

THE OAKLAND POST

Oakland University's Independent Student Newspaper

Volume 44 | Issue 21 | Mar. 6, 2019

SENIOR SEND-OFF

Page 6



DENTISTRY PROGRAM

OU and UDM to launch
interprofessional partnership

PAGE 5

NEW IN ENROLLMENT

Dawn Aubry named associate VP of
Enrollment Management

PAGE 9

PRIDE MONTH

Celebration of OU's Pride Month
begins March 12

PAGES 10 & 11

PHOTO BY SERGIO MONTANEZ

THIS WEEK

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



TAKE ONE AND HAVE ANOTHER In celebration of Fat Tuesday, Student Program Board provided paczki's for all students in Dodge Hall place of their weekly-Hump Day event. PHOTO / RYAN PINI

THE OAKLAND POST

EDITORIAL BOARD

AuJenee Hirsch
Editor-in-Chief
editor@oaklandpostonline.com
248.370.4266

Elyse Gregory
Photo Editor
emgregory@oakland.edu
248.370.4266

Laurel Kraus
Managing Editor
lmkraus@oakland.edu
248.370.2537

Patrick Sullivan
Web Editor
ptsullivan@oakland.edu

EDITORS

Katie Valley Campus Editor
kvalley@oakland.edu

Trevor Tyle Life&Arts Editor
ttyle@oakland.edu

Michael Pearce Sports Editor
mpearce@oakland.edu

Jordan Jewell Engagement Editor
jjewell@oakland.edu

COPY&VISUAL

Mina Fuqua Chief Copy Editor
Jessica Trudeau Copy Editor

Zoe Garden Copy Editor
Erin O'Neill Graphic Designer
Prakhya Chilukuri Graphic Assistant

Ryan Pini Photographer
Nicole Morsfield Photographer
Samuel Summers Photographer
Sergio Montanez Photographer

REPORTERS

Benjamin Hume Staff Reporter
Dean Vaglia Staff Reporter
Jonathan Savich Staff Reporter
Bridget Janis Staff Reporter
Taylor Crumley Staff Reporter
Devin Boatwright Staff Reporter
Alyssa Ochss Staff Reporter

Kat Malokofsky Distribution Director
Alexander Pham Distributor

ADVISING

Garry Gilbert Editorial Adviser
ggilber@oakland.edu
248.370.2105

Don Ritenburgh Business Adviser
ritenbur@oakland.edu
248.370.2533

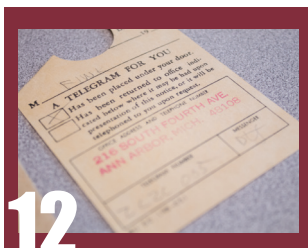
ADVERTISING

Angela Gebert Ads Director
Janae Nelson Ads Assistant
Whitney Shelby Ads Assistant



4 HATE CRIME

Celebrity arrested on for an alleged false police report. Photo courtesy/Fox



12 50 YEARS LATER...

Professor receives telegram from some old friends. Photo/Nicole Morsfield



18 ENDS SEASON WITH A WIN

Men's basketball brings record to 15-16 overall. Photo/Sergio Montanez

Vote and connect at:
oaklandpostonline.com

POLL OF THE WEEK

WILL YOU BE CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH?

A) NOT AT ALL

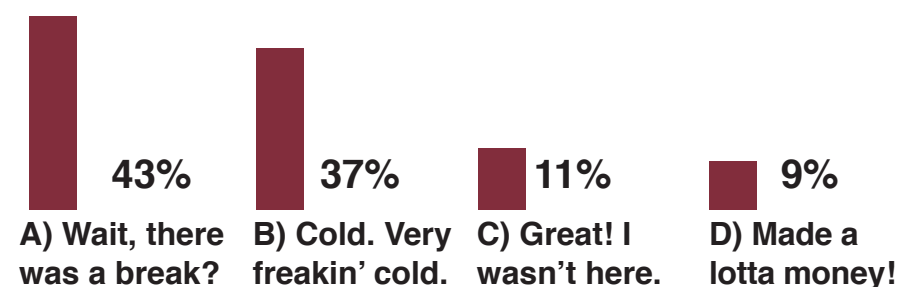
B) YASSS OF COURSE

C) I'M ALWAYS PRIDEFUL

D) WHAT'S PRIDE MONTH???

LAST ISSUE'S POLL

HOW WAS YOUR "SPRING BREAK"?



LOOKING BACK

Board of Trustees debates supporting the Tisch Amendment

This proposal would not only cause a deduction in property taxes, but create budget cuts in multiple programs

BRIDGET JANIS

Staff Reporter

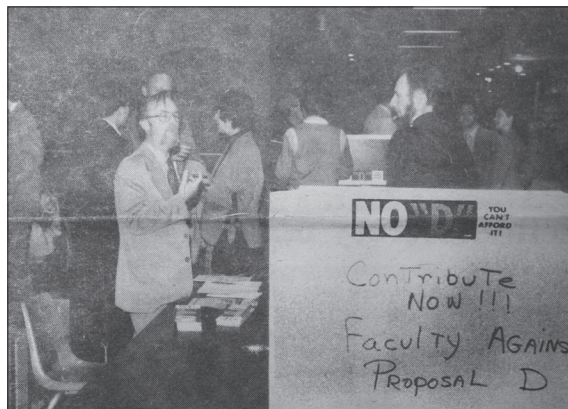
In the 1980s, the topic within Oakland University's Senate was whether the Board of Trustees should take a stand against the Tisch Amendment, Proposal D on the ballot at the time.

Prop. D was a proposed decrease on property taxes and ban on new types of homestead taxes. Prop. D also said no new taxes could be collected without 60 percent approval of the electorate. Many saw this as a time lag.

"It takes away the power of the legislature to tax and puts it in the hands of the public," said Frederic Shipley, a professor in the School of Economics and Management at the time.

While most of the Board of Trustees voted they should have taken a stand against Prop. D along with Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, they continued to remain undecided due to controversy within the Trustees. According to a political science professor at the time, Edward Heubel, the Tisch Amendment would ruin all public universities.

"I see a black cloud on the horizon as I see the possibility of the Tisch Amendment passing and what it would do to Oakland University," Heubel told the Senate.



THE OAKLAND POST ARCHIVES

Despite the various opinions among the Board of Trustees, Proposal D was not the favorable vote.

One Trustee then, Richard Headlee, was in full support of the Tisch Amendment. His point of view at the time was that it was the only tax proposal on the ballot that year. It would reduce government spending, even if that meant reductions of spending in public facilities.

"Government spending has stripped the ability of people to pay [their taxes]," Headlee said.

He said the government must stop spending beyond the level of which people can support. He believed the Tisch Amendment would force the government to use its money more responsibly.

If the Tisch Amendment passed, Michigan's higher education budget would have been cut by 55 percent. The cuts the Tisch Amendment would have brought with it if it became effective were considered drastic, and not just for higher education. Mental health services would also be cut by 48 percent.

The estimate was that it would have caused 12 out of 15 colleges at the time to shut down and a 50 percent reduction in state aid for Wayne State University, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. While Headlee was not convinced this would happen, others were worried about this situation and the likelihood of it.

Headlee also believed if the university took an official position on the topic, it could influence anyone on campus and create a biased atmosphere that could unfairly influence any voters. Other trustees, such as Kenneth Morris, thought it was important for the board to take a position, claiming that placing a stance was a crucial part of the board.

The Board of Trustees did not end up taking a stance, and the Tisch Amendment did not pass.

THE OAKLAND POST IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2019-20 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The EIC is responsible for the management and production of The Oakland Post and reports to a board of directors. Responsibilities include:

- Updating the website daily and overseeing the production of the weekly newspaper
- Recruiting editorial staff members and determining job responsibilities
- Deciding what is fit to print in the weekly newspaper
- Creating and maintaining relationships with university and department officials
- Working with the advertising and distribution directors to oversee those departments
- Organizing and submitting staff payroll every week
- Mentoring, guiding and teaching the staff to create quality journalism
- Overseeing The Post's administrative functions and assisting in creating a yearly budget
- Representing The Post on the SAFAC board
- Being available to readers with complaints, corrections and suggestions
- Working closely with The Post's editorial and financial advisers
- Being a collected and professional leader for the staff

Applicants do not have to be journalism majors, but should be:

- Excellent writers and communicators with great command of AP Style and news media standards
- Excellent with people and have the patience and heart to manage a group of peers

Compensation includes weekly pay and a tuition stipend. Position effective late April 2019

Applications will be accepted through Mar. 15, 2019. Applicants can send a resume, cover letter and work samples to editorial adviser Garry Gilbert at gjgilber@oakland.edu



PHOTO COURTESY OF FOX

Jussie Smollett was arrested on charges of filing a false police report in Chicago.

The reality of hate crimes

JORDAN JEWELL
Engagement Editor

In a yearly report, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) publishes statistics about hate crimes in the United States. Over 7,100 were reported in 2017, which is 17 percent more than in 2016.

At an average of 20 hate crimes a day, it wasn't hard for Americans to believe that a young black actor and advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community fell victim to one of these attacks.

Jussie Smollett, a 35-year-old actor from the popular television show "Empire," reported to police that he was attacked by two men outside of a Subway sandwich shop in Chicago. He reported that the men shouted, "This is MAGA country," and other racial and homophobic slurs.

Dozens of news outlets, celebrities and government officials rushed to Smollett's defense, denouncing this type of brutal and senseless violence.

In a turn of events, Smollett was arrested on charges of filing a false police report. The Chicago Police Department and prosecutors allege Smollett invented the entire attack, hiring two African American brothers who previously worked on "Empire" to stage the beating.

Smollett is currently in custody after turning himself in. His bail was set at \$100,000, and he is facing felony charges. He maintains his innocence.

"Everyone should keep an open mind and never write off a situation before

they know the full story and its magnitude," said Kela Brown, the event coordinator for the Association of Black Students at Oakland University.

Whether Smollett's attack was a hoax or not, hate crimes are still a growing problem in the U.S. Research done by the FBI states most hate crimes are racially motivated.

"No one should ever have to live in fear simply because of who they are," Brown said. "Minorities should also educate themselves on what is going on in society so they can better protect themselves against the evilness that is going on."

In June of 2016, 49 people were killed in Orlando, Fla. inside Pulse Nightclub. Pulse, a gay nightclub, was hosting "Latin Night," and the majority of the victims were Hispanic and a part of the LBGT+ community.

"Given the rise in hate crimes and the fluidity of the Smollett situation, it's critical for victims to be believed and feel safe enough to pursue justice or access resources," said Grace Wojcik, coordinator for the Gender and Sexuality Center.

Victims and witnesses of hate crimes are encouraged to file a report with the police. Additional resources include Victim Connect (an online resource center), Victim Support Services and Hate Crime Help.

"I hope people will continue to be accepting of all differences and as a community, we can strive for continuing education on these matters," Wojcik said.

POLICE FILES

Credit card caper

A student received a call from her bank stating her card had been used and denied on March 3, 2018. The student checked her wallet and noticed \$200 and her credit card were missing. The student said she arrived on campus at 7:15 a.m. and was walking in and out of a classroom in Elliott Hall where she left her purse, coat and backpack behind a wooden desk.

She knew of only three individuals that were going in and out of the room besides herself, and she believed the room was locked before attending a meeting in another room in Elliott for two hours. The credit card was cancelled in response to multiple charges.

After a month of investigation, the Oakland University Police Department found evidence of the card being used at a local Shoe Carnival in Auburn Hills. On April 2, 2018, the store provided OUPD with enough information to better check the cameras in Elliott Hall, including the fact that the subject has a partial tattoo showing on the right arm.

Video camera footage of Elliott Hall from March 3 revealed a man walking into the area of the room of interest. The man walked behind a large metal area that led to the room, then left the area shortly after with what appeared to be a card in his hand. It looked like he was putting it into his wallet.

The man was identified as a frequent shoplifter of Great Lakes Crossing and was recognized by a Nightwatch worker in Hill House who had not allowed him to sign in. OUPD issued a warrant for his arrest, and the suspect was arrested in Pontiac and later arraigned on the OUPD warrant on Oct. 26, 2018.

Compiled by
Ben Hume, Staff Reporter

Classifieds

63 Oakland Center
312 Meadow Brook Road
Rochester, MI 48309

Rates:
\$0.35 per word (\$7 min.)
Unlimited Frequency
STUDENT DISCOUNTS

Call or email us and place your ad today! ads@oaklandpostonline.com | 248.370.4269

HELP WANTED: VALET PARKING

Valet parking attendants, must be 21 or older, must know how to drive a stick-shift, make up to \$30/hour

(248) 740-0900 or apply online at <http://firstclassvalet.com/valet-parking/employment-application>

ADVERTISE ANYTHING*

Need something?
Want something
Want to provide something?

Books
Cars
Garage Sales
Rent

Babysitting
Help Wanted
Carpools
Misc., etc.

OUWB and UDM team up for new interprofessional program

AUJENEE HIRSCH

Editor-in-Chief

In the medical world, dentists and doctors seem as if they are on two opposite sides of the spectrum. But the way the medical field is changing, that may not necessarily be the case.

Pretty soon, medical students at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB) and dental students at University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry (UDM) will be working side by side as the two universities launch a new interprofessional course to educate medical and dental students on how health care professionals collaborate for the benefit of their patients.

Pioneered by former OUWB Dean Robert Folberg, M.D., and UDM School of Dentistry Dean Mert Aksu, D.D.S., J.S., MHSA, 144 second year medical and dental students will be in the same classroom for an all-day course in which both will share case studies.

Beginning on March 13, dental

students will learn communication skills and patient encounters side-by-side with medical students at OUWB's Clinical Skills Center, Beaumont Hospital in Troy.

"The collaboration is educationally beneficial since it creates opportunities for the students to learn together and understand how collaborative management of the patient can improve health outcomes," Aksu said in a press release. "Teaching students collaborative management skills will reduce the impact of the inter-relationship between oral and systemic diseases and will also reduce costs in the long run and improve patient satisfaction."

At the Center, they will interact with trained standardized patients to diagnose a range of conditions. The case topics will vary and include such diagnosis as oral cancer and other issues.

Medical and dental students will then work together as a health care team to deliver the news to the standardized patients and the process will include pre-and post-assessments by instructors, and feedback from patients as

well.

"Healthcare today is not just delivered by one person, it's always a team taking care of a patient because they get better outcomes," said Nelia Alfons, M.D. of OU. "The earlier they work together and learn how to work in teams and collaborate, later on when they're actually taking care of patients it gives them a much better understanding about the other professional scope of practice, and how they can help improve the outcome of a patient."

At the end of each session, the students will have learned how to deliver difficult news in an effective manner to the patient; describe the types of responses patients and families may have to difficult medical news; and apply knowledge of their own professional role and those of other team members to appropriately assess and address the needs of the patient.

Additionally, students should be able to communicate effectively with the patient and other members of the health care team and work collaboratively with students from other health pro-



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRYAN BIERLEY

From left to right, Melanie Mayberry, D.D.S., Arati Kelekar, M.D. and Nelia Afonso, M.D., work together at the Clinical Skills Center on the interprofessional curriculum for OUWB and Detroit Mercy Dentistry.

fessions to maintain a climate of mutual respect and shared values.

"Right now it's more classroom based and simulation than in the real world," Alfonso said. "We hope we will be able to give them (the students) experience so that when they graduate they will come out with a clearer understanding and ability to collaborate and work together."

OUWB and UDM recognize the potential for this program to continue further into medical school. According to Al-

fonso, they hope to continue the collaboration into the third and fourth years of medical school.

"We're hoping that we'll not just do this and then stop," she said. "But we'll continue this and... as students get more advanced in their fields as students, they will continue taking this to the next level with clinical discussions, and providing actual patient care like in more of a clinic setting or a hospital setting."

WE'RE LOOKING FOR COPY EDITORS

- MUST POSSESS BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF INDESIGN
- CREATE PAGES FOR PRINT ON A WEEKLY BASIS
 - WORKING WITH THE POST TEMPLATES IN INDESIGN
 - CREATES HEADLINES, SUBHEADS AND CAPTIONS FOR ALL STORIES
- MUST WORK BOTH PRODUCTION DAYS (MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS)
- MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PAGES AFTER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, MANAGING EDITOR AND CHIEF COPY EDITOR HAVE LOOKED OVER THE PAGES
- BE GOOD WORKING IN A TEAM ENVIRONMENT

PLEASE SEND RESUME, COVER LETTER, AND THREE INDESIGN WORK SAMPLES TO
EDITOR@OAKLANDPOSTONLINE.COM
 OR APPLY ON HANDSHAKE

Now Accepting Applications and Nominations for:

Student Liaison to the Oakland University Board of Trustees

The role of the Student Liaison to the Board of Trustees (BOT) is to serve as a non-voting resource on all student issues at public meetings of the BOT.



General Information

- Term of Service - July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 or 2021
- Must have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Must have earned 56 undergraduate or 18 graduate credit hours (minimum of 28 or 9 earned at OU, respectively)
- Must not hold any other major elected campus office

Apply online at:
oakland.edu/bot/student-liaisons

Applications are due by March 31, 2019

Music professor still inspired after 35 years

John-Paul White, recently appointed Distinguished Professor of Music, advises students to follow their dreams

TAYLOR CRUMLEY

Staff Reporter

The Oakland University Board of Trustees recently appointed John-Paul White to the rank of Distinguished Professor of Music for his contributions to vocal scholarship, teaching and service.

White has been a part of Oakland University's faculty since 1984. He promotes a positive and productive learning environment in his classes and encourages students in their work.

Music has always been a huge part of his life, as his mother was a pianist. It was also taught as part of the curriculum in grade school, and he was part of the music program at his church when he was younger.

"I really fell in love with the human voice and all it can do," White said. "Not just the singing voice, but speaking, languages, accents, inflections as well. It is an amazing instrument."

White has taken his love for music all around the world, performing with people who he considers some of the greatest musicians. He said his favorite performance was his Carnegie Hall debut in New York.

"Over 50 family members, friends and OU colleagues came to New York to hear me," White said. "And seeing their faces in the audience that night was thrilling."

With all of the great moments he has experienced, his career has endured struggles as well.

"It is not an easy career path, and auditioning is filled with rejection," White said. "One simply has to believe in oneself and learn to hear 'no' to one job as a 'yes' to something yet to come."

But his proudest moments, which are many, make the challenges he has faced all worth it.

"The fact that, just last week, I had coffee in New York with one of many

former students making a living as a professional musical theatre singer, and the fact that our Matilda Award winner this year for 'Outstanding Alumna in Music' will be returning from her engagement at the Metropolitan Opera to receive the award," White said. "I could go on and on."

He was also proud to announce that the upcoming Orchestra Hall performance of Verdi Requiem in April will feature all OU alumni as the soloists for the first time. He also noted the vocal program was capable of creating a production of Street Scene in January with close to 50 soloists on stage, both for classical and musical theatre singing styles.

In his 35th year of teaching at OU, he finds inspiration in his students that push him to keep doing everything he does.

"I am inspired every day by my students and their improvement as singers and artists," White said. "It's the thing that makes my work feel fresh every day,

because they are different every day."

Since joining the campus community, he said OU has become a family and is much more than just a job to him.

"The relationships I've developed with colleagues and students over the years are a huge part of my life," White said.

And while being on stage can be both overwhelming and rewarding, for White, it has become a part of his everyday life.

"There are four things we teach performers to do to help deal with stage fright: be prepared, be assertive, concentrate and communicate," White said.

From growing up surrounded by music to discovering his passion for it at a young age, White understands people who have the same big dreams he did and advises them to pursue them.

"Follow your dream... your passion," White said. "Everyone has to make a living, but if you can do it by doing what you love, you will be among the most blessed of people."

Senior Showcase marks end of era for musical theater students

DEAN VAGLIA

Staff Reporter

On the night of Feb. 28, the future of the American stage was at Oakland University.

The School of Music, Theatre and Dance (SMTD) hosted its Senior Showcase in the Varner Hall recital theater. Nine students took to the stage, each showing off their ability to sing, act, dance and fill the stage in a medley-like show.

"It's been a journey, to say the least," Sammy Borla said, reflecting on his time in SMTD. "I cannot talk about the growth everyone has had from day one until now. Everyone has grown up not only as performers, but as people as well."

Seniors had to find solo pieces that played to their strengths, with some having to build solos out of spare parts.

"I had some teachers that were encouraging me to do a monologue because I like comedy and I wanted to be funny," Grace Rosen said. "And then I found a song that is not done ever, most people probably do not know it, but I personally liked it, and it somehow fit perfectly with my monologue. It was like a theater miracle."

Aside from showing off their stage skills, the showcase served as a dress rehearsal for an upcoming New York showcase. The "Survivors of Varner Hall," as they have been dubbed, will perform twice with Western

“

I think our students are among the most gifted and talented students, and that's in part because they come with natural gifts and talents, and then they get to Oakland. I think they are nurtured by our amazing faculty and they blossom while we're here.

ORA HIRSCH PESCOVITZ
PRESIDENT OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

”

Michigan's program for talent agents.

Luckily for the performers, the audience was won over. After having to hold in applause to simulate the agents' discerning temperament, the recital hall ended the show with a standing ovation to send off

the seniors to Manhattan.

"It was unbelievable," President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz said. "I think our students are among the most gifted and talented students, and that's in part because they come with natural gifts and talents, and then they get to Oakland. I think they are nurtured by our amazing faculty and they blossom while we're here."

Despite the showcase having a feeling of finality, Rosen, Borla and rest of the "Survivors" are not quite done with OU. Borla will be performing in the upcoming SMTD production of The Who's rock opera "Tommy," while Rosen will be directing "Southern Promises" in March. Both performers will be in the Nightclub Cabarets from April 4 -7 at Pontiac's Flagstar Strand Theater.

Coming from a place of experience, Borla and Rosen had some advice to share with the upcoming and future SMTD students.

"It is definitely quite a journey," Borla said. "Being a theater kid is not an easy thing to do. A lot of the stuff you do is rehearsal and such."

Rosen provided tips to help theater students manage the demanding workload.

"We have class all day," she said. "You have morning classes, you have dance classes and then the slot for rehearsal is from 7 to 11 p.m. You can spend most of your time here [Varner Hall]. I think a great piece of advice is to find something else... that can get you out of here and to take care of yourself."

10 Within 10 Award recipients happy to be awarded for their exceptional community work after graduation

OU's Young Alumni Chapter are filled with hardworking graduates with huge goals

ALYSSA OCHSS

Staff Reporter

The recipients of the 10 Within 10 Award were recently announced by Oakland University's Young Alumni Chapter, an award given out to alumni who have made an exceptional impact within their professions and throughout their communities.

Three of these recipients are Kara Tripi, Tej Yale and Louise Harder. Each of them has done exceptional work to further themselves and their communities. This gave them the opportunity to either be nominated for the award or apply for it themselves. Each person was surprised and honored to be chosen to receive the award.

Yale is the CEO of a company he started in June 2016 called ThinkImpact1st. Right out of college, Yale worked for AIM while working up to form his own company. He said the combination of the internships he worked and his experience in corporate settings is what helped him create the company.

Not only that, but his parents' entrepreneurial background helped him to achieve his goals.

"I am grateful for my parents' support on my en-

trepreneurial journey," Yale said. "I am very grateful to win this award."

Yale said back when he graduated, OU had only about 10,000 students, and it was good to see it grow over the years. He plans to expand the company in the future and they have already started a nonprofit.

In 2017, Harder started working at her current job, which is the Prevention Network, a Michigan based company dedicated to preventing drug and alcohol related abuse and addictions. Harder said she found out about the job because Erica Wallace, Rec Center health educator and coordinator of student wellness, told her about it.

She also works for Army of Survivors, a nonprofit organization started by victims of the Larry Nassar case and dedicated to preventing and bringing accountability for sexual abuse against athletes.

Harder said she wanted to focus on higher education and she would like to go back to working with students on campus. She thinks the coolest thing to see on the OU campus is the development that happens all around her.

Harder said she wasn't expecting to receive the award, and she is honored.

"It's an incredible honor, and I am really proud

of my accomplishments," Harder said. "It's important to celebrate your successes as well as recognize your failures."

Tripi's first job out of college was at Macomb Community College. She applied to many different colleges before she received her job at University of Michigan. Tripi said she worked at Michigan as the Recruitment and Admissions Counselor for three years before she recently got a job at Michigan State.

Tripi completed an English major in her undergraduate and a master's program in communication. Emily Cutlip, Career Services career consultant, nominated her, and Tripi was surprised and shocked when she learned she had received the award.

She said she currently wants to pursue her Ph.D. and is hoping to reach the position of director one day.

"Eventually I want to be a director for student life," Tripi said, "It was really rewarding working at Michigan because I worked with women and underrepresented minorities."

The 2019 10 within 10 Award recipients are: Michael Fiorillo, Louise Harder, Brandon Lee, Elizabeth Lekarczyk, Kyle Nieporte, Paige Pattenau, Kara Tripi, Gina Valente, Melissa Winkler and Tej Yale.

Federal judge rules male-only draft unconstitutional

In 1981, when the Supreme Court last voted on drafts, women weren't included

LAUREL KRAUS

Managing Editor

Compulsory service, or mandatory military service for a period of time, is currently a requirement for all citizens in various countries including Norway and Israel.

A United States Federal Court judge, Gray H. Miller, ruled last week that it is unconstitutional for males to be required to register for selective service if females are not also required.

When the United States Supreme Court last voted for the draft registration process to be upheld in 1981, women were not yet allowed in combat roles as they are now, which has largely become the basis of this argument according to Eric Wuestenberg, coordinator of Vet-

eran Support Services at Oakland University.

"My personal opinion is, women have fought so hard to be able to have the same opportunities as males, that if it is required for men, then it should be required for women," he said.

The next step in this process will likely be an attempt at an appeal through a circuit court of appeals.

"After watching a number of cases work through the system, through the federal courts, I've learned to say that it's impossible to predict," said David Dulio, director of the Center for Civic Engagement and political science professor, regarding the potential success of an appeal. "I think both sides will have a case to make, I think it'll be interesting to see the way the federal

government approaches any possible appeal."

He reported that it is especially important to understand the United States does not even have a draft right now, the last occurring in 1973 during the Vietnam War.

Wuestenberg and OU student veteran Austin Taylor feel that the only reason anyone would be nervous to register for selective service would be due to a lack of information on what that really entails.

"People hear selective service, or draft, and they get scared," Taylor said. "They associate military and that instantly means shooting and killing and front lines."

Wuestenberg reported that only around 30 percent of United States service members are in combat roles, while far less actually see combat.

"I think what selective service in general, what people get uncomfortable with, is oh Susie may go off to combat," he said. "And no, Susie may get drafted, but Susie may not go to war and if she does, maybe not on the front lines. Even when we deploy to a combat zone, [it] doesn't mean we're on the front lines."

If the ruling is left to stand, the ages for registration would likely be 18-25 as it currently is for males.

"I think it's important to note that, as it stands, there's no immediate action that's going to take place," Dulio said. "Now that might change once the case is finalized, but at some point if that ruling stands either on its own or through appeal, the U.S. government would have to take steps to require women to register for selective service."

College of Arts and Sciences
Richard J. Burke Lecture in Philosophy, Religion and Society



Dr. Kwame Anthony Appiah discusses

THE LIES THAT BIND

March 28, 2019

7:30–9:30 p.m. | Oakland Center, Banquet Rooms A and B

Admission is **FREE**, but reservations are requested.

To reserve your space, call (248) 370-3390 or email zimmerm2@oakland.edu.

Social conflicts, embodied in race, religion, class and gender, create our identities.
And those identities, riddled with contradictions and falsehoods, fuel some of the world's greatest atrocities.
In "The Lies that Bind Us," Appiah examines this relationship between our own identities and social conflicts
and suggests how we might use this to inform our approach to social and individual growth.

Join us for this thought-provoking lecture.

Designed to tackle some of today's compelling issues — from war to religion to sexual ethics — the Richard J. Burke Lecture in Philosophy, Religion and Society sparks serious, thought-provoking discussions between scholars, students and the community.



New associate VP for Enrollment Management hopes to improve OU

BRIDGET JANIS
Staff Reporter

Since Oakland University’s establishment in 1957, Dawn Aubry is the first woman to be the associate vice president for Enrollment Management.

Gaining the responsibilities that come with this job allows Aubry to play a part in Admissions, the Office of the Registrar and the Financial Aid Office, as well as help contribute to the coordination of the strategic enrollment plan for OU.

“I look forward to working collaboratively across the institution to develop and implement an integrated and comprehensive strategic enrollment management plan that aligns with OU’s mission, goals and our strategic plans,” Aubry said. “I want to make sure Admissions, Financial Aid and the Registrar are ready for these challenges and are going to continue to give great services, and grow and become better at servicing the students and families of Oakland University.”

“I bleed black and gold. I want nothing more than for Oakland to be successful and face some of their challenges.”

DAWN AUBRY
ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT OF
ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Aubry’s roles on campus over the years include: interim assistant vice president for Student affairs, interim director of Undergraduate Admissions, associate director Undergraduate Admissions, director of New Student Programs and assistant director for New Student Programs. She also has 25 years background experience at Kent State University, University of Cincinnati and Oakland University.

“Oakland University is my alma mater, so I have a particular passion for

Oakland,” she said. “My education was transformative; it transformed my life. So wanting to give back to the place that gave me so many great experiences is definitely very important to me.”

Throughout her years at OU, Aubry has provided leadership to many committees and has built two effective and successful teams on campus: the Orientation New Student Program Office and the Undergraduate Admissions team.

“I think I’m very good at identifying talent and helping developing talent in folks, and motivating and attracting people who put students first,” Aubry said. “I’m very good at collaborating across the campus with faculty, staff, student leaders and alumni to create a welcoming environment for new students and their family members.”

With her new position, Aubry plans to address multiple things to improve the university. She plans to help assist with achieving the enrollment goal by encouraging more people to attend OU and make it the school of choice for students. Another thing she plans on looking into more is expanding OU’s online courses. Aubry said she would like to alter them to fit different modules of time, such as four or eight weeks instead of always being a 15-week semester.

“I think it’s important for an enrollment manager to help the university explore all options and look at the return on investments,” she said.

Aubry belongs to multiple professional organizations, including the National and Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Counseling, the Collegiate Information and Visitor Services Association, and the Michigan Detroit College Access Network groups.

She also has won the Timothy G. Larrabee SOGI Equity and Inclusion Award, and has received the Outstanding Oakland University Administrative Professional of the Year award.

Aubry is ready to start her work in enrollments and push for a more successful university.

“I bleed black and gold,” she said. “I want nothing more than for Oakland to be successful and face some of their challenges.”

Aubry’s role as associate vice president for Enrollments Management became effective March 1.



GET READY FOR REGISTRATION

Registration by class standing and earned credit hours will begin **Monday, March 18** at 6 a.m. Eligible students will register for summer 2019, fall 2019 and winter 2020 classes.

See your academic adviser and register for classes on your appointed day.

STAY ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION

Check out Degree Works, OU’s degree audit tool, at mysail.oakland.edu to monitor your progress toward degree completion. And consider taking summer classes to get ahead in your studies — you can even live on campus at a discounted summer rate. Learn more at oakland.edu/housing/cost.

WHEN TO REGISTER

CLASS STANDING/EARNED CREDIT HOURS	REGISTRATION DATES (ALL START AT 6 AM)
Graduate students, veterans and Honors College students	March 18
Second undergraduate degree students	March 19
Seniors with 121 credits or more	March 19
Seniors with 91 credits or more	March 20
Juniors with 73 credits or more	March 21
Juniors with 56 credits or more	March 22
Sophomores with 42 credits or more	March 25
Sophomores with 28 credits or more	March 26
Freshmen with 16 credits or more	March 27
Freshmen with less than 16 credits	March 28
All other students	March 29

The chart is based upon the combination of total degree credit hours earned on an OU transcript as of March 4, 2019. Enrolled credits will not be considered.

Campus celebrates diversity with Pride Month

Having pride about identity is in everywhere, and Oakland University's Pride Month celebrations are about to begin to bring Pride to campus.

The university-wide OU Pride Month celebrations begin March 12 and run through April 11. Students can attend different Pride-themed events to celebrate diversity and inclusion.

OU extended its Pride celebrations to a full month in 2018 after having four years of Pride Week. Grace Wojcik, coordinator for the Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC), defined pride as a "collaboration."

"Pride Month is a university-wide collaboration, presenting opportunities to learn from and about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning and asexual (LGBTQIA) community," Wojcik said. "It further demonstrates the university's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion."

Pride Month is celebrated internationally in June, the month influenced by the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City on June 28, 1969, which most historians see as the start of the modern LGBTQIA+ movement, according to GLAAD.

Mickey McGlinnen, president of OU's

Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), said OU celebrates Pride Month in March and April because students in the school's normal sessions are able to all come together.

"While we can't speak for everyone, Pride is a chance for people of LGBT+ identities to feel loved, visible and proud of our identities — something that many of us don't feel day-to-day, as our identities are often the subject of scrutiny, hate and violence," McGlinnen said. "It is also a chance to reflect on how far we've come as a community, and our community's history...It's also so important for those outside of the community to have exposure to our experiences, culture and history, which they may not get if we did not celebrate Pride Month at OU."

OU holds various events, including lectures, book discussions, film screenings, the Lavender Graduation Celebration, and the GSA's Pride Prom, poetry Slam 4 Solidarity and 16th-annual Drag Show.

To celebrate Pride year-round, OU has its own organizations committed to supporting LGBT+ students.

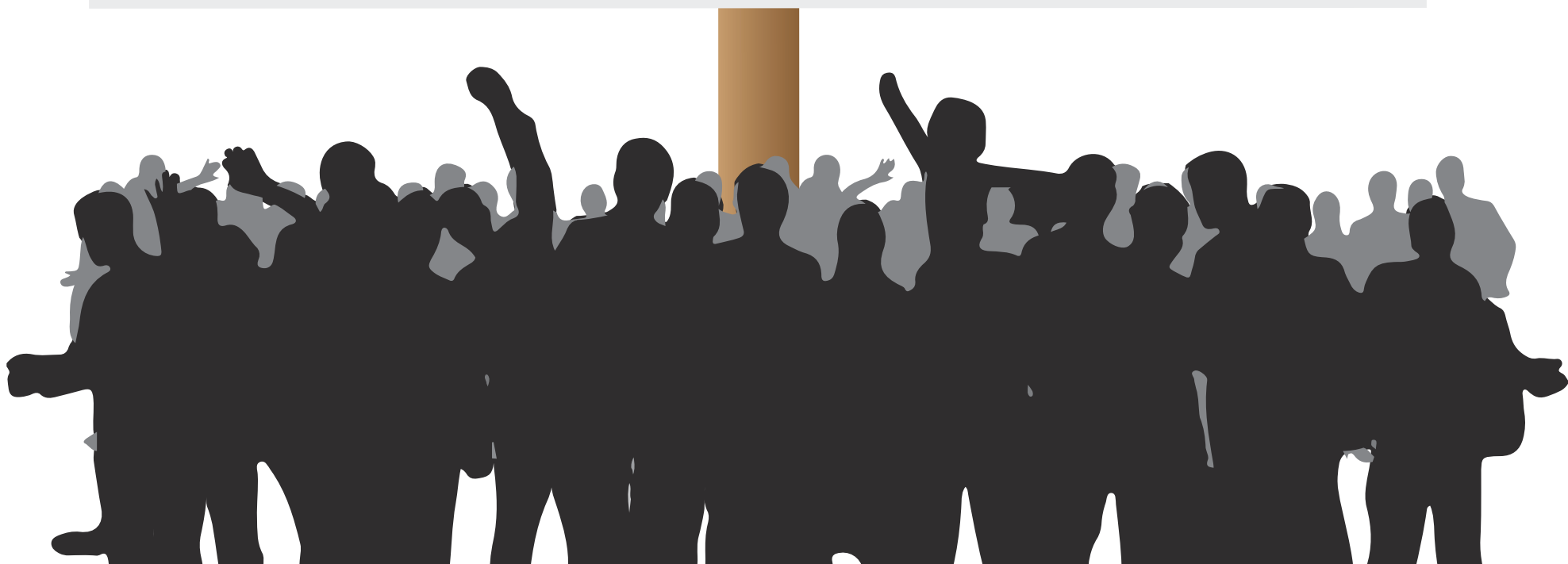
"We have the Gender and Sexuality Center, whose director and employees are passionate about consistently helping,

supporting and welcoming LGBTQIA+ students. As well as, of course, the Gay Straight Alliance, where LGBTQIA+ students can join together and find friends and community," McGlinnen said.

Jessica Quandt, GSC graduate assistant, said Pride Month is a reminder of how inclusive OU is and shows her just how passionate the campus offices, student orgs and faculty are about pride.

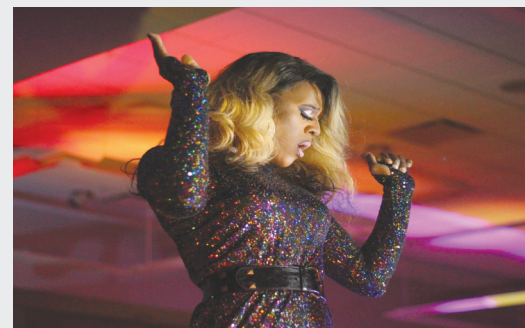
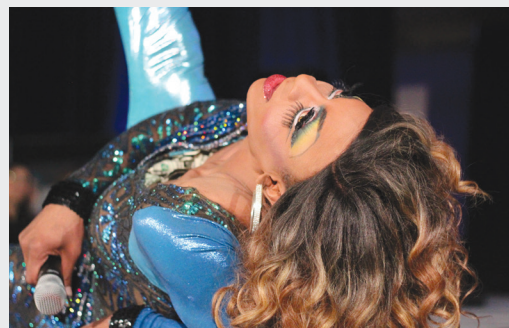
"I think it's important to celebrate Pride Month because it is such a great way for students, faculty, staff and our OU community to become more educated about all things LGBTQIA+," she said. "I think, especially, new students come to campus with a lot of preconceptions that may be good or bad about all kinds of things, and with diversity events like our Pride Month, I think it's a great way for those students to formulate their own opinions and in general just be more knowledgeable on topics surrounding the LGBTQIA+ community."

Pride Month kicks off with an opening ceremony and tribute to LGBT+ art and music Tuesday, March 12 from noon-1:30 p.m. in Gold Rooms A and B of the Oakland Center.

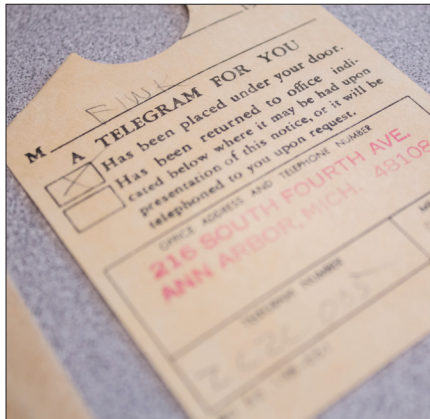


*story by Katie Valley
design by Mina Fuqua
graphics by Erin O'Neill
photos by Elyse Gregory*

A glimpse into a little action from last year's Pride Month...



Professor receives 50 year old telegram



NICOLE MORSFIELD | PHOTOGRAPHER
Family friends of Professor Fink wishes him congratulations on receiving diploma.

DEAN VAGLIA
Staff Reporter

In his final year at Oakland University, Robert Fink received a message from half a century ago.

Fink, a professor in the Department of Counseling and clinical psychologist, received a telegram on Jan. 2. The message was sent on May 2, 1969, one day after Fink moved out of Ann Arbor according to the Washington Post column by John Kelly.

Fink's telegram reads: "Sorry we cannot be there to applaud when you get your diploma, but our hearts and best wishes are with you. Love, Dr. and Mrs. Fischman."

"The Fischmans were the parents of a childhood friend of mine, and they were casual friends of my parents," Fink said. "We lived in the same neighborhood in Buffalo, New York, through my sophomore year in high school. And then the Fischmans moved out to the suburbs, and while I still was friendly with their son Arnie, I did not have the same level of contact with them after that."

To Fink, the fact that they even sent the telegram was a surprise.

"It is not like [the Fischmans] were real close friends of my family or that Arnie and I were still the closest of friends," Fink said.

According to Sam Srauy, assistant professor of communication, the telegram was quite impractical by the late '60s.

"By the 1960s, telephones had reached saturation," Srauy said. "They were in most people's homes, you would see them out as payphones."

This proliferation of phones makes it hard for Srauy to see why someone would want to use a telegram once telephones became popular. Fink, however, has an idea why.

"Telegrams were an important kind of communication then," Fink said. "Partly because there was no internet, but also because long distance phone calls were quite expensive. Unlike now where you pay a flat fee for your phone service and can make unlimited calls... then, you paid by the minute for a long distance phone call—it was an extra charge."

Though telegrams were not cheap either, this particular telegram is the only one Fink knows about being sent to his family.

"To send a telegram took some effort," Fink said. "Most people when they sent a telegram had to go to a Western Union office."

A telegram would have also made sense for the Fischmans because of how relatively fast telegrams were—or at least were supposed to be.

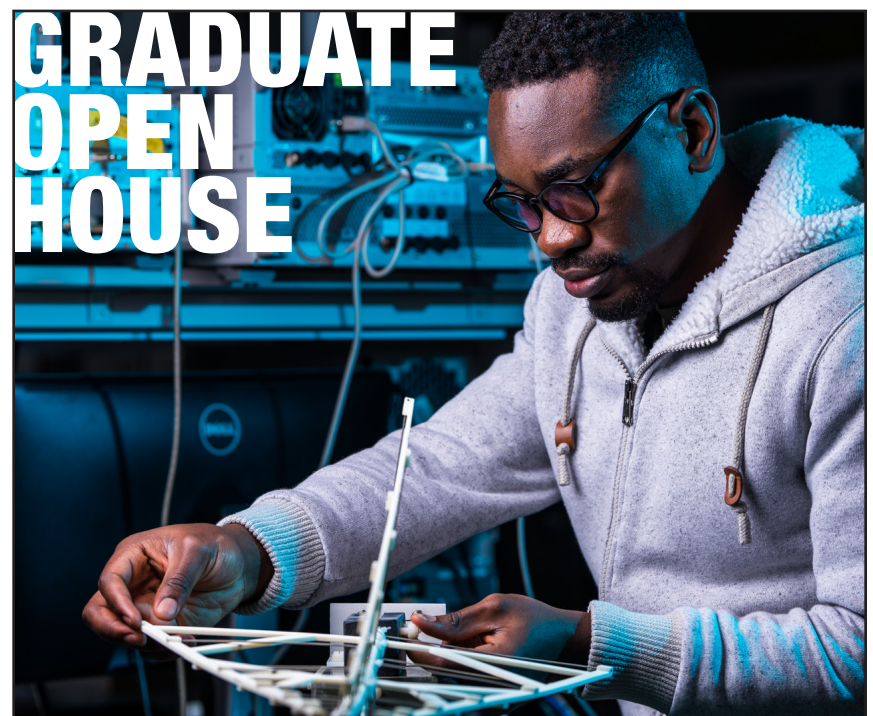
"Obviously I do not know what was exactly in their minds," Fink said, "but right around May 1 and 2, they wanted to communicate with me and may have been aware at this point I had actually graduated."

Fink has been in academia for 45 years now, going from his original bachelor's in history and literature to a Ph.D in psychology. But months away from retirement from the field, a connection to the happy days of graduation came into his life.

As for the Fischmans, who are now deceased, Fink has some delayed thanks to give.

"I was very touched that they had thought about me and thought about my graduation as an achievement," he said. "I regret that I did not know while Dr. and Mrs. Fischman were still alive so I could have told them I was appreciative."

Fink is currently trying to get in contact with Arnie Fischman, hoping to share the story of the telegram with him.



Open the doors to your future at **OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**. Attend our Graduate Open House to explore more than 135 master's, doctoral and certificate programs.

Thursday, March 28 | 5-7 p.m. | Oakland Center Founders Ballrooms

Reserve your spot today.

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

Own Your Summer @ Macomb!

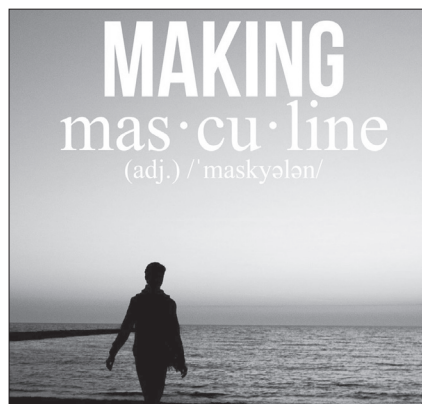
Earn transfer credits. Attend as a guest student.

LEARN HOW!

Macomb Community College
Discover. Connect. Advance.

LIFE&ARTS

OU alum aims to fight femmephobia with new film 'Making Masculine'



COURTESY OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
Nicholas Swatz takes on the Femmephobia problem in the LGBTQIA+ community.

TREVOR TYLE
Life&Arts Editor

Femmephobia is the fear or hatred of that which can be characterized as feminine. Though it has largely gone unnoticed by much of society, it's becoming a prominent issue, particularly within the LGBTQIA+ community.

Oakland University alumnus Nicholas Swatz is hoping to fight that issue with his new film, "Making Masculine," which will be screened at the

Women and Gender Studies Film Festival on Saturday, March 9, 2019.

Released in 2018, the 50-minute film is a documentary that focuses on the societal pressures of heteronormativity and issues of femmephobia within gay culture. Swatz himself appears in the film, alongside Chicago-based drag queen Dakota Conduct, Canadian actor Justin Gerhard and clinical psychologist Farah Ali.

"It was so different to talk about it from inside of a divisive community," Swatz said. "I mainly made it as a giant blanket statement to the LGBTQ community to sit down, listen to one another, empathize with one another and just be nice."

Swatz graduated from OU in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in cinema studies. That same year, he started work on "Making Masculine," enlisting the help of fellow cinema studies graduates Eric Lonczynski and Amber Stankoff as assistant director and post-production supervisor, respectively.

While studying at OU, he had the opportunity to attend the Toronto Film Festival and listen to 'Empire' producer Wendy Calhoun speak, which he credits with helping him realize what a great time it is to be a filmmaker.

"I don't need a Hollywood executive to give me permission to make my film anymore," Swatz said. "It's a time where access to equipment is there, access to actors

is there, there's an abundance of writers, and there's an abundance of stories because people are ready to tell them."

Telling these stories became the focus of his independent production company, Baby Pomegranate Productions, which he launched after graduating. Though he has released other projects through the company, "Making Masculine" is Swatz's first feature-length documentary.

The film, he said, was challenging to make, particularly because of the changing political climate. One of the stories told in the film is that of Conduct, who started doing drag as a direct response to President Donald Trump's administration.

"Things changed, and they changed quick because we thought we were getting to this safe space and this time where we could sort of be ourselves," Swatz said. "Then the whole election cycle was happening, and it was like the country just got flipped on its head."

Swatz also shut down production for a month after being verbally assaulted by a Trump supporter on his way to work the day after the 2016 presidential election.

"It shook me to my core," he said. "And then I thought, 'You know what? It's more important now than ever.'"

The film was also difficult to produce because it was funded primarily out of pocket,

after Swatz was only able to raise 2.3 percent of its crowdfunding goal. To make matters worse, two of his interview subjects unexpectedly exited the project.

When he was finally able to release the film, it came as a surprise to Swatz, as it ultimately resonated with a different audience than he expected.

"I didn't make this film specifically for straight audiences," he said. "But I'm noticing it's affecting straight audiences, especially straight men, in ways that I never thought that it would. My guess, when I was making the film, of who would be defensive about the subject matter and who would be receptive to it was totally wrong. It's actually exactly the opposite of what I thought it would be."

Looking ahead, Swatz promised he already had future projects lined up, but can't delve into specifics yet. For the moment, he's just enjoying the success of "Making Masculine."

"This is like, the coolest time of my life, because the film is out and I'm seeing its effect on people," he said.

"Making Masculine" is available to rent or buy on Swatz's website. For more information about the Women and Gender Studies Film Festival, visit oakland.edu/wgs/film-festival.

American Girl Dolls and Game Cubes—Students talk childhood toys

'90s and 2000s kids associate nostalgia with these classic game systems and dolls

ALYSSA OCHSS
Staff Reporter

Remember those toys from back in childhood? Toys such as Barbies, American Girl Dolls, Transformers and so many others.

They all seem so far off that they are a distant memory. Perhaps you still have these toys stashed away in a random closet or box downstairs. Perhaps you still have them on your dresser, standing there proud for all to see.

Wherever you keep your toys, there are some that might stand out among the rest as ones you or others around you played with the most. A poll was held on Facebook and Discord about what people's favorite toys from their childhoods were, and the results were quite mixed. The most popular toys from respondents' childhoods were Barbies and Game Boys.

According to the Mattel website, Barbies came to be because the founder saw her daughter playing with paper dolls and it sparked the idea. The founder's name was Barbara and in 1959, the Barbie came to be named after her.

Game Boys were mentioned generally in the polls,

with only one being specified as a Gameboy Pocket. This toy, a brick-shaped gaming device you could take anywhere, was released by Nintendo in 1996.

Oakland University students have their favorite games and toys from the 1990s and on.

Gabby Carr, a biomedical sciences major, grew up with a large collection of dolls, including Bratz, American Girl Dolls and Barbies. She said she remembers her entire closet being filled to the brim with American Girl Dolls and their accessories. Carr said there wasn't very much room for clothes, since the space was taken up by the dolls.

She said one of her favorite memories was when she took her dolls over to a friend's house to play with them.

"I had a best friend, and we would always pack up all of our doll stuff and take it to each other's houses when we had sleepovers," Carr said.

Carr no longer has most of the dolls and their accessories, since she has given them away and passed them down.

Though some of these toys were just for fun, some toys indicated what majors students would eventually go into. Examples would be Lite-Brites, sketchbooks, science sets or toy models you could build

for all to see.

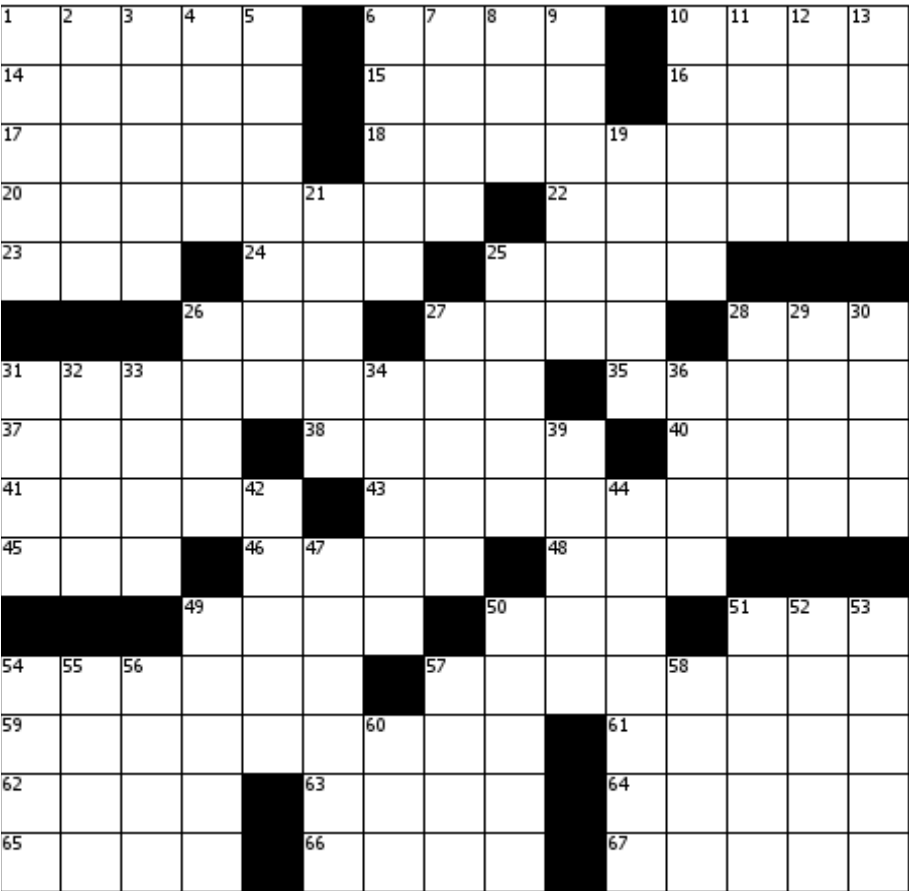
Eddie Czarnecki, a biology major, grew up having scientific toy models of the eye and the heart. He said the models made "total sense now" because of his major. His favorite memories of the toys were getting them and learning all about them from encyclopedias and other sources.

Czarnecki still has the models, including a model heart that sits on his desk at his house. He said he remembers telling his parents about what he learned from the sets.

Matt Mercier, a Physics major, remembered playing Mario Party when he was a kid on GameCube most of the time. Since it was a four player game, Mercier could play with other kids on the block, share the game with them and enjoy the game and the console together.

The tradition of Mercier playing with his friends on the console has carried into today, whenever they have time off from school.

"Growing up, I have a lot of really good memories of having my neighbor friends come over," Mercier said. "Even today, when we're all home for spring break, we usually get down and play a game or two."

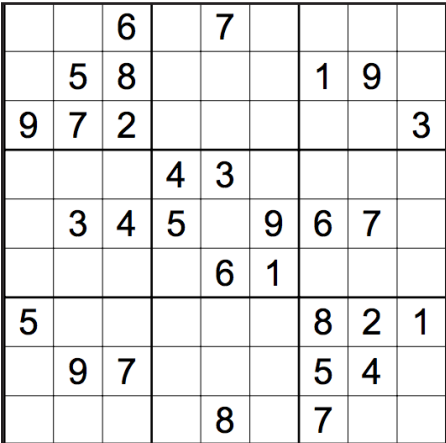


- Across**

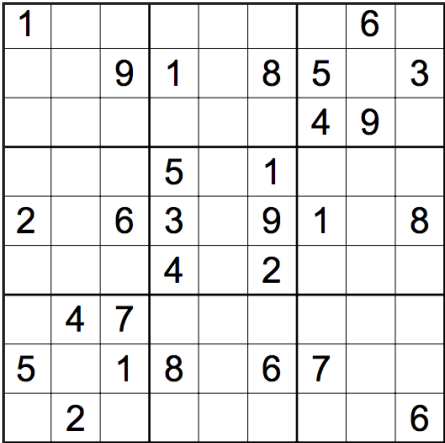
 - 1. Bart Simpson's mom
 - 6. Kin of PDQ
 - 10. Salon treatment
 - 14. Frighten
 - 15. Artist Salvador ____
 - 16. Opera tune
 - 17. Brief summary
 - 18. Claim
 - 20. Polar water formations
 - 22. Adjusts again
 - 23. Pack animal
 - 24. ____ versus Wade
 - 25. Platter
 - 26. Swab
 - 27. Attention-getting sound
 - 28. That woman
 - 31. Library section
 - 35. Bar seat
 - 37. She, in Seville
 - 38. Math proportion
 - 40. Pub offerings
 - 41. Wood strips
 - 43. Telegraph symbols (2 wds.)
 - 45. Recipe abbr.
 - 46. Not ever, poetically
 - 48. Corp. head
 - 49. Hourglass filler
 - 50. Corn piece
 - 51. Baby's seat
 - 54. Receive willingly
 - 57. Tomato sauce
 - 59. Camp leader
 - 61. Soothed
 - 62. Involved with
 - 63. Genuine
 - 64. Harpoon
 - 65. Bambi, for one
 - 66. Misdeeds
 - 67. Brief
- Down**

 - 1. "Ave ____"
 - 2. Guinness and Baldwin
 - 3. Speed contests
 - 4. Snatch
 - 5. Monarch
 - 6. Traditional saying
 - 7. Back talk
 - 8. Capone and Roker
 - 9. ____ Cardin of fashion
 - 10. Sucker
 - 11. Famous canal
 - 12. Civil disturbance
 - 13. Supplies workers
 - 19. Paper measures
 - 21. Wrangler
 - 25. Possessive pronoun
 - 26. Pork or beef
 - 27. Movie star
 - 28. Fly alone
 - 29. Weeded
 - 30. Besides
 - 31. Intermission
 - 32. House additions
 - 33. Envelope part
 - 34. Designated
 - 36. Mexican snack
 - 39. Felix's roommate
 - 42. Ginger cookies
 - 44. Weirdest
 - 47. Comes in
 - 49. Spanish "mister"
 - 50. British noblemen
 - 51. Sci-fi weapon
 - 52. Regions
 - 53. San Diego athlete
 - 54. Vinegary
 - 55. Pine ____
 - 56. Attractive
 - 57. Lament
 - 58. Neck part
 - 60. Hawaiian necklace

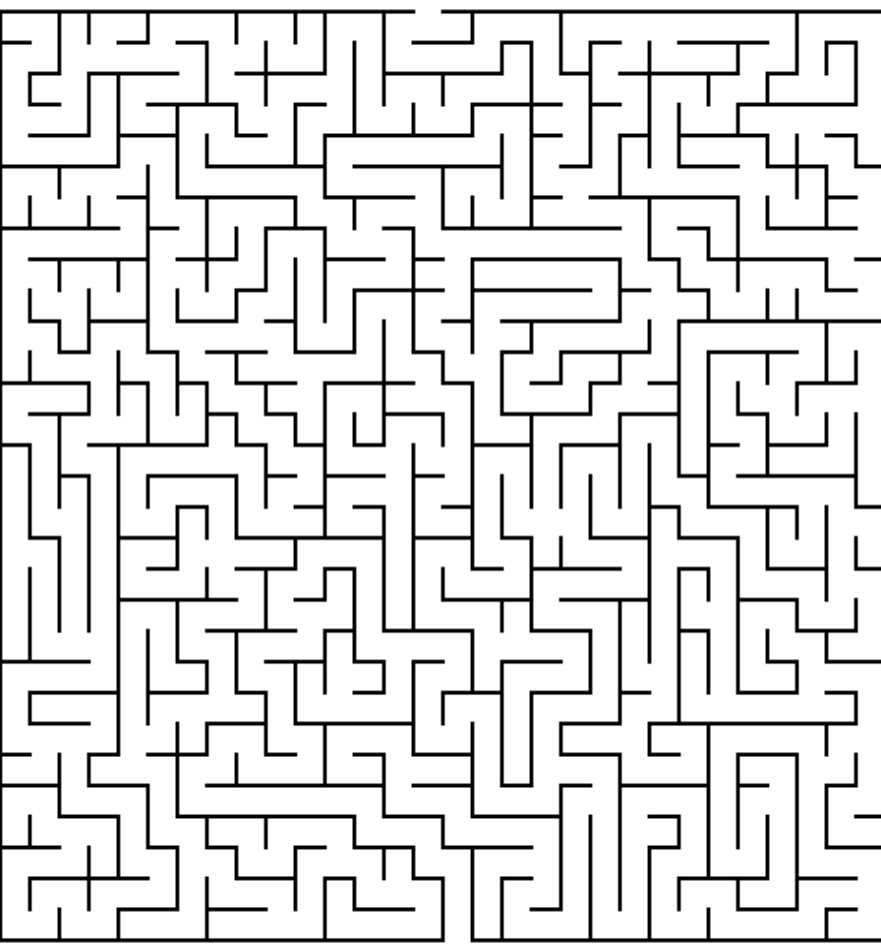
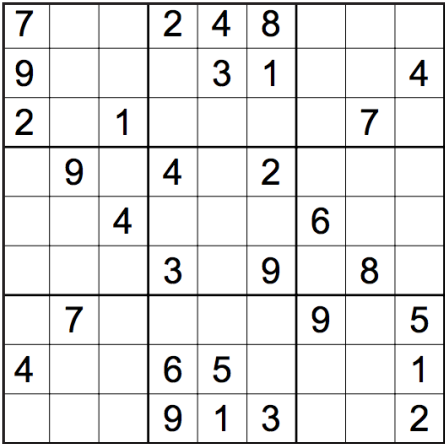
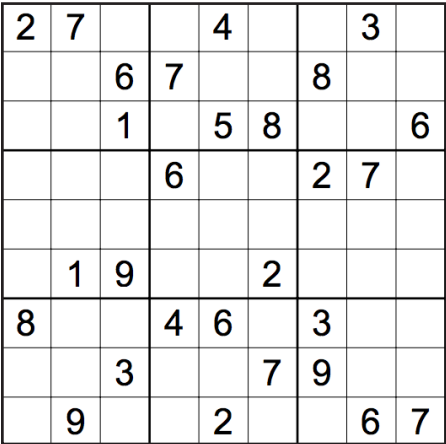
NOVICE



TOUGH



INTERMEDIATE





AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS
Oakland University Chapter
201 Pryale Hall
Rochester, Michigan 48309-4401
1 (248) 370-2005
FAX 1 (248) 370-2004

To the campus community:

On behalf of myself and the AAUP Executive Committee, I want to thank you all for your support during our recent Classroom Safety Initiative. As I hope you will have noticed, all of our classrooms have been equipped with an easy-to-use door lock that can be engaged in the event of an emergency. This long sought-for-change is an important improvement to the security of our campus, and I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making it happen:

First, the Oakland University Police, led by Chief Mark Gordon are instrumental in ensuring the safety and security of everyone on campus. In addition to providing hands-on training for our members, their work in identifying door locks as a vital need for the safety of our faculty and students was absolutely crucial to the success of this project. We are all indebted to the dedication, hard work and professionalism they bring to this most challenging work.

Our colleagues in Facilities and Maintenance, especially our university Key Shop and its locksmiths, pulled off the truly astonishing feat of retrofitting every classroom door on campus in a matter of weeks without any disruption to classes. I can't emphasize enough the magnitude of what was accomplished. The variety of doors and locks across this campus is staggering and these dedicated professionals were able to identify and install appropriate devices without interrupting a single class.

We are also indebted to the leaders of the Oakland University Student Congress, especially President Ryan Fox and Vice-President Brittany Kleinschmidt. I have always considered it a great privilege to have spent my career working with Oakland University students, and this group of student leaders has cemented my sense of the great, good fortune it has been to work with such exceptional students.

Finally, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our OU Administration and especially President Ora Pescovitz and Provost James Lentini. The need for appropriate door locks has been a long-standing issue and it is a testament to our new president's leadership that she was able to succeed where her predecessors did not. Provost Lentini and his staff were instrumental in coordinating this project and identifying the priorities for installation.

There are, of course, many more people to thank including the staff of University Advancement, Communications and Marketing, members of the community and alumni. The hope of the AAUP when we took this on was to unite the campus behind the goal of making this a safer place to come to work and learn. As I reflect on all of the individuals who helped make this happen I am humbled knowing that I am blessed to work in a community where people come together and work for the greater good of us all. I hope this initiative can serve as a beacon for all of higher education, not only because of the importance of the door locks themselves, but for the way that the campus united in support of providing them.

Gratefully,

Tom Discenna
President
Oakland University Chapter AAUP

Betsy DeVos attempts to kill public education... once again

BEN HUME

Staff Reporter

The Trump administration will be supporting Education Secretary Betsy DeVos' push for further integration of school of choice. DeVos and fellow Republican lawmakers Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) and Rep. Bradley Byrne (R-Ala.) announced Thursday, Feb. 28 that they plan to propose federal tax credits for private school donors.

The proposal would authorize a 100 percent credit for contributions to any state-sanctioned scholarship fund. This means that donors could get back their entire donation through their federal taxes, to a maximum donation of 10 percent of a person's income or 5 percent of a business' income. When the senior Education Department official spoke to reporters before the announcement, he had been assured there were "multiple avenues" to make up the lost tax revenue, but did not name any.

This push for supporting private and charter schools has long been the primary issue championed by DeVos. Needless to say, the plan sounds similar to previous attempts at defunding public education by redirecting tax revenue to charter schools, similar to the voucher system.

This announcement comes at perhaps the worst time for DeVos and her Republican counterparts, as teacher strikes targeting low public school funding have been gaining traction, most recently in Oakland, Calif. but also occurring last year in Arizona and West Virginia. But even when Republicans had control of the House and Senate, they were unable



to pass similar tax reforms.

The fact of the matter is the vast majority of public schools are underfunded, leading to decreased teacher salaries, crowded classrooms and insufficient student support systems. In Oakland, more than 20 percent of the Oakland Unified School District's students attended private charter schools.

The need to support public education and abandon private schooling should resonate with most Michigan students, with Detroit Public Schools dealing with buildings that cannot hold themselves up and moldy books that were written

during the Cold War. Even wealthier districts like Rochester Community Schools face budget cuts in important areas of the arts.

Proposals like DeVos' would take already struggling school districts and cut them off at the knees. Education should have the highest budget of any government division, not put to the whims of the wealthiest donors. Monetarily hogtying education to individuals with their own agendas is a surefire way to increase the already huge wealth gaps in our nation.

If teachers picketing across the nation isn't enough to sway public opinion, consider the students that would be affected. The Center for Public Education cites a Tennessee research project that statistically found that small class sizes are directly related to student achievement. A class size of no more than 18 students per teacher is required to produce the greatest benefits.

Before their teacher strikes, some classrooms in Los Angeles had upwards of 40 students, a number that is mirrored in Michigan school districts as well. My own father, a teacher in Utica Community Schools, has a class this semester of 43 students. It started at 45 before being lowered.

And privately funded schools can afford to have these smaller, 15-student classes, but of course, only if you are willing and able to pay for the exorbitant tuitions. No matter how many private donors come to the "aid" of education, they are not the answer. Public education is the best and only way to assure that every child in our country has the same opportunities to succeed.

Trump administration ends North Korea summit successful



TIMOTHY KANDOW

Contributor

On Feb. 27 and 28, President Donald Trump and Leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un met in Hanoi, Vietnam for the second summit between these two leaders. The meeting's intent was to discuss the denuclearization of North Korea to maintain a more stable and peaceful Korean Peninsula.

rean Peninsula.

The talks fell short as Kim Jong Un requested that the United States lift most their sanctions on North Korea. They would, in turn, destroy their most prestigious and important nuclear facility. Trump did not accept such a proposal. Kim was fixed on his request, hence, the summit was cut short due to neither side compromising.

Even without a deal, however, this summit was a success for Trump and his administration and brings a peaceful Korean Peninsula one step closer.

The President held his ground. Kim Jong Un was asking too much and doing too little in return. One nuclear facility - even if important - for the majority of sanctions lifted would have been a risky and dangerous deal. On top of this, the sanctions imposed serve as a message to not only halt the nuclear weapons production but also to end the countless human rights violations committed by Kim and his regime.

Lifting most sanctions would not have

stopped North Korea's nuclear weapon productions or touched their arsenal and would allow them to continue to violate their citizen's innate rights. Imagine if the President agreed to a deal such as the one Kim was proposing. North Korea would have only given up one nuclear facility while having the majority of the sanctions lifted and the rest of their nuclear arsenal intact.

Bringing Kim Jong Un to the table to even discuss denuclearization is unprecedented and historical for the Trump administration. Even after the immense amounts of tensions between these two nations, the escalating verbal threats made between these two leaders, and the continuous display of power and massive retaliation, these two men were able to meet together to discuss ways in which to bring peace to the region.

By simply being there, sitting down and talking about ways in which to prevent war and establish peace is in itself a huge success.

Though the summit did not give out

a deal, the fact that this administration was able to sit down and discuss such actions with Kim Jong Un is a necessary and a significant step in the process in improving U.S.-North Korean relations. The shaking of hands, negotiations, and meetings of these two leaders should not be disregarded nor taken for granted.

This summit brought the two nations and leaders closer in their relations and reiterated commitment to the promotion of peace and stability. Though the summit did not produce a deal, the President and Kim Jong Un now have an understanding of what each nation expects of the other and affirmed constructive negotiation(s) would continue between the two nations.

This summit was simply a step in the negotiations between the two countries. In the meantime, North Korea agreed to not conduct any nuclear tests. Trump came out successful in this summit and though slowly, we may yet see a peaceful Korean Peninsula.

The views expressed in Opinion do not necessarily represent those of The Oakland Post.

The latest trend: goodbye kale, hello celery juice

Social media influencers are advertising celery juice as a cure-all for health problems and diseases

TAYLOR CRUMLEY
Staff Reporter

The newest craze among the health community says that drinking celery juice in the morning on an empty stomach can help inflammation and bloating, clear skin and even cure disease. The hashtag #CeleryJuice on Instagram boasts over 100,000 posts. But is it really the new superfood?

Even celebrities like Lea Michele and Kim Kardashian are drinking celery juice, all because of health and wellness influencer Anthony Williams. He is better known as the Medical Medium on his Instagram page, which has 1.7 million followers.

Kardashian posted a photo on her Instagram story of a glass of the bright green beverage with a caption explaining Williams claimed it might help her

psoriasis she has been battling for years.

Lifestyle YouTuber Maggie MacDonald, who has nearly 200,000 subscribers on the platform, has also stated in many of her videos that drinking celery juice makes her feel less bloated and gives her skin a beautiful glow.

However, after celery juice's five seconds of fame in the world of social media, dozens of articles have come out saying it's just another health fad. Some even claim Williams is just making all of these celery juice claims up.

According to Williams' personal website, he has a self-proclaimed "ability to converse with Spirit of Compassion, who provides him with extraordinarily accurate health information that's often far ahead of its time."

Williams really has no credible background in the health field, so instead of taking this new health trend to your

favorite blogger for opinions, let's get the facts from some actual experts.

Malina Malkani, registered dietitian nutritionist and spokeswoman for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, told CNN that although there are many benefits to celery — as there is for any green vegetable — the claims being made by some supporters of the trend have little scientific evidence to back them up.

Malkani continued to say that although drinking celery juice is not a bad thing, it probably won't miraculously cure your body either.

Good Housekeeping even calls Williams' claim that celery juice is highly beneficial to people with various diseases and illnesses an "abuse of existing data." The data found only supports these claims of the benefits of celery juice in a laboratory setting and

not on the living human body.

Was Williams just secretly sponsored by celery companies to hype up the picked-over vegetable in the veggie tray at your family's Christmas dinner, or is celery juice really the new kale?

Unfortunately, in the time we are living in, people will see a new thing on social media — or more specifically, see the Kardashians post about something on their Instagram stories — and immediately go to the store to buy it. No one really cares to do their own research, but social media influencers are thought of as a know-all source that we trust.

Although drinking a tall glass of celery juice every morning will not kill you, before you go buy a \$200 juicer and clear the shelves of celery at your local Whole Foods, do your own research. Just because Kim K. drinks celery juice doesn't mean it's worth the hype.

NOW HIRING: GRAPHIC DESIGNER

The graphic designer is responsible for making a variety of graphics, ads and any other visual representation for The Post.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Be able to attend both production days on Monday and Tuesday
- Have a strong working knowledge of Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator
- Be comfortable working in a team environment
- Respond well to constructive criticism

Position effective immediately. Interested applicants can apply on Handshake, or send a cover letter, resume and portfolio to editor-in-chief AuJenee Hirsch at editor@oaklandpostonline.com.

NOW ACCEPTING: CONTRIBUTORS

WRITE FOR THE OAKLAND POST!

We're looking for contributors from

ANY MAJOR ANY BACKGROUND

Attend a contributor meeting!

Tuesdays at 3 p.m. in The Oakland Post office, room 63 in the basement of the Oakland Center.

Or contact editor@oaklandpostonline.com



Men's basketball closes out season by defeating IUPUI

DEVIN BOATWRIGHT

Staff Reporter

The O'Rena was packed on Saturday night as the Golden Grizzlies faced off against the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Jaguars on the Blacktop. The Golden Grizzlies ended the regular season on a four-game win streak, beating IUPUI 74-63.

This win for the Golden Grizzlies secured their spot as the No. 3 in the Horizon League Motor City Madness tournament. Assistant Coach Mychal Covington felt great about the win and is confident this Golden Grizzlies team will get the job done in the postseason.

"We love to play in front of our fans," Covington said. "It gives us a boost and really helps us close out games. We have the longest win streak in the league right now, our guys feel great, we're sticking to the game plan, so we feel great going into the postseason. We have to get back to work however, there's still a few more games to finish."

On sweater vest day, the Black and Gold took the court and set out for a win. The first half was a back and forth bout be-

tween the teams. Tray Maddox, freshman guard for the Golden Grizzlies, ended the game with 10 points. The Golden Grizzlies are 6-2 when he scores in double figures and this was his eighth performance scoring double figures. Braden Norris, a freshman guard, recorded his third career double-double with 12 points and 10 assists along with 3 steals. Despite this, at the end of the half, Oakland found themselves behind by two with a score of 33-31.

The battle of the bigs was the theme of the second half as Xavier Hill-Mais and Brad Brechting took over in the paint. Brechting, a redshirt junior, led the team with 15 points and had a career high four assists. Hill-Mais wasn't too far behind with 14 points, a team high seven rebounds and five assists. Brechting is currently averaging 18 points and nine rebounds in the last nine games, and in the last 11 games has scored double figures.

The crowd was packed and fully invested into the game. With every possession there were cheers from the crowd, chants from the student section, and instruments from the band playing. The crowd was a factor in the mental aspect of the game as down the stretch IUPUI started to make



SERGIO MONTANEZ | PHOTOGRAPHER

The win against the Jaguars brought Oakland's record to 11-7 in conference play.

costly mistakes and turnovers that would lead to their loss.

Oakland, taking full advantage of the mistakes, went on a run that put them in the driver's seat. The Golden Grizzlies shot 44 percent from long range and 52 percent from the field, showing efficient shooting as well as executing on open 3-pointers. As time dwindled down to the

final possession, Oakland found themselves leaving the Blacktop with a win in the final game of the regular season.

The Golden Grizzlies will be back on the court Wednesday, March 6 to kick off the post season against the No. 6 ranked Youngstown State University Penguins, who defeated the Golden Grizzlies earlier this season on their home court.

Women's basketball takes loss on senior night 73-64

DEVIN BOATWRIGHT

Staff Reporter

In Saturday's double header in the O'Rena, the Golden Grizzlies faced off against Wright State University for the final game of the regular season. When things were all said and done the Golden Grizzlies fell to the Raiders 73-64 in the final showing of this year's senior class.

Senior guard Taylor Jones led the pack with 18 points, seven assists and five rebounds. With this game she moved up to the 8th spot on Oakland's all-time scoring list with 1,575 career points. As this would be her last game on the Blacktop, Jones was still thankful for her experience here and is looking forward to playing basketball outside of Oakland.

"It's an unreal feeling," she said. "I feel like time just flew

by me. However I'm ready to win this championship in the Horizon league. Outside of that I have combines approaching in April and May, so the plan is to hopefully get signed somewhere overseas."

The first quarter started slow for both teams on the court, going back and forth trading baskets ending the first 10 minutes with a 7-16 point deficit for the Golden Grizzlies.

In the second quarter the Golden Grizzlies kept it close, yet found themselves down 55-23. Although small, the crowd was behind the team the whole way, cheering on the team and keeping the morale going for everyone in the O'Rena.

In the third quarter, Wright State continued to build upon their lead ending the quarter up 51-33.

The Golden Grizzlies would not back down without a fight

however, and went on a run in the fourth quarter that brought the game to within eight points. As the teams were trading baskets, the crowd continued their cheering and would not let up until that final buzzer sounded. However, Wright State stayed resilient and finished the game with a win. During the last 20 seconds of the game, Jones fouled out and received a standing ovation from everyone in attendance. Following her substitutions were seniors, LaKyesha Stennis, Mercy Agwaniru and Nikita Telesford who also received standing ovations from the crowd.

Stennis, a guard and redshirt senior, is also looking forward to her life and playing the sport after college.

"It's really sad that we're moving onto the next chapter," Stennis said. "However, I'm excited to see what the future



ELIYAH RUSSELL | PHOTOGRAPHER

The team ended the night with a standing ovation from the crowd.

holds for myself as well as the other seniors. I feel great about continuing to play, I have the opportunity to go to a few combines so I'm looking forward to that in the near future.

As the seniors took their final stand on the Blacktop signing autographs and taking pictures, they have very uplifting words

and advice for their fellow teammates who'll follow in their footsteps.

"Continue to and always push yourself," Stennis said. "No matter how hard things get, no matter how many people try to bring you down, no matter how many obstacles get in your way, you just have to keep pushing."

“Spring Break” causes national waves about climate change

MICHAEL PEARCE
Sports Editor

A recent study has shown that sadness is at an all time high at Oakland University. It is mainly due to the ridiculous timing of students’ “spring break,” which takes place dead in the middle of February.

Many Oakland students are frustrated because on their “spring break” they either are forced to work or just sit around doing nothing. Every other college in the world is not on spring break when Oakland students are, and it takes its toll on the body.

“My extreme lack of spring break has started to make my hair fall out,” senior Donny Torpedo said. “I’m only 22, but I legitimately look like a father of three. Meanwhile this week all of my friends are partying at Daytona Beach.”

It remains a mystery why Oakland still has kept this unconventional spring break time, as every other university in the state of Michigan has the sense to put their spring breaks in a month that could potentially be spring-like. The Oakland Post has reached out to In-

spector Gadget, Sherlock Holmes and Scooby Doo for help, but none have responded to our many emails.

We were, however, able to obtain an exclusive interview with Bill Nye, a good friend of the newspaper. He believes the early spring break is a genius idea.

“Honestly Oakland is onto something here,” Nye said. “With climate change further destroying the earth year after year, eventually spring will begin in February. With no ozone layer, the world will consistently get hotter and hotter, which is going to make February feel like April. Fantastic move by Oakland to adapt to the environment’s collapse.”

Nye also theorized Oakland might be doing this in an effort to shine light on climate change, a real progressive move to use their spring break as a way to wake up America. Reports from the White House have said that President Donald Trump has taken notice of this phenomenon and has considered a bill that will help prevent climate change.

“This is huge,” Trump said. “Before this I had no idea that the climate could



PRAKHYA CHILUKURI | GRAPHIC DESIGNER

While students are upset about break, the nation is noticing more serious concerns.

change, especially not for the whole world. There are billions and billions and billions and billions of cars out there, going bing bong bing bong, and just destroying the ozone layer. It must be stopped. I’m just glad I am the president to do something about it.”

Thanks to Oakland, there are many people now aware of this climate change. Even though the students are

suffering watching every other conceivable college go on spring break in exotic places and enjoying themselves, they can take solace in the fact that their university is making strides to better the Earth, while the other college students just get MIPs and crappy tattoos.

“Honestly we schedule it at the halfway point of the year,” said Chief Scheduler of Oakland University Grizz Lee.

IT PAYS TO REFER YOUR FRIENDS!

Tell your friends why you love OU Credit Union, encourage them to open their own accounts, and you’ll each get \$25!

Access Your Code
View your referral code in ComputerLine or by visiting a branch.

Share Your Code
Share your unique referral code with family and friends to earn rewards.

Track Your Success
Check your account via ComputerLine to see your rewards.

Get Rewarded
For each of your friends and family who join, you will each earn \$25.

Refer your friends and family today!

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
Credit Union

Visit oucreditunion.org/specialoffers for more details.

NCUA
Federally insured
by NCUA

Oakland County Parks and Recreation

WE HAVE Your 2019 SUMMER JOB

Recreation Programs & Services, 5 Golf Courses, 2 Waterparks, 1 Beach, 6 Day Use Parks, 3 Dog Parks, 2 Campgrounds, Natural Resources, 2 Nature Centers, 6 Grill Operations

Apply at OakGov.com/jobs

Call 248-858-0530 for more information

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

OaklandCountyParks.com
#OCPRJOBS



When Preventeza™ Emergency Contraceptive is your plan a,
you don't need a plan b.

NDC 11509-0067-1
See New Warning

1 TABLET
1 STEP
ACTUAL SIZE

Preventeza™
from the makers of Vagisil® Brand

LEVONORGESTREL TABLET, 1.5 mg

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE
REDUCES CHANCE OF PREGNANCY AFTER UNPROTECTED SEX

VAGISIL®
EXPERTS IN VAGINAL CARE

Not for regular birth control

Contains 1 Tablet Levonorgestrel 1.5 mg

1-in-2 women may need to use emergency contraception. And when that time comes, Preventeza™ Emergency Contraceptive from the makers of Vagisil® is here to help you take control. Use as directed within 72 hours of unprotected sex or birth control failure to help prevent pregnancy before it starts.

On shelves at your local
For more information visit Preventeza.com



Not for regular birth control.