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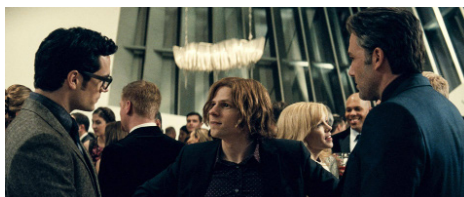
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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**RESIDENTS GETTING AWARE** // RHA organized a room of recognition in honor of mental health awareness week in Oak View Hall, the display will be up until March 31. Students can acknowledge mental health problems of themselves or their loved ones by writing their name on a notecard and taping it to the wall.

*Kylie Wichtner // The Oakland Post*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

How do you feel about the Andy Grammer concert getting canceled?

- A** Nobody can keep their heads up.
- B** But honey, we good!
- C** (Hallelujah) - the student body
- D** Fine by Me

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

I guess Easter is here, any plans for the occasion?

**A)** Taking my sinful a\*\* to church and repenting for all the sins I've done.

5 votes

**B)** How!? It was just St. Paddy's Day!

3 votes

**C)** Seeing Batman beat the crap out of usperman this weekend.

1 votes

**D)** Eating candy, pretending everything is fine (my GPA isn't)

8 votes

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### March 20, 1996

The Meadow Brook Theatre had been struggling with it's budget, finding itself in a \$662,000 deficit.

### March 29, 1995

The OU Board of Trustees was planning on voting on a resolution that would amend the OU Equal Opportunity Policy, which would prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. It would not include same-sex marriages for financial or housing purposes, however.

### March 25, 1991

A deer got tangled in a fence and injured, and the police called the Humane Society only after the deer did not move after being released.

—Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, web editor

## BY THE NUMBERS

WXOU

50

years since WXOU became a radio station on campus

88.3 fm

the station where you can listen to the student-run radio station

56

live hosted shows aired per week in February

3

bands featured at the Birthday Bash this year

## COLUMN

### Political Focus: Deadly terrorist attack in Brussels and its worldwide impact

**Melissa Deatsch**  
Staff Reporter

#### What's the issue?

Last Tuesday's terrorist attacks in Brussels resulted in the deaths of at least 28 people and wounded over 230. Two explosions at the Brussels Airport took place just before 8 a.m. local time, 3 a.m. Eastern Time.

Around 9 a.m., another explosion, this time in a Brussels subway station, killed about 20 people, according to authorities in Brussels.

Later that day, the terrorist group the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria claimed responsibility for the attacks. The attacks came just days after the last surviving main suspect of the Paris attack in November was arrested.

President Obama addressed the attacks while in Havana. He urged the world to come together against terrorism and said the U.S. will do whatever it takes to help Belgium find justice for those behind in the attack.

#### Why should you care?

The Islamic State does not just affect Iraq and Syria and this attack does not just affect Belgium. Among the 28 dead in the attacks at least two were Americans. One of the 230 injured was a former Oakland University basketball player, Sebastien Bellin.

As more and more attacks happen abroad in places like Brussels and Paris, Americans begin to worry more about the threat of attack on American soil.

After last Tuesday's attacks, the Department of Homeland Security announced an increase in security measures to protect against copycat attacks in the United States, though Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson made it very clear that there was no specific intelligence of a plot in the U.S.

The State Department warned Americans about the risk involved in traveling to Europe as terrorists continue to plan attacks at populous events. Johnson also announced that the Transportation Security Administration would be implementing additional security at major airports and rail stations in selected cities.

With the attack on Brussels igniting more fear across the world, all eyes turned to President Obama and his reaction to the attacks in his press conference from Havana.

#### What are the sides?

The president used 50 seconds of the press conference to talk about the attacks and once the press conference was complete, continued with his trip to Cuba as planned by attending a baseball game with Raul Castro.

This reaction gave many who already believed Obama is too soft on terrorism more evidence. Republicans often criticize the president for being unable to name the enemy as radical Islam. According to research conducted on LexisNexis by Politfact, the Obama Administration does



**Melissa Deatsch**  
Staff Reporter

not utter the words "Radical Islamic terrorism."

The president and his administration prefer not to bring religion up when referring to the group and its followers.

The president has been faced with a lot of criticism from Republicans, such as Ted Cruz, that his attempts at being politically correct are causing him to dismiss ISIS and has allowed them to rise to this level of power.

However, Obama and his administration argue that this subdued reaction is to keep ISIS from becoming more powerful. Obama has argued that overreacting to terrorist attacks exaggerates the extremist group's influence.

Obama does not want to give the impression that the threat of Islamic Terrorism is affecting Americans' daily lives. If that becomes an American focus, it can cause the implementation of much more aggressive policy that Obama calls unethical and against American values.



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## Corrections Corner

- In the "Hynd discusses spending of tuition raise money" article in the March 16 issue of the Post, we inaccurately stated that four psychologists were hired by the Graham Health Center. The center hired two full-time psychologists.

- Last week's story about the Light It Up Blue event has corrections in the article with rewording and correction concerning speakers at the event.

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# The Real Deal: Cable satire vs. cable news

*Comedy shows are more trusted by the general public than cable news*

**Aditya Tiwari**  
Contributor

How of hands; how many of you have watched The Daily Show, The Nightly Show, The Colbert Report, or Last Week Tonight at some



**Adi Tiwari**  
Contributor

point? Are the names Jon Stewart, Trevor Noah, or Larry Wilmore at all familiar? Were you both cackling and unsettled by an SNL skit, or an article from The Onion? Have you found yourself agreeing with a comedian than a pundit when it comes to political discussion? Chances are, you're like other Americans who now deem satirical 'fake news' programs like the Daily Show among their most trusted news sources, which in my most honest opinion, is possibly the best our generation is going to get in terms of political discourse and news.

To begin with, satirical television shows like the Daily Show and the others listed above, are part of a long tradition of social commentary

aging back from the days of ancient Greece. It's been a tool for the populace to protest, to analyze and dissect, and to express themselves, on top of having some good fun. American satire has had a rich collection of authors and works, the most notable contributions being those of Mark Twain. While humor was his craft, Twain was able to use his works to also discuss issues in politics, race, and his ardent opposition to the growing fervor for American Imperialism. Humor in of itself, is more complex than we sometimes dismiss it to be. At times, it's the lens by which we have to view harsh truths and realizations, or the only ways for us to realize vital flaws and crippling hypocrisies.

Political satire was what drew me to pay attention to politics, and for a lot of young people, satire is their resort to news and political discourse and opinions. Where cable

news is often dominated by pundits, and figures from the revolving door that is the political establishment, and often times dismissive of youth issues and young voters and activists in general, satirists like Jon Stewart and his eventual successors, Stephen Colbert and Trevor Noah, seem to hear them out. Where traditional cable news seems cold, calculated and dedicated to spinning narratives, satire embodies a genuine American, populist frustration with establishment politics and media.

Partisan bickering and sensationalism tends to make up the majority of the news we have access to unfortunately, and even when the public wants answers and information in the wake of tragedies such as those in Brussels and Lahore, sensationalism and politicization take precedence.

Satire, throughout, has

been a clear indicator of the feelings and attitudes found in public thought and consciousness. For some, there is only the sad irony of satirists and comedians being more reliable than the sources we would instead expect more from. However, all change is centered around what the people want. If our media is supposed to represent fairness and accuracy, we're going to have to demand it. If our government isn't functioning the way we need it to, we'll have to demand it. If our society isn't reflective of human compassion, intellect, and fundamental good, and all we can identify is hate, greed and ignorance, then we'll have to demand good from ourselves and our fellow man. But until we can organize those demands, and arouse thought in everyone, satire will be both a soapbox for the public voice and the chamber for these voices to be heard.

## Letter to the editor: A sincere apology to the Rec Center staff

**Ryan Bates**  
Contributor

I would like to offer my sincere and wholehearted apology for the inaccuracy in my previous letter to the editor. It was inappropriate and unprofessional to be assumptive as to the reasons for the reduction in facility hours, and I claim full accountability for this.

Moreover I would like to clarify that while this policy change did spark the out-flowing of dissatisfaction with the way the administration has been operating lately at Oakland University, the Rec is not responsible for most of those decisions. It is in all actuality that I wish the Rec were better funded and able to take more advantage of the tuition increases, etc.

I do however stand by my points that there are larger systemic problems at play here; none as great as the lack of transparency. I feel that the Rec does own responsibility over the way this policy change

was handled and that the decision to make this change without any formal postings or warnings was problematic.

OU students and Rec members do have consumer rights, and they really should have been made aware of these changes ahead of time, additionally all of this could have been accomplished without an armed security presence.

I write this from a place of humility. I left the inflammatory rhetoric at the door, and I apologize. I do sincerely believe that we should all aspire to raise higher, regardless of whether I think the slogan is a little corny.

Lastly I would like to make perfectly clear for the record that I purposely left all mention of the Rec Center employees out of my original letter because this is not about them. This has to do with the greater system. I have never had a bad experience with a Rec Center employee and as far as I can tell they all work very hard.

Thank you for your time and I apologize for the inconvenience.



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# In response to Mar. 23 letter to the editor

Gregory Jordan  
Contributor

I am responding to the Letter to the Editor entitled “Rec Center removes students and their rights” that appeared in the Oakland Post on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, as well as to the on-line Letter to the Editor entitled “An apology to the rec center staff.”

The author asserts that hours are being taken away from students. The Recreation Center hours have not changed for several years. Closing at 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday during the academic year began the first day of operation in September, 1998. We have adjusted weekend, academic break and summer hours over time based on demand and usage patterns. The Recreation Center is open 109.5 hours per week during fall and winter semesters. Over the entire current fiscal year, we are open 4,953.5 hours over 345 days.

During the eighteen years of opera-

“The mission of the Department of Campus Recreation is to offer programs, services and facilities that creates a connection to Oakland University, encourage life balance, and foster student development.”

Gregory Jordan  
Director of the Department of Campus Recreation

tion, our closing procedure has been consistent. Announcements are made 30, 15 and five minutes prior to closing. The expectation for students and other participants is that all activity has ended and everyone has left the building at closing. The author asserts that we do not wish to pay our staff overtime.

With a current fiscal year budget for student employment compensation over \$700,000, that is not the case. When a student or organization

consistently disrespects our student employees by not meeting the expectations at closing, consequences are implemented, which included in one case reducing a student organization’s facility rental by 30 minutes. Notification was provided to the president of the student organization in question on March 14.

It is true that the fitness center space has not kept pace with demands in our eighteen year history. Enrollment has increased 53 percent since 1998. Our student usage of the Recreation Center is consistently increasing annually between five and 10 percent. As indicated in an article in the January 27 Oakland Post, we are at the very beginning stages of exploring increasing dedicated recreation space on campus, consistent with the Master Planning process. In the meantime, we are addressing today’s needs by repurposing the social lounge to now include 9-12 cardio pieces, placing stationary bikes

on the corner of the track, repurpose the squash court into a cardio/strength workout area. During this coming summer, we will be repurposing racquetball Court 4 into a work out zone as well.

The mission of the Department of Campus Recreation is to offer programs, services and facilities that creates a connection to Oakland University, encourage life balance, and foster student development. Our core elements are recreation, well-being and student enrichment.

Since the posting of the two letters, I invited the author to meet with me, which took place on Friday morning. I believe we both have an understanding of questions being raised about the Rec Center. However, I disagree with the author’s statement that the Rec Center is removing students and their rights. On the contrary, this department is an excellent example of being student-centered as a core value.

# A Better yOU: Climate Change 101

Katie Rose & Layla Sizemore  
Contributors

Are you feeling hotter? No, I don’t mean from going to the gym every day. Many scientists and important public figures including James Hansen, Bill Nye and Al Gore are all involved in the study of global warming and are constantly working hard to inform us of the change that is currently happening and its effect on our future.

Over the past century, global temperature has increased about 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit. 98 percent of scientists agree that climate change is greatly a result of human activities; the only debate that remains is how fast the climate will change. By the end of this century, the most conservative estimates predict the Earth will be six degrees warmer. This temperature increase will have catastrophic consequences. But first...what exactly is climate change?

Water vapor, nitrous oxide, methane and carbon dioxide are considered greenhouse

gases. These gases are not inherently “bad”, as they do occur naturally. However, these gases become “bad” when they are produced in excess and trap heat from the sun. The more gas produced, the more heat trapped. Carbon dioxide is the largest contributor.

“Adding CO2 to the air is like throwing another blanket on the bed,” James Hansen, former NASA climate scientist, said.

Throughout history there has been a fairly constant up and down in the levels of carbon dioxide. But starting during the Industrial Revolution, those levels dramatically increased far beyond what we could have ever imagined.

Humans are the main cause of climate change. Yes, that means you. It also means me. Greenhouse gases are elevated predominantly by burning fossil fuels. Who burns the most fossil fuels? Factories, motor vehicles and utility companies. Who else releases a large amount of greenhouse gases? Agriculture and landfills. Here’s the misconception: you

and I are only accountable for about a quarter of energy consumption and 10 percent of water consumption. So who is really to blame? Commercial, industrial, corporate and agribusinesses. Why should you care about this?

The consequences of climate change become apparent when we look at the world around us. Rising sea levels, global temperature rise, warming oceans, shrinking sea sheets, declining Arctic sea ice, glacial retreat, ocean acidification, decreased snow cover, etc. These are all major problems. Most of our major cities reside near water, and with rising sea levels millions of people will be displaced. Rising temperatures will create unlivable conditions and make it extremely difficult to grow food. These are just a few of the catastrophes that can and will occur if we just keep flipping the page and changing the channel on this issue.

The solution mainly lies within government resources, and the issue has been acknowledged through Presi-

dent Obama’s Climate Action Plan and the National Climate Assessment. Though, we can make small changes in our own lives to reduce waste and energy consumption, the biggest and most effective change will come from electing leaders who will hold carbon emitters accountable.

“No one is coming to save us. We only get this one planet, and I promise there is no secret mission to save the world. We, collectively, have to make it clear to our representatives in government that we want political action,” Layla Sizemore, Oakland University Political Science major, said.

As stated by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, “Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal.” The first step to finding a solution to climate change is to step out of denial and, as Bill Nye would say, “change the world.” Climate change is alarming and many scientists worry about what the future holds for our planet if we continue to do nothing.

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## The vote is in: Thomas, Engnell win elections

*OU junior, sophomore to serve as OUSC president, VP for 2016-17 school year*

**Kristen Davis**  
Editor-In-Chief

**O**akland University junior Zack Thomas and sophomore Anders Engnell were named OUSC president and vice president on Wednesday, March 23, winning by a total margin of 461 votes over runners-up Tim Brown and Griffin DiMaggio.

Oakland students and some faculty gathered in Fireside Lounge at noon to hear the results of the voting that took place from March 14 to 18.

Thomas and Engnell were “blown away” by the number of votes they received.

“We were super excited and overwhelmed by the fact that we almost got 1,000 student votes,” Thomas, who will serve as president, said. “I mean, I feel like that’s unprecedented.”

Vice president Engnell added that it’s a relief to reach the “pinnacle of the campaign.”

“All the 300 hours [we] put into this went to something. It all mattered,” he said. “No matter what, we would’ve been like, ‘hey, this was a great campaign,’ and we had fun with our team. But those 300 hours had a product at the end. They paid off.”

### Getting to work

The pair, which made the decision to run for president and vice president during the fall semester, has already made progress towards each of their five goals that were included in their platform, “Serving Students First.”

Engnell said he has been in contact with Alex Tallentire, a sales associate from T2 Systems, a parking management company. T2 Systems has worked with other universities including Ball State and Northern Arizona, as well as different municipalities, private operators and event venues, among others.

Engnell said he has set up a meeting with Tallentire and OUPD in April to discuss a solution to parking. They plan to use P1 as a beta testing lot.

They also plan to meet with Oakland University President George Hynd and Vice President of Student Affairs Glenn MacIntosh in April to “talk about getting open forums and town halls for big decisions on campus,” as well as bridging the gap between administration and students.

Engnell and Thomas added that as soon as the OUSC budget for the 2016-



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Zack Thomas (left) and Anders Engnell (right) were named OUSC president and vice president for the 2016-17 school year on Wednesday, March 23.

17 school year opens, the first measure they will take is allocating funds to improve accessibility. This includes installing automatic door openers on the bathrooms in the Oakland Center and fixing cracked sidewalks around campus.

As for the efforts to implement a preferred name policy, according to Engnell, he received a draft of the policy via email and a memo was sent to Hynd recommending it.

“The groundwork is laid for those two policies in our third goal — social justice for underrepresented communities,” Engnell said.

They have taken steps towards their goal of amplifying student voices through the TurboVote service, which was launched through OUSC for the first time in early March and allows students to register to vote for free online.

Their last goal of reinventing Student

Congress is in the works as well, with adjustments being made to the definitions of administrative positions within OUSC.

“The goal is to set the standard in our administration that initiatives that will have a long-lasting impact on the student body are first,” Engnell said. “That’s the tone that we’re going to set.”

### The inauguration

Thomas said the first item on the list of things to do is to assemble their administration. Applications for nine paid E-board positions opened on March 24 and will close on April 4. They can be found on [servingstudents-first.com](http://servingstudents-first.com). Administration will be sworn in on April 11.

Thomas and Engnell will be inaugurated on April 4 at 4 p.m. A transition period will follow through the end of April and they officially begin with their administration on May 2.

### By the numbers: The final count

Students and faculty gathered in Fireside Lounge at noon on Wednesday, March 23 to hear the final tally of votes for student body president, vice president and legislators of Student Congress for next year.

The entire student population was able to place votes online for the positions from March 14 to 18.

A total of 1,425 students voted, which was an increase from 1,311 in 2015 and 1,144 in 2014.

### President and VP

**PRESIDENT ZACK THOMAS AND VP ANDERS ENGNELL:** 926

**PRESIDENT TIM BROWN AND VP GRIFFIN DIMAGGIO:** 465

### Legislators

**UJJWAL CHANDE:** 304

**RYAN FOX:** 424

**JORGE GARCIA:** 468

**ADAM GEORGE:** 518

**CASSIE HOCK:** 485

**ALI ISHAQUE:** 300

**MADISON KUBINSKI:** 419

**TAMARA MABROUK:** 336

**MARGARET MEROGI:** 336

**LENA MISHACK:** 380

**AHMED NASEEM:** 325

**SOPHIA POLSINELLI:** 336

**SAAD SAADAT:** 326

**ELIJAH SANDERS:** 426

**RICHARD SEEGER:** 309

**JAZZ SEMMA:** 378

— Results courtesy of Bridgete Libeau,  
OUSC administrative assistant

# Students give up First Amendment rights for free food in Fireside



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Participants were allowed to make complaints to the event's moderators, but the "dictators" could ignore them.

**Amy Swanson**  
Staff Reporter

On March 22, Oakland's student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) held its First Amendment Free Food Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the OC.

The premise of the event was that participants could get free food, but first had to symbolically surrender their First Amendment rights by signing a waiver.

This included their freedom of religion, expression, press, assembly and the right to petition, according to the Cornell University Law School website.

After signing their names, the suppression began. There were two "dictators," including Vice President of Student Affairs Glenn McIntosh and Ed Nakfoor, assistant visiting professor of journalism. There were also "police officers" wearing badges and sunglasses, who roamed the room with all the power. All of these people were able to throw someone in "jail," or a corner of the room.

Reasons for being put in jail ranged from someone texting to the fact that their brownie touched the chicken on their plate. There were even times when groups of friends were broken up, as they

had no right to assemble. People had to spend a few minutes in "jail" and reflect upon what just happened.

Garry Gilbert, the director of the journalism program and advisor to SPJ, thought that this would be a fun event to raise awareness about what the First Amendment really means.

"Many citizens have no idea what these rights are and how they affect them," he said.

SPJ's secretary, Erica Marracco, a junior majoring in journalism, was involved in coordinating the event.

"Our First Amendment is important, but sometimes students don't necessarily know what it entails for them," she said. "For example, without the right to assemble, there wouldn't be these different organizations at OU."

Parris Page, a junior journalism major, was one of the students who participated and found the experience to be somewhat shocking.

"When you take away these rights, I wasn't able to talk or defend myself," she said. "It's important to know that your voice is heard."

Another goal of the event was to show just how privileged Americans are.

"Being a citizen in the United States, you should know that

you're very fortunate to have something like this that protects us," Marracco said.

There are many countries who don't have these rights.

"There's a lot of censorship in China. It's important for people to experience going to jail for something that may seem so trivial," Marracco said.

Gilbert said SPJ has been at OU for three years. It is one of three student chapters in Michigan, according to the SPJ national website. It stated that one of its missions is to be watchful in the protection of the First Amendment rights.

Oakland's chapter is devoted to improving and protecting journalism and free speech at OU, according to its GrizzOrgs page.

"SPJ is dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press so that citizens are well informed in order to make decisions regarding their lives, and their local, national and global communities," according to OU's Department of Communication and Journalism webpage.

The organization meets Wednesdays at noon in the Oakland Post newsroom. It is open to anyone committed to journalism, communication, media or the rights of the American people.

Check out SPJ's website for more information or search for OU's chapter on GrizzOrgs.

## The most obscure electives offered at Oakland

**Shelby Tankersley**  
Staff Reporter

you get four credits for it.

### PS 360: International Terrorism: Causes, Consequences, Responses

This is a class that makes the students understand why terrorists do the things they do. It essentially puts you in the head of a terrorist. Like COM 366, I can't decide if this would be really interesting or creepy. Probably a little bit of both. And in today's world, it would probably be eye-opening as well.

### RDG 332: Literature for Children

In this class, students do in-depth reading of children's literature and figure out what the authors are trying to teach their young readers. The students will also learn how to teach literature to young children. So take this class and find out what Dr. Seuss really meant when he wrote "The Cat in the Hat."

### THA 213: Mime

As far as weird classes go, this one takes the cake. Imagine sitting in a silent room while everyone around you mimes. No thanks. But, for people who are interested in acting or improvisation, this would probably be a really fun class.

### HC 205: Delightfully Dutch

This is an Honors College class. There is no description, but I've heard that Dutch food is involved and that it's really fun.

### Bonus: Vandenberg Dance Classes

Most residents probably walk by the tap dancing class in Vandenberg a few times a week. Tap is offered at the 100 through 300 levels, and stage combat is also taught in the room. These classes themselves aren't odd, but the fact that they're held in a residence hall is. There wasn't enough space in Varner Hall for a tap room, so the classes are all taught in good ol' Vandy.

Few students can honestly say they're enthralled when it's time to sign up for more general education classes. But not everything has to be a snooze. Here are some odd or interesting classes that count towards gen eds or are a requirement for some majors.

### AN 322 or ENV 322: The Food Quest

This is literally a class about food. Food production, technology and collectors are the focus. It's intriguing that there's a 300-level class dedicated just to food. Just make sure you eat before. Maybe it will make you hungry.

### BIO 331: Organic Farming

Students in the class work on OU's organic farm. It's an excuse to move and get your blood flowing instead of listening to a lecture. The class also teaches students how to run a farm of their own. For those of you into gardening, this might be a handy class.

### COM 366 : The Dark Side of Interpersonal Communication

COM 366 focuses on things like lying, hurt, deception and bullying. In other words, it takes a look at why we hurt other people with words. I can't decide if this class would be really interesting or really creepy. If you want to learn how to properly lie to everyone around you, this might be for you. Also, just know that I'm judging you.

### MUS 101: What's On Your Playlist?

Lots of freshmen sign up for this class. It's known to be easy and relatively fun. The point of the class is looking at how music relates to the self. How it helps people understand feelings, why they like the music they like and the benefit of listening to music. It's like music therapy, but

# Inaugural biomedical science class graduates

*Leaving OU, these students will have gained two degrees for the price of one*

**Sarah Lawrence**  
Staff Reporter

In April, 12 members of the Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences will walk across the stage as the first graduates of the new biomedical sciences program.

Introduced in 2012, the biomedical sciences program was designed to accommodate the modern medical student.

Dr. Amy Banes-Berceli, in partnership with three other colleagues, developed a rigorous curriculum composed of basic biomedical science classes, as well as pharmacology and sociology sources, to mirror the new MCAT requirements.

Each element of the program, including the courses, was designed to give students in the program the tools for the proper foundation for their future studies and graduate endeavors.

The individuals in the 2016 class of biomedical sciences will graduate from the College of Arts and Sciences with a biomedical science degree, which is equivalent to a bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degree combined.

"The graduation of these students is extremely significant," Banes-Berceli said.

"This is the first program of its kind in the entire state if not entire region to adjust the program requirements to the needs of the students."

The new program is designed to mirror a medical school curriculum with the integration of changes in active learning activities, critical thinking practices and working with applied knowledge.

The changes to the program give students the opportunity to get an idea of what to expect in medical school classes as most of the graduates are pursuing a pre-med route. Aside from class design, all exams are modeled after the step-one exam which each student will encounter later in their medical career.

Of the 12 members, nine are pre-med, two are pursuing graduate school for biomedical science research and one is pre-dentistry.

Aside from the course specifics, Banes-Berceli and her colleagues are working to implement peer mentoring programs and groups with Oakland University alumni and

"We are very proud of them and all of the hard work they have done. They've done a fantastic job. This is a very challenging and rigorous program and we are hoping to watch it grow as time passes."

Dr. Amy Banes-Berceli

specialists in the biomedical science field from Wayne State, Michigan State, University of Michigan and Central Michigan University in order to keep their students connected to field professionals.

From this they have already made moves to keep in contact with the graduates as a method of assessing the program and its needs.

"They're a tight-knit group of students," Banes-Berceli said. "We are very proud of them and all of the hard work they have done. They've done a fantastic job. This is a very challenging and rigorous program and we are hoping to watch it grow as time passes."

The graduates will be honored with a private reception in addition to their traditional commencement ceremony at the end of the semester.

For more information about this program or to follow up on the graduates, contact Dr. Banes-Berceli at banesber@oakland.edu.



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Twelve seniors from the College of Arts and Sciences will be graduating as the first ever biomedical sciences majors. an inaugural program.

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## WXOU birthday bash rocks the Crofoot

*Oakland's radio station celebrates with bands Alvveys, Flint Eastwood, George Morris & the Gypsy Chorus*

**Rachel Williams**  
Campus Editor

On Thursday, March 24 Oakland's radio station, WXOU, hosted their annual Birthday Bash. This year, the event celebrated 50 years on the air for the station.

Audience members were greeted at the door by station staff members and DJs handing out free t-shirts, keychains and more. The excitement was palpable among the staff and attendees.

Upon entering The Crofoot Ballroom, band merchandise was up for sale and the Student Program Board was handing out free swag.

According to station General Manager Lauren Barthold, this celebratory event has taken place the past eight years.

Prior to 2016, the Birthday Bash has been held in the Banquet Rooms of the OC. With this large

milestone, though, WXOU wanted to make this year bigger than ever.

The Crofoot in Pontiac was chosen as a way for the station to further the OU/Pontiac Initiative and appeal to the college demographic.

"Here we had this chance to actually get students physically involved in the city (Pontiac)," Anthony Spak, music director at WXOU, said. "I think The Crofoot is one of the better places to have (had) it for people our age."

Planning for the Birthday Bash began in December. Once The Crofoot was chosen as the venue, the location's staff provided a means to reach out to the artists who eventually took the stage on March 24.

Student Video Productions and Student Program Board helped fund and co-sponsor the event. SPB also set up the VIP experience in which the first 100 students were given

free food and seating up on the balcony of the ballroom.

Barthold explained that on the day of the event, station staff arrived in Pontiac around 4 p.m. to set up and host a pre-show remote broadcast.

"Personally, I was nervous the whole day," Barthold said.

"I just wanted people to have a good time and the station to look good. Those emotions quickly changed to excitement once I saw the guests flooding in and the bands beginning to play."

George Morris and the Gypsy Chorus came onstage around 8 p.m. They played a 30-minute energetic and eclectic set followed by Detroit native, Flint Eastwood.

Eastwood engaged the crowd, running around the stage and letting go of any inhibitions.

Finally, headliners, Alvveys (pronounced 'always') took the stage, entrancing the audience with their retro style and crystal clear vocals by lead singer Molly Rankin.

Spak explained that Alvveys was chosen because they are a familiar

name at the station and appeal to college-aged people.

"That was the band that most of the people on our staff were familiar with and I think a lot of people who are into music or are in bands around the state know Alvveys," he said.

Spak estimated that approximately 400 to 500 people were in attendance at the peak of the night and felt that it was an overall success.

"I felt like I'm leaving on a high note," Spak, who graduates this semester, said.

"That was the perfect send-off for me ... I'm just feeling kind of sentimental."

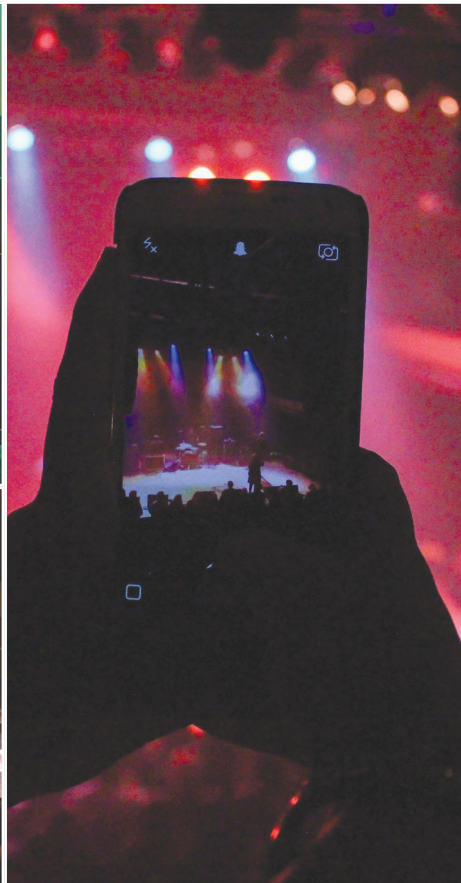
Barthold echoed Spak's sentiments.

"I thought it was a great way to celebrate the accomplishments as well as ring in the next 50 years," she said.

Involving students and the community as well as bringing together different student organizations while having a fun night seemed to be a goal and achievement of this year's event.



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Lauren Barthold  
WXOUI General Manager



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Oakland University a cappella group Gold Vibrations opened its Friday night concert with a rendition of Hedwig's Theme from Harry Potter.

# Gold Vibrations delivers enchanting performance

*Harry Potter-themed 'Aca PalOUza' concert earns standing ovation*

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Staff Reporter

In preparation for its International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) competition in New York, Oakland's a cappella group, Gold Vibrations, joined three other universities in a Harry Potter-themed concert.

"Harry Potter and the Aca PalOUza" was hosted at Avondale High School on Friday, March 25. Michigan State, Central Michigan and Grand Valley State University joined Oakland in its performance.

Brian Baylor, a member of Gold Vibrations and a senior musical theatre major, explained that the set they performed was a combination of their competition set and a few songs that the audience would enjoy.

"All of us are huge fans of Harry Potter," he said.

Oakland University represented Hufflepuff in the concert. This was in part due to the color scheme matching OU's colors and the house's attitude.

"We're great finders," Baylor

said. "We're all friendly and amiable."

Michigan State represented Slytherin, Grand Valley represented Ravenclaw and Central Michigan represented Gryffindor.

Before the concert, three former performers came on stage to perform small skits to introduce the teams. One of these performers was Justin Donoghue, former president of Gold Vibrations. He joined the stage dressed as Headmaster Albus Dumbledore.

Each team had the chance to perform their sets and halfway through the show, each university sent two percussionists to compete in a "perk-off."

Those students then had the chance to beatbox against one another, with MSU winning the final round against OU.

Following the "perk-off" was an intermission, where vice president of the group Erin Ben-Moche joined others in scouting the crowd for kids dressed in their best Harry Potter outfits. The winner left the concert with a Gold Vibrations shirt.

Throughout the concert, concessions and 50/50 raffle tickets were sold. The raffle ticket profits went toward the arts program at Avondale High School.

Donations were also collected to

help send Gold Vibrations to their upcoming competition in New York City. The university gave the group \$5,000 and over \$7,000 was raised via a GoFundMe campaign.

Ben-Moche took the stage after the intermission to address the audience.

"I love this group," she said. "Our success wouldn't be what it is without you guys."

She also acknowledged that five of the 18 performers will be graduating at the end of this academic year. In recognition of these graduates, alums from Gold Vibrations took the stage to perform "Black and Gold" by Sam Sparro.

The audience was told not to record their ICCA set because of the risk of other groups learning their set in order to get the upper hand in competition.

At the end of the concert, Gold Vibrations was met with a standing ovation and chants for an encore, which they honored with a final song.

"We never thought we'd be here," Ben-Moche said. "It feels good."

Gold Vibrations will be heading to New York on April 30 for the final round of the ICCA. More information can be found on their website, [ougoldvibrations.com](http://ougoldvibrations.com), on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.



Photos by Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

The event showcased talent from three other a cappella groups: State of Fifths (Michigan State University), GV Groove (Grand Valley State University) and Central Harmony (Central Michigan University).

# App created to support sexual assault survivors

*'I've-Been-Violated' helps to record incidents, organize evidence*

**Melissa Deatsch**  
Staff Reporter

**R**ape is one of the most underreported crimes.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, about 63 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to police. The NSVRC also states that that number rises to 90 percent on college campuses.

For many survivors, it takes time to be ready to come forward.

According to the Institute for the Study of Coherence and Emergence (ISCE), 85 percent of survivors don't come forward with their story right away.

The ISCE is focusing on helping the 85 percent.

Included in a string of sexual assault-related apps, the ISCE has created an app called "I've-Been-Violated." The app is designed to be used by the survivor immediately following a sexual assault.

Once the survivor is able to reach a safe place, they can run the app. The app will walk them through a series of questions concerning the assault and will offer a camera to take photographs of any marks from the assault.

A video is recorded, double encrypted, time stamped and only becomes available when the survivor says it is okay for the proper authorities to view the video.

Dr. Michael Lissack, the executive director of the ISCE, explains that the app is designed to support the survivor's credibility.

"The first credibility issue is time de-

lay," Lissack said. "The second is we're humans. Our stories change over time. We're not robots. The contemporaneous version of the story is a much better story to police."

The police would not be doing their jobs if they did not question the survivor once they come forward, though this process can be traumatic for the individual. Lissack calls this process trauma number two.

"I'm not going to tell you, you must report, that'd be stupid," Lissack said. "That's just not the way to make things happen. So our attitude is ... when you get to a safe place, open the app and talk to your phone. Our app is designed to help with trauma number two."

The app is a part of an app suite designed by the ISCE. The other apps in the suite include a "We-Consent" app that is designed to record evidence of consent, a "What-About-No" app that delivers a no message to the aggressor and "The-Party-Pass" app that requires everyone who enters a party to pledge that they will not engage in sexual activity without having an open and honest conversation first.

The ISCE hopes to sell the app suite to colleges and is currently in the process of running free pilot programs at selected campuses across the country. The ISCE hopes that colleges will purchase the apps and encourage everyone on campus to have them on their phones.

The ISCE want their apps to become the norm. Their hope is that if everyone uses "The-Party-Pass" app on their way to a party, people won't feel any awkward in having a conversation before engaging in sexual activity because they assume that that person has taken the pledge as well.

The "I've-Been-Violated" app is currently available for individual download for all iPhones. The Android app will launch in May.

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# History honor society to host conference

*Phi Alpha Theta at Oakland University hosts Michigan Regional Conference for the first time since 2011*

**Alexus Bomar**  
Staff Reporter

Many departments at Oakland University have honor societies geared toward students to help them connect with others and host different events to connect with other colleges and universities. Phi Alpha Theta is the history honor society at OU.

According to its website, Phi Alpha Theta is an international honor society for undergraduate students, graduate students and history professors. The society has over 350,000 members with approximately 9.5 new members joining each year through 860 local chapters.

OU's society volunteered to host this year's undergraduate conference on April 2.

"The Michigan Regional Conference provides an opportunity for history students to present their original research in a professional setting," Daniel Clark said, associate history professor and Phi Alpha Theta advisor.

According to Clark, there will be 44 presenters, mostly undergraduate and a few graduate students, from a dozen schools across Michigan. Faculty judges will comment on the research papers, which were distributed in advance, and on the oral presentations at the conference.

"The undergraduate conference is a conference which features undergraduate history students who have the opportunity to participate in student panels and present papers, which all have a related theme or chronological relation," Adam Derington, president and senior, studying history and political science, said.

A record 20 students from OU will be presenting their research this year, and according to Clark, OU's chapter consistently leads the state in regional conference participation.

There will also be different panels of students. Attendees can walk around and listen to the different discussions.

Anyone can attend the conference, but lunch will be provided for those who registered ahead of time.

"Joining an honor society always looks good on a resume ... but Phi Alpha Theta at Oakland also provides an opportunity to create a community of friends and scholars on what remains a predomi-

nantly commuter campus," Clark said. "Phi Alpha Theta students provide support and academic advice for each other, and they often make strong friendships with people they might not have met any other way."

According to the Department of History website, the mission of Phi Alpha Theta is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, teaching, publication, the exchange of ideas and by bringing students, teachers and writers of history together.

"The goal of Phi Alpha Theta is to connect students and professors in a way they don't get to inside of classes," Derington said.

History majors are eligible for membership in the OU chapter and students are selected for membership on the basis of academic achievement. Requirements for an undergraduate student are completion of 12 credit hours of history at OU, a 3.3 GPA for OU history courses and a 3.1 overall GPA.

Requirements for a graduate student are completion of 12 credit hours toward a master's degree and a 3.5 GPA.

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Adam Derington  
President, Phi Alpha Theta

The National Phi Alpha Theta Society sponsors benefits for members such as biennial conventions for undergraduate and graduate students and faculty members, and members at all levels are welcome to present papers.

Phi Alpha Theta also sponsors special programs at the annual conferences of major historical organizations, such as the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians.

According to Clark, OU's chapter is very active, hosting events such as lectures, an annual careers in history panel, film nights, luncheons with faculty members and induction dinners.

For more information about Phi Alpha Theta, visit the Department of History's website at [oakland.edu/history](http://oakland.edu/history).

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## 10 THINGS WE WANT TO SEE IN THE OC EXPANSION

- 1. Nap room :** A quiet room where students can catch a couple of Z's in between classes would be ideal.
- 2. Ice cream parlor/froyo :** Venturing off campus for a frozen treat is too much work. Having an ice cream parlor on-campus would sure boost student morale.
- 3. Movie theater :** If your class gets out at 11:47 a.m. and you don't have a class until 3 p.m., why not go to the on-campus movie theater and catch up on the latest blockbuster?
- 4. Massage room:** We all need to destress sometimes, this makes the most sense to us.
- 5. Bowling alley:** Because knocking down pins with your friends is super rad.
- 6. Puppy room:** Room full of puppies. Need we say more?
- 7. Star dome:** After a rough day of class, wouldn't it be nice to lay back and look at some stars?
- 8. Clock Tower 2.0:** A second clock tower inside the OC would be interesting. Probably not as cool as the original Elliott Clock Tower, but still cool nonetheless.
- 9. More ping pong tables:** With only one ping pong table in the OC, we need more to show off our mad table tennis skills.
- 10. Trampoline room:** Have you ever been sad on a trampoline? Didn't think so.

— Compiled by Scott Davis,  
Managing Editor

## YAKS of the WEEK

**Yik Yak:** The voice of the people

1. "To all the haters who said I couldn't get a 4.0... You were right."
2. "Sooo excited! I got the room at the top of the clock tower with my housing number!"
3. "My life is very similar to Rihanna's song, just work work work and the rest of it I really can't understand."
4. "Is it really a parking ticket? Or are you just paying for a premium spot?"
5. "Oh you're following me because you want my parking spot? Well jokes on you because I can't remember where I parked."
6. "So bored I might actually do homework. I mean probably not, but it's close."



7. "Good Friday is really good because of all the open parking spots."
8. "It's weird how British people say 'chips' instead of 'fries' and how my dad says 'you're a disappointment' instead of 'I love you.'"
9. "Me writing a resume in the future: Is highly skilled at freaking out, sleeping in and pushing self to dangerous mental limits."
10. "My biggest fear is dropping my phone in Bear Lake while crossing the bridge."

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,  
Staff Reporter

## TOP TUNES

wxou albums  
of the week

1. THAO AND THE GET DOWN STAY DOWN – "A Man Alive"
2. IGGY POP – "Post Pop Depression"
3. CHARLES BRADLEY – "Changes"
4. RATBOYS – "AOID"
5. MARLON WILLIAMS – "Marlon Williams"
6. TEEN – "Love Yes"
7. YUCK – "Stranger Things"
8. VARIOUS ARTISTS – "Good For You"
9. PINEGROVE – "Cardinal"
10. PORCHES – "Pool"

## ALBUM SPOTLIGHT

### #2. Iggy Pop — "Post Pop Depression"

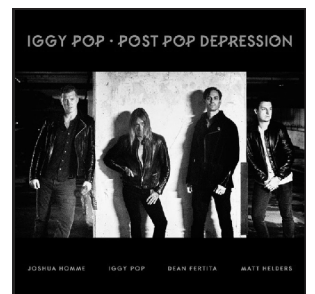
In late 1960's Detroit, The Stooges were the toughest and rawest band in a scene full of revolutionary garage rockers like the MC5, Bob Seger System and Alice Cooper. Fronted by their wild and usually shirtless front man, Iggy Pop, the band lasted only a few years but influenced everyone from The Ramones to David Bowie, who Iggy later had a prolific musical relationship with in the following decade.

Almost fifty years later, Iggy is still alive and still usually shirtless, showing off those abs that never seem to lose their form. On his new, and perhaps final, album, "Post Pop Depression," Iggy reflects back on a long career with help from guitarist Joshua Homme (Queens of the Stone Age). Homme's playing and production style elevates Iggy's aging voice to new heights, best heard on the single, "Gardenia," a song that can stand up next to any of Iggy's beloved singles from his past.

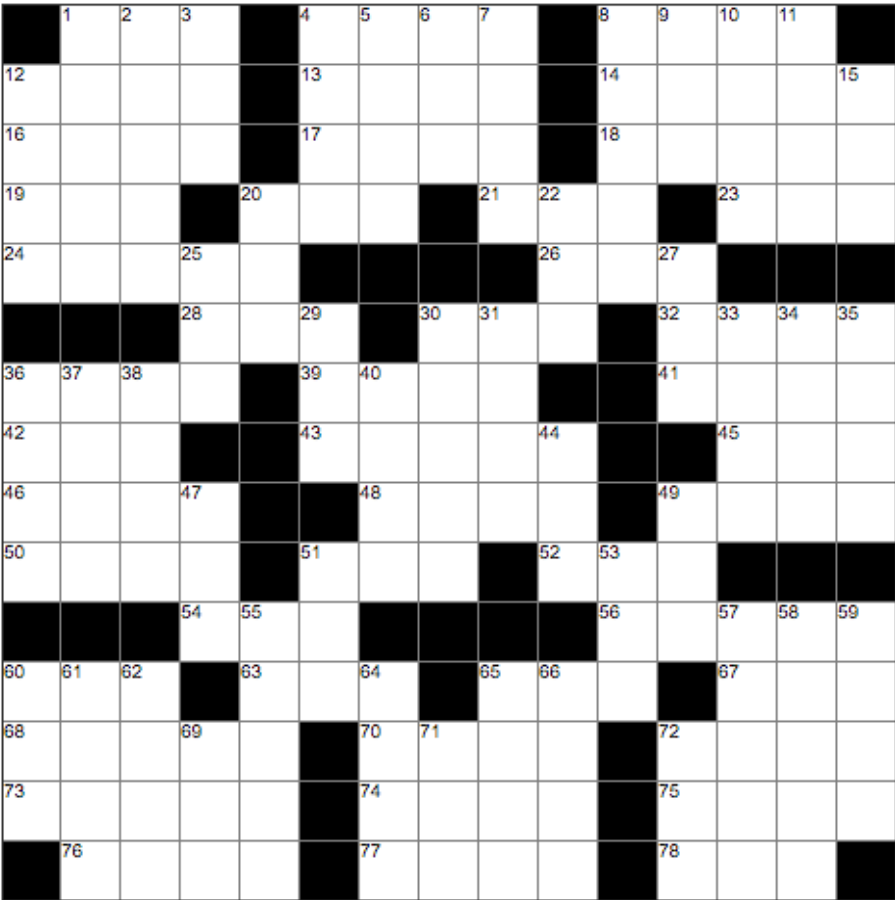
Recommended if you like: The Stooges, "Low"-era David Bowie, Queens of the Stone Age.

Start with: "Gardenia" and "German Days."

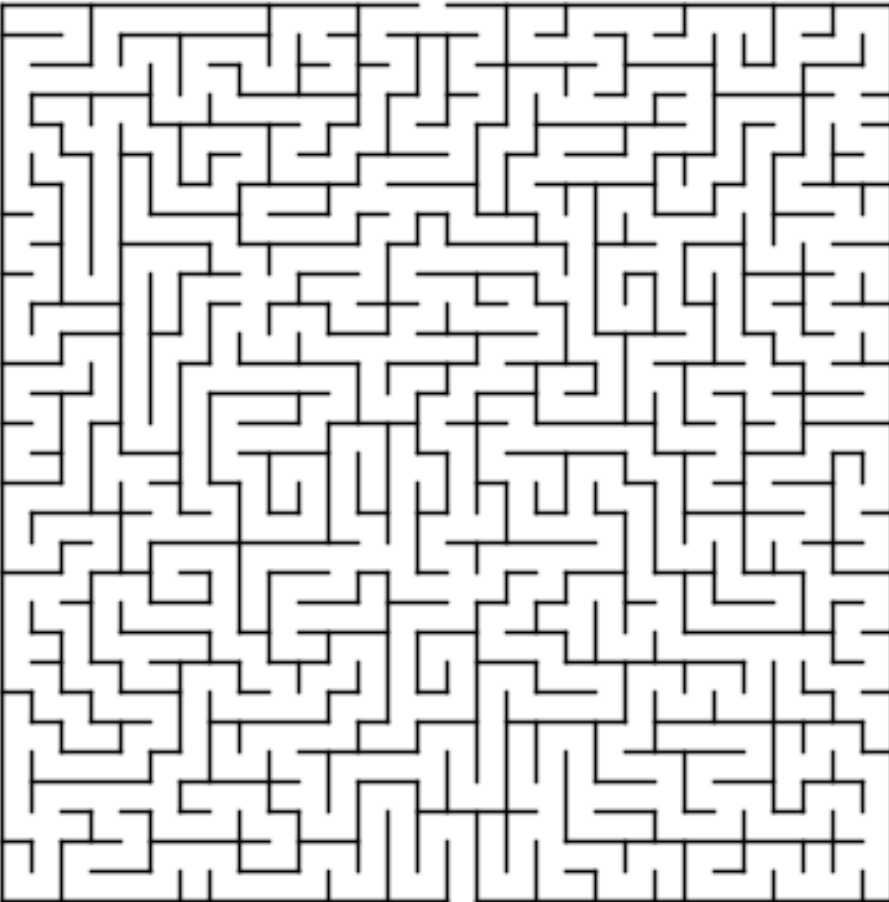
— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director



# Puzzles



- Across**  
1: Crow's cry  
4: Use UPS  
8: Orchestra that plays light classical music  
12: Stare open-mouthed  
13: Typographic measure  
14: Enticed  
16: Falls, as into a chair  
17: Chemical group derived from benzene  
18: Appetite stimulant  
19: Employ  
20: 'The Catcher in the \_\_\_\_'  
21: Chess piece  
23: In between  
24: Like some eyes  
26: Not masc.  
28: Deviation at sea  
30: Peak stat  
32: Wooden pins  
36: Pyramid bottom  
39: Far from ruddy  
41: Angelic aura  
42: Many a time  
43: 'Two \_\_\_\_ for Sister Sara'  
45: Take an evening course?  
46: Long haul  
48: Tip for a casino dealer  
49: Workout sites  
50: Anticipatory feeling  
51: 'In what way?'  
52: Blubber
- 54: Reaction to a hotfoot, perhaps  
56: Traffic light color  
60: Block up  
63: Shortchange  
65: Like a wallflower  
67: Devon river  
68: Reputation in society  
70: Really hard on the eyes  
72: Tickled pink  
73: Undeliverable letter, to a postal worker  
74: Sled dogs, as a group  
75: Feels poorly  
76: Excavates  
77: Stitched  
78: Obtain
- Down**  
1: Lead to  
2: Breathing problem  
3: Moisten  
4: Fix a hot dog?  
5: 'Spenser: For \_\_\_\_' (Urich series)  
6: Very cold  
7: Date source  
8: Air Force One, for one  
9: '\_\_\_\_ Town'  
10: Big senior year event  
11: Final prelim  
12: Larva  
15: Family man
- 20: Scandinavian rug  
22: Sternward  
25: Stain, as a fabric  
27: Speed meas.  
29: Secretary's stat  
30: Give permission for  
31: Onion's cousin  
33: 'No problem!'  
34: Bummed out  
35: Bread pieces, to fondue  
36: This one and that  
37: Curly coif  
38: Blended-family prefix  
40: Mercury or Saturn  
44: Brief time, briefly  
47: Pivotal  
49: Place for P.E.  
51: Major rte.  
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## Brussels tragedy hits close to home

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

**A**mong the injured of Tuesday's Brussels bombings was former Oakland men's basketball player Sebastian "Seb" Bellin.

CNN published quotes from Bellin's wife Sara saying that Sebastian's lower body was severely damaged.

"He was rushed to a local hospital," an Oakland news release said.

The attacks "killed at least 30 people and wounded about 230 more," according to CNN.

"He's in a lot of pain but he said nothing compared to what happened to other people," CNN reported Bellin's wife Sara as saying. "He was a lucky one he said."

"We send our prayers to Seb and his family," Oakland head coach Greg Kampe stated in the news release. "He is a tremendous competitor and he will fight through this."

Kampe said Bellin keeps in touch with the Oakland basketball program and roots for it.

"Seb is a really good person through and through," Oakland athletic director Jeff Konya stated in the release.

"We are fortunate that he is an engaged Oakland family member and we are better for it."

"Bellin helped lead the Golden Grizzlies to a regular season

title in the Mid-Continent Conference during Oakland's inaugural season of Division I play in 1999-00," the release said.

Bellin described the attack in an interview with ABC's David Muir:

"I remember seeing an explosion, the first explosion near the pharmacy at the airport," Bellin said. "I turned my head, and I saw all these people running. Something hit me, like I got shot in the hip, and I fell to the ground."

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**Sebastian Bellin**  
Former OU basketball player

He noticed his wounded leg. "I was just in shock. I couldn't move anything. ... It happened so quick," Bellin said. "And then the ceiling starts falling, and so you don't really know what's happening."

Bellin said about six firefighters got him out of there.

"The whole time, I was just, I told myself 'I'm gonna make it. I'm gonna make it. I'm gonna make it,'" he said.

"When I got in that ambu-

lance, I knew I was good. ... But until then, you got no idea."

He was thinking about his wife and kids during the ordeal.

"I just didn't want my girls to grow up without a dad, you know?" Bellin said, choking up. "It's funny how many things you think of, you know? I started playing tennis with my oldest one, my 7-year-old. She's a hell of a tennis player. And so I was like man, I gotta get through this cause she needs her coach. ... It may seem so trivial, but it gets you through those moments."

Bellin thinks his leg will be okay.

"Not gonna be playing tennis tomorrow," he said. "She'll have to wait."

According to an ESPN interview with Kampe, Bellin had been helping Max Hooper get a gig playing ball in Europe.

"[Bellin] had found a team that needed a shooter," Kampe said.

"We're playing in Vegas [this] week and as soon as that tournament was over, he had Max lined up to be able to go to a team in Europe and finish their season for 'em. It's a team that's making a run in their league championship and they needed a shooter real bad. That's who Seb was, man, and that's what the [Oakland] family's about."

## Former Oakland basketball player dies

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

**J**ohn Henderson, who played for Oakland men's basketball from 1985-89, died on March 9. He was 49.

"The Oakland Basketball family is saddened by the passing of one of our own," head coach Greg Kampe said. "As great of a player as John was, he was even

a better person. He came from one of the greatest families I have ever been associated with."

Henderson was married to Ronda, and is survived by three children. He was one of the first players Kampe ever recruited.

He sits at 21st for career scoring at Oakland, and spent his post-basketball career as a teacher, coach and school administrator.

"As the news spread, e-mails were pouring in filled with great stories, which is a reminder of what the college experience should be," Kampe said. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Henderson family."

Read the full press release at [GoldenGrizzlies.com](http://GoldenGrizzlies.com).

## The Sporting Blitz

**Katlynn Emaus**  
Staff Reporter

### Swimming and Diving

Freshman Devon Nowicki swam the 100 breaststroke (52.22, 6th) and the 200 breaststroke (1:57.53, 31st) at the NCAA Championships on March 25-26. Story on this to follow next week.

### Women's Golf

Oakland finished third overall at 957 (+105) and got four Golden Grizzlies in the top 25 in the Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate at the Sevierville Golf Club in Tennessee, a par 71. Elle Nichols was the top finisher for the Golden Grizzlies. Tying for ninth, Nichols had a final round of 78 (+7).

### Men's Golf

The men's team joined the women's team at the Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate and finished eighth with 899 (+35) after tying for second the first round and getting the third spot after the second round. During the final round the Golden Grizzlies shot 310 (+22). Marc Norton finished 22nd with a final round of 76 (+4). Jake Kneen was Oakland's top finisher and tied for 16th with a total score of 222 (+6).

### Track

Raleigh Relays in N.C.: Bryce Stroede broke the Oakland men's 5000m record with 14:03.61 (which might qualify him for the NCAA Preliminaries); he finished 14th of 101 in the event. George O'Connor finished fifth in the 3000m steeplechase with 9:10.74, and Andrew Bowman finished eighth with 9:15.01. Ashley Burr ran the 5000m in 18:00.57, finishing 61st.

Black and Gold Invitational, Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tenn.: Nicholas Girodat won the 100m (10.63) and 200m (21.50). The women broke three school records. Meghan Daly set the women's javelin record at 114 ft., 10.75 in. Nicole Martinbiano, Kendell Jefferson, Sydney Sterling and Kynihay Brown set the 4x100 record at 46.77 and finished seventh. Andrea Koenigstnecht, Odette Ingall, Elizabeth Girardot and Sterling set the 4x400 record at 3:53.68 and finished seventh.

### Softball (6-18, 2-1)

Game one:Oakland softball came back from trailing 6-2 and tied it up 6-6 in the top of the 7th on Friday's Horizon League opener at Northern Kentucky. To make up that 6-2 deficit, Brittney Miller hit a three-run double while Cierra Woods scored off an error. Oakland fell short to NKU 7-6.

Game two: Oakland won 8-2.

Game three:Oakland won 6-3 in 13 innings.

### Baseball (11-11, 4-2)

The team came from behind to beat Northern Kentucky 6-3 on March 25. The Golden Grizzlies scored five runs in the final inning; Ryan Fitzgerald got the walk-off runs. Mike Brosseau went 3-for-5 and got three RBIs and a homer.

Oakland swept a double-header against Northern Kentucky on March 26 and beat Michigan State 3-1 on March 29.

### Tennis (8-4, 1-0)

Oakland won its conference opener 7-0 at Green Bay on March 26 and lost 4-3 at Milwaukee on March 27.

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# Athletic director discusses proposed athletic facility

*What it would offer, how the process would begin*

**Ally Racey**  
Staff Reporter

Athletic Director Jeff Konya, along with other staff including coaches, think Oakland student-athletes need a new practice facility to create even more success. The project has been considered for nearly 15 years.

"That's how big of a need it has been," he said.

Konya decided to do something.

The proposed \$6.9 million facility would consist of a court and two classrooms, which would be open for academic scheduling during the day and used for film work at night, according to the plan Konya presented at the Sept. 28 board of trustees meeting.

"I think it's something we really need to have," women's basketball head coach Jeff Tungate said. "Majority of teams in our league have practice facilities. So from a recruiting standpoint, it's something that needs to be done. To have access to a facility 24/7 would be really important to work on player's games in the offseason. And in order to compete at the highest level in the Horizon League, we have to make sure that we keep up with what [other teams] have."

If the project gets funded, then once the architectural work, blueprints and engineering were done, the new facility would take five to seven months of construction.

"It's a needed facility," Konya said.

"It allows us to maximize class schedules and have our student athletes be able to have the entire breadth of academic offerings. Right now we're very restricted because teams are trying to get into one space," Konya said. "When we break down film, which is very important for those sports of volleyball and basketball, we actually don't have a place to watch film."

He wants to add a nutrition room filled with healthy food options for athletes to refuel their mind and body after practice.

The O'rena would house the new facility where the old pool still sits, a remnant

of the now-defunct Lepley Center. The project would not be too tedious because it would rehab dead space rather than build something entirely new.

"It would definitely make both teams better," Tungate said, referring to the men and women's basketball teams.

"It will give us extra time [so] that we can work with [the players] in the afternoon, at night and mornings, and not have to worry about conflicts on the gym floor."

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**Jeff Tungate**  
Women's Basketball  
Head Coach

Konya said it would eliminate stress because when the current student-athlete academic center, The Grizz, overflows with students, people have no choice but to sit on the floor to do school work.

"That's not an ideal situation," he said.

A lot of student-athletes congregate at the Oakland Center, but the new facility would allow these student athletes to gather in a different area.

"We envision a lot of gathering, a lot of talking

about academic issues, a lot of social interaction across all the teams," Konya said.

This project has been a possibility for about 15 years, and the concept Konya is trying to create now is much more modest than what was on the board previously.

"We are going to try to erase some of the dollars for the project externally through philanthropy," Konya said. "And hopefully we're going to be successful with that to the point where it makes sense for the university to assist us in making this a reality."

## Proposed facility facts:

- Been in consideration for nearly 15 years
- If approved, it would take 5-7 months to build
- Would cost \$6.9 million
- Would consist of a court and two classrooms
- The O'rena would house the new facility



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Lewis helped the team win three consecutive Summit League regular season titles while at Oakland.

## Golden Grizzly alum goes pro

*Former soccer player  
Makesi Lewis scores  
position on national team*

**Katlynn Emaus**  
Staff Reporter

**M**akesi Lewis, a 2011 Oakland graduate, has been selected to the Trinidad and Tobago national team.

"It was a dream come true. Tears came to my eyes because I knew, I earned [it]," Lewis wrote in an email. "International football is a lot faster than college/pro football, so you need to be a hard worker to be successful."

Lewis's favorite pro memory is recent — getting his first cap on March 19. You net a cap when you play for your national team. In that case, T&T played Grenada in a friendly match in St. George's.

He wants to earn more national spots and qualify for the World Cup.

"Success is my biggest motivation," Lewis wrote. "The more it comes the more I'm motivated."

"It has been great to watch Makesi's professional career in the Trinidad & Tobago Pro League take off at Police FC," Oakland men's soccer head coach Eric Pogue wrote. "He is having a break-out year in 2015/2016 for Police FC with 18 goals to top the scoring charts of the T&T Pro League, which led to call into the full national team for Trinidad & Tobago."

Lewis concurred with Pogue and wrote

that scoring 18 goals in 20 games for his club team in Trinidad and Tobago increased his chances of being selected to the national team.

Originally from Diego Martin, Trinidad, Lewis was recruited in the spring of 2007 with three of his teammates — Stefan St. Louis, Machel James and Keston Henry — Pogue, who recruited Lewis along with former head coach Gary Parsons, wrote.

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**Eric Pogue**  
Men's Soccer Head Coach

"Makesi was not NCAA eligible to play Division 1 in 2007," Pogue explained, "so we sent him to [National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics member] Madonna University for a year, and then he transferred to Oakland in 2008 and played for us in 2008-2010."

Pogue explained that Lewis "was a dynamic attacking player with good pace, athleticism, skill and ability to score goals."

"[Lewis] was a great teammate and person on and off the field with a great personality and good work ethic," Pogue wrote. "He helped Oakland to three consecutive Summit League regular season titles and two NCAA Tournament appearances in his three years at Oakland."

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# With game attendance high, is the O’rena secure enough?



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Golden Grizzlies men’s basketball and women’s basketball and volleyball home games are held in the O’rena, as well as other events throughout the year.

**Ally Racey**  
Staff Reporter

With attendance exceeding 3,500 at six home men’s basketball games this season, is security at the O’rena a concern?

Andy Adrianse, director of facilities for Oakland University Athletics, wrote in an email that the school intends to employ additional layers of security.

“Attendance is a driving factor, but not the only consideration,” Adrianse wrote. “We want everybody to feel welcome, comfortable, and most importantly safe when they come to the O’rena.”

Security takes on different forms depending on what is happening in the O’rena, he wrote.

“Security is a hard thing to quantify in this case, and we certainly don’t want to divulge all of our ongoing efforts,” Adrianse wrote, “but we attempt to structure the level of safety and security around the needs of our events and our evolving athletics needs along with other events that we host in the O’rena.”

The main doors of the O’rena remain unlocked during the day, even when no events are occurring because that’s where the athletics offices are located. The final section of the Ethos of Oakland University Athletics includes “providing a welcoming environment.”

“We do employ a camera system much like other areas of campus,” Adrianse wrote. “The Oakland University Police

Department has been very supportive of our efforts and we appreciate the partnership we have with them and others across campus.”

He wrote that Oakland is always looking for ways to enhance the security infrastructure, and that a number of factors must be considered before adding more security. He thinks everyone can always do a better job with security, regardless of the scale of the event or facility.

“We’ll do our best to communicate any security initiatives to the general public and the university population whenever we feel it is beneficial to do so,” Adrianse wrote.

Oakland has been fortunate to experience comparatively few problems, according to Adrianse, but he wrote that he will make sure to maintain a watchful eye on a regular basis. Jeff Konya, athletic director, said Oakland hopes it will be a norm to sell out every game at the O’rena.

“We haven’t really had some of the issues that other venues have had,” Konya said. “Our fans are the best. I think our students are the best. I think our sponsors are the best. I think our boosters are the best. We’re very thankful to have that level of maturity in our fan base.”

Konya, Adrianse and other staff members want to make students feel safe and want student athletes to have a rewarding experience during their time at Oakland.

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