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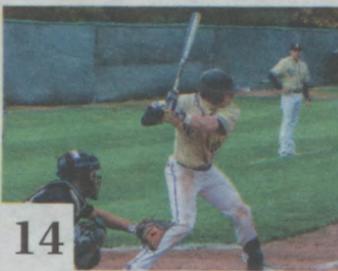


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A DAY TO REMEMBER // A couple sits at the Sylvan Glen Golf Course in Troy, enjoying the beautiful fall scene before them: a wide expanse of changing leaves and a clear lake moved only by the cold breeze. The onset of cooler temperatures is making such days scarce.

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How has the news of the on-campus assault affected you?

- A** I don't feel comfortable alone at night.
- B** I didn't feel safe before this.
- C** I still feel pretty safe on campus.
- D** Haven't heard about it.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What's really buried in the Meadow Brook pet cemetery?

- A) Pets, ya' dummy.**
23.7%
- B) Nothing. It's just a load of nonexistent horse poop.**
2.6%
- C) The hopes, dreams, and GPAs of OU math students.**
44.7%
- D) ...where is that?**
28.9%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

October 20, 1993

Keith Sackett, a serial sexual delinquent, was charged with multiple instances of indecent exposure. He was caught at Kresge library after an incident early that spring.

October 24, 2007

Investigative journalist Bob Woodward visited Oakland's campus, delivering the fourth annual "Distinguished Lecture in the Humanities" at Oakland University.

October 28, 1996

OUSC holds a monthly press conference addressing the question: should OU go Division I? The conference was held in the Exhibit Lounge in the OC.

-Compiled by Jackson Gilbert, Sports Editor

BY THE NUMBERS

OUPD blue light special

90

seconds: the usual response time to an emergency call made from a Blue Light Call Box

1989

the company that makes the boxes, Code Blue, was founded

20x

the LED fluorescent light inside the call boxes is 20 times brighter than a standard incandescent bulb

83

number of Blue Light Call Boxes on campus

2013

when students started to notice that some of OU's call boxes are out of order

STAFF EDITORIAL

Spread the facts, not rumors

By **Kaylee Kean**
Managing Editor

On Thursday, Oct. 16 a female student was attacked around 10 p.m. as she was walking outside of the Kresge Library. Her attacker is said to be an “unknown male wearing a dark ‘hoodie’ style sweat-shirt,” as the Oakland University Police Department first tweeted on noon two days later, when the victim filed a police report. That same day, the news reports began.

Now, six days after the student was assaulted, the headlines span the web: “Woman assaulted on Oakland University campus.”

“My heart goes out to Yari Martinez for getting attacked by a coward in a hoodie,” a student wrote on Oakland University’s Facebook page. “Get well soon.”

While the gesture is kind, the name mentioned is a problem.

The victim’s name was never released, according to OUPD Chief Mark Gordon; the name “Yari Martinez” could not be found on the police report because she was never involved with this case—she was not the victim. Yet the *Daily Tribune* originally reported that Martinez otherwise. It has since been changed online, but where did the *Daily Tribune* first get this name?

It appeared to pull Martinez’s name from Channel 4 WDIV, who posted a report at 11 p.m. on Oct. 18. In this video, the news station shared details of the assault and pounced on students walking outside of Kresge, asking them whether they felt safe on campus anymore.

Martinez happened to be one of those students, and in its rush to get the story online, the *Daily Tribune* made a grievous error when pulling from the report.

Another problem with these stories: they bring into focus something called the “knockout game,” in which assailants attempt to knock an unsuspecting victim unconscious in one hit.

This, news organizations are saying, could be the main motive in Thursday’s attack. But *The Oakland Post* fails to see how these organizations can know this as fact, and how giving it attention and coverage will help in finding the Kresge attacker.

“Police are not confirming whether it was part of a knockout game,” said Jane Park, reporter for WXYZ, in a video with the headline “Oakland University police investigate alleged ‘knockout’ attack on campus.”

This video, posted at 11:28 p.m. on Oct. 18, also originally reported that the victim was hospitalized, another fabrication. While the wording has since been updated, it still reads she “sustained a concussion and a neck sprain.”

“The night that she got assaulted she drove herself home and then her parents took her to the hospital to be checked,” Gordon said. The victim, who was showing signs of a concussion, went home and came back the next day when her head continued to hurt. A brain scan showed a mild concussion, but “she was never hospitalized for it.”

“Everyone is trying to make rhyme or reason out of what or why it’s happened,” Gordon said. “The media has done what they need to do with this to make a story of interest.”

This “making a story to interest” rather than informing the public is what we at *The Oakland Post* condemn. This sensationalizing, this racing to be first instead of correct is what tears down the work we do to bring people the truth of their surroundings, what causes needless panic and negative discussion among OU, its stakeholders and the

surrounding community.

Is this attack really part of the “knockout game?” How can something like that be truly known? Even if the attack is proven to be part of this deathly “game,” what will discussing it do other than spread the idea, potentially inspiring future attackers?

We can’t do anything about this game, and we can’t do anything by declaring campus suddenly unsafe for all students. We can, however, spread the right information and awareness so students are prepared for all circumstances. We can spread resources and ideas, not rumors.

While the WDIV’s original report shared safety tips for students and mentioned the emergency phones and 24/7 visual escort service OUPD provides, most of these other news outlets neglected to do so.

We at *The Oakland Post* commend those who ask the right questions and report the right facts, and condemn the other media organizations who are sensationalizing this assault and the knockout game in attempts to create a story that will garner attention.

We want to remind students that while this issue is serious, it has not drastically changed the situation at OU. This is still a safe campus. There has been an assault, whatever the motive, and action is being taken to find the attacker and prosecute him. What we, as students, must do is continue to stay vigilant, pay attention to the right things, and speak up when we see something suspicious. There is a difference between paranoia and vigilance, and we must recognize that difference.

Don’t be like the news outlets that are looking for the best story. Be vigilant. Be sensible. And above all, be safe.

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Perspectives

Letters to the Editor: "Note to Self" comic

Good Afternoon,
I am writing to you today in regards to the recent comic that was posted titled "Note to Self"

I am very disappointed in the Post for allowing a comic to be published that depicts a fraternal organization on Oakland's Campus. I personally feel offended, being part of a greek organization, that a Post member would even consider making an article that bashes greek life.

Our organizations work hard throughout the year both philanthropically and academically to help build ourselves into better men and women. I would really appreciate if the Post does a feature on the benefits to being Greek since it seems that your

writers tend to believe that we are common stereotype. I am sure if your organization would meet and get to know members of the Greek community they will find out we are more then the letter shirts we wear. I am sure you will be receiving multiple emails in regards to this comic since when, one organization gets addressed, we all stand up for one another.

Unfortunately, the next time I am offered a Post issue from one of your members, I will be respectfully declining. All I ask is this comic be addressed to the appropriate person and both fraternal organization that was mentioned and Greek life as a whole receive an apology.

Thank You,
Chelsey Wade

Dear Oakland Post Editor,
I was very disappointed in the way you choose to depict Greeks in your distasteful cartoon. I do not disagree with students' individual opinions and perceptions of campus activities and their choice to express it. Greeks are put under a constant microscope because public forums such as movies and the news depict these organizations to be drunken, unfocused and shameful organizations that do nothing but harm to campus life.

What upsets me the most is not how students choose to express these feelings, it is your choice as an editor and as a team to release real letters of a real organization on campus to depict this image. Alpha Sigma Phi, the organiza-

tion in your cartoon, is not even a chartered fraternity of this campus. They are brand new, starting fresh and have been struggling to get where they are today. They will finally be joining OU as an official chartered Greek organization this year and they are welcomed into this community with scrutiny from a fellow organization who has chosen to tear them down.

I hope in the future you take a lesson from the movies. Never once have they depicted a real national fraternity or sorority. I can only hope that in the future you choose to have the same respect for the organizations who work hard to gain your respect.

Best of Luck,
Erin Chatten

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (cont.'d)

Oakland Post,

I'm writing you today because of your recent newspaper, which became available Wednesday, October 15, 2014. The fact that I have to write a complaint at all is ridiculous. One of your interns wrote, illustrated and then was allowed to print a cartoon that was blatantly disrespectful, ridiculous and made a disgusting spectacle of a long distinguished and respected fraternity. The portrayal of this illiterate bear at a fraternity party was both confusing, lacking in any sense and wasn't understood until explained to us by a member of the Post.

The fact that a Post member approached us as said, and I quote this member, "The letters were thrown out randomly, it wasn't meant to be disrespectful. It just so happened to be this fraternity."

Firstly, the fact that Greek letters were used at all is outrageous. Secondly, how these letters "just so happened" to portray a fraternity that "just so happens" to be on OU's campus is a flimsy excuse at best and quite frankly is not believable. Thirdly, why and how did this comic become published? Perhaps you need more people on the Post who look over your articles for possible mistakes, misquotes and offensive materials.

Greek life on this campus has slowly become more respectable, larger in population and more successful in our philanthropic efforts. Furthermore, we have the highest GPA in any other OU organization, so why would we ever have illiterate members is both offensive and disrespectful on a level that I have never witnessed before on this campus.

I look forward to your apology in both the Post, which should be towards the front, if not on the front cover, of the issue. Also, a verbal apology to Greek life at the next Greek Council meeting on Sunday, October 26, promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the OC. I would reach out to Alpha Sigma Phi and go to their next meeting to offer another personal apology.

Respectfully,

Madison Kubinski

Dear Editor,

It has recently come to the attention of the Oakland Greek community that a highly offensive comic was published in the Oakland Post. The comic in question depicts a grizzly at a party who cannot read, trying to find beer. This is huge insult to not only myself as a sorority woman, but to the Greek community as a whole.

As the Director of Academic Success for the Delta Tau chapter of the Alpha Sigma Tau National Sorority, I strive to maintain my chapter's academic integrity. Currently as it stands, Alpha Sigma Tau and the rest of the Panhellenic sororities on campus have a higher combined GPA than the Oakland average GPA and the Oakland women's average GPA. Also, we have one of the most diverse group of majors, ranging from Communications, Biochemistry, Teaching and Engineering.

Our sorority was founded as a teacher's sorority, so academics is something that we do not take lightly. Academics is in our core values and the a basis of what we stand for, as does it for any other chapter on campus. Every single Greek chapter has a minimum GPA to join and also a minimum GPA to maintain to stay on good standing. Failure to maintain the minimum GPA results in serious consequences and, in some cases, the members can be removed from the chapter.

The nature of the comic is not only insulting Greek's intelligence, but is also perpetuating the stereotype that all Greeks do is party. That is not true. We organize weekly study session and at anytime you can find a person with Greek letters studying in the library or in the Oakland Center. I personally spend most of my free time trying to better my chapter and make sure that we rid ourselves of the negative connotation that this comic is supporting. Furthermore, I do not believe that gentlemen of Alpha Sigma Phi would appreciate their letters represented in this way.

If yourself or one of your staff members would like to sit down with myself and representatives from my chapter and others to discuss academics within the Greek system I would be more than willing to arrange something. If you have any further questions wfor me, please refer my signature for contact information.

Sincerely,

Brittany J. Barron

To the Oakland Post:

I must say that the Greek Organizations on campus have been less than happy with the portrayal of a specific Greek Organization in a recent comic strip. As a member of that Greek Organization and the President of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) I must say that I am blown away by the Post's slanderous portrayal of not just that organization, but of Greek Life and fraternities as a whole.

Many strides have been made in recent months with regards to improved perception of Greek Life, yet the Post continues to allow publications fulfilling all of the expected stereotypes of Greek organizations.

Allow me to provide real facts about Greek Life on campus:

- Gamma Phi Beta, in the last three years, has raised more than \$30,000 for charity; more than any other organization on campus.
- Phi Sigma Sigma hosts an annual Kicks for Kids charity event raising over \$1,000 each year.
- Alpha Delta Pi (on the day this comic was released) held a bake sale outside of the Oakland Center benefitting Ronald McDonald House.
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon handed out pancakes to students at the beginning of this semester.
- All Greek men will be trained in prevention and advocacy of sexual violence by OUPD.
- Alpha Sigma Tau volunteers and supports HAVEN, a support center and living quarters for women who have suffered domestic abuse.
- Last year through Greek Week over \$2,500 was raised for Make a Wish Foundation, allowing one child to have a wish granted.
- On Monday, October 20th, all Greeks will be partaking in "Greeks Give Back Week" raising money and awareness for UNICEF.

As you can see Greek life on campus is more than just what the Post has chosen to portray. We all take our organizations very seriously and hope that campus will notice our great efforts. However we cannot do so when the Post continues to be an outlet for outright defamation of Greek Organizations. Please consider a written and verbal apology (at the upcoming Greek Council meeting on October 26th). We ALL look forward to mending our relationship and hope that the Post will take notice of the many great events and efforts that the Greek community has made over the last few years.

Best,

Sam Harris

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Oakland Post regrets the decision to run the "Note to Self" comic featured on last week's "Mouthing Off" satire page. During this semester, we have covered Greek life in stories chronicling sorority bid day, Oakland's TKE fraternity's positive response to a national scandal, the Greek council's reaction to the Yik Yak app, and a "Photo of the Week" featuring a Zeta Sigma Chi fundraising event. The Post has and will continue to provide objective coverage of all campus organizations and to champion their contributions to the community.

Grizzlies on the Prowl



"What's the most interesting event on campus you've been to?"



Anna Powell, Japanese, senior

"I don't have a car so it's hard to go to any of the events, but I was interested in going to the Iggy Azalea concert."



Katie Luongo, pre-physical therapy, freshman

"I went to 'Around the World in 80 Days'. It was my first time seeing a play at the Meadow Brook Theater."



Ashley Mattiuz, accounting, freshman

"I went to one of the 'WoW' workshops. We discovered what type of learners we are and what study skills help us the best."



Keegan Walker, undecided, freshman

"I went to the bonfire on Friday near the soccer field. It was fun and I got to talk to new people and be social."

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury, Photographer

POLICE FILES

Pieces of wood on walking trail in Rochester

A woman called OUPD and stated that a friend called and told her that there were pieces of wood with nails in them on the walking trails behind her house in Rochester Oct. 15.

The woman said that this has not happened before, but she said the pieces of wood were not there yesterday.

Officers went to her home and found the pieces of wood. They were placed into evidence.

Suspicious circumstances at P-32

Officers were dispatched to P-32 parking structure for a window that had been broken out Oct. 10.

OUPD located pieces of broken glass from the door's window in the stairwell. They also noticed that the door could not close or fit flush to the doorframe.

A man came to the scene and said his cousin had been trying to do a skateboard trick. He fell into the door, causing the glass to shatter. Officers were suspicious of his story and asked him to tell the truth.

He admitted that it was he who was skateboarding.

OUPD reviewed the tapes, they saw the man walk up to the door and kick the window then left.

Officers asked the man if he could return to the police station. He agreed.

They showed him the video. He confessed it was him, and that he kicked the window because he thought his friends had hid his skateboard.

Arrest warrant in Auburn Hills

OUPD received complaints from protestors Oct. 16.

Pickers across the street from the O'rena when an older man walked up to them. He approached each individual, licked his hand and placed his hand on their throats.

When he was walking away he had said that he had ebola.

Officers found him and the investigation is still pending.

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki
Chief Copy Editor

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GSC bra show urges campus to think pink



Kaylee Kean /The Oakland Post

These decorated bras were displayed in the Oakland Center on Oct. 15.

Ali DeRees

Campus & Administration Editor

October is nearing its end. Students, friends and family are preparing for Halloween and enjoying the crisp autumn air and the picturesque trees. But October is special for another reason: sporting events from the high school to professional level are hosting games dedicated to it, people walk great distances for it. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC) hosted its 3rd annual Bra Show on Wednesday, Oct. 15, where alumni, sororities and professors decorated themed bras to promote breast cancer awareness. Some bras were made in honor of those on campus who are or were affected by breast cancer.

In addition to the bra show, a documentary titled *Pink Ribbon, Inc.* was shown during the event. The documentary states that breast cancer has become a clever marketing ploy and that the millions of dollars raised to find a cure may not necessarily be going to research for the disease.

Coordinator of the GSC Grace Wojcik said that when it comes to breast cancer, "we all get drawn in wanting to help with it."

Wojcik also discussed how important it is to bring breast cancer awareness to campus.

"It's really hard for the traditional student to think they'd get breast cancer," she said.

Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Society,

Inc. members Danielle Bates, Ashley Taylor, Samantha Sokoll and Raquel Wills were in attendance. Each of them has breast cancer survivors in their lives.

"It's something that is near and dear to me," Bates said.

"This year (her aunt,) she was four years in remission," Wills said.

"Which is beautiful," Bates added.

Wills said her cousins were four and six years old when her aunt was diagnosed.

"They weren't old enough to understand," Bates said. "Which is something people don't think about."

The women of the sorority were happy to get involved in this type of event in order to spread awareness.

"It's not just giving money. You get to actively participate," Sokoll said.

Wills and Bates specifically were aware of the concerns with the Pink Ribbon campaign and the use of its funds.

"Hence why I don't do Race for the Cure anymore," Wills said, referring to the misappropriation of funds.

Students in attendance were also able to relate to the cause. Junior and human resources major Jarhea Bowles has attended the show annually after her family members passed away from breast cancer.

"I know how it affects the families," she said.

After the documentary, Bowles stressed the importance of donating to a good cause, but understanding where the money is going. She said when it comes to those who donate to the Pink Ribbon cause, "they really don't know where that dollar is going to."



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OUPD seeks suspect after assault and battery

Jake Alsko
Web Editor

The Oakland University Police Department is seeking an "unknown male suspect wearing a dark 'hoodie' style sweatshirt" after a report of assault and battery had been filed by a female student walking on the sidewalk in front of Kresge Library at approximately 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16.

The female student had been walking when the man hit her head from behind and ran away, according to the OUPD. The victim was not hospitalized but a brain scan showed she had a mild concussion.

After the police report was filed on Saturday, the OUPD began sharing the information with Oakland University.

Mark Gordon, Chief of the OUPD, said in a statement to *The Post* on Saturday that:

"We're still investigating the circumstances surrounding the assault. We've got some work ahead of us but at this point in time, we can confirm the assault did occur at approximately 10 p.m. on Thursday in the area between Kresge Library and South Foundation. The victim was assaulted. She was not sexually assaulted, it was a regular assault and battery, and we continue to investigate it and we're asking the community if anybody saw or heard anything in that area at that time, that they call the OUPD."

Gordon said that he could not confirm whether or not the blue emergency phones in the area of the assault were working at the time of the incident.

According to Gordon, the project to repair the phones is ongoing and that he "has to have talks with others to determine which phones are currently working and which ones are not at that time of the day [during which the attack oc-

cured]."

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, Gordon said the OUPD is still searching and is strongly encouraging anyone who saw or heard anything of note to speak up, "no matter how insignificant it might be."

"Solving crimes in any municipality or campus is the same; we are partners with the community," Gordon said.

"We're very proud of the fact that this is a safe campus and we work hard to make it this way."

Persons with any information are being encouraged to contact the OUPD at (248) 370-3331.

Safety tips:

-Use the buddy system:

There is safety in numbers, especially after the sun goes down.

-Stay in well-lit areas:

Try to always park under a light and at night, and stay on illuminated pathways.

-Be on the alert:

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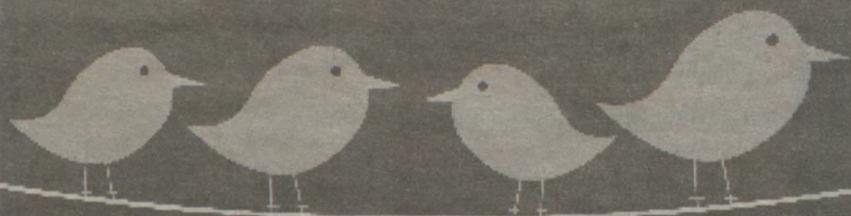
Or leave them either covered in a locked vehicle, or secured in a bag on the individual's person. Don't invite thieves by flashing valuables around.

To report any unusual activity:
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Preaching man causes chaos on campus

Unknown man preaches on OC lawn, disrupts and fires up students

By Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

“I am here among a cesspool of sin.”

That is what one man said from atop his small plastic stool last Wednesday as he gripped his Bible and looked down at the students gathered around. He had been discussing pornography, sex, abortion, homosexuality and other topics on the lawn outside of the Oakland Center for hours, and a sizable crowd had formed beneath him as he told them they would be going to hell.

The words “My body, my choice” popped out from colored signs, phone cameras hovered along the edges of the mob, and the buzz of shouting and arguing could be heard from each edge of the lawn as the man yelled and students responded by debating with him or each other.

Rewind/what happened

Before the man showed up, students had already claimed the area, planning for a completely different turn of events.

Those students, members of the Students for Life at OU, were handing out rape whistles, counseling materials and other resources as part of their We Care Project, dedicated to raising awareness on sexual assault on college campuses.

The project was meant for “using that conversation to bring up the issue of rape and abortion,” according to Christina Lo Piccolo, junior and vice president of the organization.

At 10:30 a.m., Lo Piccolo and other participants set up six large displays with a step by step explanation of her group’s beliefs on rape and how to deal with a child conceived through it.

The group always tries to invite the opposing side to come take a stand when it sets up something such as this, Lo Piccolo said, so the protestors were neither a surprise nor a problem. It was the first time Students For Life had tried the We Care Project, Lo Piccolo said, and she had actually hoped it would generate conversation on the divisive issue of conception from rape.

It worked at first. Lo Piccolo and students were having great debates and conversations until the man appeared. Students left immediately, not wanting to be around the negativity.

Lo Piccolo said the man ignored her repeated attempts to ask him to leave.

She asked a member of the Center for Student Activities to speak with him since they had reserved the lawn space and he hadn’t, and while he did step down from the stool for a while after being spoken to, he didn’t leave.

The We Care display remained until 1:30 p.m., and long before then the man had become the center of focus. This caused concern within the group, which didn’t want to be affiliated with the man.

“Our group is not a religious group



Kaylee Kean / The Oakland Post

A man interrupted student displays last Wednesday, and a crowd gathered around him as he preached on pornography, homosexuality and other “sins.”

on campus, or even a political group on campus,” Lo Piccolo said. “We don’t think (abortion) is a religious issue, we don’t think it’s a political issue – we think it’s a human rights issue.”

Right to free speech?

“He just wanted to spout whatever the heck he wanted to say, or at least that’s the impression I got,” said junior Benjamin Orjada. “There was no structure to his speech... He was the most hyper-conservative reactionary.”

Orjada, who stopped by around 2:15 p.m., said he watched, argued with and made fun of the man for close to 45 minutes that day. The man would quote the Bible, and Orjada said he and other students were angry at the man’s misinterpretations.

“He said, ‘Mary is just a woman, she doesn’t matter,’” Orjada said. “He had so many views that are laughably bad and was insulting the people.”

Lt. Nicole Thompson of the Oakland University Police Department said she could not release the man’s name but said he is not an OU student and has been to campus before.

“We did respond to a call over there,” Thompson said of Wednesday. “Nothing was done because he was not violating any laws; he was expressing his free speech rights.”

“It’s free speech, anyone should be allowed to speak to the students,” Halim Michael Sheena Jr. commented on The

Oakland Post’s Facebook page on a post about the preaching man. “However there needs to be some kind of rules of conduct. This man was yelling at us all telling us we were going to Hell. He would pick on you if you were walking by.”

“More power to the crazy man,” Doug Hufnagel wrote. “He has every right to do that, and you have every right to ignore him.”

Lo Piccolo said while she respects the man’s right to free speech, he had ruined her group’s efforts and the conversations they were generating.

“We were upset because we had put a lot of time, energy and a lot of money into putting this project together and then he kind of sabotaged it at some points,” Lo Piccolo said. “It was very hateful and condemning and we do not support that in any way. We’re not here to condemn people for the decisions that they make, we’re here to help people and support them through it.”

“I respect his ability to be there, freedom of speech, totally,” Orjada said. “Freedom to be an idiot also.”

The Oakland Post was unable to speak with the man himself, and he has not made himself known since Wednesday for comment.

To read more comments on this man and his right to free speech on campus, visit <https://www.facebook.com/theoakpost/posts/10154762012940217>.

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Lt. Nicole Thompson shows off the OUPD's display case of paraphernalia collected from students on campus.

They see me rollin', they hatin'

OUPD continues to enforce laws against marijuana

Sean Miller
Staff Reporter

The use of marijuana is becoming more and more prevalent throughout the United States. So far, two states have completely legalized the drug. With marijuana becoming more mainstream, regardless of what the law states, it seems that more and more students are illegally using it.

According to Oakland University Police Department (OUPD) files, OU has seen a rise in drug arrests on campus and in student housing during the past three years. The worst year so far was 2012, with 28 different arrests that occurred on campus due to drug violations.

"A majority of the time we are called by housing. When we show up at the scene, we evaluate everything and attempt to make an arrest," OUPD Lt. Nicole Thompson said.

"If marijuana is found, a misdemeanor will be issued with a maximum fine of \$2000

"Oakland University does take a solid, zero tolerance policy on campus regarding illegal drugs."

James Zentmeyer
Director of Housing

and at least a year in jail," she said.

Depending on a student's intent, whether it be selling the drug or simply using it, all information goes into an arrest. Even though OUPD will make the arrest, the police force follows both state and county law. This means that a student can be penalized by both OUPD and Oakland County.

Even with a medical marijuana card, the drug is not allowed on campus. Oakland and the OUPD make no exceptions for any sort of drug use or alcohol consumption by minors.

"OUPD enforces state law,

not Oakland policy. This means that even if Oakland University allowed drug use on campus, we would still enforce the state law with no exceptions," Lt. Thompson said. "If marijuana is legalized and Oakland still doesn't allow it on campus, we will not be required to make arrests."

Oakland University enforces a smoke free campus. If anyone violates this—whether it be tobacco, marijuana, or any other sort of drug—they are likely to be reprimanded.

"Oakland University does take a solid, zero tolerance policy on campus regarding illegal drugs," director of housing James Zentmeyer said. "Anyone in violation of this will be disciplined by either the dean of students or associate director of housing, depending on how and where the drug is used."

Students need to remind themselves of the charges they could face when they decide to go roll a joint and smoke with their friends on campus.

Building community through dorm traditions

Living on campus brings students closer

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Intern

Dorms. Some may roll their eyes in disgust or shudder at the idea of living in a dorm room. However, living in a dorm is one of the best ways students can form communities and gain interpersonal ties with each other. Many students, including those who live on campus, don't know that there are certain traditions being celebrated in the many dorms across campus.

John Tufnell, resident assistant at Oakview Hall, discussed some of the dorm traditions celebrated on campus.

"Hamlin started the tradition of the 'Haunted Halls,' where students get together and turn their floor into a haunted house," Tufnell said. "From what I can see, the traditions are starting to spread. We're even planning a Haunted Hall contest in Oakview."

However, not all the traditions are as structured as the haunted halls one, Tufnell explained.

"People in 5 West Hamlin, well, at least a small group of people, came up with our own tradition behind the wooden model ship on top of the VHS player," he said. "If anyone asks why there's a wooden ship there, we respond with 'What ship? There's no ship.' It doesn't seem to be catching on with everyone though."

Tufnell also emphasized the importance of having these

traditions.

"It helps build community. Nothing's worse than when everyone on a floor stays inside with their doors shut. These traditions help get people out of their dorms," he said.

He said that since Oakview is a new building, all eyes are on it to see what new things the students will try to do this year and what new traditions will be formed.

Jessica Born, freshman, described some of the things she'd like to see become traditions in Oakview.

"Student run events like Mario Kart and Super Smash Brother tournaments are so much fun, because we just have them in somebody's dorm, and a ton of planning isn't required," Born said.

Many students enjoy organizing events to bring the residents of their dorm together.

"Having students run things really just makes things more spontaneous and fun," resident Zak Pascua said.

This year, Tufnell said he hopes that some of the new ideas will catch on. From door decorating for the Halloween season to huge games of "Whose Line Is It Anyway?," Tufnell believes these activities will help the dorm residents to "break out of their shells."

There are countless opportunities for forming traditions in all of the resident halls across campus, and even more unique ways to celebrate those already formed.

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LEFT: The panel explained to audience members the areas in which ISIS operates, the ways that group's actions have affected people and their loved ones, and how legitimate of a threat ISIS actually presents to the United States. **RIGHT:** The event allowed for members of the audience to pose questions about the terrorist organization to the members of the panel.

Panel gives insight into terrorist group

Experts explain how much of a threat ISIS actually is, and how some student's lives and families are affected by this group

Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS) has been in the news so excessively that almost everyone has heard of them. However, not everyone knows exactly what this terrorist group is doing, if it's truly a threat and just how powerful it is.

Thursday, Oct. 16, students gathered in the Elliot Hall auditorium to receive more of an understanding of the group. The seminar, sponsored by the OU student chapter of Amnesty International covered the history of ISIS, religion background and politics.

During the presentation photos were displayed of different territories in Iraq to give students and other guests a better understanding of where the protests are taking place. ISIS controls about 15,000 sq. miles, an area the size of Belgium, according to the panel.

"I think it's extremely important to understand what is going on around

the world," said Nick Dado, an OU senior. "Too many Americans take their freedom for granted. I appreciate my life more now knowing I am blessed to live in a country where I'm not threatened every day."

Other students said much the same.

"It's important for students to know about ISIS because they are such a powerful terrorist group," said junior Branden Jarbo. "Students need to be educated on how only 25 people with radical ideas can create an army with over 200,000."

Jarbo has a personal connection to the terror that is being caused by this group.

"ISIS has directly affected my family in multiple ways," Jarbo said. "I have family that lives in Mosul, Iraq and ISIS took everything from them. They were forced to leave their farm and fled for safety, therefore they couldn't take much with them, including their farm equipment that totaled to around \$1 million."

The first part of the discussion talked about the Iraqi territories and how this country is suffering and reacting to ISIS. For ISIS to be weakened there would need to be a strong state in Iraq, which is not the case.

"In Iraq there is a government that is simply not functioning," Weldon Matthews, an associate professor of history, said.

Pete Trumbore, associate professor of political science and coordinator of the International Relations Program, talked about ISIS as a terrorist organization.

His main concern was to express whether or not this religiously motivated group is a threat to the U.S and other western countries.

"Religious groups are more violent than their non-religious counterparts," Trumbore said. "They recognize what they are engaged in is a struggle between light and darkness and good and evil. This means their enemies must be exterminated."

Although this terrorist group is extremely harmful, the only way it will be a threat to the U.S is if foreign supporters of the group bring these radical ways and techniques back to the west.

"This was a fear back in 2003 as well," said Trumbore. "It is a possibility that this will happen, but we haven't seen it yet."

Turkey, the Kurds and the Islamic State made up the last part of the seminar.

This was presented by Paul Kubicek, a professor of political science. The issues dealing with Turkey, the Kurdish population and their relationship with the Islamic State is in some of the most recent headlines.

All of these recent issues covered at the seminar gave a better understanding on what is to come with ISIS.

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CLINTON QUICK FACTS

You think you know the former First Lady, Secretary of State, Senator, and author, but can you answer these trivia tidbits?

8. At 12 years old, Clinton wrote to NASA about becoming an astronaut. They responded, "We don't take girls."

7. In 1965, the senior class of Maine Township High School voted her most likely to succeed. We think they were on to something.

6. She had a six-year tenure as a director of Walmart.

5. She loves Tabasco sauce, claiming it is something she always packs on the go.

4. Clinton is a Chicago Cubs fan, but wanted to support an American League team, too. Clinton chose the New York Yankees.

3. Much like her NASA inquiry, Clinton wanted to join the Marines. She was told she was too old and had bad eyesight.

2. In 1997, Clinton won a Grammy for Best Spoken Word or Non-musical Album. She won for the audio version of her book, "It Takes A Village."

1. In the capital of Kosovo, on Bill Clinton Boulevard, there is a clothing boutique that is completely devoted to fashions inspired by Clinton, especially pantsuits.

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HILLARY

STORY BY OONA GOODIN-SMITH PHOTOS BY SALWAN GEORG

Chants of "when we vote, we win" filled the O'Rena as former United States Secretary of State and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton stepped onstage alongside U.S. Rep. Gary Peters and former congressman Mark Schauer on Thursday, Oct. 16, in an event sponsored by the Michigan Democratic Party.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be at Oakland University," Clinton told the crowd of approximately 2,000 students, faculty, and supporters. "It's a beautiful campus with a great reputation."

Taking a family-focused approach and discussing Schauer and Peters' roles during the Big Three auto crisis of 2008, Clinton's endorsement of the Democratic candidates capped off the night of political rally.

"There's no place as hardworking as Michigan," said Clinton. "Michigan is where the middle class was born and this is where it stays."

"We're thrilled to death that the candidates chose Oakland University as a venue as it draws importance to the importance of higher education," said Oakland University President George Hynd. "It certainly brings recognition to Oakland University as a campus that reaches out and wants to engage."

Running to represent Michigan on the U.S. Senate, Rochester native Gary Peters explained his own Oakland University ties, calling it a "family affair."

"My wife graduated from here, my niece graduated from here," said Peters. "OU is a great American university."

After walking onstage to the Motown favorite, "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," Clinton endorsed both Peters and Schauer, calling them the "right leaders at the right time."

Emphasizing her own "family values" and her "joy of being a grandmother," Clinton told the audience that "Michigan deserves leaders who care for you and your future as our own families cared about us."

While Clinton's appearance was certainly the most prominently featured aspect of the event as t-shirts, posters, buttons, and a campaign bus boasting the "Ready for Hillary" slogan sat outside the O'Rena, the majority of the rally was dedicated to local Democratic platforms encouraging the audience to vote in the upcoming local elections on Nov. 4.

"She is not here because of the possibilities of 2016," said former U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-MI, in reference to Clinton's visit. "She is here because of the problems

and concerns of 2014."

While each candidate added his or her personal flair to his or her rallying speech, the themes of the night were apparent: equality for women and members of the LGBT community, raising funding for government programs such as education and healthcare, and, most unanimously, the importance of voting in the election.

"Young people have taken a hit when it comes to the affordability of college," said Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner. "It's time to invest or disinvest in a college like OU. It's time to observe our civic duties and vote."

"It's not enough to put the sticker on on voting day and say 'I voted'," cautioned Brenda Lawrence, the mayor of Southfield running for a seat in the Michigan State Congress. "Go out and educate yourself."

However, not everyone attended the rally in support of the candidates; some came just to assess the scene.

"I'm not affiliated [with Democrats], but I really appreciate having both Republicans and Democrats on campus," said student Max Rohbart. "We have the freedom to speak and should have access to as many resources as possible."

"Whether or not you support it, it's cool to see big-time politics," said senior Jake Collison.

But in the words Rohbart, "It's not a real political rally unless there are protestors."

A group of approximately twenty protestors stood outside the O'Rena, waving posters with messages criticizing President Obama's reaction to the recent Ebola outbreak. According to campusreform.org, while the movement was not organized by any one group, it included students involved in the College Republicans, Students for Life and Young Americans for Liberty groups.

Regardless of political affiliation, Mark Schauer encouraged the OU community to vote.

"Every student who can should get their absentee ballot. They can apply right on their smart phones," he said. "The student vote is key. Students have a chance to decide what kind of Michigan they want to live in."

"There are choices that change your whole life," concluded Clinton. "It all comes down to who shows up at the polls."

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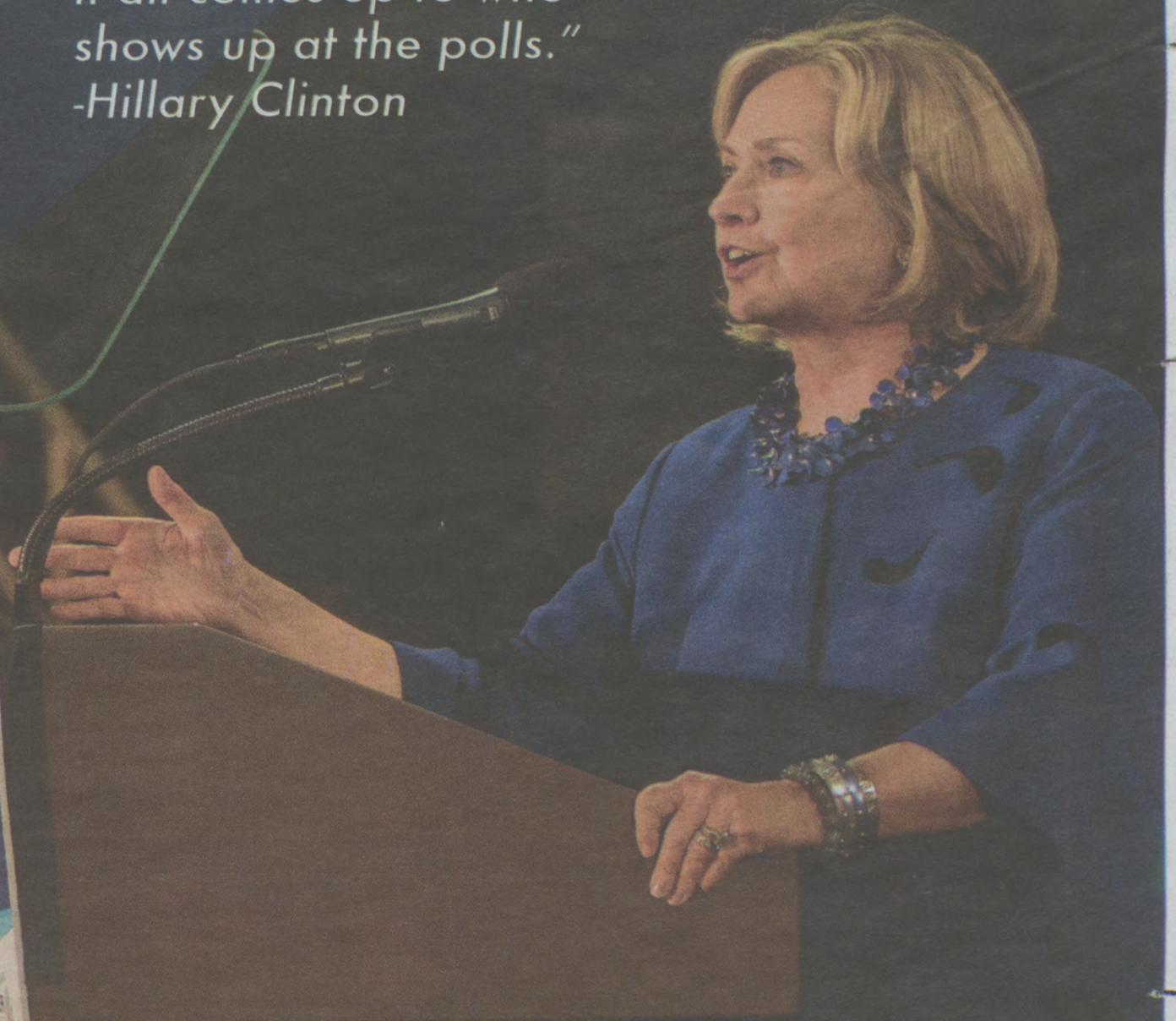
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Clinton called Schauer, left, and Peters, right, the "right leaders at the right time."

*"There are choices that affect your whole life. It all comes up to who shows up at the polls."
-Hillary Clinton*

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Series suggests strong spring



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The OU baseball team's season came to a close this week with the annual Black and Gold scrimmage series.

Baseball team closes out the season with traditional inter-squad scrimmage

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Intern

The OU baseball team's fall season came to a close this past weekend with the annual Black and Gold series. A fall season that head coach John Musachio describes as "the most intense six weeks of the year for players and coaches."

The fall season for the baseball team is a non-championship segment where the team focuses its energy on strength, speed and skill development. The team keeps it competitive by scrimmaging at least three times a week. However, there is one scrimmage to end the fall season taken more seriously than any other.

Coach Musachio says the Black and Gold scrimmage is as close to the spring type pressure as they are able to create. The series is a strong tradition in the baseball program where the teams play for bragging rights. A draft takes place among the coaches to create as even teams as possible.

However, they didn't appear even in Game 1 as the Black team dominated 12-1 with an outstanding pitching per-

formance by senior Nate Lewis. Game 2 provided much more excitement.

The Gold team headed into the 8th inning with a 2-run lead but that lead was demolished by Connor Fannon's three-run homer to put the Black team up 8-7. However the Gold team countered with a 3-run home run of their own in the bottom of the 8th scored by Ian Yetsko. Andre Sopena lead off the 9th inning with a double to left and was later driven home by a base hit by Zach Sterry. Freshman Matt DiLeo followed with a game tying double to send the game into extra innings. The Black team closed out the game in the bottom of the 10th with a ground ball that scored Andre Sopena to end the game with a final score of 11-10 in favor of the Black squad.

The Gold team rallied to take game 3 of the series 6-2. Joe Buchalski lead the way on the mound with 2 IP and 0 ER while Ben Hart and Jake Morton both hit RBI doubles.

Black team member Zach Sterry was named MVP of the series. The honor was well-deserved considering Sterry went 8-11 with two walks throughout

the series including one home run, two doubles and nine RBIs.

The team will now begin individual practices until Jan. 23. Four weeks before its opening day, the team will resume team practices.

After this successful fall season, both Coach Musachio and senior Robby Enslin feel optimistic about the spring.

"Out of my four years here this is the best fall that we've had as a team," Enslin said. "I'm looking forward to the spring especially since we play a hard schedule."

Enslin is right about the tough schedule, considering the young men open up their season at Florida State university then head to Los Angeles to play University of Southern California.

As far as Horizon League games go Coach Musachio says it will be a tight race. "The team that does the little things well is going to win. Everyone has good pitching. Everyone can swing the bats. Everyone has good coaching."

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SPORTING BLITZ

Men's Basketball

Oakland was picked to finish seventh in the 2014-15 Horizon League Preseason Poll. The league's nine head coaches, staff and media voted on the preseason poll. Corey Petros and Kahlil Felder were preseason all-league selections, with Petros named to the first team and Felder to the second.

Women's Basketball

Elena Popkey has been named to the Madness 2014-2015 Preseason All-Horizon League Women's Basketball Second Team. Popkey averaged 13.8 points and 6.2 rebounds last season, posting six games of over 20 points along the way.

OU Football Club

The Football Club took to the road to defeat Miami (OH) 28-12 Oct. 18.

Men's Soccer

Matt Dudley scored a goal and recorded an assist for the Golden Grizzlies (6-5-1) as Oakland defeated Belmont, 2-0, to stay in first place in the Horizon League Oct. 18 at the Oakland Soccer Field. Oakland posted its fifth consecutive shutout, tying for the fourth-longest streak in program history.

Oakland has not allowed a goal in over 489 minutes of action dating back to Oct. 1.

Women's Soccer

Alison Holland posted her second consecutive shutout as Oakland (4-9-2, 2-2-1) took Milwaukee (5-9-2, 1-3-2) to a scoreless draw Oct. 18 at Engelmann Field. Holland made two saves on 11 shots for her third shutout of the season.

Volleyball

Cassie Pelloni led Oakland in kills with 16, as the Golden Grizzlies fell to Green Bay Oct. 17 in four sets 25-22, 22-25, 25-10, 25-23.

The Golden Grizzlies would rebound the next day behind Sammy Condon's team-high 14 kills and eight blocks as Oakland defeated league-leading Milwaukee at the Klotsche Center.

-Compiled by Jake Alsko,
Web Editor

Sports

Grizzly Oaks in grisly state for golf

Promises for new disc golfing course to come in Spring 2015

Anthony Spak
Contributor

Hidden in the woods behind the upper fields, an on-campus gem lies dormant and incomplete. Chain baskets and tee pads lay on the ground, out of use, in the forested space where Hole 5 used to be. Grizzly Oaks, OU's 18-hole disc golf course, is located between the new outdoor athletic fields on Meadow Brook Drive and the grounds of the Meadow Brook Music Festival. The course remains under construction, despite previous reports that the course would reopen in the fall of 2014.

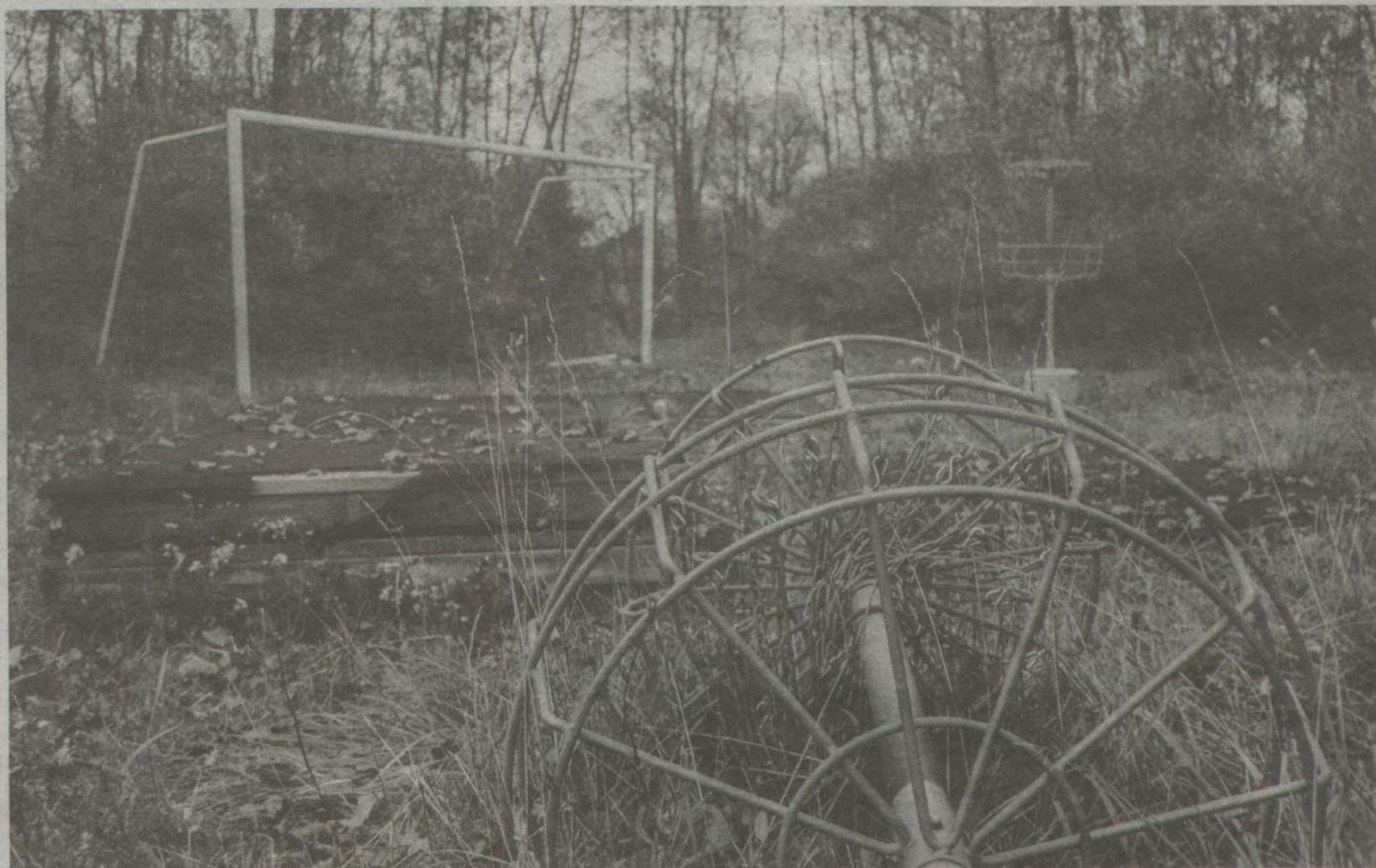
"The disc golf course remains officially closed during the construction of the Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex," said Greg Jordan, Director of the Department of Campus Recreation.

Developments to Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex (RAO) superfields, formerly known as the upper fields, caused the initial closures to Grizzly Oaks back in 2013.

Since then, five of the original 18 holes were lost to construction projects and are currently unavailable for play. The remaining 13 holes are still in place, though not maintained as if the course were operational.

Since the closure, Oakland University students have been without an on-campus disc golf venue, unable to toss their plastic.

"The OU course was the first place I ever played disc golf. It got me hooked," Tim Pontzer, a senior, said, "It really is a shame that it isn't available anymore."



"When it was open, it was an awesome course. The course was challenging, and a great place to be on campus, especially for the housing community."

Mike Pariseau, OU senior and disc golfer

Senior and disc golfer Mike Pariseau remembers playing the course before the construction.

"When it was open, it was an awesome course. The course was challenging, and a great place to be on campus, especially for the housing community. It was just a short walk away for a good round."

Nationally, disc golf has grown steadily. According to the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA), growth has been seen steadily from 2004 to 2013 in the number of active PDGA members, disc golf courses, PDGA sanctioned events and PDGA tournament

competitors.

These numbers do not include casual, unreported players who are not affiliated with PDGA but still participate in the activity. Despite the activity's rising popularity, Grizzly Oaks is not currently a part of disc golf's national growth because it is not considered an operational course. The Department of Campus Recreation still sees value in a re-vamped disc golf course. When the RAO superfields construction is completed, they will "evaluate the available space to relocate the 5 holes that were lost due to the project," Jordan said.



Katherine Cagle/The Oakland Post

"I believe we have the potential to incorporate the new holes in a challenging and fun way that will complement the existing 13 holes."

If students wish to play a round of disc golf while Grizzly Oaks remains under construction, there are a few courses nearby. Firefighters Park in Troy, River Bends Park in Utica, Raintree Park in Troy, and Stoney Creek Metro Park

TOP The disc golfing course lays in ruins

BOTTOM Construction has destroyed part of the course

in Shelby Township are all open and within 10 miles of campus.

Stories from the pitch

Coach Eric Pogue, forward Joey Tinnion, center-back Cody discuss triumphs, failure

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team started the season in rough fashion going 0-5-0. Since that time the team has went undefeated going 5-0-1, with wins over Ohio State and Horizon League rival University of Detroit Mercy. Coach Eric Pogue, forward Joey Tinnion and center-back Cody Archibald have been a huge part of the team's success.

OP: Is there anything in particular that you can attribute to your teams turnaround? What are some things you've noticed about your team in the wins that you didn't see early in the season?

Pogue: The turnaround of our team over the last three weeks can be best attributed to a refocus from our entire team on the core principles of team defending and being a very difficult team to score goals on. Our staff made a few system-

atic adjustments and some personnel decisions that have helped as well. Overall, the team, staff and player buy-in has been first class and just focusing on one game at a time.

OP: How do you keep the spirits high after a slow start, especially after a loss during homecoming to Incarnate Word? As seniors what do you try to do?

Pogue: The team was obviously extremely disappointed after the Homecoming game vs Incarnate Word, as we knew we were a far better team than our record indicated, but 0-5 is 0-5 no matter how you look at it. Credit to the team, as they never made excuses and the start of Horizon League play allowed us to get refocused on a new season, the one that matters most. I've told a lot of people that ask that not many horses that win the Kentucky Derby are leading at the quarter pole, it's how we continue to improve and get stronger throughout the season that will help us compete for a Horizon League title and NCAA tournament selection, which are the ultimate goals for our program.

Tinnion: Cody and I are both seniors and in our first three seasons here we haven't always started off strong. Last



From the Oakland Post Archives

Since its initial five losses, the men's soccer team has gone undefeated and beat Ohio State.

year, we began 0-2-2 for example. So, we just tried to keep the younger guys on board and tell them that Oakland soccer has recovered from slow starts so many times. As long as we all stick together, we are more than talented to turn this year around as well. Plus, the conference games are a whole new season. And, our first 5 games were all out of conference.

Archibald: In past years, we've had rocky starts and maintaining a positive mindset and an effort to work hard is critical to rebounding. So after our rough start this year, we thought it was important that the younger guys understood that games that were out of the regular season weren't as important as conference games. Once conference starts, it's a whole new season.

OP: What has Coach Pogue done with the team through this transition from being down to being victorious?

Archibald: Coach Pogue and the coaching staff have stayed positive this whole season and have done extremely well with helping us stay positive. Coach Pogue has made it a priority that we defend as a whole team, and I think that's something that has helped us with our recent success.

Tinnion: Coach Pogue has done a very good job keeping morale high even when games weren't going our way. Another thing is that the entire coaching staff has been working with us on team defending. Its a way of defending with every single player on the field not just the back line. Defending starts with the forwards. This team defending has been a huge reason for success.

OP: What do you plan to work on going forward to keep the momentum going? What do you expect the rest of the

Horizon League Season?

Pogue: We are half way through the Horizon League season after four games and sitting at 3-0-1 and sole possession of first place that includes wins over UDM and CSU on the road, Green Bay at home, and a tie vs defending League champion UIC, so we are in good shape. Having said that, we still have four tough games remaining in League play at Milwaukee, home to Belmont and Wright State, and finish the season away to Valpo, so we still have a long road ahead us. Throw in some great matches Home vs Michigan State and Away vs Michigan these next two weeks and we should be well prepared and battle tested for the Horizon League Tournament in mid-November.

Archibald: Going forward it's important that we stay humble and focus on the main goal, winning the conference tournament. As a team we need to continually work to limit our opponents scoring opportunities and to capitalize on ours. These past few weeks we've played really well, if we continue to work hard and stay focused I think we'll be able to have an NCAA championship birth.

Tinnion: We need to stay humble going forward. Sure, we have won a few games in a row but we are nowhere near being done with our goals. We want to win the conference regular season, win the conference tournament and make some noise in the NCAA tournament

If we fall asleep for 10 seconds in any one of our remaining games we could jeopardize all of our goals.

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Mink, freshman goalkeeper, hasn't allowed a goal in the last five games.

Freshman starting goalie on fire with record saves

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

Oakland University's men's soccer team has had much success as of late, and part of the credit belongs to freshman goalkeeper Wes Mink.

Mink is a 6'-6" goalie from West Chester, Ohio. He earned multiple accolades in high school as he was a four-time all-conference honoree, All-State Third Team selection, and his club team was National Runner-ups and were the USYS National League champions.

His decision to come to OU was not all entirely about sports, however.

"The key factor was knowing I would have the opportunity to win the starting, but it was also exactly what I was looking for academically," Mink said.

Being a freshman in college is hard enough, but transitioning from high school sports to collegiate sports makes things even more difficult.

"The transition from high school to college has been very different. I have a lot more freedom but a lot more responsibility as well. Managing my time efficiently with soccer and school is a part of that," Mink said.

Having accomplished his goal of becoming starting goalie, he now only wants to continue to get better. He seems to be doing just that as he has not allowed a goal in the last five games.

OU has not allowed a goal in 489 minutes of play, which is the fourth-longest

"The transition from high school to college has been very different. I have a lot more freedom but a lot more responsibility."

Wes Mink
Men's Soccer Starting Goalie

streak in program history according to ougrizzlies.com.

His play is one of the reasons why the team is 6-0-1 in the last seven games, including a 5-0-1 mark in league play. The team struggled at the beginning of the season as they started out 0-5, but Mink thinks that the team can turn it around in the latter half of the season.

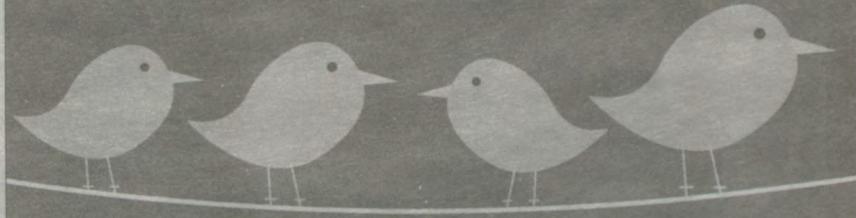
"I think the biggest thing that has changed is that we are all buying into defending first. Now that we have a solid line of defense it is giving us confidence going forwards and we have been capitalizing on more of our opportunities," said Mink.

The OU men's soccer team will play Michigan State at home on Oct. 22, and then will face the Michigan Wolverines in Ann Arbor on Oct. 29.

The final two games of the season will be against Wright State at home on Nov. 1 and then at Valparaiso on Nov. 7.

More information on the team can be found at ougrizzlies.com.

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iPause provides students with the means to juggle their busy work and school schedules.

iPause for pizza

Program promotes self-awareness, stress relief tactics and tips for students

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

Between classes, studying, friends and work, college students have a lot to contend with day in and day out.

Julie Proctor, health and wellness coordinator at the Graham Health Center, is making effective and innovative efforts on campus to help eradicate some of that stress from students' daily lives.

In collaboration with Dr. David Schwartz, director of counseling at GHC, Proctor developed the "iPause" program; a workshop-style presentation available for commission on campus to classes, groups and organizations which promote self-awareness and offers tips for stress management.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, Proctor held her newest iteration of iPause, called "iPause for Pizza".

From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Kresge Library, Proctor and staff supplied students with free pizza, stress balls and kindness cards to help lessen the stress of midterm study cramming.

Proctor said that the main goals of the event were to promote GHC services and to emphasize to students just how important it is that they recognize that their personal mindset play a "huge role" in their happiness.

Students were asked to think about kindness and gratitude, finishing the event with writing what they were

grateful for on a banner.

"It's a fun way to meet the students and talk to them about the available resources," Proctor said. "A lot of students had not heard about us so it was an opportunity to reach a new group of people."

OU sophomore Anna Roberts said she would gladly take part in an event like iPause for Pizza.

"It sounds like a relaxing break from the panic of exams," Roberts said. "It would be nice to feel encouraged to take any amount of time to just take a breath and have an actual meal with peers."

"Emphasizing the importance of stress management during exams is genius," she said.

Those who did not make it have nothing to fear, as Proctor and the GHC are hard at work thinking up new ways to incorporate studying, snacks and meals, and pertinent information for stress management during college into fun and appealing events for all students.

"We are thinking of ways to get students to interact more with the information we provide, [but] we are still thinking on this," Proctor said.

She advises that students be on the lookout for more stress management events as finals approach, and to consider stopping by to see what she and the rest of the GHC has to offer.

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Guests, all of whom were carillonners from around the midwest, were welcome to play the keyboard.

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Midwest Carillon Conference rings in Elliott Tower

Kevin Teller
Staff Intern

Music rang from one of the newest additions to Oakland's campus, Elliott Tower, on Friday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18. The Midwest Regional Carillon Conference was organized in part by our resident carillonneur, Dennis Curry.

A carillon is the instrument that is housed inside the tower and consists of the bells as well as the keyboard, levels and foot pedals on. A carillonneur is someone who plays the carillon.

Besides Curry, there were performances by carillonners from schools throughout Michigan and the Midwest. From University of Michigan to Michigan State University, Grand Valley State University and Iowa State University, the performers in attendance covered a wide geographical range.

And there is certainly good reason to celebrate. Elliott Tower is the newest carillon in the entire world, according to Curry, so it is a tremendous honor both for those who play it and those who hear it alike.

The tower itself consists of four main levels: two that are just above the arches at the bottom, one that houses the performance room where the instrument is actually played, and the top level is where the bells are housed.

The bells resonate through something called "louvers." These are the openings on each side of the tower that almost resemble the exhaust

pipes from some type of heavy machinery. The purpose of the louvers is to mix and evenly distribute the sound.

Curry said that the bells themselves have been meticulously arranged in the tower as well. With 49 bells, the carillonneur has a four octave range, which is about half the range of a standard full-sized piano.

The keys on the carillon are different from that of a piano though. They are a series of separate levers that are played with the ends of one's fist as well as pedals that are played with one's feet, similar to an organ, Curry explained.

Elective courses will be available in the near future for students who wish to learn how to play the instrument as well.

Students who wish to participate in this program will have to go through an initial audition process to ensure that they have a musical understanding first. They will then be allowed to begin instruction in the practice studio in O'Dowd Hall, where there is an identical keyboard set up that strikes tone bars (such as those on a xylophone) instead of bells.

"It seems like a really cool way for music students to get musically involved with the rest of campus," Rhys Burgess, music student, said.

The art of playing the carillon is a 500-year-old tradition. Curry said that these instruments had "a sense of community and pride" attached to them and believes that the carillon has and will have the same effect at OU.

OU INCubator launders clothing for and employs adults with autism

Sean Miller
Staff Reporter

Oakland University has created an on-campus laundry service that supports adults with autism.

Framed after a similar organization in North Carolina, the nonprofit service provides clean clothes for students and employment opportunities for those with autism.

The laundry service is located in a room at the OU INCubator, or OU INC for short. OU INC is on the northeast corner of campus near Meadowbrook Hall and Katke-Cousins Golf Course.



Courtesy of
Nathan Ziolko

"Ninety percent of adults with autism are either underemployed or unemployed," Nathan Ziolko, student who works with the service, said. "Giving them this opportunity gives them a chance to do something meaningful while earning a wage."

The service is open to all OU students and the public. The first bag of laundry is free. The cost is \$15 per customer and \$10 for Oakland students.

Students can also get further discounts by agreeing to regularly use their service for a semester.

"We pick up, clean, wrap, fold, and deliver the laundry within 48 hours. The employees do excellent work, and I'm sure you'll be impressed with the results," Ziolko said.

Students have noticed the service and used it since it opened. While residents have the option of doing their own laundry in the dorms and apartments, some students like to give back to those involved in the program.

"I have a lot of friends who are disabled, and I feel that even they have a purpose and a place in this world," Greg Terry, student, said. "I'm glad to see something like this pop up on campus and help those who need it, and provide students with a great service."

Students and faculty overlook the service's operations. There are also on-site job coaches who help workers, and an advisory board that includes the interim dean of education and the vice president of development.

Other OU faculty that are involved with the day-to-day operations include Karen Markel of the School of Business, Jan Graetz of the School of Education and Lisa Friedrich.

So far, the laundry business is looking to grow exponentially within the next few years.

"Our goal is to have 4 to 5 businesses employing 25 to 35 adults with autism in the next two years," Ziolko said. "The project is being researched thoroughly, with the intent to develop a road map for other universities to follow throughout the state of Michigan and beyond."



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A group of friends gather to wear orange and promote the end of violence towards women. With social media saturating our culture, using #orangeurworld will help raise awareness.

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

Oakland goes orange

Students try to increase awareness, end violence against women

In July of 2012, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon initiated "Orange Day," taking place on the 25th of each month to raise awareness for the need to end violence against women and girls.

In the spirit of Secretary-General Ki-moon's initiative, students may consider donning orange clothes this Friday, Oct. 24, and Saturday, Oct. 25, to show recognition of ending violence against women and upholding a standard of excellence in peer respect and interaction on campus.

Saturday, Oct. 18, the Oakland University Police Department fired an email blast to all students and faculty, alerting campus of a serious event.

At approximately 10 p.m. the evening of Thursday, Oct. 16, a female student was assaulted near the sidewalk in front of Kresge Library.

"The issue of assault should

be at the forefront of all college campuses and communities," said Oakland University Student Congress president Annie Meinberg. "Statistics show that 1 in 5 women will experience sexual assault in their college career."

"It is not enough to say that a woman should protect herself or reduce her risk," said Dr. Ami Harbin of the Women and Gender Studies Program.

"Violence against women is bad for everyone," Harbin said. "And a problem that can be solved when everyone is committed to solving it."

Harbin said that it is of utmost importance that people of all genders are educated on where violence against

women stems from and are made conscious of the things that people do which can be understood as acts of violence.

"Anything that undermines a woman's power for self-development and self-determination is violence against women," Harbin said.

These things can range from discouraging female participation in sports, to dismissing a woman's idea at work, to telling an offensive joke, Harbin said.

Meinberg agreed that education on what is constituted as "violence" against women is just as important as how to avoid those behaviors, no matter how passive or aggressive they may be in nature. These

things are key to creating a campus environment that protects women and admonishes violent or demeaning behaviors.

"We prevent assault by educating ourselves and our peers," Meinberg said.

She encourages female students to consider taking an active role in their own safety in precaution to, however unlikely, something happening to them.

"I took a Krav Maga class in the past. It demonstrates in realistic drills how to react and which self-defense moves to protect yourself," Meinberg said.

The Recreation Center offers Krav Maga and Rape Ag-

gression Defense classes, both of which teach self-defense to female students and faculty.

But providing self-defense classes isn't enough to end violence perpetrated against women.

Without the full support of the entire campus community — meaning a heightened awareness in both male and female student demographics — it could be impossible to eliminate violence against women at Oakland or at any other university.

It is nothing short of a group effort.

Although Meinberg cites that Oakland is in fact the safest university in all of Michigan, and ranked among the top 10 safest campuses in the nation, that does not mean that a lackadaisical approach to violent acts against women should be taken.

"If this awareness day sparks conversation amongst OU students," Meinberg said, "then it is successful."

New student organization celebrates Eid al-Adha

Organization members happy to share their culture

Andrew Wernette

Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

A community celebration for the Islamic holiday Eid al-Adha was held in the Oakland Center this past weekend.

Even though the holiday actually took place two weeks prior on Oct. 4, the newly-formed Saudi Student Association set up an event to mark its passing on Saturday, Oct. 18. Many people gathered in the Gold Rooms for food and entertainment.

Eid al-Adha commemorates the willingness of the biblical character Abraham ("Ibrahim" in Arabic) to sacrifice his son Issac for God, a story which is recognized in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It also marks the end of the period when pilgrims travel to Mecca, the most holy site in Islam.

Muslims normally unite with family for the holiday. There is also the saying of prayers and feasting.

It is not to be confused with the earlier Eid al-Fitr, which happens following the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

Decorations and Saudi Arabian flags adorned the tables and walls of the room. Saudi Student Association president Humam Abusitta greeted guests once everyone was seated.

After an opening Islamic prayer, a number of people spoke about the new student organization and what they hoped it could be.

This included Dean of Engineering Louay Chamra, who explained that he was ethnic Lebanese with Saudi roots. He praised the formation of the association.

"This is where we share your culture," Chamra said. "This is where we share your values."

Chamra went on to encourage those in the crowd not to be demoralized by how Islam may be portrayed in today's media. He told them to remain proud of who they are.

"Be yourself, always be yourself," he said.

David Archbold, director of the International Students and Scholars Office and a key figure in the organization's creation, echoed Chamra's message of social resilience.

"If you don't define yourself, others will define you," he said.

It was then time for entertainment. Children participated in a running game and each received a candy prize.

Adults were encouraged to join a large

game of charades, with prizes being restaurant gift cards.

Guests then partook in the buffet, which included fattoush salad, tabbouleh, hummus and a Saudi Arabian specialty called *zurbian*.

One of the guests was Kiali Curtis, a junior.

"I heard about it 'cause I work in the [International Students and Scholars Office]," said Curtis.

She added that she was attending the event because she had missed the real observance date due to a family emergency.

Curtis' friend, Asma Eij, sat next to her. Eij, a graduate student from Tunisia, explained that this was her first Eid away from her family.

"You can compare it to Thanksgiving," she said, emphasizing the giving spirit that usually accompanies the holiday.

Abusitta gave his own explanation of Eid.

"We all get together, especially family," he said. "We get together and have a great meal and enjoy each other's company. Having each other beside each other is a wonderful thing."

"That's what Eid is all about: family."

Abusitta was the founder and president of the Saudi Students Union at Lawrence Tech University before he came to Oakland University. He said that he was also proud of creating this organization, which became official only a few weeks ago.

"Every single time I start one, I feel that we are getting to a higher step in communication and better values with the American culture," he said. "That's where we're trying to head."

"We are more than happy to share our culture with other students and universities, and other cultures," Abusitta said.

Daniyah Alaswad, the organization's liaison to female members, also praised her group and its efforts.

"I am representing the women in this society," she said.

Being a woman herself, she figured that she would be able to connect better with women and include their voice in the organization's functions.

She said she was also responsible for decorating the whole room for the event.

"I'm glad that everybody's having a wonderful time," Alaswad said.

The Saudi Student Association can be found on Facebook and GrizzOrgs.



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Observant men, women and children gather together in the OC to celebrate Eid.



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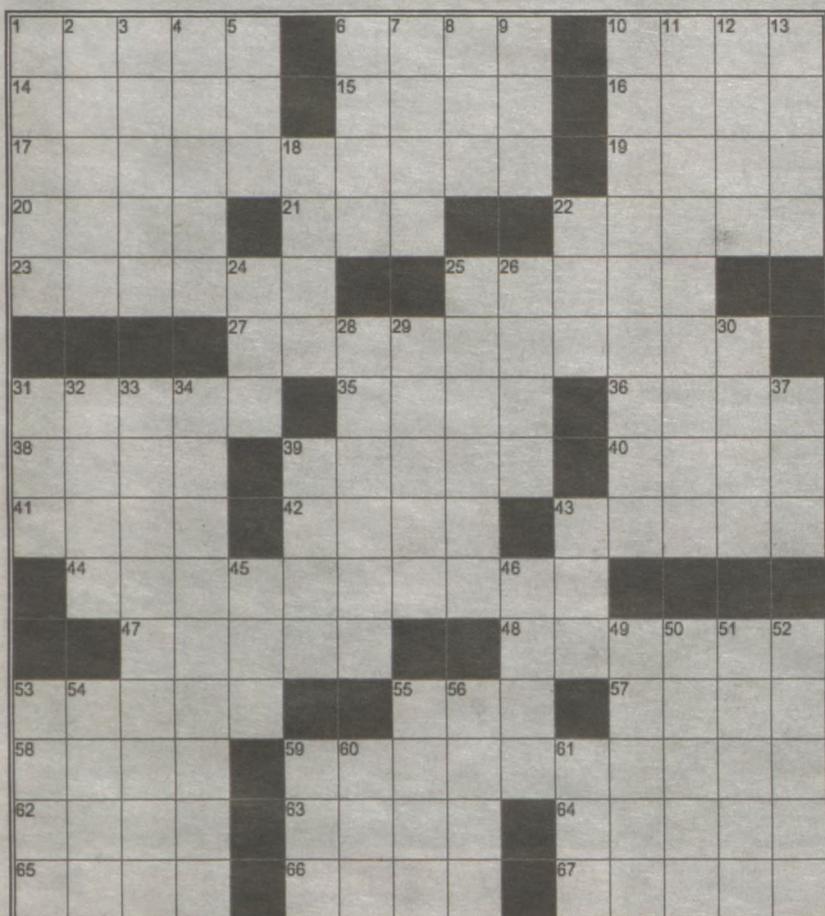
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- 6: Prospector's bonanza
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- 14: Woodworking machine
- 15: Brainwave
- 16: Multigenerational story
- 17: On the beach
- 19: Cats' prey
- 20: Lowly laborer
- 21: Crew implement
- 22: Selections
- 23: Time keeper?
- 25: Rattle on
- 27: Waiting area?
- 31: Drying-out place, familiarly
- 35: Section in the credits
- 36: Kind of beetle
- 38: Firm head
- 39: Computer connections
- 40: Withered
- 41: Punch ingredient?
- 42: Bailiwick
- 43: Soft headgear
- 44: Without rest
- 47: Squeals, so to speak
- 48: Fizzify

53: Hip container

- 55: Wharf pest
- 57: Black, to a bard
- 58: Inning enders
- 59: Teenager
- 62: Tickled-pink feeling
- 63: Anticipatory feeling
- 64: Absolute, as nonsense
- 65: Froth
- 66: Goes out with
- 67: Mike of the Stanley Cup-winning New York Islanders

22: What golfers try to break

- 24: Eyeball
- 25: Rotini and ziti
- 26: Road grooves
- 28: Groups of twenty
- 29: Biblical weeds
- 30: Weight allowance
- 31: KO caller
- 32: Stage direction
- 33: Paused
- 34: Hunt and Hunter
- 37: Obtain
- 39: Gloom

Down

- 1: Warm, in a way
- 2: Fought the clock
- 3: Holding areas for newcomers?
- 4: Swindle
- 5: Half a score
- 6: Former capital of Italy?
- 7: Skunk's funk
- 8: Remote room?
- 9: Feed one's face
- 10: After-dinner drink
- 11: Where the tremor is worst
- 12: Beat thoroughly
- 13: Keeps cold
- 18: Bad driver's shout
- 43: Tournament exemption
- 45: Man in a lodge
- 46: Not on schedule
- 49: Right-hand page
- 50: Helps with the heist
- 51: Musical pitches
- 52: Ledger transaction
- 53: Driving hazards
- 54: Pip
- 55: Lassoer's cord
- 56: Microbrewery offerings
- 59: Starts of sneezes
- 60: She's a deer
- 61: Temp

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Lights, camera, live action role play

Students express creativity in full-contact club sport

Sean Miller
Staff Reporter

What some people may call LARPing, OU students call Dagorhir. Dagorhir, similar to LARPing, combines elements of history and fantasy and is a full-contact sport. Anyone can join in on the combat and let their imagination soar.

Once a week, the participants of the Dagorhir meet outside of the Oakland Center. Everyone gets ready by suiting up in their garb and armor to fight to the "death."

"LARPing is 'Live Action Role Playing,' and Dagorhir is similar, but from my experience, the role playing is minimal," said Rhianna Marks, a student who takes the alias 'Dara' while on the field. "We focus more on the full-contact fighting."

Some people get discouraged, as it can look dangerous and physically demanding at times. All weaponry, shields and armor must pass a safety test in order to be used on the field. Most of the weaponry is made with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and foam to create a padded blade or shield. The sport is full contact, so people want to be hit hard.

"I like playing because I get to hit people," Marks said. "I don't really care about winning or losing a battle... When you fight, you swing like you're really fighting someone. You don't just tap them. If someone hits too lightly, you can call it."

Aside from the fighting, people enjoy creating their own persona. Players chose their own name and the fighter they want to be. Some lean toward historical figures like Vikings or knights, while others focus on fantasy, like elves or orcs. For some, a group of one kind of persona creates a sense of family and a place to fit in.

This year brings some changes for the group, such as new leadership, room for growth, and recruitment.

"I became president after the previous president graduated," said Gage Zurawski, known as Bolvar Quickblade on the field. "Last year, I stepped up to get the club moving again. We expanded practices and did recruiting to bring more people to the sport."

While the group does focus on fighting and garb, it also wants to create a sense of community and make Dagorhir a place to build strong friendships. The students in the group are accepting and encourage others to join in and take a swing at them.

"The community is incredible, and everyone who is a part of it is a great friend. They will help you with anything that you need to get you started. We accept people for who they are," Zurawski said.

For students who wish to participate in the fights and swing some swords, the group practices every Sunday at 1 p.m.



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TOP LARP stands for "Live Action Role Playing." Dagorhir, OU's group, is similar to LARP, but the role playing is minimal and they focus more on the full-contact fighting.

LEFT Members of Dagorhir sparred during practice outside the Oakland Center on Sunday.

ABOVE Students engaged in First Blood, a live action role playing match. To those who are interested in joining, Dagorhir is a very welcoming community.

SATIRE

Wedding day bliss

Ali DeRees
Campus & Administration Editor/
Wedding Planner

Well ladies and gentlemen, we are past the midway point of October. You have probably seen plenty of pumpkin pastries and lattes, an array of UGG boots and North Face jackets worn by angsty teenage girls who are also wearing paper-thin leggings for pants then complaining about the cold.

But if you're a college student, specifically in or close to your final year, you may see another trend. I'm talking to you ladies. It's wedding season.

Ah, weddings. They bring out the best and worst of people. Fall seems to be a particularly popular time to have a wedding and outdoor weddings are all the rage now. The weather is not too hot and usually nice and rainy, to please all of your guests.

I have only been to one wedding in which I was the flower girl, aka I did the Boot Scootin' Boogie and watched a lot of tall people drink beer at the reception.

As an adult with friends getting married, I can't help but be frustrated of the wedding protocol that

seems to have taken over our society.

1. Themes

To have the most spectacular wedding of all time today, there needs to be a theme. I've seen it all: cowboy theme, Paris-themed, leopard theme.

I'm sorry, but isn't the theme of a wedding supposed to be a wedding? Most of these themes would be appropriate for a "Sweet 16" birthday party, not the holy matrimony of two human beings.

2. Gifts for the bridesmaids

Picking your bridesmaids: 'tis the test of friendship. If you have a sister, they are bound to the maid of honor position and your female cousins may or may not hate you for not including them in your exclusive group. Back in the day, one would call up their good friend or take them out to coffee or dinner to ask them to be a bridesmaid. Not anymore. You have to propose to the lady of choice with a gift or an obnoxious sign. I have seen hundreds of dollars spent on gifts for a bridesmaid.

With all that you have to spend on for a wedding,

is it necessary to make such a grand gesture? Assuming your bridesmaids are your dearest friends, shouldn't they be happy that you simply asked them?

3. The parties

As if a wedding isn't enough, there must be pre-parties for the ultimate celebration. You're familiar with a bachelor and bachelorette party: the bride and groom take their cohorts for an evening of shenanigans before they are bound by the handcuffs that are marriage.

Now, one party isn't enough. There is an engagement party, a bridal shower, the cocktail party for only the females on your mom's side of the family but Aunt Betty can't come because she ruined the last family function. It's exhausting and costly.

What it comes down to is this: there is a difference between a party and a celebration. Make sure the emphasis of your special day is on the coming together of you and your loved one, and your family and friends.

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