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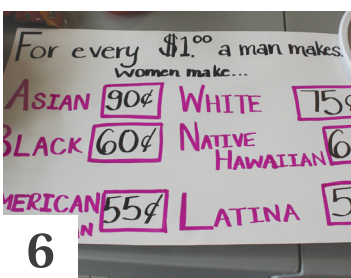
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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**YULE BALL** // The Muggle Quidditch League of OU hosted its fourth annual Yule Ball in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms on Saturday, Oct. 29. The event was co-sponsored by the British at Heart Club, Cosplay Club and Student Activities Funding Board. The Ballroom Dance Club gave free dance lessons, a tarot card reader told people their fortunes and Chartwells served food. **NOWSHIN CHOWDHURY** // *The Oakland Post*

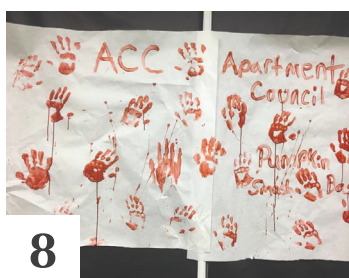
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### EQUAL PAY BAKE SALE

The Feminists of OU fight gender- and race-based wage disparities by selling sweets.

Photo / Mary Mitchell



### PUMPKIN SMASH BASH

The Apartment Community Council hosted a party complete with music, games and a caramel apple station.

Photo / Jessica Leydet



### HOME OPENER DOMINATION

Men's and women's swim and dive pummelled Wayne State in the first home meet of the long season.

Photo / Bohdanna Cherstylo

## POLL OF THE WEEK

How will you be spending election night?

- A** Crying and screaming
- B** Applying for a Canadian work visa
- C** Deleting all my emails
- D** Eating tacos while I still can

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

What's the scariest thing about Halloween?

**A)** My GPA

27 votes | 32%

**B)** That it's on a Monday

21 votes | 25%

**C)** The inevitability of death

16 votes | 19%

**D)** Student loans haunting me

20 votes | 24%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### NOVEMBER 2, 1987

A proposed residence hall guest policy would have forbidden overnight guests of the opposite sex and required 24-hour written approval of guests from room-mates and suitemates. OU's then-president, Joseph Champagne, said student input was the reason the policy was never taken to the Board of Trustees.

### NOVEMBER 11, 1992

The Women's Studies Department got its first office in 221 Varner Hall. Today, the Women and Gender Studies Program is housed on the sixth floor of Varner.

### NOVEMBER 4, 2015

The Students for Bernie Sanders organization formed on campus. They were one of eight political student organizations out of over 280 total organizations.

## BY THE NUMBERS

HOMELESSNESS

643,067

people are homeless in the U.S. each night

12%

of homeless people are veterans

40%

of homeless youth are LGBT

13%

of homeless people are fleeing domestic violence

25%

of homeless people suffer from mental illness

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### Corrections Corner

Following the publication of last week's print issue, we made extensive changes to the article "Speech policy quietly changed in Student Code of Conduct" to reflect new information from Student Body President Zack Thomas. The updated version of the story can be seen online at oaklandpostonline.com, and a follow-up article appears on page five of this issue.

The Oakland Post corrects all known errors of fact.

If you know of an error, please email editor@oaklandpostonline.com or call (248) 370-4268. You can also write us at 61 Oakland Center, 312 Meadow Brook Road, Rochester, MI 48309.



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# Looking Back



*The Oakland Post Archives*

**LEFT** A photo from the April 17, 1996, issue of The Oakland Post in which Board Chair David Fischer shakes Interim President Gary Russi's hand after the Board offered Russi the presidential seat. **ABOVE** A headline from the Oct. 18, 1995, issue of The Post.

## The president found without a search

*The Post takes a look into the hiring of Gary Russi*

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

In 1993, Gary Russi came to Oakland University as the vice president for Academic Affairs following a national search. After University President Sandra Packard's resignation in 1995, he was voted in by the Board of Trustees as the interim president of OU.

Packard left the university following a 31-month tenure and three one-year contracts. She ended the final contract partway through.

In the fall of 1994, one board member said Russi had approached the trustees to "discuss concerns about Packard's leadership."

In the beginning of October 1995, an associate vice president of Student Affairs emailed 44 faculty members, asking them what their reactions would be if a petition was started to make Gary Russi the president of OU following Packard's departure. The response was mixed.

Faculty responded, some with criticism of Russi's abilities, but said they needed a formal search for the next president's selection.

"I believe that Gary Russi is doing a good job and the Board of Trustees should appoint him without delay," said the associate vice president in an email dated Oct. 2, 1995. "I am planning to start a petition addressed to the Board of Trustees asking them to name Russi president."

But why was a formal search so important to the faculty?

"It's been a custom around this university to fill high positions by conducting a high-profile search," Physics Professor Norman Tepley said. "I think that the reaction . . . will be that if we don't follow that custom we will be compromising and that we will be having someone shoved down our throats."

On May 22, 1995, the presidential search was terminated after Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Gene Schnelz ruled that the Board of Trustees at OU violated the Open Meetings Act during their search.

Reporters were asked to leave the closed meeting in question. It was after this meeting that Russi took his post as interim president.

The emails that had been sent to faculty implied that the board already wanted Russi to become the permanent president of the university.

"It's sad that the 'open search process' is such a farce at Oakland," Chemistry Professor Michael Sevilla said. "But it is a reality and one we should think about before we endorse it again."

The associate vice president said that around 25 of the 44 contacted faculty responded to his question.

"I proposed the open-ended question, 'Are we willing to do something about the current situation, something that we might not normally be willing to do?'" he said. "It was simply a conversation, but I don't plan on taking any action."

However, an anonymous source "close to the board" said that the likelihood of Russi being named president before the holidays was a "very real" possibility in the Oct. 18, 1995, issue of The Oakland Post.

In April 1996, Russi was offered the presidential seat.

"Either the board made this decision without any thought preparation or process, or they knowingly violated the court order and met either as a group or informally in secret to make this decision," said Shea Howell, communication professor and member of the aborted search committee. "So either they are irresponsible or knowingly criminal."

There was no search or consultation of the faculty or other members of the campus community. Some faculty members pushed for an open meeting of "the faculty as a whole" to vote on whether or not Russi should actually become the president.

However, one argument that the OU chapter of the American Association of University Professors' President Renate Gerulaitis had made was that Russi's appointment had originally come to OU as a result of a national search.

"The board did not consult with administrators or faculty for any serious input," Gerulaitis continued. "I think it sets very bad precedence. The board really doesn't understand how a university works. (A national search) distinguishes a good university from a bad one, and Oakland University doesn't need the bad publicity."

Russi was officially appointed president during a vote at the June 6, 1996, Board of Trustees meeting.

However, the bad publicity struck again in June 2013. Beckie Francis, Russi's wife and also the head coach of OU's women's basketball team, was fired from the university following allegations of mistreatment of her players. Russi quickly resigned following her termination.

Following his resignation, he received a quarter of a million dollars in deferred compensation.

## Fast Facts

### THE LAST THREE PRESIDENTS' END PAYS

**Packard:** Even though she left before her term ended, she was paid until August 1995, making her last year's pay \$72,000. Adjusted for inflation, she would have made about \$114,000 in her last year.

**Russi:** \$225,000 in deferred compensation in a retirement agreement, plus a \$358,000 salary for his last year.

**Hynd:** Makes \$400,000 annually.

### RUSSI'S ANNUAL SALARY:

**\$115,000:** Starting pay at OU as vice president of Academic Affairs

**\$118,450:** Pay raise as vice president of Academic Affairs

**\$136,450:** Starting pay as interim president

**\$358,000:** Pay during last year of presidency

### HOW LONG DID PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS SERVE?

**1959-1970:** Woody Varner

**1970-1979:** Donald O'Dowd

**1979-1981:** George Matthews, interim president

**1981-1991:** Joseph Champagne

**1991-1992:** John De Carlo, interim president

**1992-1995:** Sandra Packard

**1995-1996:** Gary Russi, interim president

**1996-2013:** Gary Russi

**2013-2014:** Betty J. Youngblood, interim president

**2014-2017:** George W. Hynd

*Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer,  
Web Editor*



## Changes to Student Code of Conduct clarified

**Alex Stevens**  
Political Columnist

**A**s reported last week, Oakland University's Student Code of Conduct was updated over the summer.

Zack Thomas, president of OU Student Congress (OUSC), outlined the revision process.

Thomas, along with Student Activities Funding Board Chairman Jorge Garcia and OUSC Student Services Director Margaret Merogi, was asked to review some of the changes to the code.

"We were active during the summer," Thomas said. "At some point during the summer, I believe it was in June, we were approached by the dean of students office's Mike Wadsworth, who told us they were thinking about updating our Student Code of Conduct to reflect a new focus on community standards."

Documents provided by Thomas show that the student representatives suggested changes to various aspects of the code during their review.

Most notably, the student representa-

tives were concerned about students receiving advanced notice regarding the time, date and location of hearings when they are charged with a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Another area of concern was an inquiry as to why students do not serve on sexual misconduct cases, which are pursued through university conduct hearings.

Thomas said the Office of the Dean of Students adopted almost all of the student representatives' suggestions for the changes to be made to the Student Code of Conduct.

"The only one that didn't change, to my knowledge, was the medical amnesty part," Thomas said. "Medical amnesty is required in instances where someone is very drunk and it is turning into a medical emergency. You may call a police department, and you can have the punishments waived in order to incentivize people to get help."

"Just because it is against the law [to punish people in these instances] that does not mean it is against [university] policy. So, students can still be disci-

plined by the university in these instances [based on the current Student Code of Conduct]. We saw this as a deterrent for individuals to call law enforcement because they can still get in trouble, so we fought back on that."

As reported last week, some of the changes that were made to the Student Code of Conduct concerned campus speech and the distribution of materials on campus. Thomas explained that just because these sections were removed from the Student Code of Conduct, it does not mean that they are not still policies at OU.

These policies still exist under OU Policies 640 and 415, respectively, which are not changed or overridden by the updated Student Code of Conduct. Students are still bound to these policies, although they no longer appear in the Student Code of Conduct.

"We were not presented with the university ordinances for review," Thomas said. "Those policies are still available online and they are still enforced. Even though these university policies were taken out of the Student Code of Conduct,

I assume it was due to redundancy and they are still in effect."

Although there was no formal notification by OU to the entire student body or faculty that changes were being made to OU's Student Code of Conduct, Thomas explained that the topic was discussed during an OUSC meeting over the summer that was open to the public.

When asked why OUSC didn't announce the changes, Thomas said, "In a public meeting, where students are allowed to be in the gallery and talk to their student representatives, we presented that the changes were going to happen, and, if you wanted to be a part of the review process, you could do that."

"We acted on behalf of students because that is our elected job. We cannot publish every single thing we do on social media. I feel that we adequately made the announcement that the Student Code of Conduct was going to be changed through our public meetings that students are encouraged to attend."

The newly updated Student Code of Conduct can be found on OU's website.

## Student liaisons added as nonvoting members to presidential search committee

**Paige Brockway**  
Editor-in-Chief

**A**s promised, the Board of Trustees announced the four remaining members of the presidential search committee the morning of Friday, Oct. 28.

The following members have been added:

- Glenn McIntosh, vice president for Student Affairs
- Kevin Corcoran, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
- Linda Gillum, associate dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs in the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine
- Karen Markel, chair of the Management and Marketing Department and associate professor of management

They join Board of Trustees members Richard DeVore, Mark Schlusel, Melissa Stolicker and Ronald Robinson on the committee.

The additions were announced in a press release from Richard DeVore, chairman of the Board of Trustees and the presidential search committee.

The release also stated that Sean Foe and Cassie Hock, student liaisons to the board,

will be made nonvoting members of the committee "to provide student perspectives and to solicit student input."

This is in contrast to DeVore's statement during the Board of Trustees formal session on Oct. 24 that there would be no students on the committee.

DeVore supported his original decision by saying it can be "awkward" to have students involved in the lengthy search process, which will likely end after graduation has passed.

Foe and Hock approached DeVore after the meeting to discuss alternatives, and Student Body President Zack Thomas sent him a five-page letter making the case for student representation.

"I think the conversation with the students is what influenced [DeVore]," said John Young, vice president of University Communications and Marketing.

Along with Anders Engnell, student body vice president, Thomas put out an Oakland University Student Congress statement on the matter.

"We [at Student Congress] are grateful that our Student BOT Liaisons, Cassie Hock and Sean Foe, have both been officially added to the committee," they wrote. "... We are

disappointed, however, that students will not have a vote on the committee. Though student input will be received, the Student Voice will not be heard."

Thomas said he and Engnell will keep pushing for Hock and Foe to be able to vote on the committee.

As indicated by DeVore at the board meeting on Oct. 24, the board's next goal is to select a search firm through an open-bid process.

After the meeting that afternoon, requests for proposals were issued to 15 national firms experienced in presidential searches.

Interested firms were asked to send proposals by Nov. 4, and the board expects to approve a firm at its next formal session on Dec. 5.

"Since we already went through this three years ago, the letter just needed to be tweaked and sent out to the major firms," Young said.

DeVore's release reiterated his goal of having the next president chosen by June 2017 and in place by Aug. 13, 2017, when President George Hynd's contract expires. The board hopes to offer the next president a five-year contract.

Though the search will remain closed un-



*Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post*  
Student Liaisons Sean Foe (left) and Cassie Hock (second from left) at the Oct. 24 meeting.

til there are two or three final candidates, DeVore said regular updates will be provided at Board of Trustees meetings and through University Communications and Marketing.

"The board and the board chair have committed to a communication schedule," Young said.

After finalists have been narrowed down, the search will shift to an open forum in which the campus community is welcome to participate.

*Questions or comments about the presidential search process should be directed to Victor Zambardi, vice president for Legal Affairs and secretary to the Board of Trustees, at zambardi@oakland.edu.*



# Wage gap discrepancy shown through bake sale



Mary Mitchell / The Oakland Post

The Feminists of OU hosted a bake sale where prices were based on race and gender.

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

The Feminists of OU hosted an Equal Pay Bake Sale on Oct. 27 in South Foundation Hall's Fishbowl Lounge.

The bake sale offered numerous dessert items, but the big draw was a sign in the front of the table, which listed varying prices for different genders and races.

Men were charged \$1.00 per baked good, but women were charged different prices based on their race.

"Many people know about the 75-cents-on-the-dollar concept," said Natalie Noland, president of Feminists of OU. "But lots of people don't know what different groups of people make."

For example, a white woman makes about 75 cents for a white man's dollar, but a Native American woman only makes about 60 cents.

The bake sale charged Asian women 90 cents, white women 75 cents, black and Native Hawaiian women 60 cents, and American Indian and Latina women 55 cents.

In preparation for the sale, Noland helped educate volunteers about the pay gap to ensure that if any confrontation occurred, volunteers would have the information to counteract it.

"[We] worried people would try and say they identified as something they didn't, to get out of paying as much," Noland said. "[We worried] particularly men would say that the wage gap doesn't exist . . . or that women were just not good at their jobs."

Another fear Noland had was that people would try to say that the group's information and statistics were not relevant.

However, the organization didn't need

to use the resources like they thought they'd have to. Noland said people were generally supportive.

"Our adviser was excited about the sale," Noland said. "But when we submitted the proposal to be on the calendar, I thought they'd say it was a problem or was discriminatory."

However, there was one negative situation later in the day. A man came up to the table and yelled at Noland that she "deserves to be paid less."

More students volunteered to help with the bake sale than Noland had anticipated.

"I love volunteering for the Feminists of OU," said Erin Shrum, a junior who volunteered at the table. "[The bake sale] brings something to the campus that it's really lacking . . . it brings new perspectives to the table."

Noland said Oakland University has been generally supportive of the Feminists of OU's work.

Proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to the processing of backlogged rape kits in Detroit. Noland explained that, over the past 20 or so years, many rape kits have gone untested in Detroit. Now that it's been so long, a lot of funding is required to go through the kits.

"There's serial rapists out there who could be caught much sooner . . . their DNA is on file, it just has to be processed," Noland said.

Noland estimated that about a third of students walking by throughout the day purchased something from the bake sale.

More information about the Feminists of OU can be found on their GrizzOrgs page and on their Facebook pages, which can be found by searching "OU Feminists."

# Euchre Club favors trumps

**Ethan Fogle**  
Intern Reporter

The sounds of chatter and card-shuffling filled room 125 of the Oakland Center the night of Oct. 22, when Oakland University's Euchre Club hosted their weekly Pick It Up! event.

The club has been around since 2011 and welcomes students who are looking to take a step back from their stressful school lives and just want to play some euchre.

Inviting students to learn the Midwest's best-kept secret, Josh Liske, a junior studying pre-med and Euchre Club president, said that his "pretty chill club" was there to try and teach euchre to anyone who wanted to learn.

"I'm not very good at explaining this game. It's pretty complex," Liske said.

"Who can really explain this game?" shouted another member of the club from across the room.

For a game that was created in the mid-1800s, it has hardly evolved and is still just as complicated as it was 150+ years ago.

Simply put, euchre is played with 24 cards. Cards nine through ace of all suits are used, with ace having the highest value.

The objective of the game is to win the most tricks, or rounds, by having the highest trump card in each round.

One suit is selected at the start of each round. That suit is called the

"trump suit." The jack of the trump suit is the highest trump card.

The second-highest trump is the opposite suit, or "bower." The bower for spades is clubs and the bower for hearts is diamonds. After the bower, the remaining highest trumps follow in order of the cards' usual values (nine, ten, jack, queen, king, ace).

There are many other elements of euchre — like having a partner and picking up or passing, but Liske said that for beginners' sake, "It is best to just understand the basics first."

Andrew Alisa, a computer science major at OU, was one of those beginners Wednesday night.

"I don't want to hold my friends back when they play," Alisa said.

He was one of a handful of people in the room who were trying to learn the game for a first or second time.

"It's a nice and safe way to relieve stress with a group of friends," Alisa said.

The Euchre Club hosts Pick It Up! every Wednesday night in room 125 of the OC from 7:30-9 p.m., and often has refreshments.

Liske and the other members of the club look forward to helping people improve their euchre skills and teaching the newcomers as much as they can.

"Coming here tonight really helped me understand the game. I think I can play without asking my friends a question every turn," Alisa said.



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Players gather in Room 125 of the Oakland Center to play and eat on Wednesday nights.



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*Reception to follow*



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# Apartment Community Council hosts Pumpkin Smash Bash

Jessica Leydet  
Intern Reporter

The Apartment Community Council (ACC) invited all students to join in the Halloween festivities at their Pumpkin Smash Bash on Oct. 26.

The event was held in the Ann V. Nicholson Apartments 4000s building.

When students entered, they signed in and were placed in a raffle to win Golden Grizzly swag, including sweatpants, T-shirts and hoodies. Around 25 people attended the event and seven won prizes in the raffle.

There was music, free cider and donuts, and a caramel apple station where students could choose from a variety of toppings like sprinkles, chocolate and other sweet things.

Brittney Rankin, a senior elementary education major, attended the event.

“I had a really great time interacting with other residents,” Rankin said. “It is nice to join the community and meet new people. One of my favorite things was the caramel apples. I really loved that they had [a] caramel apple station.”

Payton Holden, a junior biology major who is on the e-board for the ACC, said the board planned the event about a month in advance.

“  
We wanted to get everyone together to get in the Halloween spirit.

Payton Holden  
Junior biology major

“We wanted to get everyone together to get in the Halloween spirit,” Holden said. “We set up a few games, some for students to win prizes, like the candy corn jar guessing game, and some just for fun, like the pumpkin toss.”

In the pumpkin toss, students threw glow-stick rings and tried to land them around a pumpkin for raffle tickets.

Another Halloween-themed game was called “What’s in the Box?” Players reached into a box with mysterious items inside (fake eyeballs and fake maggots) and had to guess what the items were to win raffle tickets.

Daryl Blackburn, a senior human resource development major and resident assistant in the George T. Matthews Apartments, also helped put together the Pumpkin Smash Bash.

“The purpose of this event was to get the community together to just have a good time, play some games and win some cool prizes,” Blackburn said.

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### WEDNESDAY

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Oakland University Benefits and Wellness Fair  
Hosted by OU Rec-Well Recreation Center

### THURSDAY

12 - 1 P.M.

“Living at the Bottom, Voting for the Top: The Politics of the Rural Poor” discussion by Philip Lewin  
Hosted by Sociology Club  
205 Varner Hall

### FRIDAY

12 - 1 P.M.

“Hidden Diversity: An Evolutionary History of Humans and their Diseases”  
Hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences / 203 Dodge Hall

Gender & Sexuality Center  
Family Meal  
49D Oakland Center

5 - 7 P.M.

Movie Night “Vicky Donor”  
Hosted by the Indian Students Association  
254 Engineering Center

7 P.M.

Volleyball vs. Youngstown State  
O’rena

Men’s Soccer vs. UIC (Senior Night)  
Oakland Soccer Field

8 - 10 P.M.

World Music Concert with Pashal Yao Younge  
Varner Recital Hall

### SATURDAY

10 - 11:30 A.M.

Coffee and Discovery: “Why People Lie” Discussion by Kim Serota  
Rochester Hills Public Library

4 P.M.

Women’s Volleyball vs. Cleveland State (Senior Day)  
O’rena

### SUNDAY

3 - 5 P.M.

Oakland Symphony Orchestra Concert  
Varner Recital Hall

### MONDAY

12 - 12:50 P.M.

Acing the Interview Workshop  
Hosted by the OU Rec-Well  
Oakland Center, Lake Superior A

4 - 6 P.M.

OU Student Congress  
General Body Meeting  
Oakland Center, Oakland Room

5:30 - 7 P.M.

Murder & Tea with Agatha Christie  
Hosted by the British at Heart Club  
Oakland Center, Lake Huron Room

7 P.M.

Men’s Basketball vs. Grand Valley State  
O’rena

7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Trombone Studio Recital  
Varner Recital Hall

### TUESDAY

#### ELECTION DAY

1 - 3 P.M.

“Two Cases of Surviving Racial Discrimination during WWII: A Japanese Girl in a California Internment Camp and a Jewish Boy in Shanghai” by Alice Sano and Alfred Zydower  
Oakland Center, Gold Room C

7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Tuba and Euphonium Studio Recital  
Varner Recital Hall



# Students to fight the night

Amy Swanson  
Staff Reporter

Students will brave the cold once again for the public demonstration Fight the Night. On Nov. 12 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

For these 12 hours, participants will camp and sleep outside to show support for the homeless individuals Oakland County.

The goal of this advocacy campaign is to raise awareness of the homeless situation and create empathy for the difficulties homeless people face.

This is the second year OU is holding Fight the Night. Organizer Terri Brown, a fifth-year senior double majoring in psychology and wellness, health promotion and injury prevention, said the turnout was great for the event's debut last year.

After participants arrive and get settled, there will be informational speakers throughout the evening. Food will also be

served around 9:30 p.m.

From 11:30 p.m. until 5:30 a.m., it is deemed quiet time. Participants will be asked to put away any electronics or distractions, becoming aware of any discomfort or pain they may feel over the next several hours.

They should use this time to reflect on the harsh reality many of their community members face on a regular basis, while attendees of the event have a home to go back to once the night is over, Brown said.

The demonstration will begin to wrap up around 5:30 a.m., when attendees will come together over food and final remarks.

"Events like this bring awareness to the OU community, especially with the Baldwin Center being just a few miles away," Brown said. "We should all take responsibility and raise awareness about homelessness in our area."

Event organizers decided

to partner with the Baldwin Center of Pontiac. In 1981, this nonprofit organization has served as a "safety net," feeding, clothing, educating and empowering disadvantaged members of the city, according to its website.

The center currently offers over 25 support programs, from providing crisis assistance to enrichment opportunities for adults and children.

The Baldwin Center envisions "people of all ages and cultures sharing the belief that they can create and shape how they live and grow within the community," according to its website.

Fight the Night will be held just before National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, which is always the week before Thanksgiving. National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is sponsored by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.



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Last year's attendees receive a boxed dinner as they prepare for the night.

"The organization is designed to educate the public, draw attention to the problem of poverty, and build up the base of volunteers and supporters for local anti-poverty agencies," according to its website.

Fight the Night will take place in the P1 parking lot by the Oakland Center. Anyone is welcome

to participate. While the event is free, donations are encouraged to raise funds for the Baldwin Center's services. Organizers are hoping to raise \$5,500 by Dec. 31. However, the goal is to hit \$3,000 by the time of the event.

To donate, head to [www.crowdrise.com/fight-the-night](http://www.crowdrise.com/fight-the-night). All proceeds go directly to the Baldwin Center.



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# Presidential round-up: A quick voter's guide

Shelby Tankersley  
Campus Editor

Next Tuesday, it'll be time to hit the voting polls and pick a new president. Here's an easy-to-follow guide to the top four presidential candidates on Michigan's ballot (according to the "Michigan Voter's Guide" pamphlet published by the League of Women Voters), their top three goals and their stances on some of the more controversial issues.

**Donald Trump**  
Republican Party

Trump's top three goals listed in the Michigan Voter's Guide are to make the U.S. a world leader again, foster economic growth through things like energy and trade reform and create "Constitutional limits for the government."

**Gary Johnson**  
Libertarian Party

According to the Michigan Voter's Guide, Johnson's top three goals are to make a balanced budget within his first 100 days, bring some of the troops back home and liberalize trade and the economy.

**Hillary Clinton**  
Democratic Party

Clinton's top three goals are to grow the economy, lessen the influence of "big-money in American politics" and create safe partnerships with other countries, according to the Michigan Voter's Guide.

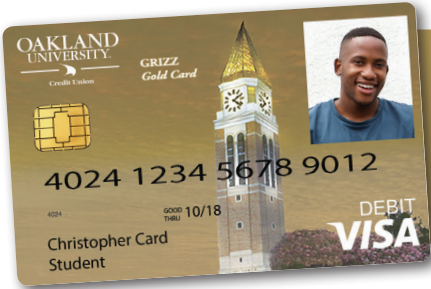
**Jill Stein**  
Green Party

According to the Michigan Voter's Guide, Stein's top three goals are to create climate-friendly jobs, eliminate unemployment and practice "true democracy" while in office.

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Candidate	Immigration	Jobs	Health Care	Finances
Donald Trump	Trump's plans include building a wall on the border of Mexico and "keeping immigration levels within historic norms," in order to put the American worker first.	Trump wants to increase the U.S.'s gross domestic product, or GDP, to create more jobs. He also wants to implement a "pro-growth" tax plan, which would give tax cuts to Americans at all income levels.	Trump plans to do away with the Affordable Care Act if he's elected. Once he does that, he plans to work with Congress to create a system that gives patients health care choices.	Trump says he'll revise tax laws, decreasing taxes for the middle class and keeping the wealthy paying a good amount, but not so much that it hurts jobs or competition.
Hillary Clinton	Clinton plans to provide an easier path to citizenship and treat immigrants better by keeping families that would be separated by deportation together.	Clinton intends to raise minimum wage, require companies to give back tax breaks they've received if they send jobs overseas and "make certain that corporations, the wealthy, and Wall Street pay their fair share."	Clinton plans to defend the Affordable Care Act and extend its reach, while also making reforms to lower the costs of copays, deductibles and prescription drugs.	Clinton wants to create a fair tax system and expand public transportation options. She also intends to make college debt-free and allow existing student loans to be refinanced.
Gary Johnson	Johnson wants to provide incentives for immigrants to pay taxes and assimilate into the country. He hopes to create a "more efficient system of providing work visas [and] conducting background checks."	Johnson believes that there should be fair government regulation of the tax environment. He wants to get rid of "unnecessary laws" and allow for job growth.	Though Johnson does not have any health care plan listed on his website, he is not in support of the Affordable Care Act.	Johnson says he will provide Congress with a balanced budget and veto any deficit spending while in office.
Jill Stein	Stein wants to "create a welcoming path to citizenship for immigrants." This will include not deporting or detaining law-abiding undocumented immigrants, demilitarizing the border and repealing NAFTA.	Stein says she'll create more union-forming rights and "create living-wage jobs for every American who needs work," which she says would replace unemployment offices.	Stein plans to establish a "Medicare for All" plan and provide more access to reproductive and contraceptive care for women.	Stein wants to cut spending on the military. She plans to provide tax cuts for the poor and middle classes, while raising taxes for the rich.





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**TOP** The International Costume Party at Oakland University was hosted by the Center for Student Activities, Center for Multicultural Initiatives, and student congress. Activities such as Chinese calligraphy, henna tattooing, Halloween hair decorations and dancing were available. **LEFT** International decorations were on display in the Banquet Rooms. **RIGHT** Attendants were able to see their names written in different languages.

# International Night costume party

**Robert Ogg**  
Intern Reporter

Studying abroad or being involved in an exchange program can be an intimidating experience. Those who go to school abroad are far away from home, surrounded by new people and immersed in a completely different culture.

Oakland University strives to make these international experiences fun and memorable by holding all sorts of events. Some of these campus events encourage international students to share their cultures with OU students.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, the 2016 International Night Costume Party took place. The event was held in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms and went on from 7-10 p.m. It was sponsored by the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (CSA), Chartwells and OU

Student Congress.

"It's a costume party, but it isn't a Halloween party," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the CSA. "We really want the international students to wear their traditional clothing from home. They don't get to do that very often in the United States, so they can share that with our students, and then our students can wear international costumes or Halloween costumes . . . That's the whole idea behind the costume party: it's to share cultures."

The bulk of the music played at the event was suggested by various multicultural student organizations, and Miller sent the list to Jake Rapanotti, general manager of WXOU.

"It was suggested we play the following: Mariachi Music, Maranga Music, Hmong Music, Spanish Reggae, Benga Music, Highlife Music," Rapanotti said via email. "WXOU has been

asked every year to play music for the event."

Prior to this year's International Night, Rapanotti said he was impressed with the event in previous years.

"It has been fun in years past," he said. "Everyone seems to have fun and there is great food."

Miller said a wide array of international cuisine was available. People were given the opportunity to fill their own crepes and sample the French cuisine. "I worked with Chartwells for food," Miller said. "One of things we [featured was] a crepe bar. Crepes are a dessert, which is French."

Miller said Halloween may not be celebrated everywhere. This costume party allowed the OU students to share the Halloween experience with international students who may have never celebrated the holiday before.

"It really is a celebration of our very diverse cultures on campus," Miller said.

International Night is usually held twice a year. Each year, the CSA tries a new theme to keep the experience fresh and interesting.

For more information on OU events, visit the CSA in the basement of the Oakland Center or call the CSA at (248) 370-2400.

## Students petition to change OU's spring break

*The 2017 recess is scheduled to begin Feb. 18 at 10 p.m. Classes will resume Feb. 27 at 7:30 a.m.*

**KeyVonna Taylor**  
Staff Reporter

Spring break is a time for students to focus on themselves. Whether they are relaxing, going on a vacation, volunteering or applying for scholarships, many students enjoy being out of class.

Oakland University students are petitioning for a spring break change.

According to Steven Lazarevich, the student who created the petition, students who signed want to push OU's spring break back by two weeks, so it matches those of universities such as Michigan State, Central Michigan University and Grand Valley State University.

On the petition's website, students are allowed to explain why they feel the way they do. About 500 students have signed.

One OU student, Jillian Her-ing, wrote, "Our spring break is too early for any 'warm weather vacations,' and I want to spend it with my other friends at other schools!"

Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) is helping to raise awareness for the movement to change Oakland's spring break.

Although the petition does not require a specific amount of signatures, a large amount is needed to show administration that this is an important issue to a lot of students.

"Usually 500 signatures are enough," said Anders Engnell, OUSC vice president and a mathematics and creative writing double major.

Students still have a chance to voice their opinions.

"The petition will end Nov. 8 when we meet with Provost Lentini," Engnell said.

Spring break would change

"I don't think it will have a large impact on the university, and it will make students happy, and I think that is important."

**Cassie Hock**  
President of the Student Program Board

for winter 2018 at the earliest if the petition is successful, he said.

Engnell has worked with OUSC since August 2014 and got involved to have an "enormous impact on OU."

Human resource development major and President of the Student Program Board Cassie Hock trusts that an adjustment will affect students in a positive way.

"I think that this change will make students happy," she said. "I don't think it will have a large impact on the university, and it will make students happy, and I think that is important."

Hock served as a legislator to OUSC for three years. Her initiative for two of those years was to change OU's spring break. She did some research in collaboration with other legislators to find out when other universities have their winter recesses by looking into universities that are also in the Horizon League, as well as universities of similar size to OU in the state of Michigan. Hock is also a student liaison to the OU Board of Trustees.

To sign the spring break petition, visit <https://www.change.org/p/students-changing-oakland-university-s-spring-break-dates-in-the-future>.



# Speaker provides context for automotive industry's issues

**Simon Albaugh**  
Staff Reporter

Speaking on the state of the automotive industry and the journalism documenting it, an Oakland University alumnus and Detroit bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal gave his thoughts to OU students.

The presentation, given by John Stoll, was organized to provide his personal story and experiences reporting on the automotive industry, his opinions on the state of the automotive industry and the state of the media.

Stoll told of his beginnings in the journalism industry with Automotive News of Crain Communications Inc., a Michigan news organization. But he didn't give this part of the presentation without expressing how much he disliked cars.

"I was the son of a car dealer," Stoll said. "I was the only one in my family that wasn't into cars."

His story included his experiences writing on automotive business news during the 2008 financial crisis. Business experts across the globe and major politicians followed his stories.

"I was being paid attention to by a lot of people," Stoll said.

The second portion of his presentation focused on the major competition that Michigan automakers face. The biggest competitors, Stoll said, are the technology giants like Google and Apple, that are working to create electronic or self-driving cars.

"They have their eyes on the auto industry," Stoll said.

Stoll compared the auto companies to Nokia cell phones. Nokia cell phones were successful, Stoll said,

but ultimately proved stagnant in the rapidly changing business of technology.

"Auto manufacturers are afraid of becoming the next Nokia," Stoll said.

Stoll also explained the fundamental business flaws in the manufacturing of cars compared to working with data. Cars provide an 11-percent profit margin for automotive companies. This is compared to an 80-percent profit margin for data for technology companies.

In the future, Stoll said, cars will be able to remain the same in function while adding technological programming that will provide similar profit margins as those seen by the major tech companies. Right now, he added, that sort of profit is only seen in data from mobile phones.

"The future looks like the car is the new mobile device," Stoll said.

Finally, Stoll spoke on the state of journalism, a field which may remain behind technological trends.

"As soon as the traditional news outlets catch up, there's something new," Stoll said.

Stoll said one of the major problems in media is "a lack of identity in terms of what our jobs are."

According to Journalism in the Digital Age, a project created by Stanford University journalism professors, the rise of internet use has drastically changed the media.

"The internet has not only changed the methods and purpose of journalism, but also people's perceptions of news media," the project said.

Stoll said the most profitable aspect of journalism is the collection of news. This is seen in tools such as the



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John Stoll of The Wall Street Journal speaks to a crowd on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Elliott Hall.

Apple News app and Facebook.

The presentation was organized by the Society of Automotive Analysts, an on-campus organization that tries to provide an opportunity to connect students with "industry news, innovative technologies and networking opportunities."

The president of the organization, Andrew Steffes, a senior studying operations management and management of information systems, organized the event to try to bring out more than just finance and business majors.

"A lot of people aren't aware of the opportunities in the automotive industry," Steffes said.

And as proven by Stoll's presentation, there are a lot of them.

# Evangelism, politics discussed in Dartmouth professor's lecture

**AuJenee Hirsch**  
Staff Reporter

How Christian evangelicals have treated Donald Trump this election season was one topic addressed by Professor Randall Balmer when he visited Oakland University last week.

Balmer gave his lecture "Improbable Alliances: Religion and the 2016 Election" on Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

He teaches religious studies at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, and has published books on religion and politics, including "God in the White House" and "Redeemer: The Life of Jimmy Carter."

At the opening of his speech, Balmer asked, "How is it that the leaders of the religious right . . . can embrace a presidential candidate who seems to be the antithesis of family values, which they have been talking about for decades?"

He relied on history to help answer his question.

In the 19th century, evangelicals led many of the civil rights movements that were going on at the time, such as the abolishment of slavery and criminal justice reform. But in the early 20th century, Balmer said, evangelicals stopped supporting millennialism, a belief that Jesus Christ will return when the ideal kingdom of God is built, and switched to premillennialism, the belief that Jesus Christ will return to this world at any moment.

Evangelicals stopped believing that there was a way to change the world, according to Balmer. They became inactive in the political world until the 1970s.

"There is a common misconception that abortion is what got evangelicals back on the political scene," Balmer said. "It was not abortion that got evangelicals back into the political world, but the segregation of schools."

According to Balmer, the *Green v. Connally* case — one of many instances in which a white-only private school sought tax exemption — was the reason evangelicals got into politics again. Evangelicals

were so against racism and segregation, Balmer said, that the case made them want to get involved again.

In 1973, evangelical leaders gathered and wrote the "Chicago Declaration of Evangelical Social Concern," which rejected racism and promoted the equal rights of women with arguments from the Bible. Balmer said that from 1973 on, evangelicals played a part in politics.

At the end of his speech, Balmer answered his initial question in simpler terms.

"The origins of the religious right had nothing to do with abortion, or with family values or with biblical values," Balmer said. "It had to do with the [public's] defense of racial segregation in educational institutions."

Balmer opened the floor up for questions, and the first question was how could Balmer not understand that Donald Trump was looking out for the well-being of American citizens by not allowing Syrian refugees to enter the country. Balmer and the lecture's attendee, who did not

want to be interviewed after the lecture, disputed each other's points until the question's time was up.

After that, other people asked questions for almost 30 minutes.

The event ended with Balmer receiving a standing ovation and speaking one-on-one with members of the audience.



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Professor Randall Balmer of Dartmouth College speaks at Oakland University about religion and politics.



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Every day, the students who stay at the hotel try to say hi to their peers, who just keep laughing at them.

## New student-imposed stigma to prepare students for real world

**Simon Albaugh**  
Staff Reporter

In an attempt to create a more true-to-life experience, on-campus students have established a hierarchy of power based on housing. And Extended Stay America residents are at the bottom.

Extended Stay America is a crappy hotel near campus where students who turned in their housing applications late were forced to stay. Some still remain.

The rationale of this new program is to prepare students to express common stereotypes and disdain in a socially acceptable way. Housing was chosen to be the measuring factor because of its applicability to already-established systems of institutionalized neglect.

For example, Randy Johnson, a sophomore studying biomedical diagnostic and therapeutic sciences, lived in the Extended Stay America. His stay in the hotel made it apparent that he's just another run-of-the-mill victim of institutionalized neglect that no one cares about.

And like other victims of that kind of neglect, no one cares about them until their sad sto-

ries are brought to light.

Johnson found a place in the dorms a few weeks after the semester started and is hoping to get into medical school after he graduates. He focuses most of his time on homework, since he can't find anyone who would want to be friends with him.

"I don't understand," Johnson said. "Will someone just sit next to me in class instead of treating me like I'm weird?"

His resident assistants ignore his existence. Johnson looks forward to the time of day when he can misbehave in the dorms and his RAs give him attention for once.

"It's always some variation of, 'If you didn't turn in your housing application late, you wouldn't be acting like this,'" Johnson said. "Or, 'I blame the parents.'"

A recent poll shows that 70 percent of students anonymously admitted to avoiding eye contact with students who stayed in the hotel, while 30 percent admitted to clutching their backpack when hotel residents walked toward them.

But not everyone is a jerk. Garry Deacon, a Vandenberg resident, talked proudly of his

efforts to try to reverse some of the negative stigma attributed to off-campus residents.

"I noticed someone said that it was a problem on Facebook," Deacon said. "So I had to like it. I couldn't, in good conscience, just ignore something as important as liking that post."

The Facebook post showed support for hotel residents.

But when asked about the recent rally in support of hotel residents and whether he was able to show solidarity for the people he supported on Facebook, Deacon admitted that he couldn't make the event.

"I mean, I totally have friends who are hotel residents," Deacon said. "Most of my friends, even, are hotel residents. I just didn't know how other people would act. Probably because I got scared of how the media portrays them."

Deacon was unable to give a clear answer of whether he would attend the next rally or whether he actually has friends that lived in temporary hotel housing.

Faculty of OU declined to comment anything further than, "What the hell is wrong with students?"

## Political parties are forming in search for next OU president

**Matthew Noey**  
Contributor

With President George Hynd leaving Oakland University in 2017, the search for the next president is already beginning.

Two sides have been established in strong opposition to each other. One party, the More Engineering Party, whose mascot is an iPhone, wants to improve the engineering programs.

"We need more engineering," said More Engineering Party Chairman Bob Buildmore. "One huge building is not enough. All the buildings have to be engineering buildings. The buildings must be assimilated."

The other party, the More Liberal Arts Party, represented by a tree which is supposed to symbolize something too deep for anyone but members of the party to understand, is a little more unclear about what exactly they want.

"... like butterflies of Chicago, which go from computer to computer, observing the passage of time through . . ." More Liberal Arts Party Chairman Saul Ametafor said during a 20-minute speech that sounded like one long sentence.

When asked about Buildmore's party, Ametafor replied "That's just, like, their opinion, man," before staring wistfully at the sky and commenting on the shape of a cloud that he thought resembled an ostrich.

Many candidates are being considered for each party. The More Engineering Party is considering tech entrepreneurs, or at the very least the ghost of Nikola Tesla, which has been stored in a light bulb since his death in 1943. Tesla was an inventor, engineer, physicist and futurist who designed the modern alternating current electricity supply system, accord-

ing to Wikipedia.

The More Liberal Arts Party is hoping that a talking platypus will accept its support, despite the fact that they have been unable to find a talking platypus as well as accusations that they are taking way too many things symbolically.

There is also a party with considerably less support called the Third Option Party, whose primary goal is to establish a satellite campus in space. Critics have described the party as "out there" and commented that members need to "keep their feet on the ground."

Because Oakland is not a democracy, the selection process will mostly take place behind closed doors. These doors will be locked, barred, blocked by armed guards and in a building surrounded by a moat full of laser crocodiles. Each member of the presidential search committee will know how to pass one obstacle, thus ensuring that only the entire committee working together can make it inside. Though some say this is excessive, others say it is "too cool to not do."

For students to have a say in the outcome of the selection process, Oakland has posted a Facebook meme. A "like" supports More Engineering, a "share" supports More Liberal Arts, a "comment" supports the Third Option, and scrolling past the meme supports Satan. Currently, Satan is ahead in the meme vote, but Oakland officials have been unable to establish contact and find out if he even wants the job.

No matter who becomes the next president of Oakland, some things are certain. Tuition will skyrocket, more orange buildings will be built and parking will deteriorate to the point that finding a spot at the Palace of Auburn Hills lot will be considered a stroke of luck.



## The necessity of political proactivity

Isaac Martin  
Political Columnist

**E**lection Day is upon us. Less than 144 hours separate us from one of the most important days of the year. Yet, as I talk to many of my peers around campus, it seems that there is a sense of resignation regarding the election. "Why bother voting? Both candidates stink," is the sentiment I have heard quite often.

Though I am not altogether unsympathetic toward their plight (have you watched the news recently?), staying home next Tuesday is not an option. One of the major reasons we face such an atrocious choice is precisely because of this sentiment.



There are three camps people tend to fall in with regard to government: they are either

inactive, reactive or proactive.

Edmund Burke once remarked that "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." The inactive camp often allows evil to triumph by standing pat.

Unfortunately, we have a tendency to become complacent and simply be political bystanders, watching from the comfort of our armchairs.

However, just because we stay informed on the latest developments of the FBI investigation doesn't mean we are involved. Being informed is good, but it is a poor substitute for purposeful, intentional action.

If the first camp heard the news, but took no action, the second crowd hears, but takes action only at the eleventh hour.

The reactive camp goes a step beyond their inactive counterparts, writing letters to editors and legislators, voting in the primaries, and protesting for worthy causes when they start to feel pressure.

These actions are laudable and ought to be practiced by every citizen; the problem with this camp is not in what they do, but

when they do it. This is solely a defensive camp. In order to take ground, you must go on the offense. The best defense in the war of ideas is a solid, proactive offense — just ask Michigan State University about that.

The final camp is different from the rest because they are the ones initiating and driving change. The proactive camp doesn't wait for shoddy laws to be proposed to muster for action; they are the ones lobbying for quality laws.

Those who are proactive do protest against onerous rulings and regulations, but they do more than tear down repulsive candidates. They find outstanding replacements.

This summer, I had the chance to be proactive — a friend invited me to go door-knocking for a great, down-to-earth guy who was running for the state legislature. I kept putting it off every week, telling myself I'd do it next week.

Four days out from the primaries, I realized that I needed to get involved. I door-knocked for a day and stood for my man at the polls. The results were staggering.

The race was decided by less than 20 votes. In other words, if 10 people had changed their minds, the vote would have had a different outcome. In phone banking for one hour, you easily talk reach out to 10 people. One volunteer was literally the difference in this race.

With less than a week to go before the elections, it isn't likely that one college student can impact the outcome of the presidential election. However, instead of being passive observers fed up with the candidates or reactive letter-writers, we as youth can be a force for good in our communities.

There are dozens of significant, local races that are neck-in-neck. If we harness our potential, an hour volunteering at the polls here, an afternoon calling uncertain voters there can make a difference in a race where only 15,000 people vote.

The question for you, the reader, is: What camp will you be found in during the days leading up to Nov. 8?

## Political Focus: The state of the Supreme Court

Melissa Deatch  
Political Columnist

**I**n light of Justice Clarence Thomas' remarks at the Heritage Foundation last week, Political Focus will take a look at the effect this election will have on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Thomas stated that Washington is "broken in some ways," evidenced by the problems with the judicial nomination process.



### Let's get caught up

What Thomas was referring to is the current vacancy in the Supreme Court that came from the sudden death of Associate Justice Antonin Scalia on Feb. 13, 2016.

The death of Scalia, a strong conservative, left the Supreme Court with a split: four justices nominated by Republican presidents and four nominated by Democratic presidents.

The Constitution states that the president nominates the justices with the "advice and consent of the Senate." With a Democratic president and a Republican-controlled Senate, things got politically complicated.

President Barack Obama was quick to nominate Merrick Garland, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, to be Scalia's replacement, and Republicans were even quicker to begin fighting his nomination.

This began a lengthy battle which the Republicans have seemingly been effective in delaying a nomination until after a new president takes office.

To get caught up further, read the Political Focus on the situation from last March.

### Why the fight?

The timing of Scalia's death was the final element of a perfect storm. Given the time remaining in Obama's presidency, opposing parties controlling the White House and the Senate, and the strongly conservative ideology of the late justice, an ugly battle was to be expected.

With Scalia's consistently conservative voting record, his death was al-

ready a major blow to Republicans' agenda. If the Democrats are successful in nominating a liberal-leaning justice, it could be the biggest flip in a Supreme Court seat in history and, in turn, flip the Supreme Court entirely.

### What effect will the presidential election have on the Supreme Court?

It doesn't appear that Obama will be able to get his nomination approved in the final months of his presidency, leaving the nomination to the Nov. 8 winner.

Since Scalia's death, Republicans have argued that delaying the nomination until after the election would give a say in the decision to the American people.

Democrats immediately said that motive was essentially bullshit. As of recently, it appears they may have been right.

Secretary Hillary Clinton has yet to name any possible appointees, but it is very possible that she would choose someone far more liberal-leaning than Garland. If this ends up being the case, the Republicans' delay tactics would have backfired in a major way.

Just last week, Republicans (including Ted Cruz) came out and said that if Clinton is elected, then Republicans should exhaust all strategies to delay the nomination even longer and continue with an eight-person Supreme Court. Cruz said this would not be unprecedented, though CNN noted that there have been nine justices on the court since 1869.

However, if Trump manages to pull off an election win, he has given the names of 21 potential nominees.

"The replacement of Justice Scalia will be a person of similar views and principles," Trump stated in his speech to the Republican National Convention on July 21. "This will be one of the most important issues decided by this election."

Furthering this elections' impact on the Supreme Court is the fact that this will almost certainly not be the only nomination during the next president's term.

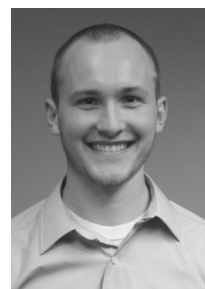
According to Ballotpedia, "The average age at which a Supreme Court justice retires is 78.7 years old." There are three justices who are currently serving at age 78 or older.

# The President's Report: Students' voices

Hello, my fellow OU students! I hope you all had a Happy Halloween on Monday! Before and during the holiday, Your University Student Congress (OUSC) and I were hard at work on several initiatives.

I sent a letter to Chairman DeVore of the Board of Trustees regarding the Presidential Search Committee. After the last board meeting, I spent hours in the office drafting the letter and coordinating with the OU chapter of the American Association of University Professors on both organizations' statements. Additionally, I was able to obtain very helpful feedback from Anders Engnell, your vice president, and Madison Kubinski, a senior member of OUSC — feedback that helped to make the letter as persuasive and effective as it could be. Therein, I very thoroughly outlined the argumentation for both a student voice and a student vote on the Presidential Search Committee.

We, thus far, have gotten one of those — both Cassie Hock and Sean Foe (thanks in large part to their persuasive leadership) are now both official non-voting members of the committee, and, considering the language of the OU official statement on Friday, Oct. 28, it seems they now hold a more official role in presenting the student perspective and representing the student interests. Anders and I are also grateful



that Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn McIntosh, a pro-student administrator, will have an official vote on the committee.

As such, Anders and I will be working with them closely over the next month to help advise them on student concerns and the direction the university should be taking in order to best benefit the students.

However, as we said in an OUSC statement, though we are grateful for the addition of the student voice to the committee, we are disappointed that the board did not add a student vote to the committee — we want to talk and be heard. Anders and I intend to continue to work with the board on this issue to make certain the student voice is heard through an actual vote. Anders and I met with President George Hynd and McIntosh on Oct. 25. They were largely supportive of the Presidential Search Committee efforts mentioned above.

We were not so much in agreement when it came to parking, though. Recently, with their support, we put out a parking survey through OU's Communications and Marketing Department. Accordingly, our student survey respondents spoke out pretty clearly against paid parking, but seemed open to a limited number of paid parking lots (of which I am still critical).

However, President Hynd stated, "I think we are going to have to go with paid parking," and indicated that it was helpful to know the student view, so that the administration could explore a couple of years-long transition plans.

He also stated that achieving most of our OUSC goals for the year was a great accomplishment.

I then challenged the growth mindset and growth model of the university (Considering that most universities are not growing beyond capacity, why is OU recruiting so many students when we do not have the space? This creates an extraordinary tuition and parking burden on those of us already here). I stated that if we accepted 100 to 200 less students — maybe focusing on improving our 44 percent retention rate instead — then "the parking problem" would be a lot less substantial.

Hynd did not seem to understand, and responded that although we will "be lucky to flat-line" our growth for the next five or so years, growth may happen after that, which was the mindset I was trying to contradict. It is a mindset change that needs to happen gradually, I suppose, but is confounding to administrators who want to just grow, grow and grow the university in line with the board's approved Campus Master Plan. Anders, myself, and the rest of OUSC will continue to challenge this mindset and amplify the student voice wherever possible.

Despite these issues, this last month was also very productive and positive. We ended up registering 526 individual students to vote, shattering numbers from previous years! Additionally, we helped many students with voter information and absentee ballot applications. Although we have concluded those services now, we are still here to help if you need general

voter information! Happy to serve!

Additionally, in my September President's Report, I spoke about pursuing changes in our registration system to improve functionality. I'm very excited to announce that our registration system will be new and improved in the coming months. It will be "soft-launched," allowing students to choose to use the old system for a time. The new system, however, will allow students to access the full range of information needed for registration on one tab (as opposed to having to have four tabs open in the previous system to register). I was happy to provide student input to the Office of the Registrar to fine-tune the system and resolve any potential issues. I only have limited space here, so please reach out to me via [ousc@oakland.edu](mailto:ousc@oakland.edu) if you are interested in learning more about the new registration system!

As always, Your University Student Congress and I thrive on your input. Please reach out using our email at [ousc@oakland.edu](mailto:ousc@oakland.edu), or come to our General Body Meetings at 4 p.m. on Mondays in the Oakland Room of the OC. Additionally, we now have a text-suggestion number, so that we can increase the amount of input we receive from our constituents — you, the students we serve! Please text your suggestions, concerns or ideas to (248) 957-1665, and one of my staff or I will reach back out to resolve!

Sincerely,  
Zack Thomas  
OU Student Body President

## Letter to the Editor: Presidential search committee

Dear Editor:

It was just about one year ago when I expressed in The Oakland Post and at a Board of Trustees meeting my strong disappointment about the appointment of a chief operating officer (COO) by the Board of Trustees. This position was created on the spot to perform duties which were previously those of the president and offered to a Board member at an enormous cost to the university. It is significant to note that COOs are not found at other institutions of Oakland's size, and it was never clear why this position was needed.

It was especially egregious that the Board did not follow this public university's rules regarding openness, transparency and equal opportunity because they did not conduct an open and fair search for this newly created position. Instead, the Board members themselves appointed an individual

who himself was three days before a member of the Board of Trustees and who had not earned the COO position in a competitive search process. Clearly, the Board of Trustees wanted no input from the various employee groups on campus regarding the COO appointment.

And here we are today with the appointment of an Ad Hoc Presidential Search Committee whose composition can only suggest that the Board again wants no input from faculty and other employee groups on campus in this selection process for the next president. The announced committee consists of four trustees, three administrators, and one faculty member (eight voting members in all) and two non-voting students.

To me, this is hardly a representative committee of the various vested and interested groups on campus. Moreover, the Ad Hoc committee is charged

with forwarding the names of three (unranked) candidates to the "full" Board of Trustees who will alone make the final decision.

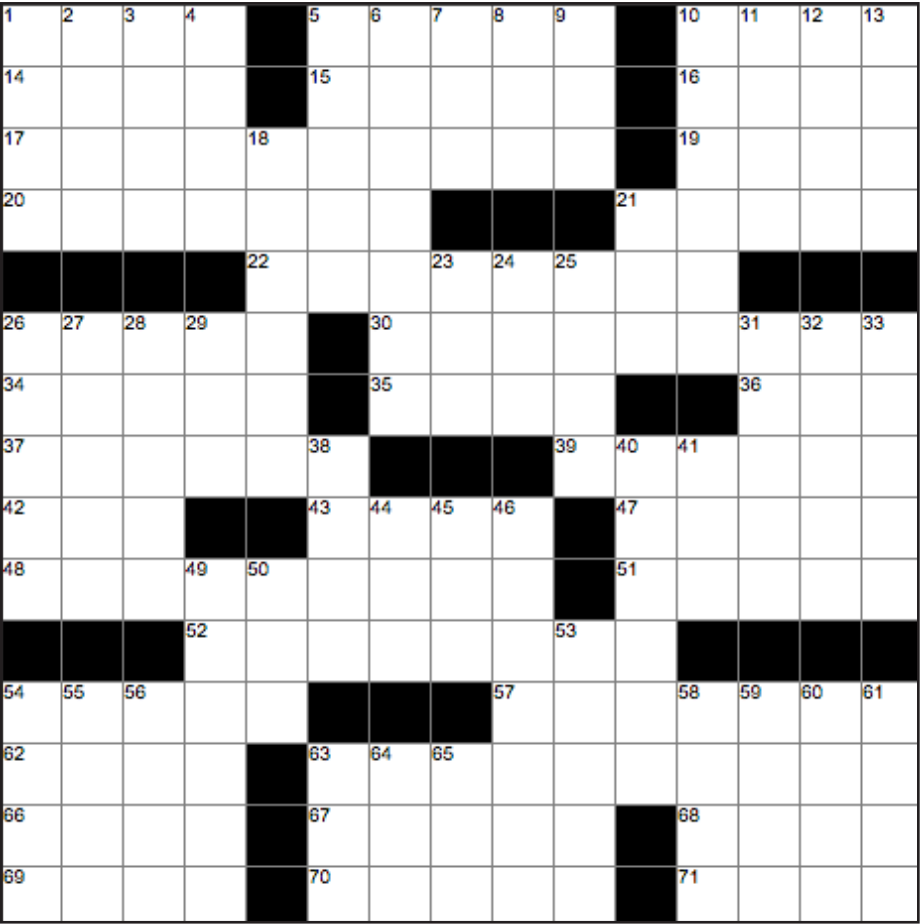
I find it odd that half of the members of the ad hoc committee are trustees, who together represent 50 percent of the voters, and that the committee, in turn, will recommend three candidates to the full Board, where the four trustees on the Ad Hoc committee also make up 50 percent of the Board of Trustees (OU has eight Board members).

As stated in the Presidential Board Announcement (Oct. 27, 2016), "the Board alone will select and appoint the next president." The announcement should have also included, "Input from individuals other than Board members is not welcome."

Barry S. Winkler  
Professor Emeritus of Biomedical Sciences



# Puzzles



- Across**  
1: Dept. store shopper's privilege  
5: Lit up  
10: Types of Atlantic fish  
14: Pip  
15: Pickler's solution  
16: Chamber music instrument  
17: Worked at the U.N., perhaps  
19: Frost's frost  
20: Out  
21: Chips in a chip  
22: Not permanent  
26: Dowdy one  
30: Brain picking?  
34: Relax  
35: They get into sushi  
36: Garden tool  
37: Tolerates  
39: Natural ability  
42: Hairdo helper  
43: Heather  
47: Japanese-American group  
48: Pajama party  
51: Calls for  
52: Throughout town  
54: 'Don't cry over \_\_\_ milk'  
57: Severe  
62: \_\_\_ mater  
63: Chain of mountains

- 66: 'Far out!'  
67: Little egg  
68: Acorn droppers  
69: Broodmares  
70: Head parts  
71: Apart from this
- Down**  
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2: Make healthy again  
3: Attired  
4: Sandwich fish  
5: More adept  
6: Pass imperceptibly from one shade to another  
7: Like cherries jubilee  
8: Undivided  
9: Tie the knot  
10: Iris cover  
11: Article that may list survivors  
12: Stadium topper  
13: Goes out with  
18: Treeless plain  
21: Mont Blanc, for one  
23: Attend  
24: For \_\_\_ the marbles  
25: Gold medal-winning  
26: National emblems, perhaps  
27: James Dean's persona  
28: Handy

- 29: Strong coffee, slangily  
31: 'We hold \_\_\_ truths...'  
32: Sharpened  
33: Legendary Himalayan creatures  
38: Frequent Las Vegas money taker  
40: Toughe by heating, as glass  
41: white one is small  
44:Batman foe Poison \_\_\_  
45: Just released  
46: Pancake cooking surface  
49: Ostentatious display  
50: Set as rival  
53: \_\_\_ up (quits talking)  
54: Storm particle  
55: Not guilty, e.g.  
56: Shiite leader  
58: Fruit for flavoring gin  
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64: Some gametes  
65: Same-old-same-old

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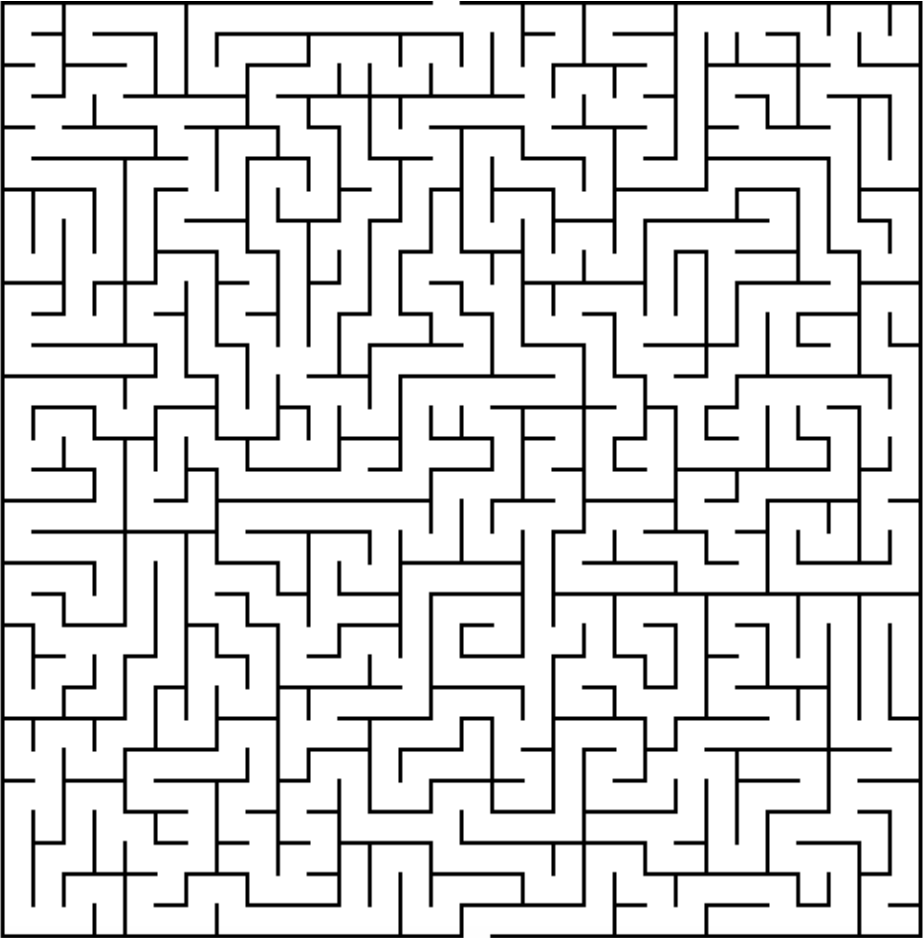
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# Sports

## BASKETBALL KICKS OFF WITH BREAKFAST

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

A three-year, six-figure deal with Campus Den to be the official merchandise provider of Golden Grizzly Athletics was one of the topics applauded at the annual men's and women's basketball Tip-Off Breakfast in the O'rena the morning of Thursday, Oct. 27.

The gathering took the form of a television talk show, with Neal Ruhl, voice of the Golden Grizzlies, as host.

Jeff Konya, director of athletics, said there were two parts to his mic time: the "brag" part and the "swag" part.

"Our men's basketball GPA last year was in the top 10 in the country," Konya said. "In the entire student-athlete population, we've had 20 [straight]-semesters of our student athletes being over a 3.0 GPA."

The success wasn't just academic, with Oakland teams winning 13 Horizon League championships out of 40 total in the last two years of competition, according to Konya. The Golden Grizzlies have

been runner-up seven of those 40 times.

"Half of our teams are competing for championships in any given time in the Horizon League," Konya said. "We should be at 10 percent; we're at 50 percent."

So, to celebrate the trophies, the Nov. 14 men's basketball game vs. Western Michigan will commemorate the champions.

The "swag" part of his talk was the deal with Campus Den.

"They want to expand to close to 40 stores within the next two to three years," Konya said. "They are opening a brand-new Campus Den with an Oakland-prominent section over in the Village of Rochester Hills."

The store will be open within two weeks. The online store at GoldenGrizzlies.com is expected to be revamped within 45 days, according to a Golden Grizzlies press release.

"We also have a sister company that's a manufacturer, so we're able to do a lot of unique design concepts for the team," said John Damoth, co-owner of Campus Den. "In a nutshell, it just kind of fell in place for both parties."

Ruhl reminded the attendants that the O'rena will nationally televise five men's basketball home games on ESPN2 and ESPNU, which start with the Jan. 6 game against Valparaiso. There will be 18 home games in total for men's basketball, the most ever in a season. Konya made it seem

like this was hard to swing.

"For this to work, for us to be able to accomplish this in the future, we better have full attendance for each one of those games," Konya said. "And if there's not full attendance, I can surely tell this group and anybody who wants to quarrel with me, this will never happen again at Oakland University."

Oakland head coach Greg Kampe — who started at Oakland in 1984, when he said 33 people came to his first basketball game — said the deal with Campus Den is "huge."

For the Nov. 11 game against Bowling Green, Team 1 — the first Oakland men's basketball team — will be brought out and honored on the court the same evening that Team 50 will make its regular-season debut.

"Going back and seeing where it started and hearing those stories . . . I think that'll be one of those ah-ha moments," Konya said. "In the next 50 years, when we're celebrating Team 100, I can't imagine what this place is going to look like."

Kampe said he wants to pay tribute to the legacy — more than half of which he has spent as head coach — but that he isn't stuck in the past.

"It all kind of runs together because you're so focused on the here and now and moving forward," Kampe said. "But there'll be a day that I sit back and I think

about it."

Jeff Tungate, head coach of women's basketball, said he's got a fun team this year.

"From a coaching standpoint, I've been able to be a lot more laid-back at practice this year," he said.

Sophomore guard Taylor Jones agreed.

"It's a different atmosphere and what not, but I'm excited," she said.

Tungate said the season is full of individual aspirations.

"The pressure is to make sure our team accomplishes what they want," he said. "We have such a special group of players, and I want to make sure that they accomplish their goals and their dreams. If we can do that, then everybody that's here at the breakfast is going to benefit from that, as well."

Tungate, who took over the head coaching position for the 2013-2014 season, is getting into the groove.

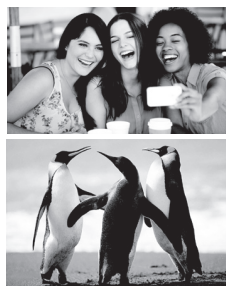
"It's been a real learning process," Tungate said. "This team is kind of what I envisioned when I took over the program."

Konya doesn't have much doubt.

"We're excited," Konya said. "We think we're going to have a really competitive women's basketball program this year."

The women's team kicks off at home vs. Michigan at 6:30 p.m. ET on Friday, Nov. 11. The men play an exhibition vs. Grand Valley at 7 p.m. ET on Monday, Nov. 7.

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## THE SPORTING BLITZ

### Men's soccer gets dominated 5-1 in Ann Arbor

Oakland men's soccer lost 5-1 at the University of Michigan (3-9-4) on Tuesday, Oct. 25. The Black and Gold actually outshot the Wolverines 18-11, but Michigan, who hadn't scored a goal in three games, unleashed four goals in 20 minutes in the second half.

"You might look at the score line, and you might think I'd be extremely disappointed with the team," Oakland head coach Eric Pogue said in a GrizzVision interview. "But that's not the case at all. I'm extremely proud of these guys, how hard they worked, how hard they battled."

Forward Nebojsa Popovic led the Golden Grizzlies with three shots on goal, followed by midfielder Alex Serwatka with two and Travis Harrington with one, six in total. Zach Walker manned the net for 90 minutes, letting in five goals and making one save.

"You're basically talking a very good game between two teams for the first half, in the beginning part of the second half, back and forth both ways," Pogue said. "And then a series of events that's out of our control basically makes it impossible for us to compete."

The game was scoreless until the 20th minute, when Michigan's Robbie Mertz scored his third goal of the season, assisted by Rylee Woods and Francis Atuahene.

Popovic tied it up off an assist from defender Nick Strack in the 27th minute, his third goal of the season. The game was tied at the half. From the 48th minute to the 66th, Michigan blew the game open with four goals.





Nowshin Chowdhury/The Oakland Post

Oakland women's soccer scored three goals in the second half in the Horizon League championship quarterfinals against Valparaiso and

# Women's soccer on to semis

## Happy Halloween for Oakland in 3-2 win over Valparaiso University

**Christian Miller**  
Staff Reporter

**I**t was all tricks and no treats for Valparaiso (9-10-0, 5-4-0) as Oakland women's soccer (9-9-1, 5-4-0) rallied from a 2-0 deficit, winning the quarterfinal match of the Horizon League Championship 3-2 at Oakland on Monday, Oct. 31.

Valparaiso commanded the first half, shuffling the ball and denying Oakland possession. The Crusaders' dominance was furthered when they netted the first goal of the game in the 43rd minute off April Cronin.

Their momentum continued into the second half as they scored a second goal in the 49th minute off Cory Griffith.

Oakland reconfigured its strategy, with a focus on attacking.

The Golden Grizzlies advanced downfield, passing the ball more often and with greater accuracy. Oakland generated more chances, leading them to outshoot Valparaiso 10-4 in the second half.

Ultimately, it was Sydney Duggan

who broke the game open for Oakland. After rebounding her own shot, Duggan followed with a goal placed in the top-left corner of the net in the 67th minute.

"Going into the second half, we knew we had to come out firing," Duggan said after the game. "All of a sudden, the ball was at my feet, and I just thought to kick. It was unreal, and you could feel the energy lift right away."

Bolstered by Duggan's efforts, the Golden Grizzlies continued the assault on Valparaiso, restricting play to the Crusaders' half as the game's conclusion neared.

An Oakland corner kick presented an opportune prospect. Sierra Grodinsky, assisted by Sydnye Gagner, tied the game 2-2 in the 83rd minute with a shot coming from the top of the goal box.

Now back in the game, the Golden Grizzlies shifted their focus to putting away the match before overtime, so as to not give Valparaiso any time to recuperate. Oakland converged on Valparaiso's net for one final attempt.

This time, it was Brooke Miura who found the net. Assisted by Aly Rawson and Gagner, Miura propelled a shot into an open net in the 87th minute, marking the game with a 3-2 Oakland lead.

"It was great to score off a set piece; we've been practicing that in training,"

Miura said. "I think [Rawson] did a fantastic job to bring [the ball] back, and honestly, I have to give credit to her because if she hadn't gotten it to me, the goal wouldn't have happened."

Miura also focused on the team's psyche after halftime.

"We had a lot of tough moments in the first half, but I think we showed a lot of resilience to be able to bounce back from that," Miura said. "At halftime we all talked together and pulled through."

Oakland head coach Mags Saurin attributed the win to the team's ability to adapt.

"I'm very happy with how the girls bounced back and responded to our tactical adjustments," Saurin said. "It means attack and attack in numbers, and put this team under a lot of pressure, and we did that."

Saurin reiterated the team's tenacity.

"There are going to be games like this, and you're going to have to come through," Saurin said. "We were prepared for it all tonight, and that's what it takes to move on and be a champion at this level."

Oakland advances to the semifinals of the Horizon League Championship, traveling to Milwaukee for the next match at 7 p.m. ET on Thursday, Nov. 3. The game will also be broadcast live on ESPN3.

## Men's soccer faces loss to Cleveland

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

**O**akland men's soccer (5-10-0, 4-4-0) put up 11 shots on goal without any sticking Saturday night in a 2-0 loss at Cleveland State (7-7-2, 4-2-2). Oakland midfielder Austin Ricci put up six shots on goal. Vikings goalkeeper Sebastian Kalk made 10 saves.

Oakland is now No. 6 in the Horizon League, Cleveland State No. 4.

"I don't think it was a 2-0 game," Oakland head soccer coach Eric Pogue said in a GrizzVision interview. "We're just struggling to find the back of the net."

Oakland's Chase Jabbori got the game started in the fourth minute with a shot the Viking team saved. Oakland got four corner kicks between the 42nd and 43rd minutes, but netted no points.

Both Viking goals came in the second half, the first one in the 60th minute off Gianluca DiFranco. DiFranco stole the ball from Oakland in Cleveland's attacking third, had a one-on-one battle with the Oakland goalkeeper Liam McQueenie, and got a low shot in.

In the 86th minute, Cleveland scored off a penalty kick. It became 2-0 Cleveland State, and it stayed that way, despite Oakland's attempts to score.

The Golden Grizzlies put up 21 shots in total, outshooting Cleveland, which got 18. Oakland had six corners to the Vikings' five.

"If we weren't creating opportunities, there would be more cause for concern," Pogue said. "But we're creating tons of opportunities."

McQueenie made three saves, but let in two. He played all 90 minutes.

"We're putting ourselves in a tough position where we can't make any individual errors because we're having a hard time scoring goals," Pogue said. "There's a lot of pressure on everybody, and I think everybody's feeling that pressure."

However, Oakland remains determined.

"We're not accustomed to losing," Pogue said. However, "The way we're playing right now isn't a losing team."

The next game is Friday, and it's elimination, Pogue said. If they win, they're in the playoffs. It's the biggest game of the year, he said.

# Volleyball takes down two league teams in two days

*Intense focus follows through as Oakland secures second in league*

**AuJenee Hirsch**  
Staff Reporter

**O**akland volleyball (17-9, 9-3) won a pair of league games over the weekend, putting the Golden Grizzlies at second in the Horizon League.

## W 3-0 vs. Wright State, Oct. 29

Oakland swept with set scores of 25-20, 25-18 and 25-20.

"We were focusing on being really intense, really focused, and it showed this weekend," outside hitter Darien Bandel said. "We played absolutely amazing, the best I think we've played collectively over a weekend, and I think it's just going to keep going from here."

Right-side hitter Jessica Dood got a season high of 14 kills. Outside hitter Melissa Deatsch got 13 kills and Bandel got 11. Setter Jordan Lentz got 39 of the team's 44 assists, while defensive

specialist Alli Gutschow got 13 digs.

During the third set, head coach Rob Beam decided to challenge a call that the officials had made using the new challenge system that was implemented this year.

"Having not used any of my challenges, plus having two timeouts, I felt really good about using a challenge, even though I wasn't sure there was actually a touch," Beam said. "I just wanted to slow the momentum down, saving our timeouts for later."

After reviewing the video of the play, the officials decided that the point would stay with Wright State. Oakland still managed to win the third set 25-20. Deatsch closed it out with a kill off an assist by Lentz.

"We need to win every single match," Deatsch said. "To us, we really wanted to make sure that

if that energy isn't natural, then we really need to force it so it becomes natural."

## W 3-1 vs. NKU, Oct. 28

Oakland beat Northern Kentucky in four sets: 25-21, 23-25, 25-12, 25-20.

"[The players] were outstanding," Beam said. "This was the best execution of a game plan that we've had all year, so I'm really proud of them."

Dood recorded a season high of 12 kills with a hitting percentage of .300, making the match the third-consecutive match where she had recorded 11 or more kills.

"I had a good feeling about tonight, that we were going to come out [with high energy]," Dood said.

Coming back from its timeout at 7-3 Oakland in the first set, NKU stepped up their offensive game, scoring a couple of



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Jessica Dood (5) put up a season high of 14 kills against Wright State.

points on the Golden Grizzlies. Oakland responded with the same offensive intensity and managed to keep their lead against NKU.

During the third set of the match, the Golden Grizzlies dominated. Deatsch and middle hitter Sammy Condon found NKU's attack pattern and con-

tinuously blocked their opponents. Once the Golden Grizzlies had the lead, the Norse could not recover.

"We were definitely fired up, and we knew that they had taken one from us last time," Condon said. "We came into the gym not wanting that to happen again and ready to play against them."

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Oakland men's and women's swim and dive teams beat Wayne State at the home opener on Saturday, Oct. 29.

# Home-opener domination

*Swimming and diving opens long season with Wayne State meet*

**Christian Miller**  
Staff Reporter

The men's and women's swim and dive teams left quite a wake in the pool during the season home opener against Wayne State University in the Oakland Aquatic Center on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The men's team won 178-106 while the women's team won 178-114. Oakland took 20 out of the possible 32 events.

Despite having lost five seniors last season, and faced with the prospect of losing 16 this season, the underclassmen made a strong impression.

Head swim coach and recent inductee into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Pete Hovland was pleased with the performances from the younger members.

"We're seeing a lot of improvement, and that's always important, that they take that next step," Hovland said. "We know that they're going to come in and swim fast their freshman year, but what they do in the off-season and on is important."

Sophomore Paul Huch placed first in the 100-yard backstroke at 49.94 seconds. He also took first in the 100 freestyle at 46.60.

Freshman Micah DeJonge was first in the 500 freestyle at 4:39.21,

contributing nine points to the men's team.

Junior Holly Morren, accompanied by freshmen Grace Shinske and Katie Colwell, bolstered the women's team.

Morren placed first in the 100 and 200 freestyles at 51.37 and 1:54.70, respectively, earning nine points each time. Shinske took two events and led the winning 200 medley relay. Shinske's time of 56.58 seconds in the 100-yard backstroke along with her time of 2:04.70 in the 200 backstroke earned Oakland 18 points.

Colwell tacked on an additional nine points with the top performance in the 50 freestyle at 23.72.

"I thought the kids responded real well," Hovland said. "You could definitely see it today, both on the women's side and on the men's side. From the onset, we had a lot of people swim fast. They like to compete, they like to show off, and they did some of that today."

He acknowledged the hardships facing Wayne State.

"A little undermanned Wayne State team today [with] a lot of injuries and illness, so [it's] not the team they're going to be at the end of the year," Hovland said.

He also stressed the importance of keeping the athletes condi-

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**Pete Hovland**  
Head swimming coach

tioned through rigorous training programs.

"We have another three weeks of that, but we try to make a nice blend of it, so we don't beat them up too much," Hovland said. "We haven't raced in a couple of weeks, and it's still kind of early in the season for us, so keeping them somewhat fresh, but yet hopefully swimming faster in practices and on certain sets, is crucial."

The preparation of both teams will be tried during the next meet.

"We've got a big test with three conference opponents next weekend at UIC," Hovland said. "That's going to be a two-day meet with all of the events, so we'll see how they handle the five-hour drive and travelling, because that's always a neutralizer."

## Women's cross country league champion again

*Levy, Stroede take individual league titles, Rice named Horizon League Co-Coach of the Year*

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

After sweeping the Horizon League Cross Country Championship last year with both teams, Oakland put up another title for the women and a fifth-place finish for the men on Saturday, Oct. 29, in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

"Kudos to the Horizon League for making more heavy trophies than they had last year," Oakland head coach Paul Rice said in a GrizzVision interview. "These girls just ran their hearts out."

Rachel Levy won the women's 6K in 21:35.4, and Bryce Stroede won the men's 8K in 25:01.3.

"I knew that I didn't want to take it out in the beginning," Levy said in a Horizon League interview after the race. "I feel like whatever I do, I always end up struggling at the end. It helped to have my teammates right along with me for most of the race, and then towards the end, the finish was great."

Stroede had a similar strategy.

"At about 7K, I made my move with a K to go," Stroede said in the Horizon League video. "Went up the hill and never really looked back at that point. Just trying to get the lowest stick I could for the team."

In Oakland's Division I history, Stroede is the second man to win an individual league title, and Levy is the third woman to do so. Levy and Stroede were both named Horizon League Athletes of the Year.

"Scoring 32 points last year and trying to better that is a big challenge," Rice said. "We've been a little up and down this year with people. A few injuries and illnesses, and it's great to see everybody on the same page on the same day. That's the way you want to script it."

Levy was followed by Mi-

randa Haas (21:54.6, 2), Alana Koepf (22:07.4, 4), Ashley Burr (22:13.5, 6), Karli Keur (22:59.0, 15), Lydia Stanley (23:14.5, 22) and Kendra Coles (23:38.7, 33), making four top-10 finishes for the women.

Following Stroede were Connor Wuori (25:55.5, 6), Michael Cox (26:51.0, 23), Matthew Ritter (27:39.6, 46), Jacob Greer (27:40.9, 47), Brad Mallory (28:09.3, 54) and Cameron Karagitz (28:33.0, 57), making two top-10 finishes for the men.

On the Horizon League First Team for the women were Levy, Haas, Koepf and Burr. For the men, Stroede and Wuori.

Rice was given Horizon League Co-Coach of the Year.

Oakland graduates six seniors this year — five women and one man.

"It was great to have the [senior women] go out like this, with a championship and some great hardware today," Rice said.

Four women in the top six was a salient number.

"It comes with a lot of hard work with this group collectively in practice every day," Rice said. "They push each other constantly. The reality is it could be any of these four girls that won this race today. They mix it up well and support each other."

Going into the league championship, the women's team was ranked 11th in the Great Lakes Region in the most recent U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll. It's the highest spot the team has gotten in program history.

Rice is proud of Stroede, as well.

"We had a race plan going in," Rice said. "He stuck with it and did exactly what we talked about to win that title."

Next year, the Horizon League Championship is at Oakland.