

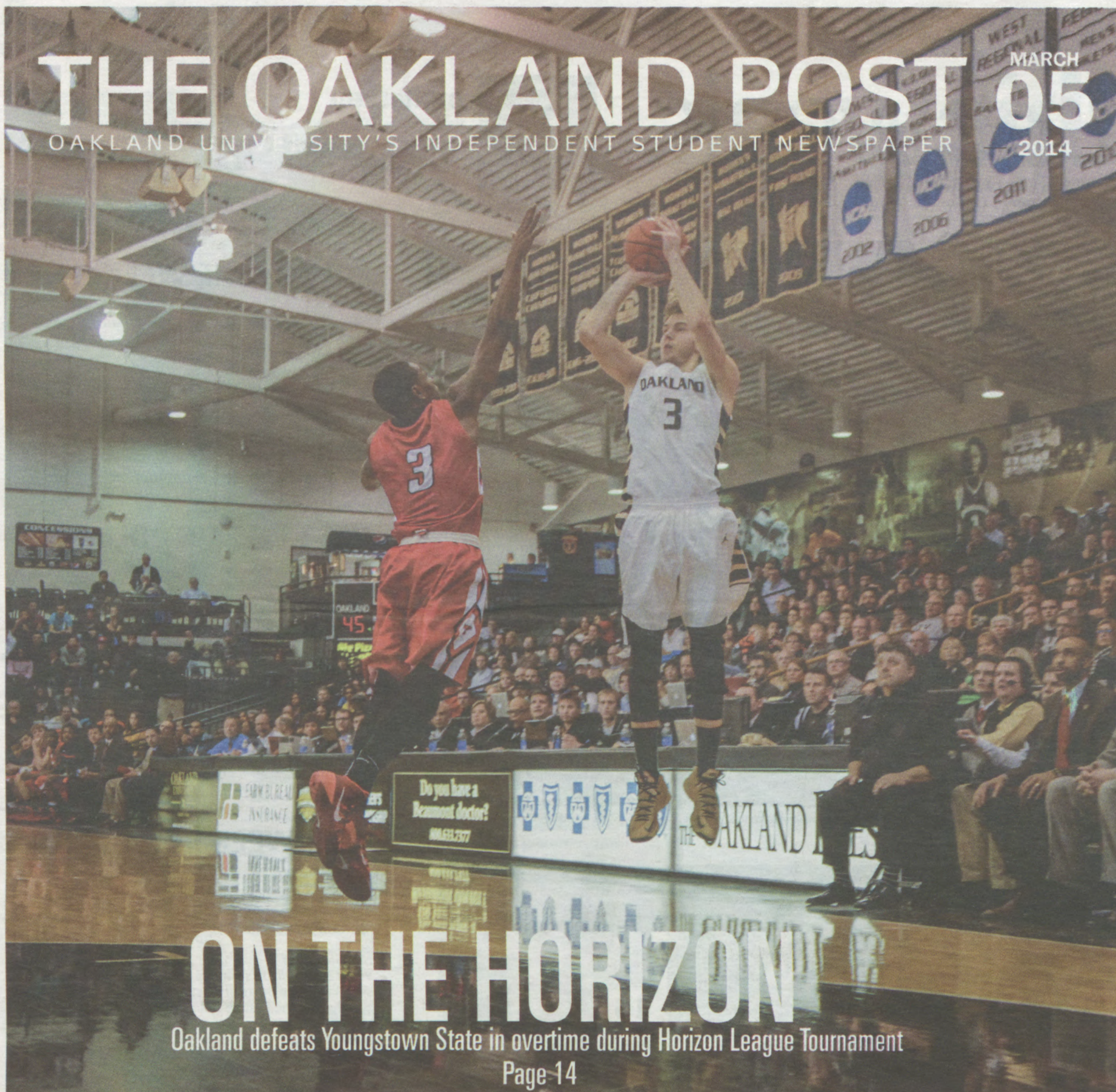
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

PLAYERS SHARING PRAYERS AFTER VICTORY// Men's head basketball coach Greg Kampe and his players gathered inside the Golden Grizzlies locker room immediately after the game to group together and share a prayer. The Grizzlies will continue on in the Horizon League Tournament and face the Wright State Raiders in an away game at Green Bay, Wisconsin on Friday, March 7.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

How did you spend your 'spring' break?

- A** Up to my neck in snow and ice.
- B** I went on vacation.
- C** What break? I worked the entire time
- D** I didn't go anywhere, but you know I YOLO'd.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

How prepared are you for your midterms?

- A** I've still got to study.
15%
- B** Extremely prepared. Consider my tests aced.
10%
- C** I feel decent, but I've felt better
10%
- D** I'm wingin' it. YOLO.
65%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

MARCH 3, 2004

Ph.D. biomedical sciences student, Diraviam Susainathan was killed in a car accident. He was specializing in chemistry and a teaching assistant.

MARCH 5, 2003

Victor Zambardi, OU's general counsel and the secretary to the Board of Trustees threatened to sue The Oakland Post for OMA coverage.

MARCH 5 2008

Oakland junior, Kristine LeMieux won \$238,000 on the primetime gameshow "Deal or No Deal." Her first plan was to go on a Kentucky houseboat trip.



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WALKING FOR A CAUSE

Students and faculty kick off National Eating Disorder Awareness Week with some laps around the indoor track of the Rec Center. This was one of many awareness events.



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TENNIS TEAMWORK

Despite numerous challenges, the OU women's tennis team works harder than ever to make it to the upcoming Horizon League Championship.



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Revon Yousif is an OU senior who landed the lead role in '2101' an upcoming sci-fi thriller. The film is scheduled to be released in May, 2014.

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79,099

Women enrolled in all-women's colleges in 2011

50.8%

Female population in the United States

44

Women awarded the Nobel Prize, 1901-2013

99

Seats filled by women in the 113th U.S. Congress (out of 235)

1849

Year first woman received a medical degree

STAFF EDITORIAL

National R-Word Day: putting a stop to derogatory language

March 5 is National R-Word Awareness Day.

For the unaware, the R-word is the term 'retard(ed).'

National R-Word Awareness Day is a day dedicated to realizing the significance of the R-word and to stop the spread of it. In a sense, it is an event to spread the word, to stop the R-word.

Take some time to think about what you're saying—even though one might not mean to offend somebody with some off-the-cuff humor, words can cause pain. The purpose of the event and the movement is to demonstrate that using the R-word causes people harm.

Here's an example. According to Joseph Franklin Stephens, "Special Olympics Virginia athlete and Global Messenger. "It means that the rest of you are excluding us from your group. We are something that is not like you and something that none of you would ever want to be. We are something outside the "In" group. We are someone that is not your

"RETARD IS AN OFFENSIVE AND INSENSITIVE WORD THAT HAS NO PLACE IN OUR LAWS OR GOVERNMENT"

Rick Jones
Michigan State Senator

kind. I want you to know that it hurts to be left out here, alone."

R-Word Awareness Day is sponsored by the Special Olympics, Best Buddies and 200 other organizations, including the Michigan Alliance for Special Education.

It's good to see so many organizations backing the spread of a positive message to stop a negative action.

The entire concept of the movement points out a flaw in our society as a whole. Our sensitivity about what we say and how we communicate is so diminished that we need to develop special days and campaigns for our language.

Although it reveals some skeletons in our closet about society, on the bright side, it shows we are also improving. We're slowly

becoming more and more aware of what we're doing and saying. And we're making a difference.

National R-Word Day has prompted Michigan legislature to review their legislature.

According to Rochester Patch, proposals to remove the R-Word from state legislation will begin March 5.

This is a huge step forward. The word was removed federally in 2010, but Michigan is still one of only a few states left which still uses the R-word in legislation.

However, did we really need to make a special day just to make a difference?

This concept doesn't and shouldn't only apply to the R-word. This concept applies to every derogatory term we use in our everyday speech.

If everyone would stop and think before they spoke, this entire movement would be unnecessary.

Take a second to think about what you're saying. And who it hurts.

The editorial is written by The Post editorial board

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EDITORIAL

It's not just about the colored eggs

Campus group, Defero Ichthus, promotes Christian understanding of Easter through videos

Easter is alive; it's story waiting to be told. The current picture of the holiday, riddled with bunnies and eggs, originated in the 13th century where Eostra, goddess of spring and fertility, was represented in lore as a rabbit.

This imagery holds beauty but we are convicted Easter holds more.

What is Defero Ichthus?

As an organization, Defero Ichthus, we began collaboration as a group of Oakland Students in September 2013 with the goal of creating an audiovisual presentation. Defero Ichthus communicates all the hope and promise attached to a Christian understanding of the season. We involved other members of the university as we surveyed numerous students in the Oakland Center, the library — seeking



Rockson Nsiah

Contributor (second from the LEFT)

their preferences for a title. The results were evident and so our presentation came to be named—"What It Actually Meant; The Price of Life."

Reaching out online

Our world today is turbulent —this is clear in the symptoms we see in our lives from warfare and brutality to stress on exams, broken relationships and prejudice between those who could unite.

We seek to pursue a light that is much needed in the hearts and homes of all. And you can help.

As we approach Ash Wednesday March 5th, which marks the start of the season, we have released a promotional video on YouTube and Vimeo. The actual film "What It Actually Meant; The Price

of Life" is an audio visual dissertation set to be released this Easter season. It is because we believe in this project wholeheartedly, that it has the potential to reach young and old across America and the rest of the world, that our goal is to make this the most viewed and highest trending audiovisual presentation; we want it to go viral.

So check it out. Share it with your friends. We are depending on students like yourself to spread the word and make an impact.

We are Josh Rooker, Rockson Nsiah, Hannah Dugan, Charles Lapastora, Nicholas Kristock, Alex Riopelle, Josephine and Jude Morris, presenting hope, unity, and teaching a generation to act on their convictions starting with our own conviction. Partner with us this season in spreading a message of hope.

To view Defero Ichthus' videos on Vimeo and Youtube, you can type <http://vimeo.com/87193860> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I75j7tvvMg>.

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Campus

Grizzlies go the distance for eating disorder awareness



Kailey Johnston/The Oakland Post

Students could walk or run at their own pace and choose how many laps they wanted to walk.

Students, staff and faculty walk for the cause at the Rec Center

Andrew Wernette
Staff Reporter

The Eating Disorder Awareness Walk was held Tuesday, March 4 in the Recreation Center. Students, staff and faculty came to walk and run around the indoor track for the cause.

This week is National Eating Disorder Awareness Week (NEDAW). The walk is just one of the events throughout the week to shed light on the pervasiveness of eating disorders among individuals.

This marks the third year of its observance at OU.

"Definitely more than we expected," said Gina D'Andrea, a senior Rec Center intern who was working the sign-up table.

Anyone could walk at their own pace for as many laps as they wanted.

Julie Proctor, the health and wellness coordinator at Graham Health Center and a professor of Exercise Science, is the coordinator of all the NEDAW activities happening this week. She was excited for this year's turnout.

"Most people diss those with an eating

disorder," Proctor said.

She explained that the psychology behind eating disorders remain widely misunderstood.

As she said, it is easy for friends and family to say, "Why don't you just eat?"

"It's not as simple as that," Proctor said.

Student athletes are especially at risk of developing eating disorders.

"We're seeing a lot of student athletes," said Jill McCollum, an OU student, Rec Center intern and one of the staffers at the sign-in table.

Proctor described the pressures athletes face in staying physically fit. Sometimes, she said, this can lead to extreme behavior. Athletic director Robert Stewart is urging all student athletes to attend at least one of the NEDAW events this week due to this tendency, according to Proctor.

"When you have been touched by an eating disorder," she said, "it becomes something that is very important to you." She said that people come simply to learn how to talk to others about their eating disorders and to learn more about them. This is the goal of the programs.

For more information on other NEDAW events happening on campus, visit the Graham Health Center's website at <http://www.oakland.edu/ghc/>.

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Political purge left Röhm in ruins

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

Ali DeRees
Staff Reporter

Nazis: Most people cringe when hearing the word.

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

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

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

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

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

Hastings described Röhm as "a gay

man in a homophobic movement."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

POLICE FILES

Marijuana in car

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

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

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

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

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

Destruction of property

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

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

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

The investigation is pending.

Theft of keys

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

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

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

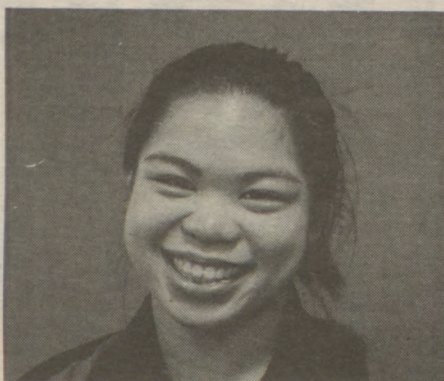
OUPD discovered that the ex-employee was convicted of a DWI in February and is currently on probation.

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Grizzlies on the Prowl:

"When did you realize you were on your own/grown up?"



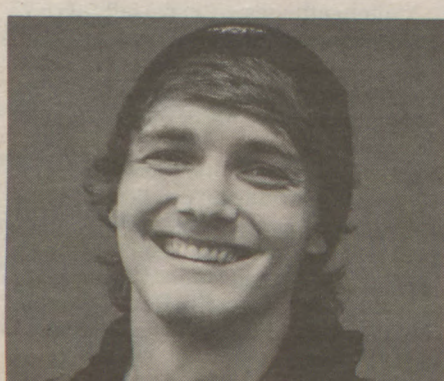
Erica Kin, sophomore, nutrition

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



Adriana Lo Pittolo, junior, French

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



Brian Feldpausch, sophomore, health sciences

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

Oakland scholars share research

Three OU students to present research at this year's National Conference on Undergraduate Research

By Andrew Wernette
Staff Reporter

Three Oakland University Students have been selected to attend the 28th National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) this year. Kathleen Saigh, Alex Morton and Mark English will present their own research at the conference held at the University of Kentucky this year from April 3-5. All three come from the Honors College.

Saigh, a senior in Psychology, was chosen for her research involving cognitive reasoning among children. She, her mentor and another student came up with the idea to study how different children performed at designated social and physical tasks.

"We really wanted to study whether kids would have a difference ... at an early age," Saigh said.

She did research at three different daycare centers, including the Lowry Center for Early Education in Pawley Hall. The children completed the tasks on a laptop.

"It was exciting to be chosen among the country," she said.

Currently, she is in the midst of another project based off of this one, but directed at children with autism. She has also exhibited her work at nearby Meeting of Minds conferences in the past.

Morton, a senior studying Anthropology, traveled abroad for her research. She interviewed people hiking the Camino de Santiago, a series of Catholic pilgrimage trails that run across northern Spain. It ends at the city of Santiago de Compostela, where a cathedral is said to hold the remains of the apostle St. James the Great.

Morton was exposed to the Camino through a study-abroad stay in Oviedo two summers ago. A portion of the trail passes through the city.

"I was really familiar with the route and what it was, and I had an interest in it, so that's kind of why I pursued it," Morton said.

She began her hike in Oviedo and interviewed pilgrims along the way about their reasons for walking. She noted that many were hiking for spiritual reasons other than those rooted in Catholicism. Her entire journey took two weeks and



Courtesy of Alex Morton

Alex Morton did her Anthropology research abroad while hiking across northern Spain.

covered 330 km.

"It was awesome," Morton said.

However, she said that it was not without its challenges.

"There would be times when I would walk four hours without seeing anyone," she said.

Now that her research has been selected for the NCUR, Morton is grateful to be going.

"I'm excited that I got this opportunity to go present my research," she said.

English's research is focused on the human eye. He is a junior studying Biology with a concentration in Microbiology. He attended the Summer Undergraduate Program in Eye Research (or SUPER program), and also spends much of his time at the Eye Research Institute in Dodge Hall. He has studied the photoreceptor cells in the eye's retina, which capture the light perceived. He said he was developing a method for measuring affinity for protein in these cells.

"I've been discovering new things about the method and how the protein interacts, but nothing solid yet," English said.

He, like his fellow NCUR invitees, is looking forward to the conference.

"I don't really have the chance to travel a lot, so I'm excited that I'll be able to go and travel and present my research," English said. "I like not only scientific research, but I like the opportunity I'm going to have to look at a lot of different disciplines with this conference."

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- Select a term to start registering (start with summer semester 2014)

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Seniors	91 credits and above	Wednesday, March 26
Juniors	73 credits and above	Thursday, March 27
Juniors	56 credits and above	Friday, March 28
Sophomores	42 credits and above	Monday, March 31
Sophomores	28 credits and above	Tuesday, April 1
Freshmen	16 credits and above	Wednesday, April 2
Freshmen	0 credits and above	Thursday, April 3
Special graduate, post-bachelor, non-matriculated and guest students	Not applicable	Friday, April 4

The chart is based upon the combination of total degree credit hours earned on an Oakland University transcript as of March 8, 2014. Enrolled credits will not be considered.

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School of Business Administration stays busy

OU Business school works at caliber level to ensure good education and practical lessons in the working field

Ali DeRees
Staff Reporter

Let's get down to business. That's exactly what Oakland University's School of Business Administration has done. For 20 years the school has held dual accreditation for its business and accounting programs from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business - International (AACSB).

The AACSB was established in 1916 as a place for business schools to network and discuss business education. Today, it evaluates business schools in order to ensure students receive a high quality education, according to the AACSB's website.

"It's a red feather in our hat," Dean of the School of Business Administration Dr. Michael Mazzeo said.

The business school is one of 178 business schools that is dual accredited, out of the 13,000 business schools worldwide.

Mazzeo said the accreditation is something business students should be aware of.

"As a student, you want to make

sure certain levels are being achieved," Mazzeo said.

Upholding quality and a promise to the students is key in maintaining such a prestigious accreditation, according to Mazzeo.

Mazzeo says the association evaluates faculty members and their quality based on experience in their respective fields, whether they have doctorate degrees and other factors.

Mazzeo says the accreditation is good for five years. When that time is up an accreditation board from the AACSB comes for two-and-a-half days to review the school and the programs.

"They drill us," Mazzeo said. "They hold us to what we say we are."

Members of the board talk to everyone, including students that are pulled out of classes to discuss their experiences, according to Mazzeo.

Mazzeo says very detailed reports are created and presented to the board by the school of business.

"This is what we are doing and ask what we should do," Mazzeo said.

Mazzeo says that the school focuses on an "assurance of learning," making sure students engage in ethical and criti-



Photo provided by Rick Smith

School of Business Dean Dr. Michael Mazzeo

cal thinking and know the skills needed to function in their future careers.

The school is currently reviewing several programs, according to Mazzeo. He says they are always revising and participating in strategic planning.

"We have to constantly, in a way, reinvent ourselves," Mazzeo said.

Senior and accounting major Zorica Kaurin is very pleased with her experience so far in her program and with the School of Business Administration.

"I think everything that I'm learning is really beneficial," Kaurin wrote via email.

Kaurin says she is impressed with how the school is set up and how it helped her choose a major.

"I really like how the business school is designed," Kaurin wrote. "You get to experience all the different majors the business school has to offer."

Kaurin says she thinks her major in accounting has definitely prepared her for a job within her field.

"You not only learn concepts, but you also learn how to behave professionally and how to solve problems on your own," Kaurin wrote.

Kaurin says she currently works at an internship at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Detroit, a multinational firm that "focuses on audit and assurance, tax and consulting services," according to the firm's website.

Kaurin says this is the firm's busy season and she has been working 60 hours a week auditing company's financial statements. She has already been offered a full-time job at the firm after she graduates.

Kaurin says in order to be successful you should keep your grades up, get involved in organizations, and also get your name out to professionals in the field.

"Go to all the career fairs and get your name out there so recruiters know who you are," Kaurin wrote.

Student Focus Group discusses OU goals

Students invited to discuss their ideas and feelings with the facilitator of OU's future strategic planning committee

Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

Oakland University held a Student Focus Group Tuesday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Elliott Hall Auditorium to allow students to help shape future university planning strategies and goals.

The discussion was held with Rebecca Kraus, Oakland University's planning consultant. Kraus, who said she has a background in strategic planning and executive coaching, will be working with OU to develop a strategic planning committee.

Kraus said that the university is currently trying to plan ahead and give the next president a good "road map direction" as far as institutional goals and priorities goes.

The committee is not formed yet, but students shared quite a few ideas and concerns at Tuesday's session.

Striving for quality

The first things Kraus and the students discussed was OU's mission of quality education and what barriers were getting in the way of that mission.

One big problem students felt OU had was the lack of service-learning courses and hands-on opportunities.

"When you get going from backpacks to briefcases you've got to have those transferable skills," one of the participating students said.

One student said she participates in various student organizations and thought it would be nice if there were a little more encouragement for student participation in organizations and places outside of the classroom.

Another student said she would like to see more classes that blend the arts and technical professions, and what it's like to work and communicate with people in different types of professions.

"When you speak of educational lead-

ership I don't think a lot of people know what that means," the student said. "We need more courses to break down what educational leadership means."

Envisioning the future

The majority of student speakers said they would like to see better communication and awareness between students, staff and faculty, or "seamless communication," as Kraus called it.

Students also said it should be important to have a good reputation on a national level.

"I'd like to be able to go to any Meijer's in Michigan and find OU gear," one student said. "I'm very proud to go to OU and when I'm an alumni I want to be able to go to Meijer and buy a t-shirt."

One student said that OU, as a commuter school, should have more student engagement and opportunities for those commuters. OU should think about more food options, price reductions, better parking and more areas for commut-

ers to just sit and relax in.

"Create more of a community feeling for students," the student said.

Another thing that students thought should be considered is the updating of old facilities to keep up with all of the new ones.

Standing apart

The last big question students and Kraus discussed was that of what sets OU apart from other Michigan universities.

The students appreciated how they can get access and a voice in many things that other Michigan university students can't.

Despite the lack of "seamless communication," students felt that their relationship with administration is healthier at OU than at most universities.

"Oakland is a very student-oriented university," one student said. "They're going to do their best to make sure you do your best."

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Get to know the TEDx

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TEDx brings variety

What do a 12-year-old violin prodigy, a "Love Doctor," an art enthusiast, and an honors college dean have in common? They are all coming to campus on March 15 as part of OU's first-ever TEDx conference. As the event draws nearer, the speaker list on the official website, tedxoaklanduniversity.com, continues to grow. Two of the ten announced speakers include Executive Director of the Heidelberg Project Jenenne Whitfield and Oakland University's own Honors College Dean, Dr. Graeme Harper.



JENENNE WHITFIELD

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

Well, I was a former banker turned art exec, born and raised in Detroit. I grew to love this work (and of course, Tyree Guyton) much later. [Editor's note: Tyree Guyton is Jenenne's husband and the founder of the Heidelberg Project, an outdoor art project on Heidelberg Street in Detroit.]

Can you give us a sneak preview into what you'll be talking about for the conference?

Heidelbergology—a mix of community activism blended with metaphysics.

The theme of this TEDx conference is "Inspiration". What inspires you?

I continue to be inspired by Tyree Guyton and his unrelenting drive and compassion for humanity.

What does speaking at OU's first TEDx conference mean to you?

I love the TEDx platform because speakers are forced to make an impactful message in a short period of time. We should all be so lucky when sitting on panels and given five minutes to give a brief intro and 10 minutes later the person is still talking. People's attention spans are short today. Clearly there is a need for speed. I see this as a challenge to take 21 years of work and wrap it up in 7 or 8 minutes.

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speakers



DR. GRAEME HARPER

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

Before coming to OU in 2011, I worked and lived in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Maine, and beyond, spending years in Great Britain and Australia. I was a director of college research and a research reviewer at the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Joint Information Systems Committee in Great Britain. I grew up in Australia, qualified as a boat-builder and surfed pro-am for a dozen years. Winning a National Book Council award brought me back to college and I completed a doctorate at the University of Technology, Sydney and then a second doctorate at the University of East Anglia in England. My latest book is "The Future for Creative Writing" (Wiley-Blackwell), which will be published in May 2014, followed by a new novel. I'm kind of thrilled that I was recently elected a Councilor of the national Council for Undergraduate Research (www.cur.org), because it will provide a fabulous opportunity to link our excellent Oakland University undergraduate researchers to national and international initiatives.

Can you give us a sneak preview into what you'll be talking about for the conference?

I'll be talking about why zombies are our friends - which they so obviously are. Aren't they? But the talk won't really be about zombies. Or maybe it will be about zombies. Or maybe it won't be about zombies. Or maybe . . . I might talk about kittens.

The theme of this TEDx conference is "Inspiration". What inspires you?

Oakland University students and Golden Grizzlies athletes. Go Grizzlies! I'm also kind of inspired by adventurousness and courage in all their forms.

What does speaking at OU's first TEDx conference mean to you?

Oakland University was established to support aspiration, to empower people to reach their full potential. That's what is unique about our university: we have never faltered from that important aim, and that's an idea worth spreading! So speaking at Oakland University is always a real thrill, every time! Speaking at the first TEDx conference is a double bonus, because it's about people making connections and thinking big, so it fits really well with what Oakland is all about.

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Duke Mondy drives to the basket in a game from earlier this year, the Valentine's Day classic versus Detroit Mercy.

Mondy is jack of all trades

OU senior guard Duke Mondy simply does it all

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

Oakland University senior guard Duke Mondy is asked to do many things for the Golden Grizzly men's basketball team, and he's the type of guy not to shy away from the challenge.

Mondy's 3.2 steals per game is only second to Virginia Commonwealth's Briante Weber with 3.6.

Mondy is the only player in NCAA history to be a season-leader in steals for three different conferences.

He has managed to find different roles game-to-game.

"Each game is a different approach," Mondy said. "Some games I might have to lock up the best player, some games, I might have to rebound, and some games I might have to score."

Mondy manages to find a way to help in any contest. If he's not scoring, he's passing.

If his defensive assignment is out of the play, he's rebounding, and if somebody thinks they have a clean pass...think again.

"If we got two or three guys going, I don't necessarily have

to score," Mondy said. "Always be in attack mode, but I don't have to go hunt for shots. I got to help affect our team and affect the outcome."

Mondy averages 11.7 points per game behind Grizzlies center Corey Petros and guard Travis Bader. He is second in rebounds with 5.1 a game, and second in assists with 4.3.

However Mondy has scored as many as 24 points, gathered as many as 12 rebounds, and dished at least six assists in nine different games.

"I just play the game how it goes," Mondy said. "If I see we're getting cold and we need a bucket, and I haven't been aggressive, I'll try to get to the line, or drive to the cup, make a play."

OU head coach Greg Kampe appreciates having such a well-rounded player at his disposal.

"Duke is a multi-talented player," Kampe said. He is a guy that can lock the ball down, he can rebound, and he understands the game extremely well.

"He can see the game, which is one the reasons I think he is such a great steal artist."

It hasn't all been good this

year for Mondy. During the season's early road-trip he was caught past curfew and suspended for three games. Luckily for Mondy, though, he has been able to rebound from the mistake.

"He had to go from being hero to goat to hero," Kampe said. "Having to deal with that, that was not easy."

Mondy put himself back into favor with the Grizzly faithful when he made two of the more electric shots in recent OU history.

With less than five seconds on the clock on homecoming night, Mondy rushed down the court for a game-winning 3-pointer as time expired.

If that one didn't do it, then a few weeks later he managed to score another game-winner against Oakland's rival Detroit Mercy.

Mondy had no problem maintaining his focus despite the distractions he had faced.

"Whenever I'm playing the game of basketball, my personal life never comes onto the court," he said.

"Basketball is my getaway."

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Women's tennis gets ready for conference play

Marko Polovina
Intern

The Horizon League Championship is a couple of months away, but the Oakland University women's tennis team is preparing for the moments leading up to it. The conference's top six teams make the tournament at the end of April.

The team has yet to face a conference opponent, but their brutal road schedule hasn't been generous. Playing against big programs such as Michigan State and Western Michigan hasn't gone well, but the team still brims with determination.

Most would be asking for an easier schedule, one that mimics the quality of opponents that the Horizon League offers, but sophomore Cam Sabourin doesn't have any problems with the harrowing schedule.

"We have a tough schedule and I'm glad we do because we see what level we need to reach and how hard we need to work to beat those teams," she said.

Standing at 3-8, Oakland doesn't play their first conference opponent until March 29 when they face Youngstown State at home.

The team is in dire need of consistent triumphs. The struggle to get over that hill is something their coach knows

too well.

"Consistency has been an issue, but talent wise we're right there and just more confidence is needed," OU head coach Heather Redshaw said.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association had decided entering this year that all NCAA teams from Jan. 1 to Feb. 10 for women's tennis would be played through an experimental set of temporary rule changes.

One of the changes, which may go unnoticed, is that teams do not warm up for their opponents.

The rules have reverted back to the customary set rules for singles and doubles, but that is, if the showings of these shortened these games for live events sees an increase in awareness and interest, the ITA might apply the rules permanently in the future.

The team's lack of veteran leadership—senior Theresa Elder is the only upperclassman on the team's nine-player roster—was worrisome at the beginning of the season.

"We haven't had much experience and we didn't have that senior to lead us in our freshman year to show us the way," Sabourin said.

"We're becoming more of a team (than just) a bunch of individuals playing together," Sabourin said.



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Sophomore tennis player Karine Celis during a match earlier this year.

Swim and dive teams capture victory

Oakland teams win first Horizon League championships

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

Swimming head coach Pete Hovland led both the Oakland men's and women's swimming and diving teams to Horizon League titles in their championship meet over the weekend.

This is the first title in any Golden Grizzly sport they have won in the Horizon League.

"I'm happy for all the people involved over the years, all of the Golden Grizzlies swimming and diving alum, the team really represented them well, and I'm sure they'll be really really proud," Hovland said.

For the men it was the 36 conference championship in a row, and the women's 23rd of 24 adding to the program's already incredible feat.

The meet lasted four days, and the men's team took a comfortable lead into the final day. That wasn't the same story for the women who had a little more of a battle.

The women's squad had trouble shaking off last year's conference champion Milwaukee. In the final day the lead switched



Photo by Salwan Georges

The men and women's swim and dive teams capture OU's first ever Horizon League championship.

four times between the teams.

"In my 35 years of coaching I don't think I've ever experienced that," Hovland said. "I talked to the team before came here, and I told them it had a good chance to coming down something just like this."

Karin Tomeckova regained the lead for the Grizzlies in the 200 back when she came in first with a time a 1:57.48. The lead did not last though. It wasn't until Emily Ludema finished first in an event of her own that gave

OU a slim lead against the trailing Panthers.

Tricia Grant, who was later named diver of the meet, took first posting a six-dive score of 344.2. It was a Bubsey Natatorium record (Cleveland St. facility). Oakland outlasted Milwaukee by 34 points in a final of 764-730. The next closest team was Green Bay with 576 points.

It was a little easier for the men who created even more separation in the final day beating runner up Cleveland State

by a near 200-point margin. The men's swimming team featured the Horizon League freshman of the year in Tuomas Kivuluoma.

"They weren't gonna be denied, Hovland said. "They had a successful campaign this year, and they really got into it."

Amr el Sayevggggd and Jorden Merrilees each took first in individual events in the 100 free and 200 back.

"It was a great weekend all the way around I couldn't be happier," Hovland said.

Oakland softball prepares for conference schedule

After scheduling more games, the team wins week-long tournament and gears for conference championship

Adam Kujawski
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University softball team just completed a week-long tournament in Tennessee and Florida over the recent break. The Grizzlies went 9-4 - improving their overall record to 10-8 - and are using these tournaments to prepare for the Horizon League.

OU coach Connie Miner, in her second coaching year, said the 2013 season didn't go as well as she had hoped due to a lack of scheduling opportunities. This year, however, Oakland is scheduled to play in 51 games.

"We could potentially play as many games in the preseason as we did all of last year," Miner said.

The Grizzlies have competed in three tournaments thus far against highly touted competition. OU played a top 20 team in

Georgia Southern and top-ranked Tennessee in early February and received praise from the opposing staff.

"The head coach at Tennessee said he really enjoyed watching our team play," Miner said. "He was impressed with the way we never gave up and our aggressive approach."

As is the case with all OU sports, this will be the softball team's first season competing in the Horizon League. Miner is approaching the new season with optimism - citing upgrades in budget, competition and travel as things she's looking forward to.

"We were spending 70 percent of our budget on travel," she said. "The longest trip we have this year would have been our shortest trip last year."

OU senior Erica Polidori is excited for the new conference as well. In her final year with the team, she has high hopes for the 2014 season.

"We're not a favorite or an underdog," she said. "Coming into the Horizon League, we have a fresh start to become whatever we want to become."

Miner saw her team improve every step of the way last season and hopes this year it can close the gap on some of the close games. Oakland lost 13 games by two runs or less in 2013; nine of those were by just one run.

"My goal is to help this team find a way to win those close games," she said.

Oakland looks ahead to playing in a tournament each weekend until conference play begins on March 22. The Grizzlies travel to Kentucky for a three-game series with Moorehead State this weekend.

"We proved to ourselves we can compete with anyone," OU sophomore pitcher Erin Kownacki said. "We just have to go out and show everybody else."

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Men's basketball

Four players for the Oakland University men's basketball team received honors from the Horizon League.

OU senior guard Travis Badger was named first team all conference while junior center Corey Petros was named to the second team. Guard Khalil Felder was named the freshman player of the year and Duke Mondy was named to the all-defensive team.

Men's baseball

The Golden Grizzlies men's baseball team battled Oklahoma State and New Mexico State in two-weekend series over spring break.

The team finished with an even 4-4 record against the two power conference teams. Zach Sterry leads the team with a .450 batting average and Robby Enslen has 8 RBI. Jake Paulson is 2-0 with a 2.03 era and 13 strikeouts.

Oakland will travel next to Tennessee for a four-game series against Lipscomb that runs from March 7-9.

Track and field

The Golden Grizzlies men and women's track and field teams competed in the Horizon League indoor championships in Youngstown, Ohio over the weekend.

The men's team took home third place, posting 81 points while the women finished seventh with 39 points. Serena San Cartier, Jeff Arirguzo, Nicholas Girodat, Chris Scott and Bryce Stroede all took home individual championships.

— Compiled by Jackson Gilbert,
Staff Reporter

A Grizzly Comeback

Golden Grizzlies open the Horizon tournament with a nailbiting win against Youngstown State in overtime

By Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

Travis Bader scored a season-high 39 points as the No. 6 seed Oakland University men's basketball team defeated No. 7 seed Youngstown State 96-92 in overtime Tuesday night at the O'rena.

OU now advances to the second round of the Horizon League Tournament in their first year in the conference.

It was the third time the Golden Grizzlies have defeated the Penguins this year. The teams also met the final game of the regular season on March 1.

"What a game," OU head coach Greg Kampe said. "What have we done in this O'rena all year with unbelievable games? Fans got their money's worth this year."

It was the last game the seniors would play at the O'rena, as the Grizzlies no longer possess the higher seed required to host home games further into the tournament.

The game started slowly for both

squads as Oakland led 29-25 at half time. That is a 34-point swing from the last game's first half.

OU senior Travis Bader had just five points at the break, meaning he had a second half and overtime surge for 34. Bader also finished the game with a school record 18-of-18 from the free throw line.

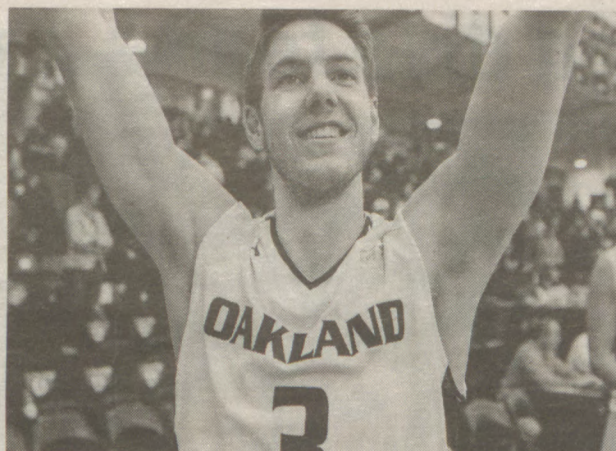
"It's gotta be a league record or world record," Kampe said. "Especially when you look at how important 13 through 18 was."

OU found themselves down by 10 points with three minutes to go in the game after a technical foul was issued to Kampe.

The Grizzlies got a technical call in their favor shortly after, but senior Duke Mondy couldn't execute on either shot.

He made up for it by quickly bringing the Grizzlies back within 5 after a layup and 3-pointer in the next two possessions.

OU had struggled much of the second half to bring the game close as both teams started to heat up. The Penguins had the earlier jump.



Travis Bader grins triumphantly after a golden grizzly victory

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The Grizzlies were looking at elimination when Penguin guard Kendrick Perry hit two free throws with eight seconds left in regulation. Perry finished the game with 35 points.

Down the court Bader made a three with 2.4 seconds left, bringing the score within one. The Grizzlies managed to foul with 0.6 seconds left. Ryan Weber split the pair for YSU, giving them a two point lead.

Bader craftily set a screen for OU inbounder Mitch Baenziger and was fouled by YSU's Fletcher Larson, who was trying to stop the inbounds pass. Bader was able to knock down both

pressure-filled shots.

"Honestly, just being a senior and realizing this could be your last game, you just give it your all," Bader said. "Everybody stepped up and we're very fortunate to be able to come back here and get the win."

Bader answered the call from the stripe four more times in overtime, eventually sealing the victory for Oakland.

OU takes off to Green Bay to face No. 3 seed Wright State Friday, March 7. The Grizzlies are 0-2 against the Raiders this season, the most recent loss coming Feb. 16 at the O'rena, 72-71.

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Students watch Netflix to relax, as background noise or to stop boredom. Netflix was founded in 1997 by Reed Hastings who is also the CEO.

Spending free time on screen time: Students splurge on streaming sprees

Video websites offer entire seasons and independent releases for binge watching

John Oldani
Staff Intern

Going on a binge means doing something to the point where it is considered excessive. People have been binge drinking, eating and even binge sleeping for ages, but there's a new way to overindulge — binge viewing.

Thanks to digital innovations, fans of television can consume seasons of their favorite TV shows in one sitting. With the influx in television-streaming websites such as, Netflix, Hulu and HBO Go focused on entertainment, it is exceptionally easy to watch your favorite shows instantly.

But what makes someone watch two, five or ten episodes in a row?

"I tend to watch more streams and episodes when I am tired or just trying to procrastinate," freshman Nick Kropp stated. "It's easy to get carried away."

In college, it is very easy for students to feel pressure and to feel stressed. At the end of a long day, or during a study session, students may need to kick back and binge watch a television show.

"If I am working on a project, I'll put on Netflix in the background to just keep myself entertained while I'm working," said sophomore Michelle Hoskins. "It helps me to not freak out over how much work I have to do."

Netflix has funded and released several original series to aid the crisis. "House of Cards," starring Kevin Spacey, is a high-budget Netflix original series that they released on their site. Where most television shows are released one episode per week, "House of Cards" is released all at once.

Netflix posts an entire season at once so people could watch at their leisure. It seems as though Netflix is encouraging binge watching, and they are keeping up by releasing show after show all at once.

"Orange is the New Black" was released July 11, 2013 and was released as a complete set, as well. The entire 13 episode was available to Netflix subscribers right away, because that is what the viewers are demanding.

A person might binge watch to re-

lieve stress, but for people like Oakland University Cinema Studies instructor, professor Hunter Vaughan, it can be for pure enjoyment and self-indulgence.

"I rarely watch to intentionally pass the time, though that is certainly a side effect," professor Hunter Vaughan said. "I usually do it because it is a show I have been wanting to see, and for whatever reason I find myself with a down day or night. Binging loves company, so when you binge watch with someone a little conspiracy or self indulgence grows between you."

"I watch Netflix a lot, mostly when I am bored," said freshman Ethan Childress.

Whether a person binge watches for enjoyment, to relax or to indulge, the fact is that marathons of television are being watched, and it's trending upwards.



EVENT BRIEFS

Women's History Month, March 4 to April 17

OU will be participating in National Women's History Month to celebrate women's contributions to history and modern society.

Scheduled events can be found at oakland.edu/calendar.

Pure Michigan Panel Event, March 6

A guest panel comprised of Detroit business owners, community leaders and professionals will be coming to OU Thursday to speak with students about the future of Detroit and opportunities for students.

The panel will begin at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

Lecture: "The Trafficking of Girls in Michigan," March 7

As part of Women's History Month, Dr. Nicole McGee of the FBI Special Victims Unit, Detroit, will be speaking about female juvenile trafficking Friday at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

Cyber Security Summit, March 7

CyberOU, Oakland's cyber security club, will be hosting a Cyber Security Summit from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the Elliott Hall Auditorium.

The summit will feature some of Michigan's top technology leaders. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Register for free at cyberou.com/summit.

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Along came a Revon

OU student lands lead role in upcoming sci-fi thriller

Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

Oakland University senior Revon Yousif landed a lead role in '2101,' produced by Seasik Productions and directed by award-winner Kyle Misak.

The film is scheduled to be released in May 2014. The science fiction/action thriller follows the journey of Shia(Yousiff), and his two friends after they discover a pyramid that holds information about the future. Shia along with his friends must figure out how to use the information, while keeping it out of the wrong hands.

"Shia, is based off Shia Labeouf's character in 'Transformers,' 'Eagle Eye,' and 'Disturbia,' all those characters put into one," Yousiff said. I love

Shia, he makes it so believable and when they began explaining the movie I got so excited.

As an actor, Yousiff aspires to do the same as Labeouf and create a real experience for viewers.

"You have to step out of you as a person and put yourself in the shoes of this character," Yousiff said. "In order to get mad or sad I tap into a lot of my past experiences. The older I get the more experiences I have to motivate me."

"He has great potential to make it somewhere in the business, it just takes a while to build yourself and not miss the right opportunity," Curt Howe, Yousiff's agent said.

Yousiff first considered acting in the ninth grade when a teacher called him charismatic and went on to say that it was a trait most actors have.

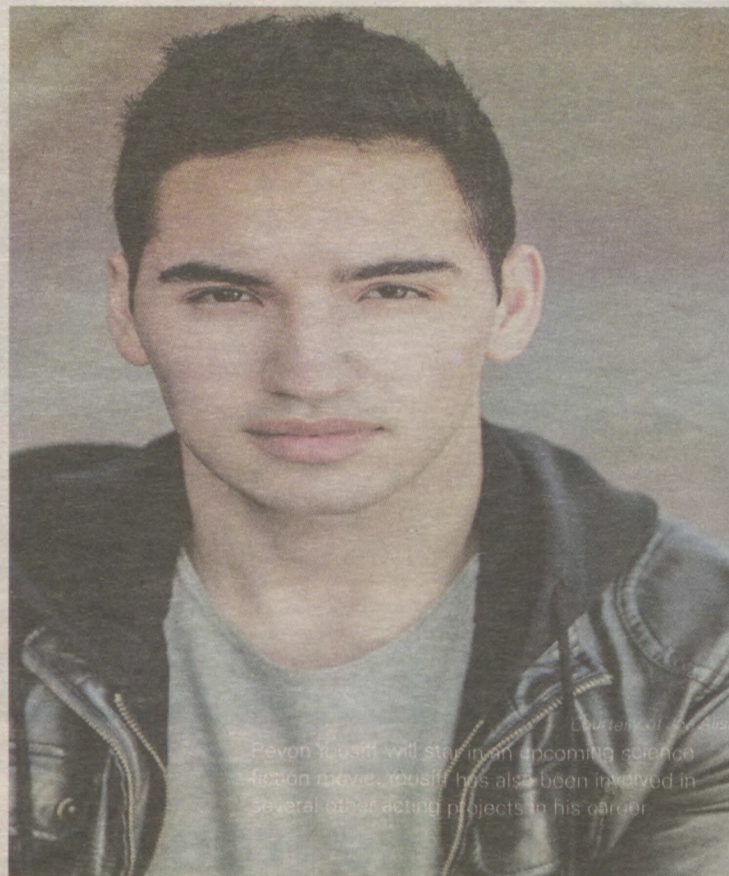
"Ever since then acting is what I wanted to do," Yousiff said.

"Hes very inspiring. He knows what he wants and he's not afraid to go for it he's an inspiration in that way he's very motivating," Ashley Abbod, friend of Yousiff said.

Yousiff was contacted by the producers of '2101,' and initially thought the e-mail was spam mail. After consideration, Yousiff decided to set up a meeting and listen to what the producers had to say.

Yousiff has been an extra in "Scream 4," "LOL," "Five Year Engagement" and "Vamps." He also received lead role in a 2010 production called 'My Boo,' and 'Good News,' which was produced in 2012.

After graduation the communications major plans on moving to L.A. to continue his acting career with friends from OU.



Revon Yousiff will star in an upcoming science fiction movie. Yousiff has also been involved in several other acting projects in his career.

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'Pleasures and Pressures'

WXOU general manager finds double reward in his job

By Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

Patrick Cymbalski, WXOU's general manager, has evolved with the award-winning radio station.

At freshmen orientation, Cymbalski, a French language and literature major, began his road at WXOU by filling out an application to have his own radio talk show. He first realized his enjoyment for broadcast in his high school years when he did morning announcements.

"It's a little self-righteous of me, but I just loved the fact that everybody had to be quiet for three minutes a day and listen to whatever I had to say," Cymbalski said.

Before he even began taking classes at Oakland, he had his own radio show. Throughout his time he has had two, but "Everything but the Kitchen Sink" is the show he's kept his

entire time at OU. The show is on Wednesday from 9-10 a.m.

Although he wasn't an executive employee at WXOU yet he still spent a majority of his time in between classes at the radio station.

"I knew radio wasn't what I was interested in professionally, but WXOU gave me a place to be me and that was important. A lot of people have that," Cymbalski said. "From there it just turned into this being my second home. Being a commuter on a campus like this it's super important to have some place to go, this was my place."

During his junior year Cymbalski decided to apply for assistant program director at WXOU.

"What's really cool is that was about a year and a half ago I welcomed these people in. Now, these people I brought in are here all the time and I love that," Cymbalski said. "I can

just see them be who I was as a freshmen and sophomore."

In his last year at Oakland, Cymbalski decided to apply for general manager, a title that came with pleasures and pressures.

For the past two years WXOU has earned the College Station of the Year Award, from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation. Cymbalski was determined to keep the tradition alive.

"I came in here to win this award again and that's exactly what we did," Cymbalski said. "I'm very excited, but I put a lot of pressure on myself throughout the year."

Another stressful pressure for him was managing best friends.

"He is easy to talk to and is fun to hang out with, but he can also be a boss when he needs to be," Ashley Allison, music director at WXOU, said.

Cymbalski found that in



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"I knew radio wasn't what I was interested in professionally, but WXOU gave me a place to be me and that was important," Patrick Cymbalski said.

order to achieve success, it is necessary to develop two bonds with people; professional friendly and socially friendly.

"It's amazing working with my best friends," Cymbalski said. "You can be so much more creative around people you're familiar with."

"He's so professional and cares about presentation and manners," Joshua Nagy, assistant program director said.

"He's also so much fun to be around. He makes things that are boring or dull, exciting."

After graduation in April, Cymbalski plans on doing something with tourism. He plans on experimenting with different fields, but is thankful that with his experiences at WXOU he can always have the option of working in the broadcast, as well as other interesting fields.

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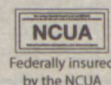


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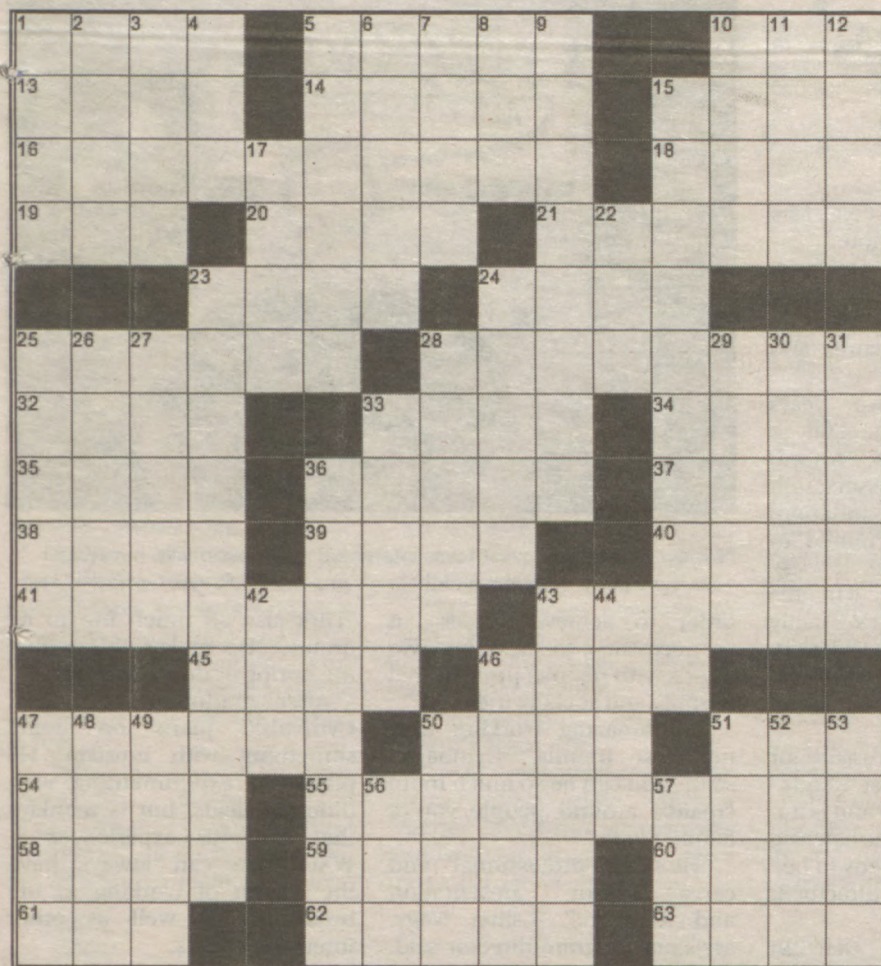
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Puzzles



Across

1. Course of action
5. Hardly a brainiac
10. Leg, to Legs Diamond
13. Stead
14. Corbeled-out window
15. Stand on the corner?
16. Added details
18. Lunar valley
19. 'Shoot'
20. Cocktail hour spread
21. Torrents
23. Adorable
24. Amaza
25. Point the finger at
28. Pawn or bishop
32. Warm, in a sense
33. Sound from a fan
34. Like some excuses
35. Attire
36. Wails
37. World War II partnership
38. Takes advantage of
39. 'No problem!'
40. Windshield treatment
41. Pioneers, often
43. Dissertations
45. 'Clumsy me!'
46. Let fall

47. Rings a bell

50. Crumbly clay mixture

51. Emolument

54. Take pleasure in

55. Beekeeping

58. Dollar competitor

59. Quirks

60. ____ nitrate

61. Craving

62. Survive

63. Gloom

Down

1. Not guilty, e.g.

2. Feels poorly

3. Wood used for furniture

4. Center of activity

5. Compound of element number 5

6. Ticked off

7. Little bit

8. Apiary occupant

9. Graybeards

10. Pony pace

11. Drive train element

12. Wire diameter units

15. Converted

17. Important work

22. Boil fluid

23. Sidewalk border hues?

24. Bright

25. Cattle breed

26. Stop

27. Editor's insertion symbol

28. 'Through the Looking-Glass' game

29. Women's coveralls?

30. Ammonia compound

31. They're often out on a limb

33. Has on

36. Memento

42. Journal

43. Driving force

44. Satan's domain

46. Fires

47. Modeler's material

48. Still in play

49. Analogous

50. Revealing dress

51. Mountain lion

52. Chemical group derived from benzene

53. Loud utterance

56. Multiplex choices, for short

57. Dance like Hines

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Mouthing Off

SATIRE

Blue Book Blues

Scott Wolchek
Editor-in-Chief / Disgruntled

I'm a 21-year-old OU senior dead-set on graduating in April. For the first time in all of my years, I had to purchase something called a 'Blue Book' for an exam.

If you have never had to use one of these 'Blue Books', you should consider yourself lucky. They are the dumbest, most inconvenient invention ever devised.

These diabolical devices, they are simply pieces of notebook paper inside of a blue cover.

Why can't I just use my notebook paper I've been using for the entire class? You make me go out and spend \$1.29 to take a test, OU? Aren't I already spending thousands of dollars just to be in your class?

In order to feel my pain, allow me to explain the situation I went through the day before Spring break

(is that what we're calling this weather? Spring?)

I miraculously made it to my class on time (an amazing feat, seeing as how I am afflicted with senioritis and the class is set to start at 8 a.m.) Feeling accomplished and prepared, I begin strutting toward my seat, when my classmates ask "Do you have a 'Blue Book'?"

"Pardon me - do I have a what?" I say.

And then somebody (most likely a Peet's Coffee and Tea fan,) told me to drop everything and run to Peet's Coffee and Tea because they sold 'Blue Books.'

Note: I am so disgusted with the product that I put it in quotations and will not recognize it as a feasible object that exists in the world.

I immediately dismissed this advice, knowing that OUSC gives them away for free, there is a vending machine that sells 'Blue Books' and



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Scott Wolchek is not a fan of the 'Blue Book', so he turned it into a spooky, kooky mask.

the book store on campus also sells them.

Much to my dismay, OUSC was closed and the vending machine

was out (surprise, surprise.) I had to stand in line for ten minutes with half of my class just to buy some notebook paper with a blue cover.

Do not mistake my anger for being aimed at my professor for using these 'Blue Books'. My disgust and disfavor is aimed toward the creator of the 'Blue Books' themselves: Butler University.

According to the 'Blue Book' Wikipedia page: "Butler University (Indianapolis) was the first to introduce exam blue books. They were given a blue color because Butler's school colors are blue and white, therefore they gave them the name 'Blue Books'."

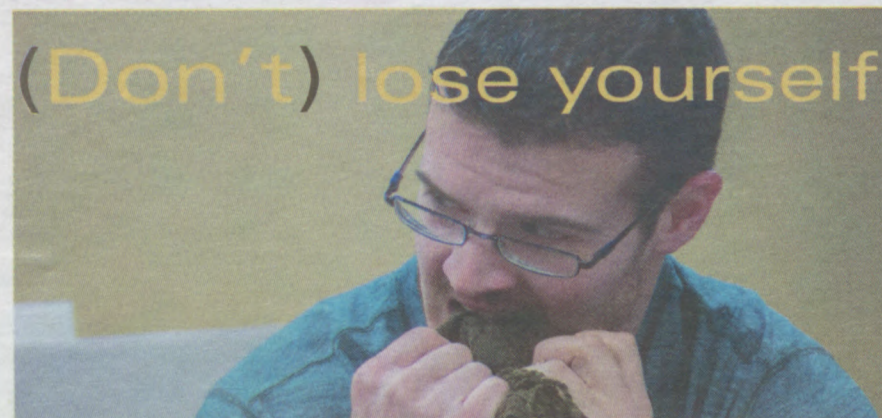
Here is something else I discovered: In 'The Divine Comedy' by Dante Alighieri, the lowest level of hell is ice. What Dante forgot to mention is that it is also lined with 'Blue Books'.

I could go on for days. But I'll keep my argument simple.

I already have notebook paper. Give me my \$1.29 back.

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Brian Figurski does a horrible job containing his self-destruction nature during dire times.

Brian Figurski
Copy Editor / Grief Counselor

Heartache. Loss. It sits coiled like a viper in the desert, waiting to strike venom into the veins of the unsuspecting victim. It can come at any time of any day. Or mostly whenever you traverse the desert.

Some of you may have had a wonderful spring break (is that what we're calling this weather? Spring?) but some of our Golden Grizzlies, I'm sure, we're dealt a crap hand and had to deal with the self-destructive trauma of limerence.

I may have been one of those emergency poison victims.

While psychiatrist Elizabeth Kübler-Ross developed the five stages of grief over 50 years ago, the times have evolved. Technology has changed, the social landscape is altered and as such, our society has changed how we handle ascending the little staircase.

Consider the following an extension of that list, in a format of what spiral not to descend down.

Don't put the timeline together. This is the first gateway drug that sets off the chain for all other consecutive

negative actions. Whether this trauma you will feel at some point is your fault, or not, do not dwell upon it. This is easier typed than actually accomplished.

Do not blast your dirty laundry on social media - Facebook, Twitter, school newspaper. You may be the person to shroud your words in curly metaphors or be up front and say, "Yo dawgs: Becky's a huge bitch!" Either way, you are in an irrational state of idiocy. Don't be a moron and understand there are two sides to each story.

Don't frivolously empty your bank account. This is the retail therapy phase. We try to reinvent ourselves after tragedy and physically alter ourselves from what we lost. This tends to be an issue when you have a credit card and a void in your life. Your life will not fix itself with a new hair cut, color or a plethora of new outfits. Suck it up and keep on your ratchet shoes.

Don't drive drunk. I know that should be a given, but there comes a phase of the new self-help grievance counseling known as the chemical dependency phase. It can be upon people, but it mostly turns into a breathy, boozy situation. You will puke down the side of your car barreling down the interstate. If

you're going to drink (and you will drink), stay inside and cry your baby heart out.

Location multiplied by three: we are human. We exhibit an awesome array of emotions. It is perfectly understandable to express any of them. But not while you're at work.

There will be dire times. The planet doesn't stop spinning, however, and you will have a routine to carry on. If you have no routine or any places to be on a weekly basis, you are lazy and will be eaten by the sharks once you graduate.

But utilize your time and cry at home. Cry isolated in your car. Don't cry in front of your coworkers until your eyes are as pink as that new tie you spent \$30 on. I know U2's "With Or Without You" is a trigger song, and it'll be hard, but slam your head on something hard instead. Don't break down in public.

I'm not saying these will all happen to you. I'm not even saying all of these have happened to anyone I have ever lived as. I'm just saying I'd laugh at that Figurski.

It's not worth it, especially if you find out you're just batshit crazy and things always get better. Or they get worse and you die. But at least you know you left without imploding like a trainwreck.



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