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POLL OF THE WEEK

What do you think of the rekindled rivalry with the Detroit Titans?

- A** They're not worth our time
- B** I'm glad OU has a new rival
- C** Down with the Titans! I hate them!
- D** I don't follow sports

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What did you think of the two snow days marking the beginning of this semester?

- A**) It was great having an extra two days of vacation.
53.6%
- B**) OU needed to do it to keep us safe.
46.4%
- C**) I feel ripped off. I pay for classes.
0%
- D**) I don't care, all of my classes are online.
0%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

JANUARY 15, 1965

OU's newest classroom building was named in honor of Mathilda R. Wilson. The \$2.5 million structure that included an art gallery was stated to be complete by early '66

JANUARY 15, 1979

OU's Board of Trustees approved the construction of a road North of Meadow Brook Music Festival, what is now Meadow Brook Road. The \$100,000 project was funded by the state highway commission and included a bike path.

JANUARY 13, 1993

Oakland County executive L. Brooks Patterson stepped down from the OU Board of Trustees.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

BRAVERY IN THE BLIZZARD // Editor-in-Chief Scott Wolchek prepares himself for a dreaded walk to The Post on Jan. 7, the second day OU was closed for a snow day. He whined a lot about how it took him 30 minutes to clear the snow off of his car, but he was courageous enough to don a ski mask, a blazer and white sweat pants just to get into his office. Unfortunately, he found out the hard way the door was locked. *JON DAVIS // The Oakland Post*

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3-pointers needed for Bader to break NCAA record

442

Bader's 3-point career total

31.95

Miles between OU and UDM's campuses

3,692

Days since OU faced the Detroit Titans

9

Number of teams in the Horizon League

STAFF EDITORIAL

Incest joke provokes the wrath of Freep reporter's followers

The invention of social media has brought several great things to Western civilization— instant communication across the world, immediate news coverage and of course, pictures of your cat.

However, the advent of sites like Twitter, Facebook and Instagram has brought a few perils to the work environment.

For example, Free Press reporter Zlati Meyer implied that West Virginia has an incest problem on her Twitter on Monday, Jan. 13.

"#WestVirginia has its tainted water problem under ctrl. Now, it can work on incest."

Although she deleted it posthaste, the not-so-hilarious tweet went viral and Meyer is now feeling the wrath of raging West Virginians.

Some responses to her apology tweet include:

@frohnapp2: "@Zlatimeyer you're an idiot."

@wvdukegirl: "@freep nice reporters you have. Disgusted. Please reprimand @Zlatimeyer for her tasteless tweet"

@ryrivard: "@Zlatimeyer my family is from Detroit and moved

"#WestVirginia has its tainted water problem under ctrl. Now, it can work on incest."

Zlati Meyer
Detroit Free Press reporter

to WV. I don't really think that counts as a "joke." Just pure disgraceful bigotry.

Of course, these are just some of the PG-rated comments. Most of the others involve some... uncouth and barbaric language to say the least.

The moral of the story is that nowadays, one must understand that there are no barriers to social media. You're going to be held accountable for what you say, even if you thought it was really, really funny at the time.

This holds true especially if you're a public figure.

Followers will laugh along with your posts until you cross a line.

And, the crossing of that line can always be avoided by applying some good ol' fashioned, common sense.

Don't say anything you wouldn't say to your boss.

It's as simple as that. Meyer could potentially have been fired for this unfortunate tweet.

But, although her joke was fairly offensive, Meyer isn't the only wrong-doer in this situation.

Responding to her apology tweet with anger and name-calling is just going to add fuel to the fire. Obviously, Meyer is correcting her mistake, but nobody seems to care. They're calling her a "classless, elitist, liberal, communist bitch" for god's sake.

What is left to do is to accept her apology and move on.

Meyer may be feeling the wrath of pissed off West Virginians, but her situation could happen to anyone.

Think before you tweet or post that hilarious status.

It might not get the reception you were hoping for.

And lastly, when you're trying to subtly bash an entire state, don't tag them in the tweet.

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EDITORIAL

Bearing all the weight of the holidays

Examining the 'War on Christmas,' and how cold it feels to be the outsider this season

Atop the new bell tower, 151 feet up, sits the perfect example of why the month of December is a cold hell for any Jew.

I was raised in a predominately Jewish household. It wasn't a bad existence, and really, it was pretty much like everyone else's.

But the first early lesson in that community comes around this time of year: how inescapable and suffocating the spirit of Christmas really is.

I get it! It's a big deal. It's not every day your chosen deity turns another year older.

I would understand if you partied it up all week long—heck, I'd give you a fortnight. After all, the only well-known Jewish holiday runs for eight nights straight.

What's fair is fair.

Except that, as I grow older, I see more and more that the treatment of holidays is exceptionally unfair.

Over the break I was speaking with a Muslim friend of mine, who wished to remain anonymous.

The conversation immediately lead to the peculiar placement of a Christmas tree atop the unfinished bell tower.

"It's beautiful symbolism," they said. "Christmas

getting placed above everything else."

I do not know who's choice it was to place the tree there—whether it was that of the University or the random acts of some overly festive construction workers. Regardless, I'm not angry; I don't feel that they've done anything wrong. They've just done what every other organization has already done.

Placed Christmas at the top, and didn't think that we would mind at the bottom.

I'm not angry at anyone—let me make that clear. You have the right to celebrate your religion as openly as you wish.

But do not look me in the eye to tell me that there is a "war" on Christmas.

It is not an option to participate in this holiday. If I walk out my door, I'm forced to endure it.

I'm forced to see Santa wherever I go. Forced to hear carols. Forced to take part in the monopoly of an entire season.

Don't tell me that it's going away—you wouldn't tell a drowning man, adrift in the ocean, that the water around him will soon dry up.

This war is imaginary, and so are its enemies.

People who chose to say 'Happy Holidays' instead of 'Merry Christmas' aren't killing its spirit.



JON DAVIS

photo editor



Jon Davis / The Oakland Post

They're making it stronger.

They're caring about individuals other than themselves. Giving kindness and comfort regardless of differences.

And as far as I can tell, that's what Christmas is about.

These people aren't your enemies, they're your friends. And they're doing a kindness for people like me.

They're making sure that for this holiday season, I won't be left out in the cold.

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OUSC implements survey for OC expansion

Alex Kujawski
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Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) ushered in the winter semester on Jan. 13 with its first meeting of 2014.

The session began when student representatives from the Oakland University Board of Trustees addressed Student Congress regarding an upcoming survey focusing on the expansion of the Oakland Center.

"It's important students take this survey so we have accurate information to send to the administration for why we need an expansion of the OC," Student Liaison Samantha Wolf said.

Visual Communications Director, Maria Arellano, re-



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OUSC President Brandon Hanna conducts the first meeting.

ceived a complaint from an Oakland University student about the recently approved "OUSC Spirit of the Grizz" scholarship, which was unanimously passed by Congress at the Nov. 18 meeting.

"The student was upset about how the scholarship was being awarded," Arellano said. "They thought it was a popularity contest."

Legislator and Scholarship Committee Chair, Madi-

son Kubinski, responded to the complaint.

"Maybe it's not a scholarship that will happen again in years to come, but sometimes it's nice to do something for school spirit," Kubinski said. "I am sorry if anyone was offended or took it the wrong way."

The scholarship campaign was designed for students to post photos of themselves on Instagram and Facebook in Oakland University gear. The student with the most votes was set to win a \$250 award as well as a plaque.

The meeting was adjourned after just 10 minutes, allowing Professor Jerry Grossman and former Student Congress member, Brett McIsaac, to review procedural rules with the legislative body.

"This is something we typically do once or twice per year to ensure the new legislators understand the process," OUSC President Brandon Hanna said.

Professor Grossman, a member of the Oakland University Senate, took some time to discuss the method of conducting meetings in a clear and concise manner.

"The basic idea is that we should have majority rule, but there should be protection for the rights of those in the minority as well," Grossman said.

Brett McIsaac, who is partially responsible for enacting Bear Bus, the on-campus shuttle service, and seeing the completion of the Oakland University disc golf course, presented to Congress the proper approach to writing a new bill.

"We asked him to speak because he knows the ins and outs of Student Congress," Hanna said.

The Bear Bus launches new tracking app for OU

Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

Grizzlies can download a new mobile application to pinpoint locations of vans and shuttles

The mobile application TransLoc Transit Visualization allows students to track down Bear Bus locations.

"Normally students have to go to a spot and hope the Bear Bus will be there," Owen O'Connor, Bear Bus driver, said. "With the new application, they can track us and see how close we are instead of having to call and ask us."

TransLoc Device

TransLoc is available for all devices. There are several ways to use the TransLoc device. It can be downloaded as an application on smart phones, accessed on mobile web or arrival time can be sent through a text message.

Step-by-step instructions are

"We want to focus on servicing the OU community and meeting needs of students to the best of our ability"

Abu Young

Bear Bus coordinator

provided on the Bear Bus website.

Through the TransLoc device students can also view the full route of specific busses or shuttles.

"I think it'll be really good because it allows our riders to know exactly where our buses are, so they don't have to wait around," Abu Young, bear bus coordinator, said. "We can also send out messages through the app to let them know if a bus is down for the day."

The Bear Bus has expanded to become more accessible to students. Since creation in 2009 Bear Bus has added six shuttles



Kailee Mathias / The Oakland Post

The Bear Bus waits for students at the George T. Matthews apartments. Bear Buses also run off-campus.

and has a ridership of 24,000 rides per year.

"We've added shelters for the three stops and new buses were added and we're trying to get the word out more for students to utilize it," said Ashley Monticciolo, student services director for Student Congress.

Serving the community

Currently the program has 35 drivers plus three supervisors. They hope to have 40 drivers at

full capacity.

"We want to focus on servicing the OU community and meeting needs of students to the best of our ability," Young said.

Another advantage the Bear Bus allows van rentals. Academic Departments, Student Affairs Departments and Oakland Student Organizations can rent a Bear Bus for ten dollars an hour.

The renter must have the bus for a minimum of an hour and

only trained Bear Bus drivers can operate the vans.

Monday through Thursday, the on-campus routes run from 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Friday routes run from 6 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

A full schedule is available on their website oakland.edu/bearbus.

For more information on the Bear Bus, visit their Facebook and twitter page or follow their Instagram, @oubearbus.

Education program wins grant

Reading Recovery Center continues remedial courses with new money

Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

The OU Reading Recovery Center received the Investing in Innovation (i3) federal grant, allowing education leaders to continue aiding first-graders who struggle with reading and writing.

"We want to get in early and prevent literacy difficulties before they start," Dr. Mary Lose, Associate Professor and Director of the Reading Recovery Center of Michigan said. "Research shows that if children are low performing in literacy in grade one, they are very likely to remain low performing through grade four."

The i3 grant gave Oakland \$4,011,688 to spend throughout five years (2010-2015), according to the website oakland.edu\readingrecovery. Oakland University is one of only 19 universities in the United States to offer a Reading Recovery University Training Center.

"The grant will support the training of 3,700 Reading Recovery teachers nationally and 250 in Michigan," Dr. Robert Schwartz, research consultant

for Reaing Recovery Council of North America said.

Schwartz helped develop the Reading Recovery Center at Oakland University in 1991.

"We have over 20 years of data in the U.S. that show when we intervene early we can turn struggling non-readers into readers and writers," Lose said.

Evolution of reading recovery

Although established in Michigan, in 1991, the Reading Recovery Center was initially founded in New Zealand by Dr. Marie M. Clay. In 1984 it came to the United States at Ohio State University.

"It has continued to evolve over time to incorporate new insights related to early literacy learning and instruction and has spread across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia," Schwartz said.

Throughout Michigan there are 13 regional Reading Recovery sites each monitored by a Reading Recovery teacher leader. It is their job to train teachers, and support their continued professional learning. Teachers are selected by the schools in which they work and their training takes a full year. In previous years, each school has paid for the training, but the i3 federal grant has covered these initial training costs for schools.

The program takes the bottom

percentage of 1st graders learning to read and works with them for 12-20 weeks for 30 minutes each day.

Statistics of recovery

"Seventy-five percent of these low performing children are able to reach grade level expectations," Schwartz said.

"The research evidence shows that Reading Recovery works and policy makers and schools can use this evidence to invest precious education funds on an intervention that helps children struggling with literacy," Lose said.

During the 2012-2013 school year, 2,170 students were taught by 261 trained teachers, according to the Reading Recovery Center executive summary. At the beginning of the fall semester, 44 percent of the first-graders in the program were, statistically, well behind average. After completion of the program, no first graders remained in that category.

Initially, none of the first-graders were above average, however by the end of an estimated 15-20 weeks, according to the executive summary, 16 percent were.

"One in 11 Michigan first graders who need Reading Recovery are without the opportunity to receive the intervention, and I'd like this to change," Lose said. "After all, when we invest in early intervention, we invest in our young citizens and our collective future."

POLICE FILES

Open container in student's car

OUPD discovered a student drinking on campus Jan. 5.

The department received a phone call from a student, stating his car was stuck in a snow bank.

The officer arrived on scene and several grounds workers successfully pushed the car free, when one of the workers stated they smelled alcohol from the car.

The officer inspected the vehicle and found six empty liquor bottles in the car.

The student was issued a misdemeanor for open intoxicants.

Person of interest

OUPD has received complaints about Ahmed Adams.

He engages in inappropriate behavior and approaches women on campus. He has been officially prohibited from campus by a no trespass order.

OUPD has asked that students notify them if they see Adams on campus. Students can call at (248) 370-3333.

Description:

- Black male
- 41 years old
- 5 feet 10 inches
- 150 pounds

Domestic assault in apartments

A student was arrested for domestic violence Jan. 2.

Officers received a phone call from the student saying her boyfriend was attacking her. Officers searched near the Ann V. Nicholson Apartments and found both parties.

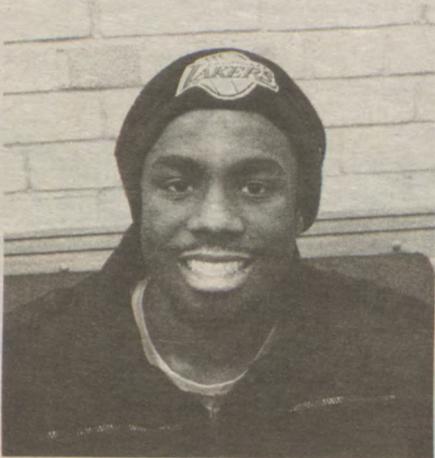
After taking statements from both the boyfriend and student, it was determined the student instigated the altercation by slapping the boyfriend and cutting his lip. His actions were in self-defense.

After arrest, the student was transferred to Oakland County Jail and banned from campus.

— Compiled by Brian Figurski and Haley Kotwicki, Copy Editor and Chief Copy Editor

Grizzlies on the Prowl:

What do you think about Obamacare?



Ryan Mondstoves III

"I think it's a good idea, but I'm not that into politics."



Gabrielle Biatek

"I think it's a good idea but I don't think they're going about doing it the right way."



Joey Letkowski

"I think it's flawed but it was necessary, in time they'll probably get it right."



Burning hearts, Burning rubber

Chrysler and Ford vie for students' attention at The Detroit International Auto Show

Ali DeRees
Staff Reporter

It is the week where automakers and car enthusiasts alike are revved up for the 2014 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) at the COBO Center in Detroit.

Students are the ideal market for the automotive industry. They will be buying the cars featured in this show in the near future and automakers are paying attention to their wants and needs.

Electric avenue

Ford's Chief Engineer of Electrified Powertrain Systems Dr. Mazen Hammoud described the rise and importance of electric cars, specifically, the 2014 Ford Focus Electric.

Hammoud says that Ford is looking to "find ways beyond powertrain (motor)" to help power their future and create

a cleaner environment.

With an EPA estimated MPGe of 110 (city), this all-electric vehicle is powered by a large lithium-ion battery and an electric motor.

Ford now has an app called My Ford Mobile in which users can track battery life in their Focus Electric, according to Hammoud.

The Focus also offers a system called Brake Coach. Regenerative braking using electricity from the motor is used instead of the traditional friction applied to the tires. There is a screen found above the steering wheel that gives you a score on the severity of your braking.

Hammoud says that showing drivers their braking patterns helps them to make less aggressive stops and, therefore, creating more fuel efficiency.

Other technologies that come with the Focus include automatic steering that corrects your steering and

an alarm system that signals when a driver will collide with another car, Hammoud said.

Hammoud says that there is a growing demand for electrical engineers within Ford. He encourages graduating OU students with engineering degrees to apply for jobs at Ford, noting that the Vice President of Powertrain is an Oakland University graduate.

Get connected

Chrysler unveiled the 2015 Chrysler 200, a reasonably priced mid-sized sedan.

Manager of the Chrysler 200 Product Communications Kathy Graham described the 2015 200 as vehicle that is "all new from the ground up."

With an EPA estimated 35 mpg, the Chrysler 200 is both fuel efficient and advanced in its technology with a "thoughtful interior," Graham said.

Making technology that could be used by all ages was

very important when it came to designing this vehicle.

The 200 has what Graham calls a "smart use of small space." This includes compartments to hold and charge specific items such as a tablet and cell phone.

The vehicle also includes the Smart Uconnect system. This includes a GPS navigation and voice recognition technology.

The "text to talk" feature on Uconnect allows you to listen to text messages you receive as well as send texts orally with your phone programmed to the car, according to Graham.

Graham believes that the 200 is the perfect car for students on the go. They do not have to sacrifice style or ease to get a quality vehicle.

The Auto Show is open Saturday, Jan. 18 through Saturday, January 25, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, Jan. 26, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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1. The all new Chrysler 200, re-designed from the ground up, has an EPA estimate of 35 mpg's, and features an all new "thoughtful interior," designed to push forward both technological intuition, and easy to use interface.

2. The 2014 Ford Focus affords buyer's the choice of an all-electric, hybrid fuel or full hybrid engine. It also features a state-of-the-art braking system, utilizing the vehicle's front and rear cameras.

3. The 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee (left) will be one of two Chrysler SUV's featuring a road efficient diesel engine.

RIVALRY REVIVED

Classic first Horizon League game proves
OU-UDM rivalry is alive and well

Story by Matt Saulino, Marko Polovina & Jake Alsko Photos by Jake Alsko
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Clash with the Titans

Fueled by hot second-half 3-point shooting, the Oakland Golden Grizzlies (7-12, 2-2) rallied from 12 down to defeat the University of Detroit Mercy Titans (8-10, 1-2) 77-69 at Calihan Hall in Detroit Jan. 11.

3-pointers from seniors Duke Mondy and Travis Bader, who combined for 26 second-half points, lifted Oakland past the Titans. Mondy finished the game with 18 points and Bader with 14 points.

"We knew the whole time we got into this conference, this game was gonna be different than other games," Mondy said. "Bader brought all of us together during a timeout. He said 'We're not losing this game,' and we believed in him and ourselves to do it."

The Titans had numbers in transition after a Grizzly miss, but a takeaway from Mondy, the nation's second-ranked pickpocket at 3.86 steals per game, gave OU a second chance.

Instead of passing to a wide-open Bader, Mondy spotted up to hit a game-changing three to tie the game at 68. After a stop, OU went back down the court where Bader hit another 3-pointer to give them their first lead since 9 minutes left in the first half.

"Dante (Williams) made a great play to get us another possession after Duke's three," Bader said. "I ended up wide-open and made the shot."

It was a big win for OU, and looks to be forming a new rivalry

with the Titans.

"I fought for a long time to get into the Horizon League, 30 years, and it's kind of an emotional moment now," OU head coach Greg Kampe. "It's nice to be able to get in here and see our fans in the crowd."

Grizzly fans standing outside after the game were cheering so loud that Kampe was forced to talk over them in his post-game press conference.

OU was neck and neck with Detroit the majority of the first half, trading baskets with the Titans with neither lead growing to more than four through the first 15 minutes

McCallum couldn't find a way to stop him.

"Petros' ability to give them a post game tonight was helpful for them," McCallum said. "That and some timely threes put us in a tough position."

It was a bounce-back game for Petros, who was coming off of a disappointing performance against Milwaukee three days prior.

"It's a big rivalry, and I always want to work hard," Petros said. "It felt good to get the win."

Forward Juwan Howard Jr., son of former University of Michigan great Juwan Howard, was the top

Ironically, a Titan student holding a "Kampe listens to Nickelback" sign was later thrown out of the game

of the game. In that span, the two teams traded leads nine times. As the half started to close, the Titans managed to pull ahead by eight points, leading 33-25 as they headed for the locker room.

The Grizzly offense was heavily dependent on Corey Petros, who scored 23 points and had 13 rebounds. He led the game in both categories and UDM Coach Ray

performer for UDM, scoring 15 for the Titans.

OU pulled within three, twice, early in the second half, but the Grizzlies finally broke through when freshman guard Kahlil Felder completed a 3-point play to tie the game at 61 with 5:52 left.

UDM regained the lead once more on a 3-point play from Howard, but the Grizzlies ended



the game on an 11-1 run to put the Titans away.

Despite the dramatic win, Kampe was focused on the bigger picture.

"It's not just the win. Don't get me wrong, I'm happy we won, but it's not just that," Kampe said. "We're part of it (Horizon League) now, and that's what I'm happy about."

OU faces Cleveland St. Thursday, Jan. 16. The team will then conclude their three-game road trip Jan. 22 in Green Bay.

Foes Once Again

It didn't take long for the Golden Grizzlies' rivalry with Detroit Mercy to rear its head once again. The two schools hadn't played each other in men's basketball since 2003, and including Jan. 11's game, UDM still leads the all-time series, 10-2.

"There's a lot of rivalry between these two schools," said UDM freshman Mikaël Paulik. "I've noticed they really don't like each other when it comes to sports. Given the proximity of the two schools, it's going to be friendly, but definitely a great rivalry."

Ironically, a Titan student holding a "Kampe listens to Nickelback" sign was later thrown out of the game for inappropriate gestures towards OU fans, according to several students from both schools. But otherwise, tensions were kept

within reason.

"It seems unnecessary, but it does add fuel to a rivalry," said Julian Evans-Means, a 19-year old business economics major at OU, on fans occasionally crossing the line. "And it could be becoming one right now because of it."

With the Titans appearing to have a firm grasp on their 11th win over OU, the Grizzlies were able to find their shooting touch late in the second half. By clawing back to an improbable 77-69 victory, head coach Greg Kampe and his team were vindicated from an otherwise underwhelming performance, instead leaving Titan fans in demoralized shock.

Charged Atmosphere

Those last few minutes of the game reaffirmed what most had predicted, a biannual, in-state conference grudge match because of location and history.

"It makes it much more fun since they're both on the same level and it's exciting to go to because of how the close it all turned out," said 20-year-old Titan Mary Colombo. "There's a lot more students here than usual."

Calihan Hall's attendance, marked at 6,976, was Detroit Mercy's highest total since reaching 7,127 on Feb. 23, 2002.

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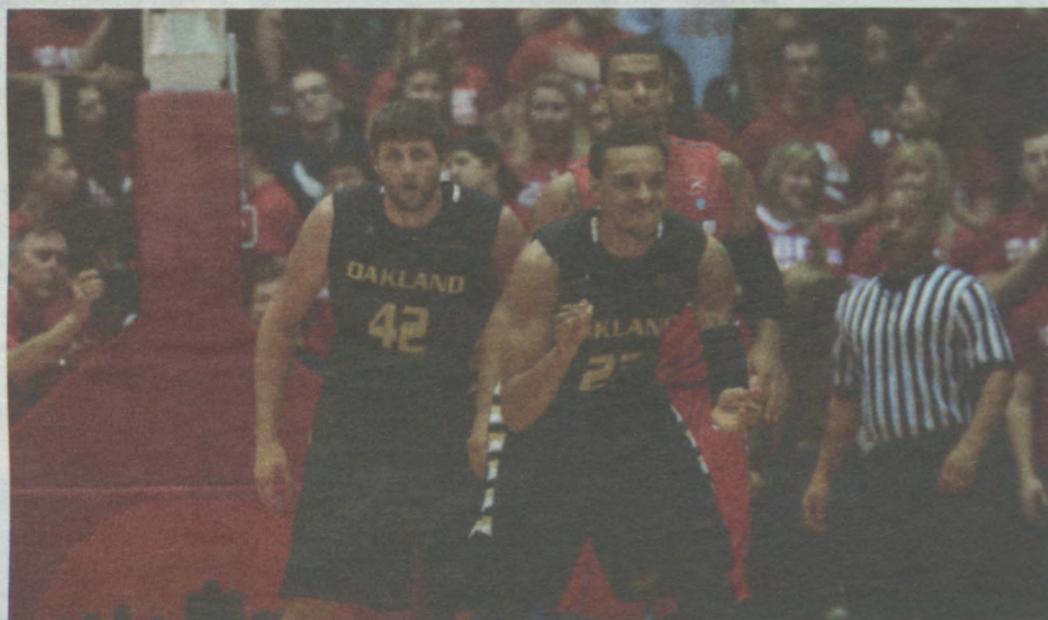
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(Above) Travis Bader lets
loose a 3-pointer. Oakland
shot 6-of-13 from 3-point
range in the second half.

(Top right) The Grizzlies
overcame poor shooting
and a hostile environment
to secure the victory over
the Titans.

(Middle right) Tommie
McCune (23) celebrates
a Grizzly score before
bearing down on defense.

(Bottom right) Brave
OU fans sat in the UDM
student section to rub the
comeback in their faces.





Meryl Davis and Charlie White danced to a sixth national title and a spot on the Olympic team. *Courtesy of the Washington Post*

ON GOLDEN POND

Seven Michigan-trained figure skaters head to the Olympics

Victoria Crow
Contributor

Next month, millions of people will focus their attention on the 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

Fifteen US figure skaters will take to the ice at Iceberg Skating Palace in Sochi, Russia.

Seven train here in Michigan.

US Figure Skating announced its Olympic team Sunday at the 2014 US National Figure Skating Championships in Boston. Although the national event wasn't technically the Olympic qualifier, the event's results played huge role in the Olympic selection committee's decision.

Jeremy Abbott, who skates at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills, earned a berth on his second Olympic team by winning his fourth national title Sunday.

"Four time national champion is crazy," Abbott said. "I'm just a small town boy. I never thought that I would be here."

Abbott, 28, moved to Michigan in 2009 to train at the Detroit Skating Club.

All three ice dance couples who qualified for the Olympic team also train in Michigan.

Meryl Davis and Charlie White, who train in Canton at the Arctic Edge Arena, won a record 6th US ice dance title and head to the games as the favorite for the gold medal.

"We are so lucky to be part of such an amazing team," White said. "We've had a lot of great momentum over the last four years since the 2010 Olympics, and we think we've put ourselves in a great position to bring home a gold medal."

Davis and White are Michigan natives. She hails from West Bloomfield; he from Bloomfield Hills. They won a silver medal at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, Canada.

"Ice dance is a crazy sport, it's a crazy life, but moments like this you don't really prepare for, you only dream of," Alex said following the announcement of their Olympic team selection.

Madison Chock and Evan Bates, who skate at the Novi Ice Arena, placed 2nd. Chock said making the Olympic team was her lifelong dream.

"We're so happy and we couldn't be in better company," she said. "We're just so thrilled."

Although no ladies or pair skaters from Michigan will compete for the United States at the Olympics, Hannah Miller represented the Lansing Skating Club, placing 9th in a field of 21 ladies.

Pairs team Lindsay Davis and Rockne Brubaker, who train in Canton, also finished 9th.

The Olympics begin February 6.



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(FROM LEFT) Kourtney Grant, Abigail Haelewyn, Jordan Penz and Meghan Reynolds talk about their last year.

LESSONS LEARNED GRIZZLIES SAY GOODBYE

Seniors of women's soccer team reflect on final season

Jake Alsko
Sports Editor

nice tournament, it was run well and it was organized.

Reynolds: It was a great experience making it to the Horizon League finals this year. Would have obviously liked a better result to have happened but glad we showed we can compete in the Horizon League.

Was your playing career at Oakland everything you expected it to be? Was there a difference between expectation and reality?

Haelewyn: It was a great experience. I didn't really have any set expectations, but it was way better than anything I could have predicted.

Penz: I came in knowing that nothing was going to be easy but I was going to have the time of my life. I dealt with some roller coasters that were not expected at all, along with seven knee surgeries, but I would not take anything back for any reason.

How did you grow as a person over your time at Oakland? What lessons did you learn?

Grant: Patience is a virtue, as cliché as it sounds. I hardly saw the field my freshman through junior year, but I remained positive and worked hard in practice so that when I did see the field I could give my maximum effort. Nothing is ever given to you and the most

important things in life you have to work for.

"The team has become my family over the past four years."

Kourtney Grant
Defender, Women's Soccer

Reynolds: I learned many lessons throughout my four years here that it would be impossible to list them. All the lessons that I learned allowed for me to grow as a person and really discover who I am.

Can you speak on your team and the group of seniors as a whole, and your relationship with them?

Grant: The team has become my family over the past four years. I will never forget these girls and the things we have accomplished over the past four years. They are an incredible and driven group of women and they will achieve nothing but success in the future. They know they can come to me if they need any help or guidance in the future.

Haelewyn: Our group of seniors is full of different personalities and every single person brings something unique to the table, which makes our class so great.

Oakland women's soccer had a very successful first year in the Horizon League, going 10-9-2 (4-3) and making it to the Horizon League Championship game before losing a tightly contested 4-3 contest against Milwaukee on Nov. 10, 2013.

The 2013 roster featured eight seniors, leadership that will be greatly missed. Golden Grizzly seniors Kourtney Grant, Abigail Haelewyn, Jordan Penz and Meghan Reynolds reflected on their playing careers as Grizzlies.

"I came in knowing that nothing was going to be easy but I was going to have the time of my life."

Jordan Penz
Defender, Women's Soccer

Can you speak on this year's conference tournament and making it to the finals, what was that experience like?

Penz: Having gone so far into our conference tournament was a dream come true. The result of the game was not what we wanted, however. It was a very

Grizzly home invasion

Oakland earns first Horizon League win with 78-63 road victory over Titans

Adam Kujawski
Staff Intern

Kim Bee and Olivia Nash, who added 17, 16 and 12 points, respectively.

The Oakland University Golden Grizzlies (6-9, 1-1) defeated their newfound rival, the University of Detroit Mercy Titans (3-13, 0-3), 78-63 at Calihan Hall on Saturday afternoon.

Four Grizzlies scored in double digits in a dominant effort to spoil the Titans' homecoming game.

"Great first Horizon League win for our program," OU head coach Jeff Tungate said in an interview with OUGrizzlies.com.

"We really did a nice job defensively this afternoon and ran good offense in the second half.

"I cannot tell you how much we appreciate our fans. Seeing all the Grizz Gang, boosters, families and friends in attendance really means a lot to our program. They played a huge part in our win."

Elena Popkey tallied a double-double and was Oakland's leading scorer as she netted 22 points on 7-of-14 shooting - including 3-of-4 from behind the three-point line - in addition to grabbing 10 rebounds.

She was joined in scoring by Bethany Watterworth,

The Grizzlies held the lead the entire game, and after a quick start, they found themselves ahead 20-7 with 11 minutes remaining in the first half.

A flurry of Oakland fouls toward the end of the half allowed the Titans to erase most of the deficit and head into the locker room down by a score of 30-27, despite shooting just 25 percent from the field.

Titans guard Senee Shearer scored 13 of her game-high 29 points in the first 11 minutes of the second half. Poor defense and additional foul trouble kept the Titans within striking distance until Oakland's Kim Bee scored eight points in four minutes down the stretch.

The 78-63 victory improves the Grizzlies to 1-1 on their inaugural Horizon League season, while dropping the Titans to 0-3 in conference play on the year. OU will look to sweep Detroit when the two teams meet again at the Athletics Center O'rena Feb. 13.

Next up, Oakland will host the University of Illinois at Chicago Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m.



The women's basketball team won their first league match-up 78-63 against the University of Detroit Mercy Titans Jan. 11 at Calihan Hall.



Jake Alsko / The Oakland Post

Travis Bader hopes to land with either an NBA or overseas team once his Golden Grizzly career comes to an end.

Grizzly shooting star aims high

Guard Travis Bader is 16 3-pointers short of all-time NCAA record

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

In his Oakland career, Travis Bader has piled up statistics as a Golden Grizzly, but he is on the brink of his most impressive accomplishment yet. Bader is currently on pace to break the all-time NCAA 3-point record held by former Duke guard and current Los Angeles Clipper J.J. Redick.

Redick holds the record at 457 threes in 1,126 attempts from 2002-2006, leaving Bader just 16 "Bader Bombs" shy of cementing his legacy in NCAA basketball history. Bader also currently ranks fourth all-time in scoring for Oakland with 2,067 points, passing former teammate Keith Benson earlier this season.

Bader spoke with The Post on his Grizzly career and what the record would mean to him.

On how he got to Oakland:

"Coming out of Okemos high school, I wasn't heavily recruited by any means. This was the only Division I school to offer me a scholarship. For me, it was a no-brainer with wanting to play DI basketball, and it was

close to home."

On remembering his first 3-pointer:

"It was at West Virginia, and I came in and hit my first shot that I took, it was a three. And I think I had another backdoor layup followed by another three. That was all in the first half. I was blessed to be out there and get the start in my first game as a freshman, and I took advantage of the opportunity."

On his most memorable moment at OU:

"It's gotta be playing in the NCAA Tournament (in 2011) from winning the Summit League's conference tournament. That beats anything that I can remember.

Just celebrating with the guys on the court after we won and getting to go through the whole process of the Selection Show Sunday."

On "The Record":

"I didn't know where I was at before this morning when somebody came up and told me, but it's not like I'm asking people where I'm at. I'm not going to be adding the number in my head. I'm just going to go out there and try and play the same game ... I'm not going to force it."

On his future:

"When the season is over I'd like to get a look from the NBA and maybe overseas, as well."

On coach Kampe:

"I can't even put it into words, he's the reason I'm here. For me, he's been everything. He's never satisfied, and that's good because he's always pushing me to do more. He's always there for me off the court if I ever need him, and I have the utmost respect for that man."

The Grizzlies play next at Cleveland State Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. and at Green Bay Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. As Bader chases the 3-point record, OU fans can stream these games live on the Horizon League's website, www.horizonleague.org. Oakland then returns home to play the University of Illinois at Chicago Jan. 25.

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Beautifying banners

Auburn Hills and OU create University Drive Streetscape

Ali DeRees
Staff Reporter

As you head down University Drive toward campus, you may notice some new signs hanging from the light poles that line the road. Oakland University and the City of Auburn Hills have teamed up in an advertising project that benefits both parties.

Banner buddies

According to Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing John Young, these banners are a part of the city and university's The University Drive Streetscape project.

"The fourteen banners are one component of a jointly funded multi component project that started with the city painting the street poles black," Young said.

Auburn Hills Assistant City Manager Tom Tanghe said, "The banners were a total of \$5,325.00. 50 percent allocated to

OU and 50 percent paid by the Auburn Hills Tax Increment Finance Authority which is an economic development arm of the City."

Young enjoys working with the city and the relationship they have built from working with one another.

"The City Of Auburn Hills and Oakland University have a very good working relationship on many fronts," Young said. "The University Drive Streetscape is just one example of that relationship."

Awkward areacode

The exact location of Oakland University confusing to some and has been contested by previous representatives of the City of Auburn Hills.

While the university has a mailing address of Rochester, the majority of the campus lies in Auburn Hills, with a small portion located in Rochester Hills.

When Matilda Dodge Wilson first donated the land for the university to

be built, Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills did not exist. Only the City of Rochester existed. The mailing address has stayed that way ever since.

Young noted the school's website and official mailing address show the university is located in Auburn Hills.

Tanghe is aware of the disagreements regarding the university's exact home, but he does not let that get in the way of the successful relationship the city and school have.

"While there is some sensitivity to the 'OU in Rochester,' we don't let that get in the way of how proud we are to have OU in our community and it certainly does not stand in the way of the relationship between AH and OU or the successes we are able to achieve when we work together," Tanghe said.

Strong ties

Tanghe and Auburn Hills City Manager



Courtesy of Jason Willis

A worker uses a cherry picker to install new banners.

Peter Auger are both familiar with Oakland University.

"The City Manager and myself hold degrees from OU," Tanghe said. "We consider ourselves very fortunate to be managing the community in which our alma mater resides."

Oakland University currently is in partnership with Auburn Hills, the city's Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA), the Avondale School District, and several other surrounding colleges and schools in the University Center.

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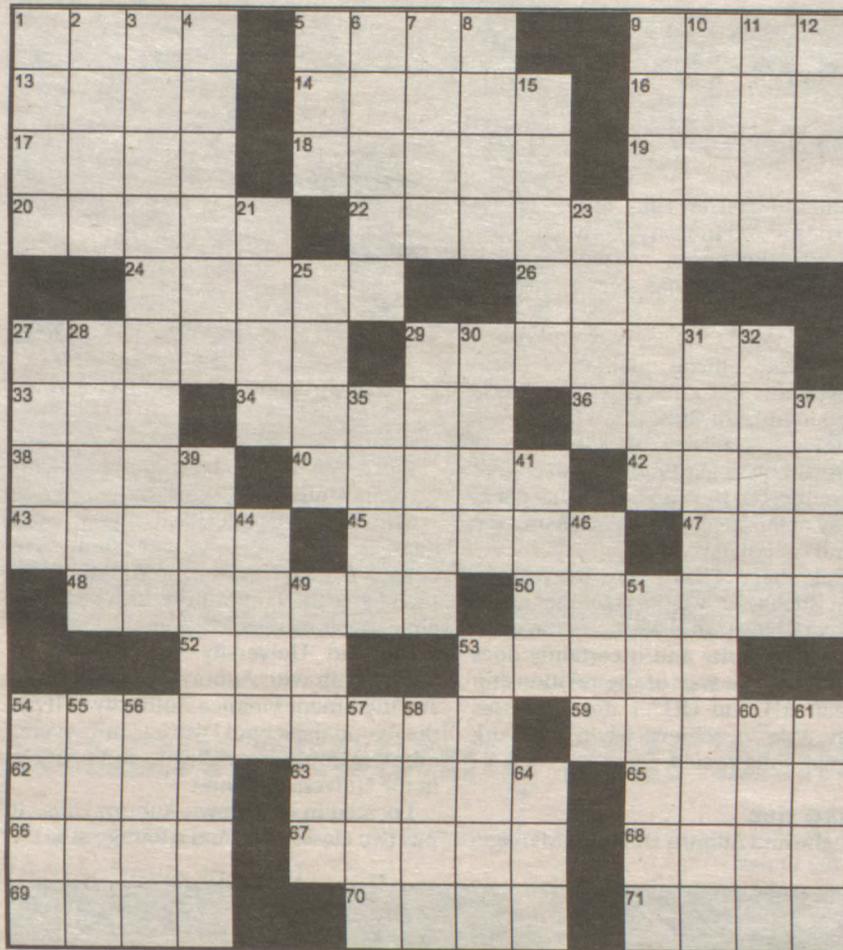
- Friday Night Live Comedy Show
 - Rec Fest: Indoor Roller Rink
 - Tailgating Party and Car Smash
 - Casino Night
- OU swimming and diving competitions (against Cleveland State and Xavier)
- Men's basketball game vs. University of Illinois Chicago, with halftime mitten toss

Look for more details at oakland.edu/comehome.

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Puzzles



Across

1. Do some laps at the Y
5. Fish house?
9. Boulevard liners
13. Cold duck guzzler
14. Reed instruments
16. Roman wrap
17. Very familiar with
18. French writer of "The Balcony"
19. Amateur radio broadcasters
20. Have coming
22. Run-down digs
24. Works
26. Mindless card games
27. Aggressive poker player, say
29. Sonnet sections
33. Quaint lodging
34. Place for tanning
36. Room with a number of wives
38. More than slow, in retail
40. Boobies and loons
42. Not on schedule
43. 'Come on in'
45. They're often out on a limb
47. Carp constantly
48. Times of service

Down

50. Complicated situations
52. Player's peg
53. Rural landing place
54. Prudent
59. Spice rack selection
62. Senate votes
63. Legal setting
65. Diploma holder
66. Give off
67. Private pupil
68. Impart temporarily
69. Juniors, usually
70. Limited time
71. Antsy

23. Class with a number of problems
25. Ho-hum
27. Bridge path excursion
28. About
29. Scrapes and scratches
30. Budget make them meet
31. Took place
32. Bristles
35. Pat response
37. Computer capacity, for short
39. They know the drill
41. Acct. summary
44. Montreal streets
46. Antitoxins
49. Change, chemically
51. Unattached
53. More dry and withered
54. Motion-carrying votes
55. Test-driver's car
56. Full of oneself
57. Boxing match
58. Long-necked instrument
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The truth of Cameron's (sic) existence breaks Brian Figurski's fragile, bleeding heart.

Brian Figurski

Copy Editor / Hopeless Stalker

About a year ago, I browsed a photo album and went on a spirit journey through in the Internet to find a long forgotten friend of mine, Cameron (sic). I even wrote a sadistic stalk-inspiring article about it.

Damn you all for not helping me find him, either.

Over the holiday break, I did

manage to find my old chum. He befriended my dad on Facebook; not me, ironically. Which is upsetting in a sense that he had zero interest to easily link to me.

Or maybe he did and saw the smorgasbord of violent, clothelacking pictures of the clown I present myself as and decided it best to play dead.

It has come to my attention more than ever this small web

we have weaved for ourselves over the Internet. We reconnect with people we assumed perished in a van fire. Our divorced parents get a second chance to collide with high school flames. I have to hear it in the next room.

In any case, I spoke with Cameron (sic), who would have been easier to initially find if his progressive parents didn't omit so many letters from his name for the sake of being hip and edgy.

Our conversation went something like this: "Long time no see!" "Yes. How are you?" "Good." "Me too." End of conversation for the duration of life. It will never be the same.

The point I'm trying to get across is that our world is growing smaller every day. You can find old friends across the globe, or spark up conversations with prepubescent boys on Omegle in an instant. You may even fall in love.

But are we actually connecting, or is this a projection of our greatest hopes and desires? The fantastical endless possibilities, never to be restricted by reality?

What proof do I have Cameron (sic) isn't a sophisticated, friendly catfish? What verifies these little boys are not just bone-deficit adults that never ate their hearty greens?

I guess it's just a leap of faith we take, plastering ourselves on the Internet. Most of us are automatic with it at a daily rate. I put myself on display at a weekly pace, making a mockery of my existence with slanderous, goofball articles.

Despite my sarcasm onslaught, I'm glad I found a former friend, even if we never seek another moment, and I'm happy about all the random people I've partially met through these 21st century tools.

It's now a matter of convincing them all I'm not a little boy.

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8:00pm

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