has ever felt guilty for buying the soul of a perfectly good college student, Satan said he never lets emotions get in the way of a sale.

"It's not my fault the kid made a dumb decision," Satan said. "I have a job too, you know. Just because I'm Satan doesn't mean I get to lounge around all day."

Dyinginside said that he and Satan shook hands and parted ways after the deal was sealed. For now, at least, he is at peace with his decision.

"I just want to get my degree," he said. "Death is so far away, I'm just not going to worry about my soul."



Illustration by Nowshin Chowdhury/The Oakland Post

Students depressed by money issues can consult the devil to make a deal.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Muslim American student's perspective on the immigration ban

Dear America, A couple days after Jan. 27, my inboxes overflowed with friends and family apologizing and giving me words of support. I was confused and curious as to why exactly everyone was upset on social media. I was shocked to my core that an executive order had been initiated to ban people from several predominantly Muslim countries from entering the United States.



As a Muslim American, my heart is heavy. I feel oppressed and shamed within my own country. I should not have to receive messages about how to protect myself, to be told to stay in this country, or fear for my life and others'. My friends who are not currently in the United States fear that they will not be able to come to Oakland for school. And I would like to tell my friends and family, I am sorry that this country cannot be a land of opportunity for you. The door to better education, better jobs, and a better life was closed with no warning. I agree that the executive order is not an attack on terror, but an attack on an ideology and on a group of people who

practice the religion of Islam. According to PolitiFact, there have been no instances of people committing terrorist acts in the United States by those who originate from any of the countries banned in the executive order. There are countries that have not been banned that have terrorists who have attacked our country. To put it bluntly, most of the horrendous terrorists who committed the 9/11 attacks are from Saudi Arabia, which is not included in the ban.

These are not the principles on which this great country was founded. This is an issue of Islamophobia, and this fear is due to lack of knowledge. You don't have to be Mediterranean or Arabic to be Muslim. A country that is starting a war with Islam is no country of mine. As president of the United States, it is Donald Trump's job to help unite the people of America, not tear us apart. If he wants to better this country, he should do so by taking the real enemies down and not oppressing the innocents.

A concerned African-American Muslim college student,

Medina Taylor
Distribution Director

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Political Focus: Trump's executive immigration order

Melissa Deatsch
Sports Editor

On his seventh day in office, President Donald Trump signed an executive order that has spurred uproar across the country. The executive order prevents citizens of seven Muslim-majority nations from entering the U.S. for the next 90 days and prevents all Syrian refugees from entering the country for at least 120 days.



The order is in alignment with his campaign promise to toughen the security of our country from certain nations and make it harder for foreign terrorists to gain access to American soil.

However, this week, Political Focus will examine the facts of this executive order and the controversy that surrounds it.

What are the facts of the order?

The order affects seven countries directly: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

The wording of the executive order specifically names immigrants and nonimmigrants, therefore affecting essentially all

foreign travel to the U.S. from those countries. An immigrant is someone with a green card or a permanent resident of the U.S. and a nonimmigrant is someone who has obtained a visa.

The White House has stated, after seeing some resistance from other departments of the executive branch, that those with green cards and visas will be admitted on a case-by-case basis, leaving the matter up to the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security.

Additionally, the order bans entry to the U.S. for any refugee awaiting resettlement for 120 days. All Syrian refugees are banned until "such time as I [Trump] have determined that sufficient changes have been made to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program," the order states.

Unethical, discriminatory and just bad foreign policy

The order was met with many angry protesters and much disagreement.

It has already proved to be a strong inconvenience on those traveling to the U.S. legally. Immigrants have been detained at airports while they await clearance or are sent back to their countries of origin after being denied admittance.

If someone holds a visa or a green card, they have already completed a thorough vetting and screening process. Many see it as unfair to add these additional inconveniences, which have even resulted in the revoking of more than 100,000 visas already.

Those in opposition to the ban see the order as discriminatory because of the large effect it has on Muslims, saying Trump is singling out immigrants based on faith and religion.

Other protesters argue that the executive order is an unethical response to the humanitarian crisis the world faces in response to fighting in the Middle East. A dangerous civil war still rages on in Syria, and innocent and peaceful citizens are desperately seeking refuge in different countries.

Politicians from the left have released statements and taken to Twitter to dismiss the order as a bad foreign policy move. Additionally, leaders from other countries have advised that this will strain important diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Muslim countries. For example, Iran immediately responded to the ban, saying it would take "reciprocal measures" in a statement by its Foreign Affairs Ministry.

The response to the uproar

Many people have responded in protest, saying the executive order targets Muslims. It directly names seven Muslim-majority nations and is in alignment with Trump's campaign trail call for a total and complete ban on all Muslims coming to the U.S.

However, the Trump administration cites other rationale for choosing those seven countries, even noting that these seven countries were originally decided upon by the Obama administration.

The countries were put on this list namely because government officials have said "ongoing terrorist training takes place there," according to PolitiFact.

As The Atlantic notes, these states are not the most populous Muslim countries, nor are they among the top sources of Muslim immigration to the U.S.

Trump defended the order against attacks from those calling it a "Muslim ban."

"This is not about religion — this is about terror and keeping our country safe," Trump said. "There are over 40 different countries worldwide that are majority Muslim that are not affected by this order."

Remembering black history: The first Barack Obama

*First black senator was
proponent of peace*

Isaac Martin
Political Contributor

Feb. 25 marks the 147th anniversary of a historic event in U.S. history: the swearing in of the first African-American U.S. senator, Rev. Hiram R. Revels. Over 100 years before the first black president, the inauguration of the first black senator was truly a momentous occasion, coming only seven years after the Emancipation Proclamation.



Even Revels' peers recognized the significance of this event. Senator Charles Sumner (R-MA) de-

clared, "All men are created equal," says the great Declaration, and now a great act attests this verity."

Sadly, this momentous event was nearly blocked by prejudiced senators from Missouri and Delaware. However, this wasn't the first time Pastor Revels had received flack on account of his skin color.

Born free in the slave state of North Carolina, Revels enjoyed an advantage over many in his day, both black and white — the value of higher education. After completing seminary, Revels traveled throughout Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky and Tennessee for about 15 years, educating fellow African-Americans in both the sacred and the secular.

Revels was a man of quiet, redoubtable courage. Compelled by his love of both his savior and his people, in 1853, Revels took on a pastorate of a black congregation in St. Louis, even though it was technically illegal for free black men to live in Missouri.

Though he was otherwise a law-abiding citizen, Revels was imprisoned in 1854 for preaching to his black congregation. He knew the searing sting of hate in a way that few modern Americans do.

At the onset of the Civil War, Revels helped to organize two black regiments, serving as a chaplain in Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi, before settling in Natchez, Mississippi, in 1866.

It was here that he was elected to the office of state senator during the Reconstruction. Gaining a reputation for personal warmth and political compassion, Revels was selected by his peers to

represent Mississippi in the U.S. Senate when that state was readmitted to the Union.

In a beautiful note of irony, the seat that Revels was to fill had once belonged to Jefferson Davis, a blatant racist who had abdicated his seat to become president of the Confederacy.

As an aside, it is interesting to note that Revels was a Republican. Freed from slavery by a Republican president (Lincoln) and a Republican Congress, the majority of African-Americans at that time were Republicans. Yet, former slave owners (many of whom were Democrats) banded together to form the Ku Klux Klan to recoup their lost power, lynching and intimidating black and white Republicans alike. Despite the blatant racism across the aisle, Revels chose to forget and forgive.

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Despite the fact that many in the South still nursed bitter prejudice, Revels advocated for a generous amnesty of former Confederates, stating, "I am in favor of removing the disabilities of those upon whom they are imposed in the South, just as fast as they give evidence of having become loyal and being loyal."

Revels is an example to all Americans, black and white alike. We can see in his life an extraordinary measure of grace and forbearance, even in the midst of appalling racism.

As our nation becomes increasingly divided, we at Oakland University must choose a different path. Like Revels, we must bless when we are cursed, love when we are hated and forgive those who do us ill.

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'Arrival': A science fiction film based in human emotion

Lawson Robinson
Movie Columnist

In 1998, Ted Chiang penned the science fiction short story "Story Of Your Life." Eighteen years later, this short story was adapted into the 2016 film "Arrival," directed by Denis Villeneuve.

A veteran within the film world, Amy Adams leads this well-made science-fiction film as not only the strongest component, but also the most essential.

Her character, Louise Banks, is a linguist who is called upon to be a translator when aliens visit Earth. In learning to decipher and communicate using the aliens' language, she begins to perceive her own world differently.

Like Adam's, Villeneuve's résumé holds weight in the cinematic industry. In his work on "Arrival," he departs from his usual crime drama genre. He still, however, executes a reputable shot selection.

While "Arrival" is based on an exceptional short story, the screenplay should not be shorted with regard to its credit.

“
If you could see your whole life from start to finish, would you change things?”

Dr. Louise Banks
(portrayed by Amy Adams)

Penned by Eric Heisserer, the film's script may not feature pizzazz or flair, but that is not of importance. Instead, the script communicates the themes of the film in a direct manner, so the viewer can better understand it.

Unfortunately for "Arrival," science-fiction films never receive the true credit they deserve when it comes time for award season. It is important, though, to give credit where it is due, and that is with the ever-so-talented Amy Adams.

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars



♪ Drew's Review: ♪ More socially conscious artists in 2017?

Drew Hagge
Music Columnist

The first week of February unofficially marked the first point in 2017 when the amount of newly released music has outpaced the consumption habits of music fans.

Sampha released his debut album, "Process"; lead vocalist from The Internet, Syd, broke off from her band to release "Fin"; and Detroit's own Big Sean released his fourth studio album, "I Decided."

All these releases beg the question: How much should this year's music reflect today's social issues? Syd's "Dollar Bills" addresses sexual inequalities, and Big Sean's "Bigger Than Me" discusses the Flint water crisis.

It's unreasonable to expect your favorite musician to accurately tackle society's ills.

However, we can all agree that the greatest musicians and songwriters

have the ability to do just that.

Artists not usually labeled "socially conscious" may rear their head into this subgenre without much effort. These socially aware artists are often few and far between, largely because it takes a certain level of political knowledge to address, say, the lasting effects of the war on drugs.

However, recent events in America ought not be considered matters of politics, but rather human decency and morality. Even artists who don't normally speak about social issues for fear of being too polarizing for a wide fan base might be forced to step into that arena or risk being viewed as out-of-touch.

Perhaps even Drake could take a break from his relationship-oriented raps to talk about his immigrant status in his second home, the U.S. Unfortunately, the recent fling between Drake and Jennifer Lopez is sure to make Drake's next project, "More Life," all too predictable.

Remembering tragedy: 'Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close'

Simon Albaugh
Staff Reporter

To get an understanding of the 9/11 attacks from a highbrow literary treatment, there's nothing better than Jonathan Safran Foer's "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," released April 1, 2005. Told from the perspective of 8-year-old Oskar Schell, the story progresses through the mystery Oskar thinks was left for him after his father's death. Because of Oskar's extreme detail-oriented personality, his journey takes him around New York City in search of a particular lock, out of the 162-million-and-counting that Oskar thinks also exist in the city.

In this odyssey, Oskar meets a variety of people, all with the last name 'Black,' as a task for the mystery. This constant drive is what allows him to distract himself from his worsening grief over his father, who died in one of the Twin Towers.

His nearly directionless search comes to an end when he realizes he's already met a Black who can help him. He goes back to her apartment to find a safety deposit box. But it's ultimately a reconnection with his also-grieving mother that he finds.

This book's truly New-Yorker nature

draws from the mending streets and suburbs of post-9/11 New York City to create a compelling story of grief and healing. It draws on family and reconnection in its themes to state the importance of remaining together, even in the wake of tragedy.

Foer specifically does an outstanding job of creating an eccentric character who, despite his outright strangeness in relating to the outside world, becomes one of the most easily relatable characters. Oskar Schell is someone who a reader could follow around for years without getting bored.

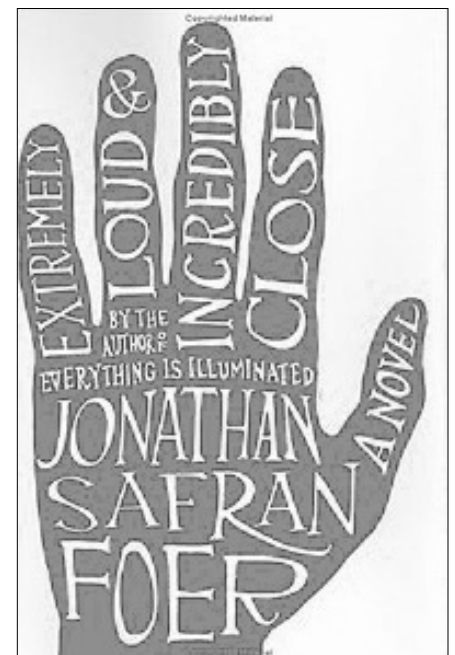
Oskar's relationships are among some of the most life-affirming connections. It seems that he randomly meets people who are able to give time, effort and a kind personality to him just for the sake of caring for a random kid. But there are parts where the character feels frustrated about the pace of his discoveries, and so does the reader. The novel's length is mainly due to Oskar's need to explain things in the same level of detail that he thinks in. This is the book's only drag.

I would recommend this book to history, psychology and English majors — history majors for its constant reference to one of the most formative events in 21st-

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century America, psychology majors for its exploration of grief at various points in life and English majors for its highly literary style and challenging dynamic. It's also a great book for cinema studies majors to compare with its movie adaptation.

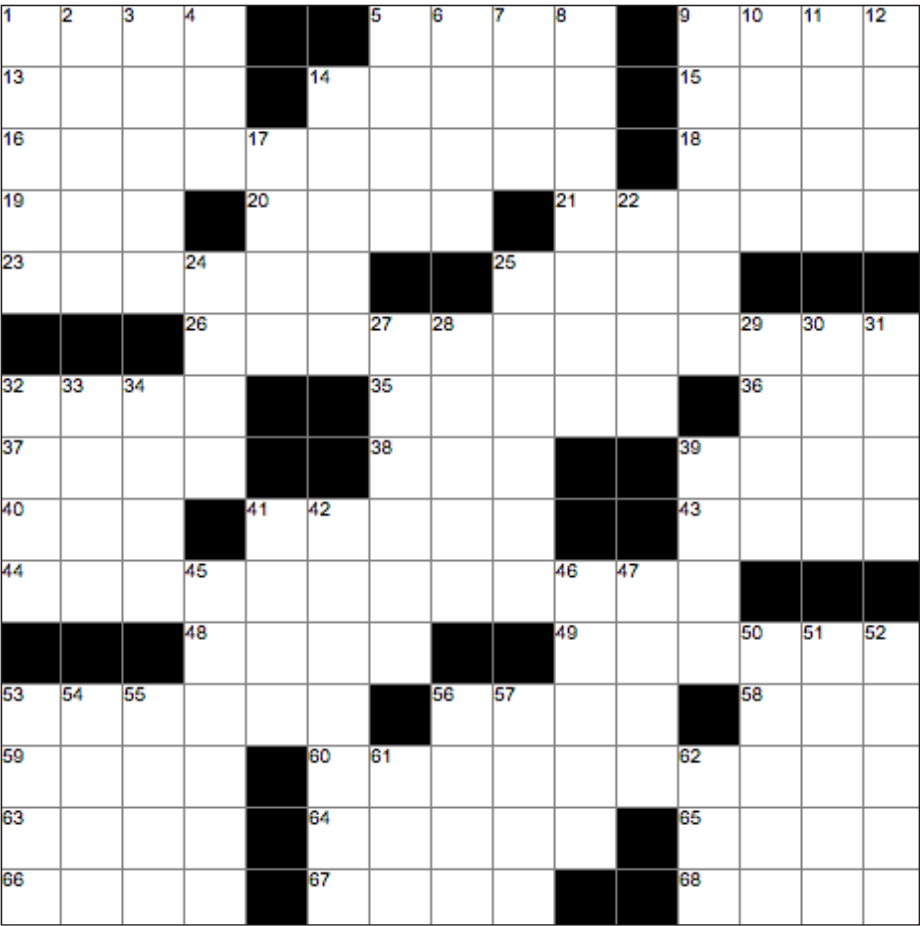
A book like this will probably be on a list of 21st-century classics in the future. It's a story with an intense understanding of setting and character that will inspire the imagination and shed light on the humanity of healing.



Rating: 5 out of 5 stars



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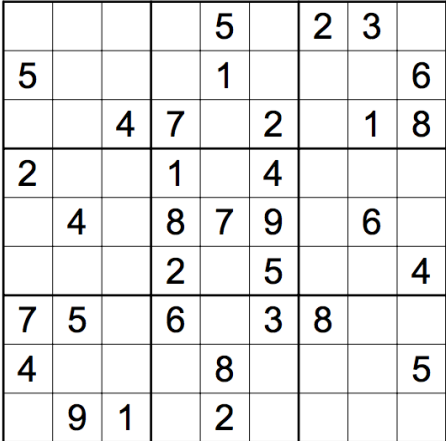
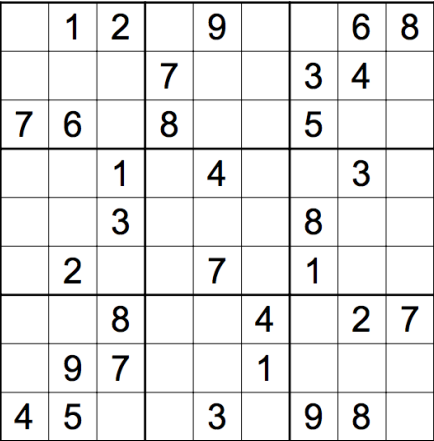
- Across**

1: In ____ (unmoved)
5: On the house
9: Labels
13: 'Inhabitant' of some tequila bottles
14: Heartless
15: Drive train element
16: Unsuitable for surgery
18: Sugar source
19: Louse egg
20: Spritzes
21: Open spaces in forests
23: Resounded
25: Cruise ship terminal
26: Ones who tell you when your slip is showing?
32: Utter loudly
35: Bracelet fastener
36: Constricting snake
37: Lens holders
38: Fancy marble
39: Benefit
40: Whichever
41: FCC flouter Howard
43: 'Them' insects
44: Place to buy smoked meats
48: Outlaws
49: Chooses
53: Thin coating
56: Informer
- 58: Muhammad Ali a.k.a. 'The Louisville ____'
59: Responsibility
60: Blade sharpener
63: Perth pal
64: Merits, as compensation
65: Where cookies might crumble
66: Favorable factor
67: St. and ave.
68: Adam of 'Batman'
- Down**

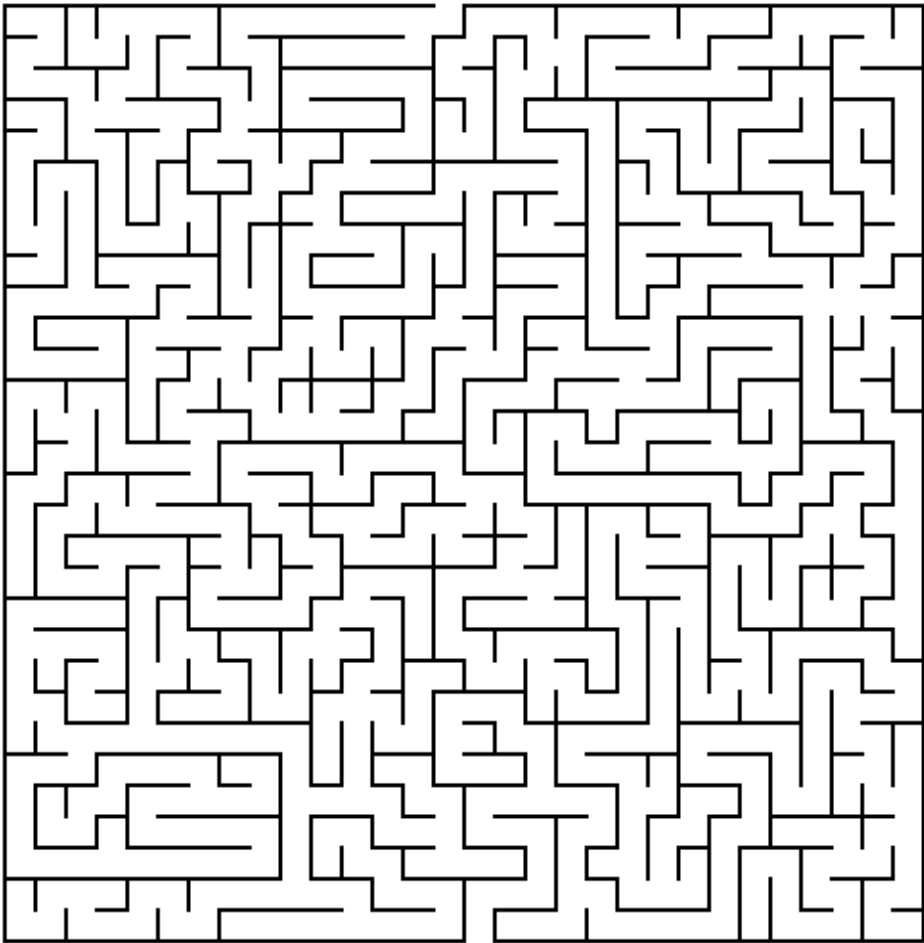
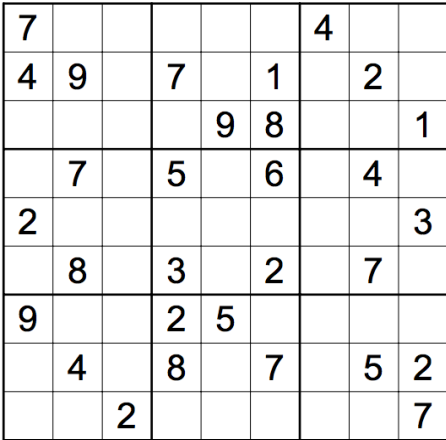
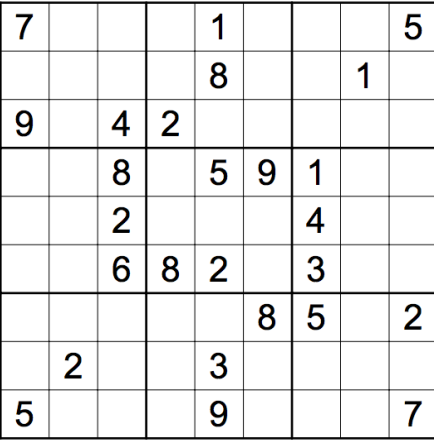
1: Sty dwellers
2: Type of bond or order
3: Fidelity
4: Diamond judge
5: Sigma Nu, for short
6: Applies pressure to
7: Slim swimmer
8: Pensive poems
9: Knight's sleeveless tunic
10: Fired
11: Tickled-pink feeling
12: Tennis match divisions
14: Doctrine of belief
17: Large pitcher
22: Entrecat or jeté
24: Goes for
25: Shrimps' relatives
27: Electron valence sets
28: Roadside distress signal
- 29: Black, to a bard
30: Word with beer or cellar
31: Lacking, along the Loire
32: Pitt of 'Ocean's Twelve'
33: Pat response
34: ____ nitrate
39: Problem source
41: Read quickly
42: Scarlet bird
45: Storklike waders
46: Gives a thrill to
47: Wapiti
50: Garlic bulb
51: Fork features
52: Exhausted
53: Pageantry
54: Uptight, slangily
55: Bishop Desmond
56: Kind of ant or brigade
57: Roadside stops
61: Wharf pest
62: T-bar offering

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Baseball team hosts annual First Pitch Banquet

Players gather to garner support, raise money

AuJenee Hirsch
Staff Reporter

For the past 12 years, Oakland's baseball team has hosted its annual First Pitch Banquet. The banquet provides players the opportunity to spend time with their families and baseball alumni to raise money for the baseball program. On Saturday, Feb. 4, the 2017 First Pitch Banquet was hosted at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield.

Tickets were available for \$100 each and included dinner and a charitable donation of \$35. Attendees were also able to participate in a silent auction to help raise money for the baseball program. There were over

85 items at the auction, some of which included team memorabilia, a Buffalo Wild Wings gift basket and signed jerseys of Detroit Tigers Miguel Cabrera and Justin Verlander. With 185 people attending the banquet, the team raised about \$20,000 through ticket sales and the silent auction.

"The banquet is a good opportunity for our coaching staff to give back to our players, our alumni, friends, family," said co-head coach Jacke Healy. "It gives back to them because we're able to come together for one night and appreciate the team [and] pay recognition to our seniors."

Preparations for the banquet began in October 2016. Healy and co-head coach Colin Kaline decided on the venue and organized donations for the silent auction. This is Kaline's first year as a head coach and his first year with Oakland. Planning the

banquet was a new experience for him.

"Being a first-year head coach and organizing a banquet, you kind of run into the problems and things that you work through, but it was wonderful," Kaline said. "It was definitely a unique experience, but it was a great success, and we're really happy with how it turned out."

Mario Impemba, the TV voice of the Detroit Tigers and former radio voice of Oakland's men's basketball, was the featured speaker at the banquet. The 2016-2017 Oakland baseball team was introduced, and the 2017 team gave speeches, as well.

"Just seeing all the support from all the alumni, family and friends, athletic administration, it really meant a lot to us to see how much support we have behind the program," said senior shortstop Tyler Janish.



Photo courtesy of Samantha Condon

The Oakland baseball team gave speeches at the event in Southfield.

With the season starting this month, the team has high expectations for this year's roster.

"I think there's a new energy this year that I haven't seen out of the program before," Janish said. "We have a coaching change that seems to bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm about the game, and I think it's rubbing off on our players."

Kaline also expressed his excitement about the upcoming

season.

"[I'm] really excited," Kaline said. "I think we have a great group of guys, high-character guys, talented kids on the field. We're looking for a great year, and we're feeling really confident."

Opening game day for the Golden Grizzlies will be against the Lipscomb University Bison at 4 p.m. on Feb. 17 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Oakland Division I hockey falls to EMU

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

If the Red Wings have left you disheartened, there's still a team out there that is sure to entertain — Oakland University's men's Division I club hockey. With their season nearing its end, the Golden Grizzlies took on Eastern Michigan on Saturday, Feb. 4, hoping to redeem themselves after a tough overtime loss the previous night.

This time around, Oakland had the home advantage as it prepared to confront Eastern Michigan on the rink of the Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester.

Despite two significant rallies coordinated by Oakland, the Golden Grizzlies fell to the Eagles 4-2. The final nail in Oakland's coffin came when Eastern scored the final goal on an open net with just seconds remaining. The defeat places Oakland at 5-18-4 for the season.

Although the loss is another blemish on Oakland's record, some good did come out of the night.

In recognition of World Can-

cer Day, Oakland hockey coordinated with Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, a national cancer awareness and support group, in order to raise funds for families affected by the disease.

Every time a goal was scored by Oakland, audience members had the opportunity to contribute donations to jars that were circulating through the stands. By the end of the night, Gilda's Club had gathered hundreds of dollars.

Regardless of the gesture, Oakland's supporters received only two chances to make a payment.

The first period saw Oakland come out strong and organized. After winning the faceoff, the Golden Grizzlies landed their first goal just 34 seconds into the game.

Unrelenting, Eastern Michigan organized multiple strikes on Oakland's net.

In his debut game, Oakland goalie Nicholas Borg defended the net until a surge of Eastern players overwhelmed him and scored a goal. With its resurgence underway, Eastern would

continue to score one more goal before the conclusion of the first period.

Oakland hit the ice hard during the second period in hopes of closing the 2-1 deficit.

The Golden Grizzlies shoveled the puck back and forth in an effort to generate more scoring opportunities. Amid a flurry of shots, Oakland still couldn't land the goal it needed, ultimately finishing the second period as it began.

The third period saw Oakland's revitalization develop further as the Golden Grizzlies managed to tie the game 2-2. The glimmer of hope was dashed as a concentrated attack in front of Oakland's net saw the puck narrowly skim by Borg.

Facing the prospect of possible overtime, Oakland attempted to answer, but the match was finalized after a full-rink shot from Eastern struck the back of Oakland's open net, concluding the game 4-2.

"We were there in stretches, but being there for the full 60 [minutes] is a tough one," said head coach Colin Ronayne. "We



Ian Levinson / The Oakland Post

Oakland's Division I club hockey team battled it out against Eastern Michigan University at the Onyx Ice Arena, but eventually lost 4-2.

need to go back to the drawing board, have a good week of practice and hopefully take care of business."

Skating against Eastern Michigan, forward Frank Saputo identified some areas of improvement for Oakland.

"We played hard all night, but we just couldn't find our bounces," Saputo said. "You put up 50 shots on someone, and you'd expect to win a hockey game."

Forward Ryan Rotondi reiterated his teammate's observa-

tions.

"I thought we started off really strong, but we tend to play down to lower teams," Rotondi said. "We just have to come back next weekend and show what we got."

Oakland's next matchup will be against rival Rochester College. Facing off in the Jug of Rochester Hills Series, the teams will battle at both 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10 at the Onyx Ice Arena and at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 at Suburban Ice Macomb.

Daniels contributes more than statistics

AuJenee Hirsch
Staff Reporter

Every game, he's the guy who hypes up the starting lineup during introductions. He's the guy who leads the men's basketball team's dance circle before the game. He's the guy who turns to the crowd and gestures to make some noise at big moments of the game. His name is Nick Daniels.

Daniels found his love for basketball when he was 5 years old and playing recreationally in his hometown of Toledo, Ohio. Eight years ago, Daniels moved to Michigan, and his love for basketball only grew.

A four-year basketball captain at John Glenn High School in Westland, Daniels graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer and was selected to play in the Michigan All-Star game.

Despite not having much playing time his freshman year at Oakland University, Daniels bounced back his sophomore year. During the 2014-2015 season, he was named to the Horizon League All-Freshman Team and earned Horizon League Freshman of the Week Dec. 8, after scoring his then-career-best 17 points, shooting 5-for-5 from behind the arc against Rochester College on Dec. 3.

Although he was unable to play in the 2013-2014 season, Daniels soon became known for his positive attitude toward the Oakland community.

"I think he's more proud of this university and being a part of it than anybody I've been around," said head coach Greg Kampe. "That makes me very loyal to him. That makes me really believe in him just because I love that character. I wish everybody felt that way. I wish everybody that worked at Oakland, everybody that went to school at Oakland, everybody that gets a paycheck at Oakland — I wish they had whatever it is that's in him that's just a love of this university."

Daniels came to Oakland for the homey feel, the campus and



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Redshirt junior Nick Daniels found his love for basketball at age 5.

the basketball program.

"I just love the culture here and the brotherhood that we have as a team outside of the court," Daniels said. "On my official visit, Drew [Valentine] was my host, and once I'd seen how he was a leader on and off the court, it just motivated me to be the same as he was when I got here. I just felt comfortable being here."

Inspired by Valentine, Daniels stepped up and became a leader on the team. His role evolved into a source of energy for his teammates.

"[He has the] biggest heart I've ever seen at Oakland," teammate Jalen Hayes said. "His attitude is contagious, man. He comes into practice every morning hyped up, energized, ready to practice and ready to go. He is high-fiving teammates, jumping up and down, and like I said, it's contagious. His attitude, it stays consistent throughout the whole year and throughout his whole career here. It's always a plus and a joy to be around him."

It's natural for Daniels.

"For me, it's really just who I am," Daniels said. "Outside of the court, I'm really silly with my teammates. I'm always dancing, always getting them hype off the court. I just bring it onto the court so it can get us hype before the game. I know that my teammates love seeing me hype, dancing and doing everything to get them pumped

up for the game."

Daniels helps charge the team on the court as well.

"Even if he's not making shots, not having the best game that he wants to have, he's still out there taking charges, getting steals and just doing the little things, the energizer things that every team needs," Hayes said. "I think this year he's more of an X-factor than he was in his previous years."

Daniels' enthusiasm for basketball is obvious.

"He's a consummate team player," Kampe said. "He cares more about winning and losing than the average basketball player. He really, really cares, and he wears his emotions on his sleeve."

The main role that Daniels has on the basketball team is not just his position as a guard, but he is someone that a lot of people on the team call a friend.

"He's just my best friend," Hayes said. "I've been able to grow so much around him throughout the four years that I've been able to know him. He's my brother, really. We've done everything together and hang around each other every day."

As a communication major, Daniels aspires to be a sports broadcaster after graduation. He wants to keep up with basketball, even though he will not be playing the game.

"I love basketball," Daniels said. "I just want to stick with it for as long as possible."

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Men's basketball vs. YSU and CSU

The men's basketball team saw success on the road this past weekend, picking up two wins against Youngstown State and Cleveland State. In their first game against YSU on Thursday, Feb. 2, the Golden Grizzlies moved to 7-4 with their 90-76 victory over the Penguins.

Isaiah Brock was back to his old self in all respects. He contributed 16 points and 18 rebounds for the Golden Grizzlies, shooting 6-for-7 from the field and 4-for-4 from the free-throw line. Jalen Hayes had another 20-plus point performance, adding 21 for Oakland. Martez Walker followed closely behind with 17 points.

Oakland went a perfect 18-for-18 from the free-throw line, the second-best free-throw performance in program history.

Saturday's win over Cleveland State University didn't come as easily for Oakland. The game came down to the final seconds, with the Golden Grizzlies emerging victorious over the Vikings 53-51 to move to 8-4 in conference play.

Brock matched his Thursday night efforts with another solid performance against CSU. His strong defense in the final seconds of the game protected the 2-point lead earned by a Walker layup with 1:20 left on the clock. Brock sent back a shot by CSU's Demonte Flannigan at the buzzer, his fourth block of the game.

In addition to Brock's four blocks, he added 14 points and 10 rebounds. Walker added 10 points, and Sherron Dorsey-Walker added 10 to the Golden Grizzlies' uncharacteristically low final score of 53.

Oakland takes on University of Detroit Mercy at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10 at UDM's Calihan Hall. The Golden Grizzlies look for revenge on the Titans after being defeated 93-88 on Jan. 13.

Women's swimming and diving vs. BGSU

The Oakland women's swimming and diving team took on Bowling Green State University on Saturday, Feb. 4 in its last meet before the Horizon League Championships. The Golden Grizzlies swam to victory over the Falcons 174-121.

Patricia Aschan took home the gold in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle, as well as the 100 IM (1:53.31; 5:00.59; 58.45). Holly Morren won the 50 free (23.52) and 100 free (51.87), in addition to her 200 medley relay with teammates Grace Shinske, Takara Martin and Katie Colwell, who finished with a time of 1:43.48.

Other winners included Krissy Harmon in the 1,000 free (10:25.24), Talia Sola-Galindo in the 50 backstroke (26.24), Martin in the 50 breaststroke (29.47), Lauren Wynalda in the 100 butterfly (57.74) and Rachel Waite in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.92).

The men's and women's teams head to the University of Illinois at Chicago Feb. 22-25 for the 2017 Horizon League Championships. The Golden Grizzlies will look to defend their title and keep their conference championship streak alive. The men's and women's teams have won 38 and 22 consecutive championships, respectively.

Track and field at Youngstown National Invitational

The track and field teams traveled to Youngstown State University this weekend for the Youngstown National Invitational. The Golden Grizzlies brought back five first-place event wins.

Zach Stadnika placed first in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.38; Gino Vitella placed first in shot put with a mark of 53 feet, 11 inches; and Aaron Davis placed first in the 200m (21.84).

Oakland finished first in both 4x400 relays, with Chanel Gardner, Andrea Koenigsknecht, Lydia Stanley and Sydney Sterling finishing with 3:54.35. The men's relay team of Austin Davis, Andrew Storm, Corey Goodloe and Zach Joyce finished with 3:18.80.

The team sends athletes to three different meets this weekend: Boston University's David Hemery Invitational, the GVSU Big Meet and the Tiffin Dragon Invitational.

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Then-seniors Elena Popkey (left) and Olivia Nash (right), stand with OU women's basketball head coach Jeff Tungate.

Oakland alumni rep in Europe

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

Playing internationally is a dream for many athletes. This has become the reality for 2016 Oakland University women's basketball alumni Olivia Nash and Elena Popkey.

These former Golden Grizzlies have been overseas for four months and shared their experiences. Answers have been edited for grammar.

Question: What team are you playing for?

Nash: Currently, I play for Vimpeli Veto out of Vimpeli Finland.

Popkey: Bad Homburg Germany Falcons.

Q: Why did you decide to sign with this team?

Nash: They're in the top women's Finnish league. I was able to communicate and build a connection with the coaches and team before my final decision.

Popkey: I talked and prayed with a lot of my family and mentors. I talked to my agent and the head coach of the program, as well, and had peace about the decision.

Q: How has the transition to league play been?

Nash: It's been different in regards to the new culture and language barrier. My everyday routine is different . . . and I found the league to be very competitive.

Popkey: In Europe, they have some different rules and regulations that I've had to adapt to, but there hasn't been anything too dramatic. Olivia and I have trained hard and prepared ourselves . . . so the transition hasn't been too difficult.

Q: How did Oakland help prepare you for league play?

Nash: It's helped prepare me in terms of work ethic. I wouldn't have made it this far if I wasn't pushed daily by my teammates and coaches while I attended Oakland.

Popkey: At Oakland, I was a captain for three years and starting point guard for four. The triumphs and the trials I experienced in my leadership position were the best training lessons for my career overseas.

Q: What challenges do you face?

Nash: My game-day routine is quite a bit different here . . . Also, it was a challenge to adjust to the Finnish language, along with communicating on the court with teammates and coaches.

Popkey: Communication on the court is probably one of the most difficult challenges. There's a lot of basketball lingo that doesn't always translate.

Q: What's the one thing you miss most about home?

Nash: I miss my family and

friends the most. Also, good American food!

Popkey: The people. I'm incredibly blessed and surrounded by amazing friends and family back home. I miss them so much, but I'm thankful for technology that can keep us in constant communication. Besides the people . . . I miss the food . . . especially Mexican food.

Q: How is the team/game dynamic different?

Nash: The team/game dynamic and chemistry here took a little longer to develop, given the language barrier and other team changes throughout the season, but we are all really close, just like the team at Oakland.

Popkey: [It] is very different here because our age range is a lot more vast . . . Our team ranges from ages 16 to 36 . . . People are in all different walks of life here, which can be challenging for team chemistry. However, I think our team does a good job of connecting.

Q: What are your plans for the future?

Nash: Future plans are currently to win a championship here, then return home for the summer and train for next season!

Popkey: I plan on playing in Europe again next year, but I'm not sure where . . . Just praying about it and training my mind, body and spirit in the meantime.

Women's basketball beats UWM Panthers

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

After shattering Green Bay's 11-game win streak, Oakland women's basketball crushed University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 77-63 in a home win Saturday afternoon.

The second consecutive win places Oakland 13-10, 7-5 HL.

For her second game in a row, Taylor Gleason's tenacity in the key earned her 20 points. She also contributed seven rebounds and four assists.

A dominant force under the net, Hannah Little secured 18 points, nine rebounds and three assists for Oakland.

Sha'keya Graves tied a career high of five steals while gathering 8 points and four rebounds.

Milwaukee was first to strike, establishing a 5-0 lead early in the first quarter. Graves broke the Panthers' offensive, and the Golden Grizzlies concluded the first quarter 22-18.

UWM's aggression in the key and emphasis on drawing fouls proved beneficial. The second quarter saw both teams gain 16 points, 5 of which were from free throws for the Panthers.

Oakland's ability to snatch up rebounds and feed them to long-ball shooters proved a vital difference. In the third quarter alone, Oakland shot 4-8 for 3-pointers. The third quarter concluded 60-53 Oakland.

The Panthers looked to narrow the game in the fourth quarter, but Oakland outscored them 17-10.

"Coming off that emotional

win against Green Bay and being able to come back and put it behind them has been the trademark all year," said head coach Jeff Tungate. "Whether we win or lose, we have to move on to the next one."

Tungate commented on Oakland's performance.

"I thought we executed our offense really well again," Tungate said. "[We] executed our set plays extremely well today, and I thought, other than the third quarter, we did a pretty good job defensively, especially in the fourth quarter, when it counted."

Tungate then focused on Oakland's next matchup.

"The Detroit game is important; it's a rivalry in the Metro Series," he said. "We need to go take care of business, and then, when the season is over, we'll look where we stand."

Little echoed Tungate's sentiments.

"We owe them one," Little said. "They beat us before, so it's time to go back there and give them what they deserve. I don't think about it; I just try to go as hard as I can for my team."

Gleason is also optimistic.

"Right now our bodies are really tired, so we're definitely going to get a lot of rest these next couple of days," Gleason said. "Once we get back into the gym, we're going to keep working on our defense and review the past game film against Detroit."

Oakland will travel to Detroit to clash with the Titans at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11.



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With 20 points and seven rebounds, Taylor Gleason led Oakland to its third consecutive win at home on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the O'rena.

Motor City Madness approaches

Men's, women's teams in good standings for Horizon League

Melissa Deatsch
Sports Editor

With less than a month to go until Motor City Madness, the Oakland men's and women's basketball teams are in the heat of their seasons.

The Horizon League standings are starting to foreshadow what the bracket will look like come March 3.

The men

After two big road wins this past weekend, the men's team sits in third place, with a record of 8-4. It's behind first-place Valparaiso (9-2) and second-place Green Bay (9-3) and has a decent lead on Northern Kentucky and Wright State, which are tied for fourth at 6-5.

With five games to go in the regular season, Oakland will have to take on each of the top-two teams one more time.

In their first meeting, Oakland snatched a win from Valparaiso 78-66 on the Crusaders' home court. Valpo's only other conference loss came from Green Bay on Feb. 4, 86-69.

The second meeting between the Phoenix and the Golden Grizzlies will be the teams' final game of the season on Feb. 24 in Green Bay. In their first matchup, the Golden Grizzlies fell to the Phoenix 80-72 on the Blacktop.

Green Bay and Valparaiso have al-

ready completed their two-game series, which they split. The remaining games will determine which two teams will get the two-round bye in the Horizon League tournament. The byes are awarded to the regular season's top-two teams.

The next Oakland men's game will be a rematch with rival University of Detroit Mercy at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10. The Golden Grizzlies are heading to Calihan Hall fired up for revenge against the Titans, who issued the team its first loss in conference play.

The women

On the women's side, Oakland currently finds itself in a three-way tie for fourth place at 7-5, with University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Cleveland State. Wright State leads the league at 10-1, closely followed by Green Bay at 10-2.

With six games remaining in its season, Oakland has completed its two-game series with many of the top teams in the conference.

Leading up to Motor City Madness, five of Oakland's remaining six games will be against the bottom-five teams in the conference. The only team the Golden Grizzlies have to face with a better record than their own is University of Detroit Mercy.

The game against UDM will take place at 1 p.m. on Feb. 11 in Calihan Hall. In their first meeting, the Golden Grizzlies suffered a loss to the Titans 80-71.

The Horizon League Motor City Madness tournament for both the men and women's teams is March 3-7 at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.



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Jalen Hayes saved the ball from going out of bounds at last season's championship game against Wright State at the Joe Louis Arena. The Golden Grizzlies lost 59-55.

Horizon League Standings									
Men's Basketball					Women's Basketball				
		Conference		Overall			Conference		Overall
Team		W	L	W L	Team		W	L	W L
1 Valparaiso		9	2	19 5	1 Wright State		10	1	18 5
2 Green Bay		9	3	15 9	2 Green Bay		10	2	19 4
3 Oakland		8	4	18 7	3 Detroit Mercy		9	3	13 10
4 Northern Kentucky		6	5	15 9	4 Milwaukee		7	5	15 8
5 Wright State		6	5	15 9	5 Oakland		7	5	13 10
6 UIC		5	6	12 12	6 Cleveland State		7	5	12 11
7 Youngstown State		4	8	10 15	7 Youngstown State		4	8	8 15
8 Milwaukee		4	8	8 17	8 Northern Kentucky		3	8	7 16
9 Detroit Mercy		4	8	6 18	9 UIC		1	11	4 19
10 Cleveland State		3	9	7 17	10 Valparaiso		1	11	6 17

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