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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

PAINT IT WHITE// Students struggle to forge their way through a blanket of snow that descended on campus more than a week ago. The white weather came to much of the U.S., causing a headache for motorists and homeowners.

Photo by Danielle Cajocari/The Oakland

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POLL OF THE WEEK

The poll for last week ended in a three-way tie! We decided to try again with the top three, and added two suggestions:

- A) Chester
- B) Bearonce
- C) Miguel Cabeara
- D) Hugo

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Our clueless comic cub is having an existential crisis this week (p. 19). Will you help us choose a name for him?

- A) Furgie
23.5%
- B) Bearonce
25.5%
- C) Miguel Cabeara
25.5%
- D) These choices suck, I'm going to send you a new idea.
25.5%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

November 30, 1982

Robbin Hough, a professor of economics and management, gave a lecture entitled "Arms to Armageddon." In it, he predicted that the U.S. food system would be strained by a large influx of migrants in the near future.

December 2, 2002

Scott Ritter, the former chief U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq, spoke at OU. He said that the impending war with Iraq would define "how we interact with the rest of the world."

December 3, 2007

An attempted armed robbery occurred when a masked, hooded figure tried to rob a student in a parking lot after midnight. The student was able to push the panic button in his car, causing the suspect to flee. He was later caught and charged.

-Compiled by Andrew Wernette, Life Editor



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High winds caused a few panels to blow off the new engineering building, prompting immediate caution.

BY THE NUMBERS

Holiday edition

3 trillion

dollars generated in retail sales in the U.S. in the 2013 holiday season

1903

when General Electric began to offer pre-assembled kits of Christmas lights. Before, lights were only available for the wealthy.

786,000

employees were hired to compensate for the 2013 holiday rush

\$35.30

the average cost of a real Christmas tree in 2012

33 million

real Christmas trees were bought in the U.S. in 2013

Letter from the Editor: 'Taking the risk to blossom'

By Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Dear reader,
Author Anais Nin once wrote "And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom."

With this, we say congratulations for reaching this day. Congratulations on finishing another fourteen weeks of schooling, becoming three months wiser, for ultimately being another semester closer to graduation, and for taking the risk to pursue your passions and blossom into a fuller, more educated member of society.

If you're reading this, thank you, and thank you for your continued readership in The Oakland Post. It is because of you that we have been allowed to blossom this semester, to increase our distribution numbers to 6,000 copies of this paper read weekly, to tuck both Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker and Pinnacle Awards under our belts, and to deliver Oakland University's news in the best and most comprehensive way our efforts can provide.

We thank you for bearing with us through our trials and errors as we strive

to escape our bud to bring you, the reader, the best we can. It is because of you and your continued devotion that we are able to take the risk to blossom.

Through your support and feedback by reading our weekly 24-page production, we have been able to bring you everything from the news of the presidential search and appointment of President George Hynd to the secrets of the Kettering Magnetics Lab, the premature loss of students Bassam Issa and Chandler Swink and librarian Frank Lepkowski, and the visits of Hillary Clinton and Iggy Azalea.

As we move into the winter semester, a few of our own staff are graduating, blossoming, and moving on to bigger and better things.

It is with sadness and gratitude that we say goodbye and good luck to Web Editor Jake Alsko, Life, Arts, and Entertainment Editor Andrew "Stretch" Wernette, photographer Shannon Wilson, and graphic designer Ben Derminer. Congratulations on your next step.

With big shoes to fill, we welcome the capable feet of Leeann Brown and Sean Gardner as our new Life, Arts, and Entertainment,

and Web editors, respectively, for the new year.

In the coming semester, we aim to increase our online presence further, to expand our campus coverage, and to bring you, the reader, the news you care most for and need to know about.

However, we can't do this without your help. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, and don't forget to take a paper or two from your friendly campus distributor. Let us know what you like and what you do not.

It is for you and because of you that we, as a student paper, function, and continue to take the risk to blossom.

In the meantime, though, enjoy the break, enjoy the holidays, and enjoy life. Reap the benefits of your growth. That's what we at The Post plan to do.

But come winter semester, we will be back at it, pushing and escaping our journalistic buds as we push even harder to provide you with the news you, the reader, deserve.

Until then, all the best.

Sincerely,

Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

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College isn't just about the studying, but experiences

Wise words from an Oakland Post graduate

Andrew Wernette
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

I never totally knew what I was doing. When my mother told me all those years ago that I had received a decent scholarship to attend Oakland University, I shrugged my shoulders indifferently and said, "Okay, I'll go there."



Andrew Wernette
December 2014 Graduate

The only other place I had considered until then was Macomb Community College.

I fell into Oakland's lap without a clue about what I wanted to study or where I was going in life.

Now, soon to graduate with a major in English, I still don't exactly know where I'm heading.

But I'm not worried.

I can't pinpoint any particular dream job I want to work toward when I graduate, but I do have dream criteria for my life.

These include traveling the world freely, publishing my writing, getting to know many people and being of service to humanity.

Oh, and taking on as many adventures as I can.

These are the humble sails that steer my ship.

In college, I discovered that opportunities present themselves when you are open to them.

Among many other things, I came to be an officer in the Grizzdance Film Festival organization, made connections at the WXOU radio station and talked philosophy in a Bible study group.

I shyly approached the weekly open mic event on campus and began doing readings of things that I wrote.

The crowd loved it.

I kept going, and I became very popular.

I credit that experience with strengthening both my speaking and

writing skills.

After my third year of school, my mother suggested I take some time off to explore and hopefully decide on a career option.

Not really caring either way, I agreed. While I didn't necessarily make a decision, I did end up applying to the Americorps volunteer program and was accepted.

I took a road trip across the country to work on a Native American reservation in northern California, where I met fascinating people and had eye-opening experiences.

I had fun.

In addition, the scholarship I got from the program wiped away many of my student loans.

I am now set to graduate debt-free.

When I returned to Oakland, I heard someone say that working for The Oakland Post was a great way to "go on to do great things afterward."

I went to the office, not knowing exactly what I wanted to do for the paper. But something inside told me that I had to somehow get involved.

I was instantly made an intern, which led to becoming a reporter, which then led to me becoming an editor. And my writing, the words you're reading now, is published for all to see.

All of this came from just doing what felt right at the time.

I'm not climbing a ladder toward a specific goal. Rather, I see myself swinging from one opportunistic branch to another, with the faith that I'll eventually end up where I need to be.

I don't suggest that everyone adopt such a loose approach to their lives (even though I'd like to).

But if there is any advice I have for my peers still in school, I suppose it would be the following:

First, be open and nonjudgmental to opportunities, however random they appear. If something even slightly strikes your fancy and you can do it, do it. The least it can do is add more color to your life.

Second, try to get to know as many people as you can. Where others stress to invest one's time in studies or work, I always say to invest your time in people. Simply having a genuine curiosity about who folks are and why they do what they do will get you very far in life.

With that, I wish everyone luck and prosperity. I look forward to the next step, whatever it may be.

Graduating Posties share parting words, memories

Jake Alsko



I don't have one favorite memory. I've enjoyed every day of working at The Post this year. I've met a lot of good people with common interests, what more can you ask for?

I learned a lot. I also worked with a cool team. From the guidance of the lead editors to the wisecracks of Josh the copy editor, I never felt alone here. We had good times.

Shannon Wilson



My two years at Oakland went by fast and graduating is bitter sweet. I have met so many amazing people during my time here, including professors that have challenged and inspired me, and

friends I will have forever. If I could give any advice to university newcomers, it would be to get involved. Upon transferring, I made it a goal to get involved on campus as much as possible and it has benefited me immensely. Opportunities to meet people and do great things are there, you just have to take them!

Andrew Wernette

Of course I was shy when I first started working at The Oakland Post. I had to force myself to approach strange people and ask them about topics I might not have totally understood myself. It was harrowing for me at times.

But I (mostly) got over it, as with many things when you do them repeatedly. I got to talk to many interesting people through working for The Post, from a couple of hookah lounge owners to the assistant city manager of Auburn Hills.

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Why can't we just be friends?

When it seems the world has gotten over the issue of race, the student statesman begs to differ

Nicholas Walters
Student Statesman

When I was a child, nobody told me that Ade Olaniran was different. Nobody told me that he was better or worse than I was, privileged or non-privileged, higher or lower.

If somebody had said any of these things, I would have frowned in confusion.

All I knew at that early age was that he was my friend, my best friend, in fact. We played together, laughed together and grew together.

Then, my family moved to a different church when I was about 11. Since that day, I've never seen my friend Ade. I wish I could see him again.

Ade was black (for those of you not

comfortable with the term, insert POC, African-American or any other moniker you desire).

I couldn't have cared less. I was not more or less his friend because of his skin color. I liked him because he was Ade: laughing, loyal, care-free Ade.

Those of you accustomed to seeing The Student Statesman in the paper every other week might be confused: where is the normal half-fact, half-opinion format? Good question.

I felt that after the result of the Ferguson grand jury and the racial



animosities that have been reopened as a result, that it would be better to have, just for this week, a different approach.

This will be the closest to a rant that I will ever go.

This is me speaking from the heart about an issue we college students care about deeply.

As a member of Student Congress, it is usually not wise for me to be blunt, but I felt compelled to be here.

I hate (yes, hate, not dislike or disapprove of, but hate) the race discussion. I hate the fact that we look on each other's friendships and relationships and judge them based on the skin color of the people involved.

I hate the fact that we are still having conversations about whether or not Officer Wilson shot Michael Brown

because the cop felt threatened or the kid was black.

I hate it, to the very core of my being.

So what is my point? Why am I writing this? Quite simply, I long for healing. I long for people to clasp each other by the hand in friendship without regard as to which hand is darker or lighter.

Perhaps this is naïve, the delusions of a 20-year-old who hasn't lived "in the real world" after college yet. Perhaps that day will never come and we will continue to despise each other because of the level of a pigment in the outer layer of our skin.

But if it does, if the day comes when I can look in Ade Olaniran's eyes and know that the world doesn't care what either of us looks like, I will be the first to rejoice.

A 'one-of-a-kind' professor is enhancing the learning process

Christopher Harris
Counseling Major

If you received credits in college for just being yourself, would you fail?

Have you ever felt you needed to conform to another person's perspective to succeed?

Were you ever forced to learn about something that you did not believe in?

For me, the answer to each of these questions is yes.

It makes me proud that I have earned enough confidence to be myself no matter where I am and who is present when I get there.

However, throughout my journey in academia I have consistently felt out of place.

In part for how I look, more for what I had to say.

It was as if no one was truly interested in my point of view.

After seven years this finally changed when I took Dr. James Hansen's elective for my Master of Arts in Counseling.

Philosophical and Meta-Theoretical Issues in

Counseling is a paradigm shifting course in all of academia, not just for Oakland University.

This isn't a class where the professor stands in the front and demands, "This is what we know, so this is what you will learn."

This is a class where the professor sits with you and simply says, "Tell me how you feel about this" and "there is no right or wrong answer," because "I'm not asking you to agree with me."

Some may ask: if that's the class structure, then what do you learn?

My answer: you will learn more about life and more about yourself than you will in any other classroom setting.

"The class is about sharing ideas outside the confines of traditional class work," Hansen said.

He feels strongly that the pressures of exams, quizzes and assignments can be disruptive to learning at times.

"Students need to be excited about learning," he said.

One thing about being an idealist is that it can sometimes breed naivety.

I have spent a great deal of my life being this way, and I've just come to that realization recently.

Naïve is one thing Dr. Hansen is not.

Since holding the first class in 2011, Hansen has proven its value in the most vital way, by having a lasting impact on the life and education of students who have taken it.

As evidenced by comments like these:

"I'm someone with practically no experience in the counseling world. I've had some struggles with this throughout the program, trying to fit into the counseling box that seemed to be created in my other classes... I found myself questioning some things I was learning and not really fitting into that box. This is the best class I have taken so far. I have learned so much about theoretical concepts, the counseling field, culture

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and so much more. It allows you to look critically at the good and bad parts of the field, which is a rare opportunity in this program."

"Dr. Hansen is a one-of-a-kind professor. He allows open debates and challenges in any discussion. Philosophical issues are not only valuable for the field of counseling but for issues that we as humans deal

with everyday life. Hansen's class opens new doors for students like us to appreciate our 'selves,' culture, history, humanism and life in general. I am convinced that so far this was the class that made me feel that I am getting educated properly."

"Dr. Hansen's (class) was by far the most intellectually driven and challenging course I have taken to date. This course should be a part of the required core courses. I admire Dr. Hansen and feel indebted to him for all he has taught me."

Gratified by his impact on people and his expanding influence in the counseling profession, he is authentically modest by nature.

"I'm just grateful to have a job and the ability to take care of my family. I'm incredibly lucky to be doing something that I enjoy, but to have people appreciate my work in such a way, I don't know how to respond to that."

Campus

Grizzlies on the Prowl

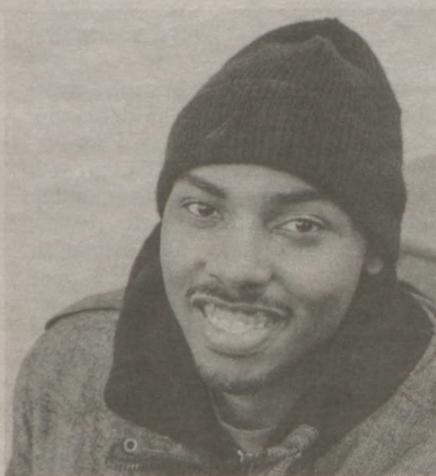


*"What are you
most thankful for?"*



Julie Hill, junior, pre-business

"My family and the support they give me to help me reach my dreams, get through college and get the job that I want once I graduate."



**Daniel Lewis, junior,
pre-physical therapy**

"My family and friends. They keep me sane during the exams week."



**Justin Martinez, freshman,
mechanical engineering**

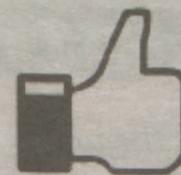
"I am most thankful for my loving girlfriend, her family and mine. They all encourage me to do well in school."



**Lyndsey Hurford, junior,
criminal justice**

"My family and my boyfriend. They always treat me well even when I mess up. I just love being around them."

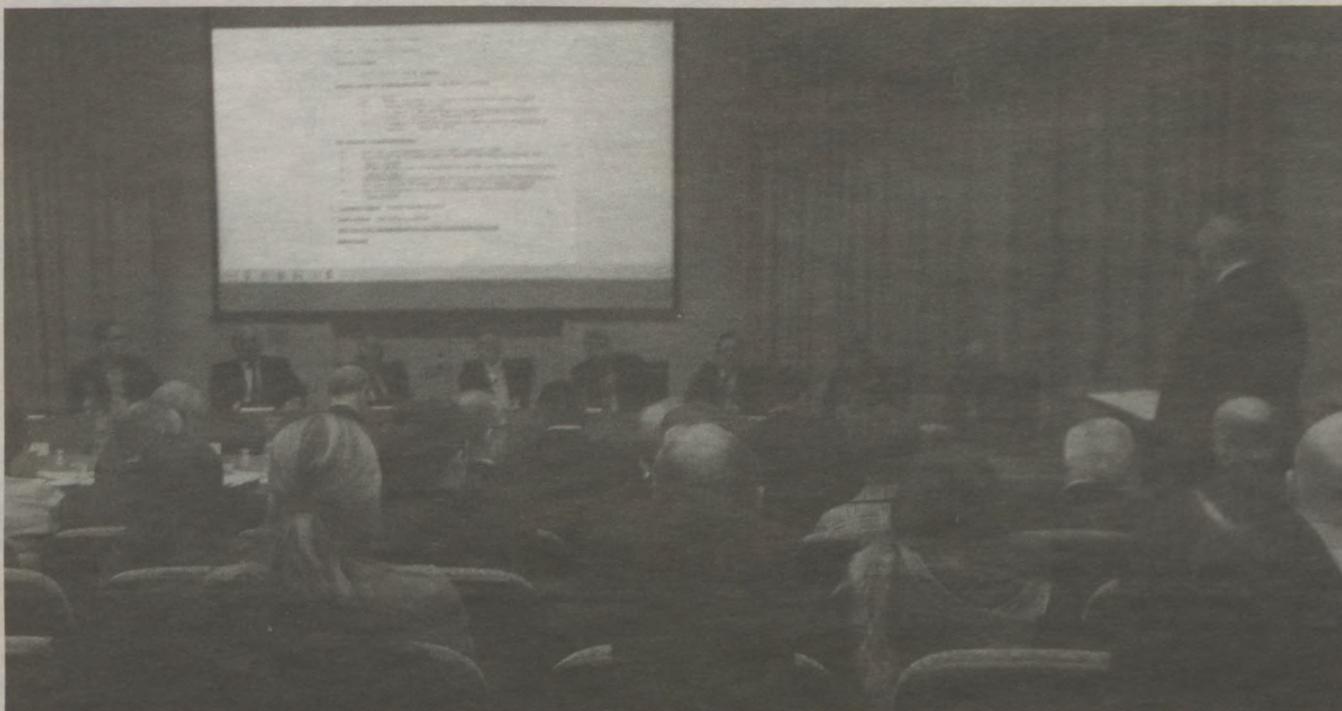
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President Hynd presented to the Board of Trustees Monday, Dec. 1 and mentioned that Oakland will be helping revitalize downtown Pontiac.

Making connections and moving forward

Board of Trustees holds final 2014 meeting, approves agreements and budgets

Ali DeRees

Campus & Administration Editor

The Oakland University Board of Trustees held their final meeting for 2014 on Dec. 1. Several important agreements and budgets were approved along with presentations provided by President George Hynd and Dean of the School of Business Michael Mazzeo.

Check out the top seven takeaways from the meeting:

1. Approval of a real estate agreement and partnership between the Oakland University School of Nursing and Focus: HOPE. The agreement will allow programs within the school to be relocated to the Detroit-based organization. The agreement presented by Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost James Lentini will provide an OU presence in Detroit along with valuable educational experiences.

Focus: HOPE is an organization that strives to provide "solutions to problems associated with hunger, economic disparity, inadequate education as well as racial divisiveness," according to the partnership proposal.

2. Approval of an agreement between the university and the Oakland University Campus

Maintenance and Trades (OUCMT) union. The three-year collective bargaining agreement was approved within the union by a vote of 57 to 54. OUCMT is comprised of skilled trades workers such as mechanics, painters, plumbers as well as different housing, grounds and facilities custodians and mail clerks.

3. Approval of authorization for residential and retail food services on campus through Compass Group North America-Chartwells.

A New York-based company, Chartwells will be serving the university for 10 years and fund \$7,820,000 in capital investment projects including renovations to the food court, a mobile food truck, updates to the Vandenberg cafeteria, a lower level dining facility and renovated coffee shop in the Oakland Center and renovations and updates to each satellite food operation.

4. Approval of the Meadow Brook Hall projected 2014 year-end budget performance and proposed budget for 2015. The projected museum revenue for 2014 is \$493,000 and projected net revenue is \$450,800.

5. Approval of the Golf and Learning Center Operating Budget. Some highlights of the 2014

year included 33,000 rounds of golf that were played and 663 full status golf registrations.

6. President Hynd gave a presentation to the board. Hynd said he has been working on meeting with supporters of OU within and outside of the community. Upcoming meetings with alumni and recent meetings with local government officials from Rochester, Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills were included in the report.

Hynd stressed the importance of making connections with local constituents through internships for students in local government and local officials teaching at the university.

OU will be part of a plan to revitalize downtown Pontiac. "Pontiac moving forward is the term for the initiative," Hynd said.

7. Dean Mazzeo also reported to the board. Mazzeo cited some of the accomplished faculty within the School of Business Administration, including Mark Simon, Professor of the Year for the state of Michigan.

He also said that the school has shown increases in undergraduate and graduate students and this year had "the highest enrollment ever in the School of Business at 2,916 students." Mazzeo said that they are on track to continue these increases.

THIS WEEK AROUND CAMPUS

DEC. 3

9 a.m. Saturday tickets go on sale for Meadow Brook Ball (Jan. 31, 2015)

12 p.m. Business Major Seminar in 200C Elliott Hall Lab

DEC. 4

9 a.m. Friday tickets go on sale for Meadow Brook Ball (Jan. 30, 2015)

6 p.m. Oakland Dance Theatre and OU Repertory Dance Company annual showcase in Varner Recital Hall

DEC. 5

3 p.m.-7 p.m. Society of Scholars at OU Finals Snack and Study

7:30 p.m. Viva La Moda - Las Vegas Fashion Show in Banquet Room B, Oakland Center

DEC. 6

7 p.m.-11 p.m. First Year Experience Trip to Detroit Symphony Orchestra, sign up at the Hamlin Help Desk

7 p.m.-10 p.m. OUCARES Holiday Party for Teens & Adults with ASD in Oakland Center Banquet Room A

DEC. 7

12 p.m.-5 p.m. Senior Thesis Fall 2014 in 208 Wilson Hall

DEC. 8

8 p.m. APM Tutor Night for Nursing in 208 Oak View Hall

8 p.m. APM Tutor Night for general courses in 401 Hamlin Hall

DEC. 9

12 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Authentic Assessment & Rubrics Workshop in 200A Elliott Hall

8 p.m. APM Tutor Night for general courses in 401 Hamlin Hall



Shannon Wilson / The Oakland Post

TOP The Association of Black Students organized a march on campus Tuesday, Nov. 25—that many students felt compelled to participate in. **LEFT** The students marched while saying, “Hands up! Don’t shoot!” and “It’s ‘justice’ not ‘just-us.’” **RIGHT** After the march, students gathered by the clock tower and took a moment of silence for Michael Brown.

Jasmine French
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University Association of Black Students (ABS) organized a movement in memory of Michael Brown following the Ferguson decision. Students came together to pay respect in a march on campus Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 12:30 p.m. after the grand jury in Missouri decided not to indict the officer in the shooting and death of 18-year-old Brown.

“The motive behind the entire thing is unity and the time where we stand together and fall together,” said Damien Moore, a member of ABS. “At times when we’re not together, you really get panic, you get chaos, because everybody has a voice and opinion, but they don’t know how to express it.”

Asia Anderson, president of ABS, is a junior studying psychology and sociology at Oakland. The organization helps to increase the graduation rate among black students, while providing the resources to help them do so.

Standing together, standing strong

The Association of Black Students organizes silent march to promote unity and pay respects to Michael Brown

“Above ABS, we’re here to promote unity across the black community,” Anderson said. “We just want students to become more aware of what’s going on in the media, because I know when you’re on campus it’s kind of like being in a fish bowl.”

Moore talked about the importance of easy access to information regarding controversial issues such as this.

“Ignorance is not bliss—we have to live in a society every day and it impacts us in ways that we don’t even know or understand,” Moore said. “The information is out there and social media is out there, so we can get everything, be a part of it and make a difference.”

Vice President of Association of Black Students Al Polard explained that this event affects everyone.

“I think we should look at it in a different way and actually start with ourselves and want to change ourselves,” he said.

Biology student Michael Scarborough participated in the walk and expressed how he was affected.

“It shows me how corrupt our justice system is,” Scarborough said.

He was at home when the verdict was announced and

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Damien Moore
Member of ABS

explained how he wasn’t surprised by the outcome of the trial.

“I was disappointed, but to be honest I kind of expected it to go this way,” Scarborough said.

“Forget all the opinions and what everybody have to say. No one speaks,” Anderson said. “Everybody is in arm and arm promoting unity.”

“That’s what Mike Brown’s family wants. I assume that’s also what Trayvon Martin’s family wants, so that’s what we’re doing, in memory of them and in respect to their families.”

Honoring Jim McClure, a man who cared

Douglas Rodgers
Contributor

Today is a sad day for me, and I am sure many others who have heard of the sudden death of Professor Jim McClure over the Thanksgiving break. When I learned about his death from Professor Anderson, I was dumbstruck. An unwelcome return to what is my last semester at Oakland University.

Yet, despite the news of this tragic event, there is a greater joy that I am able to carry his wisdom and his good humor in my memory. Like many students, there are professors who touch our lives for the better and make us better people overall. Professor McClure was such an instructor that was more than inspirational, but a genuinely kind man.

When I had his Fundamentals of Grammar course a few semesters back, I was hesitant and wary of the type of class it would be. I remember before the first meeting thinking, "How tough will this instructor be? How strict and stern will the class material be and will I learn anything useful?" There was

never a thought to check the professor's feedback on some website, because I wanted to base my opinion on the merit of my own account and not what others think.

Professor McClure really cared about his students. He cared about the subject matter he taught and did extra work to benefit his students. He was approachable, and compassionate on the plight students faced in his classes. If you went to his office, he made time for you or anyone else who really cared about their grade or who were trying to grasp grammatical concepts.

I remember my time in his course and how I struggled with the material. I was nervous and getting stressed out. I went to Professor McClure's office and we stayed there for several hours going through the material. He gave



me worksheets and printed off grammatical worksheets to books like Oliver Twist and Frankenstein. The most important lesson I learned was that Professor McClure put his students first. He even made it to study sessions made by my classmates to go over anything that we did not understand.

Long after the class was over, I kept in contact with Professor McClure by going to his office and sending emails with different grammar videos I saw on YouTube. He was always gracious and witty with his responses and treated me with respect. He was always interested in my progress and who my professors were. He never had a bad word to say about any professor that I had and ones he knew. In fact, he always responded with kind words and that I would learn something good and valu-

able from all of them. He always had a smile when thinking about his colleagues.

So, Thanksgiving has passed; a great man has passed too. There is a sadness with Professor McClure's death, but I am also thankful for the experience I had with him as a teacher and as a person. I am proud that I met such a fine professor, who showed the joy in his work and in his demeanor. Death is a part of life and we all experience loss in different ways, but how we are remembered is the legacy we leave behind. Professor McClure was a great man and his legacy will live on in everyone touched by words and works. He was a great man and a tribute to Oakland University. My only regret is that future students will not be blessed with his teachings.

Professor McClure, you will be missed, but you will not be forgotten. Rest well Sir and may the angels keep you safe, and may you teach them the fundamentals of grammar in the best way you know how. Keep up on those diagrams and may those that knew you keep you in their memories as they move forward.

School of Nursing's anesthesia program ranks nationally

Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

Oakland University's School of Nursing's anesthesia program is currently ranked 17th in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

"We are extremely proud of this program, which has become one of the premier programs in the U.S.," said Maureen Bowman, vice president and Chief Nursing Officer at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The program is ranked every three to four years and in 2013 it took the 17th spot. With a highly established staff, hands-on experience opportunities and ambitious students, the program is known for its success.

"We have a very successful program with outstanding graduates that are able to give anesthesia to anyone who may need it," said Anne Hran-

chook, Program Director.

This 28-month program has been educating registered nurse anesthesia students since 1991 and students come from all over the world to be a part of it.

From the beginning, the program's initial mission was to address the shortage of CRNA's nationwide and to provide an exceptional educational experience for RN anesthesia students.

It requires a total of 58 credits over 28 months. Students spend three to four days a week in the clinical area and an average of 64 hours per week between clinical and classroom instruction.

Beaumont serves as the primary site for education and training. However, students also rotate to other clinical experiences all over the state.

These include practicing anywhere from big medical centers to small access hospi-

tals, which allows them to be prepared to help anyone who is in need.

"Graduates are highly sought out from employers," Hranchook said.

On average, the program enrolls, educates and trains 20 RN nurse anesthesia students each year. It exceeds minimum accreditation standards set by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia programs in both clinical and classroom instruction.

The program has a first time certification exam pass rate of 96 percent, beating the national pass rate by around 10 percent. It was also awarded the 10-year reaccreditation status, the highest level extended to a nurse anesthesia program.

"Our students exceeded all the numbers needed to graduate by double, sometimes triple," Hranchook said.



Courtesy of Oakland University's School of Nursing

The anesthesia program has become one of the best in the U.S.

Although these students are on the fast track to success, it takes a lot of time and commitment to reach their goals.

"They spend so much time studying, learning in the classroom and in the clinical area that they typically cannot work," Bowman said. "The most challenging parts include the rigor of the program, the time commitment and being able to live for 28 months without an income."

Those involved with the program such as Bowman and Hranchook believe it's important for these students to have a strong support system in order to achieve their dreams.

"We believe that our nurse anesthesia graduates are extremely well prepared to provide outstanding clinical care wherever they choose to practice upon graduation and for years to come," Bowman said.

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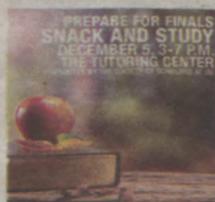
We thought we'd have a little more fun before the holidays hit by bringing back The Mix, once a regular feature page of The Oakland Post. Here you'll find a few fun lists on WXOU hits, study tips and top Yik Yaks.

IT'S STUDY TIME

Finals week, yay! Time to cram and suffer.

We'll cut to the chase: here's a few ways to get free food, get some studying help and have a little bit of fun despite the stressful times. We hope you try some out, and wish you luck on exams!

STUDY BUDDIES AND SNACKS // APM Tutor Nights in the dorms provide tutoring on just about every subject, and there's usually snacks and scantrons are provided. Schedules of these weekly tutor nights can be found at www.oakland.edu/calendar.



EVEN MORE SNACKS AND STUDY HELP // The Society of Scholars at OU is having a finals "Snack and Study" in the Tutoring Center until Friday. There will be pizza, pop, chips and salsa, and studying opportunities with tutors on subjects such as chemistry, biology, Spanish and physics.

THE GAME OF FEASTS // Go to the Game of Feasts tonight (Wednesday), hosted by the Oakland University Student Congress in Gold Rooms B and C of the Oakland Center. It starts at 6 p.m. with free shirts to the first 50 people, prizes, food and health education/tips.

ENJOY OTHER STUDENTS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS // Supporting other students and seeing what they have done in their time at OU can be inspiring. Visit the senior thesis showcase for graphic design and studio art students in 208 Wilson Hall, and see what they have to show from their time here. It will be open from 12 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

HAVE SOME FASHION FUN // Watch the Viva La Moda Las Vegas Fashion Show in Banquet Room B on Friday at 7:30 p.m. There will be showcases from local Michigan designers, music, free drinks and entertainment.



FREE DINNER AND A SHOW? HOW ABOUT YES // Sign up at the Hamlin desk for a free trip to see the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Saturday night. There's a free dinner and transportation provided as well — brought to you by First-Year Experience.

ACA-AWESOME // Music is fun for everyone! Listen to some awesome a cappella at Gold Vibration's very first Aca-PalOUza, being held at Rochester Adams High School this Friday at 7 p.m. There will be other a cappella groups from around Michigan. Tickets can be bought for \$5 at the Gold Vibrations table in the Oakland Center or for \$8 at the door.

Compiled by Kaylee Kean, managing editor

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YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



1. "The reason college is so difficult is because Ned never made a guide for anything past 8th grade."

2. "I wish my life could be like some parts of 50 Shades of Grey. Like the part where she gets a job right out of college."

3. "It's so awkward ending phone calls with loved ones. I say 'I love you' and they say 'Thank you for choosing Dominos!'"

4. "Can I go to Hogwarts yet?"

5. "Dentist: How was your day? *Inserts both hands in your mouth* Me: mmaman-basj. Dentist: Oh that's good."

6. "Starving college student dies from overeating at a holiday meal after months of eating canned ravioli and Ramen."

7. "My greatest fear is now being impaled by a 50mph leaf in an OU windstorm."

8. "Me: But I did my hair today! Rain: Just give up already. Wind: Resistance is futile."

9. "The fact that I have class today, thanks Obama."

10. "One time in kindergarten I went in the teacher's desk and saw a Ring Pop and stole it and I still feel guilty and paranoid about it so I'm getting it off my chest."

—Compiled by Shelby Tankersley, intern

TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the week

1. Deerhoof – "La Isla Bonita"
2. Frontier Ruckus – "Sitcom Afterlife"
3. TV on the Radio – "Seeds"
4. Ariel Pink – "Pom Pom"
5. Jeff the Brotherhood – "Dig the Classics"
6. Homeshake – "In The Shower"
7. Alt J – "This is All Yours"
8. Alex G – "DSU"
9. Panda Bear – "Mr Noah"
10. Springtime Carnivore – "Springtime Carnivore"



Springtime Carnivore - Springtime Carnivore

Introducing Greta Morgan, who performs under the moniker Springtime Carnivore. Morgan's debut album is a perfect blend of smoky vocals, old-school organs and subtle psychedelics that make for a very catchy and inviting listen. The great Richard Swift, who has served time in The Shins and The Black Keys, produced the album along with Morgan, and his retro ideals can be heard all over the record. Fans of Lana Del Rey, Fitz and the Tantrums, Dusty Springfield, Richard Swift and classic Motown girl groups will enjoy these retro-soul sounds.

Start with: "Name On a Matchbook," "Sun Went Black," and "Keep Confessing."

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

Lighting a room with 'an unforgettable smile'

The OU community mourns the loss of aspiring nurse, sophomore, scholar, and friend to all Chandler Swink

Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Chandler Swink of Auburn Hills, an OU sophomore, Huntington Ford scholar, and aspiring nursing student died Wednesday night after a week in an allergy-induced coma. He was 19.

"He never had a negative thing to say about anybody," said his mother, Nancy Swink. "He was the light of our eyes. His smile would light up the room."

Chandler, diagnosed with a level six severe nut allergy since age 2, was in a coma in intensive care at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac from Tuesday, Nov. 18 to Wednesday, Nov. 26 after suffering a severe allergic reaction.

"My son had his first reaction to Reese's Pieces when he was two," said Nancy. "He went into anaphylaxis, so after that we knew we had to be more careful. When he started school [in Avondale] we met with the superintendent and his allergist and they made the school district peanut-free."

"He was always labeled as the peanut-free kid," she said. "But Chan always had a smile on his face. He never let that get to him."

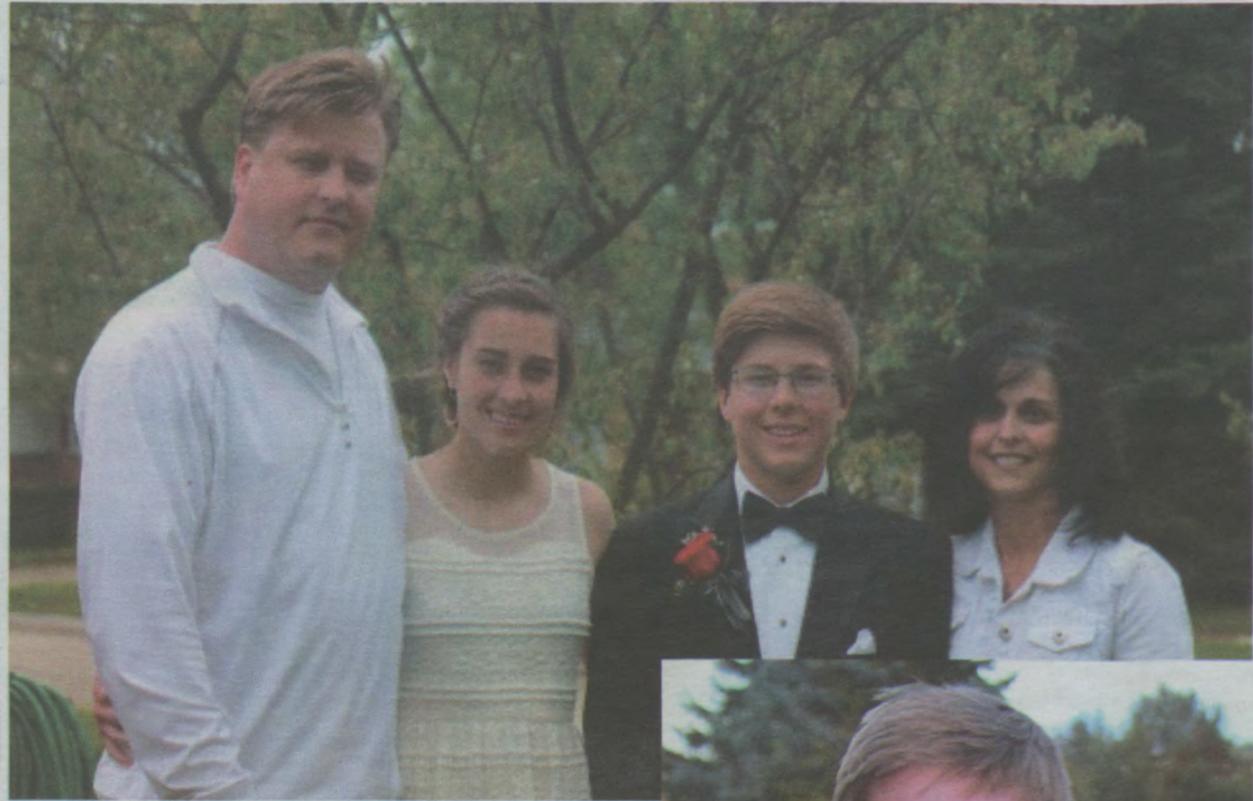
In fact, it may be the smile on his face for which Chandler Swink will be remembered most by his friends, family, and classmates.

"Chandler and I had one of the most dreaded classes together—an 8 a.m. chemistry class," recalled sophomore Raneem Alayoubi. "Out of the 100 students in that class, Chandler recognized me in the library and asked how my day was with an unforgettable smile. I never met anyone so outgoing and carefree."

Avery Brown, a close friend of Chandler's younger sister, Rachel, and a junior at Avondale High School shared similar sentiments.

"I looked up to him like a brother," Brown said. "He had an amazing heart. I would always see him in the halls at school and I would talk to him; we always used to do the 'bro handshake' thing. He made me feel lucky to be his friend."

Chandler, an Avondale High School graduate, was the 2013 recipient of the Oakland University Huntington Ford Scholarship, a four-year full-tuition scholarship available to an incoming OU freshman from



Photos courtesy of the Swink family (above)

Chandler, or "Chan," as his mother calls him, was a sophomore nursing student at OU known for his kind heart and warm smile.



one of the four Rochester area high schools. It is awarded on the basis of "good citizenship... financial need, a passion for a particular subject matter or extracurricular activity and a minimum 3.30 GPA," according to Oakland University's website.

He planned to go into nursing, a decision his mother said he made after spending hours in the hospital after his father's September kidney transplant.

Outside of school, Chandler worked at the Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac at Centerpoint and loved to spend time working on his car—a royal blue 2004 Saturn Ion Red Line—and doing "anything outdoors," according to his mother, including hunting, fishing, and going up north with his cousins.

"We have been hunting buddies since age four," said Chandler's cousin, Mike. "We miss him so much."

After midnight on Tuesday, Nov. 18, Chandler was at a friend's OU apartment when he came in contact with peanut residue. As he began to react, Chandler went to his car to inject himself with an EpiPen and drove himself to the hospital.

Initially trying the front doors

of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, locked after 8 p.m., Chandler collapsed.

Tyrone Andrews, a St. Joseph Mercy Oakland spokesperson, issued a statement saying "hospital officials have met with Chandler's family and discussed recommendations regarding hospital signage... We will continue to evaluate [hospital] signage and make improvements as needed."

Chandler was then without brain activity and hooked to a machine for oxygen until Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Mitch Yench, a friend of the Swink family, started a fundraiser to help pay for Chandler's medical expenses.

At press time, the fund had raised nearly \$61,000 in nine days. The ultimate goal is set at \$100,000.

"It is so humbling, the amount of people from the community who have donated to that fund, wide and far," said Nancy. "We definitely are going to try to do something to educate people about allergies [after paying the

medical bills]."

Since last week, the story has garnered national attention, drawing a greater awareness to food allergy severity in the U.S.

"If you knew Chan, you would totally understand," Nancy said. "He's just a little person in the U.S. who has blown this story up."

"He just really loved life."

A service was held for Chandler at St. Thomas More on Monday, Dec. 3.

A candlelight vigil will be held Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Elliott Tower.

Candles will be provided and those with memories of Chandler may speak. Contact mahicks2@oakland.edu for more information.

All condolences may be sent to <http://www.gofundme.com/hpczrc>.

Honoring history, facing pain, bringing hope

Famous activist, author and artist kicks off speech series

Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

Mary Fisher, a globally known speaker and AIDS activist, shared her advice and experience with medical school students on Monday.

Fisher was a guest speaker for a series of lectures being held in honor of Michele D. Raible, Associate Dean for the Oakland University William Beaumont (OUWB) School of Medicine.

While those in attendance munched on a free buffet-style lunch, OUWB Founding Dean Dr. Robert Folberg opened the program with some history on the OUWB and those who had helped to create it.

One question Folberg said he, Raible and the others were challenged to answer when creating the school was one of educating more than the mind. They could train students to be brilliant, but how could they teach doctors to be kind?

"We came up with a mission statement," Folberg said, "that ends with a saying that this medical school should take a leadership role in promoting, maintaining and restoring health in individuals and the community."

This mission was something Raible worked tirelessly for right up until she lost her battle to leukemia, Folberg said.

Fisher was the first speaker to come to share Raible's and the OUWB's vision and ideas through her own experiences.

Fisher's history

Fisher first came into the world's line of vision when she spoke at the 1992 Republic Convention, where she brought their attention to AIDS and the fact that it isn't just a stereotype or shameful disease.

She had contracted HIV from her second husband and was diagnosed in 1991. Her husband told her right before he left her with two children, and that's when the changes began.



Mary Fisher spoke to medical students on Monday about her experience with AIDS, health and hope.

Katherine Cagle / The Oakland Post

Six books, countless speeches and many global tours later, 66-year-old Fisher has made a name for herself as an activist, author and artist.

Facing the stigma

Monday was World AIDS Day, and Fisher opened her speech with a few facts on AIDS.

The numbers are discouraging, she said: nearly 2 million Americans have been infected, two-thirds are dead from it, and over 1 million are living with. Somewhere between 18 to 22 percent of those infected are undiagnosed — the lethal ones, as she called them.

One of the worst things Fisher, who also has breast cancer, has discovered about AIDS is the stigma attached to it.

"If you have cancer, you call a surgeon," Fisher said. "If you have AIDS, you look for a place to hide."

People are more willing to discuss and support those with other diseases, but when it comes to AIDS not as many like

to acknowledge it, Fisher said. She listed the crisis over a few cases of Ebola as an example.

"If American media were a hospital, it would have only one unit: the emergency room," Fisher said. "We are addicted to emergencies, to drama, to crisis. We're bored by problems like AIDS or systematic violence or the incarceration of young black men."

Her advice for those diagnosed with AIDS: ask for help, take it when you can get it, use protection, stay on your medications, and "don't do stupid things."

To hope is to heal

After her husband Brian infected her and left, Fisher said she felt nothing but rage and hatred. When Brian later was on his deathbed and asked for her forgiveness, however, she set aside that anger.

"To come with healing was to come with love," Fisher said.

The experience changed her and inspired her; she saw the

hope she had given him at the end of his life, and felt that hope in herself.

"We have to live with hope. And the best way of doing that is to help others."

This applies to doctors, she told the audience of medical students. Doctors, healers and scientists, who masquerade as strong even in their weakest moments, need to learn to talk about their first deaths, wrong prescriptions and mistakes.

"The dilemma many of you will face is that you will want to be superhuman," Fisher said. "You will want to rescue and redeem and then go on to your next triumph."

There is a limit to what science can do, Fisher said, but that shouldn't stop anyone.

"You, you are a crowd of potential human healers, a reason for great hope," Fisher said. "May you go eagerly from the classrooms of science to the bedsides of those who will reach for that healing."

Fisher Fun Facts

- Fisher's 1992 speech, called "A Whisper of AIDS," is named one of the top 100 speeches of the 20th century (along with Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream").
- She was the first female "advance man" for President Gerald Ford. Before that, she worked at ABC television.
- Her father, Max Fisher, made a fortune in oil and real estate. He advised Republican presidents on Israel and Jewish affairs.
- She taught African women to make "100 deed bracelets" and helps them sell these online—all profit goes to the African women.

Learn more about Fisher at www.maryfisher.com.

Allergies affect us all

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Affecting upwards of 15 million Americans according to Food and Allergy Research and Education (FARE), food allergies are a growing concern for many, the consequences of ingestion or touch-- as in the case of the untimely passing of OU student Chandler Swink-- often life-threatening.

"There has been a nationwide increase in all allergies to foods in the last twenty years," said Dr. Carl Lauter, MD, FACP, and the director of Division of Allergy and Immunology at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. "It's doubled, if not more so, in the last ten years."

"People tend to say it's not that serious and they don't take allergy education that seriously," said the mother of Chandler, Nancy Swink. "They think 'it doesn't affect me so it doesn't matter,' but in [a peanut allergy] especially, the intense oils can contaminate shared desks, faucets, and bathrooms, and it affects everyone."

For Kathleen Peterson, an OU senior who has known about her severe nut allergy since she was very young, coming to college included a new set of dietary and social concerns. "You have to really watch out for yourself because not a lot of people understand what it's like to have a life-threatening allergy," she said.

"Sometimes people will be like, 'Oh, you don't know what you're missing' when they're eating a Reese's or something, but for the most part, people are

pretty accepting," she said. "It helps a lot when people ask questions if they don't understand it."

According to Lauter, those with allergies should let the people around them know about their restrictions, as well as carry two EpiPens on their person at all times. "If the first dose doesn't work within ten minutes, administer a second one and dial 911 at any sign of a bad reaction," he said.

As for friends of those with allergies, Lauter said that understanding is key. "Be respectful. Don't be a non-believer," he said. "It's no different than if they had any other health problem."

Chartwells, Oakland University's contracted food service vendor meets regularly with residents with dietary restrictions to cater to their needs at college. "We work with the housing and disabilities offices to see if our meal program will fit the student's profile," said Resident District Manager Gerald Gatto.

Students can review dining hall ingredients and allergy-sensitive food options at dineoncampus.com/oakland.



Do you or a loved one have a food allergy?

Here's what you should know:

- Make the call: if you or your friend has a bad reaction, call EMS immediately.
- Trying new things isn't always good: Don't knowingly eat what you don't know.
- Avoid pre-packaged foods from stores: "Food labeling in this country isn't trustworthy," said Lauter.
- Speak up: Let people know about your allergy and how they can help you. If you are a friend with questions, ask them.
- Two pens are better than one: make sure your epinephrine devices are within date and have two with you at all times. According to Lauter, Benadryl is not effective when having a severe reaction.

OU ALLERGY 101

Rating professors benefits all

Students look to website that evaluates professors before finalizing their winter semester classes

Sean Gardner
Staff Reporter

The fall semester is winding down and winter is right around the corner. Although students choose their classes well before the school year begins, many things could change. There could be a sudden realization that the program they are in is simply not for them, or that a six hour gap between classes just isn't good time.

When crunched for time to switch and trying to decide between two professors who offer a class, that's when Rate My Professors comes in.

According to RateMyProfessors.com, "It is built for college students,

by college students and is the largest online destination for professor ratings."

Students can rate on helpfulness, clarity and easiness (as well as hotness, for students who would rather have eye candy than a helpful class).

Oakland University is one of 7,000 schools rated and carries an overall rating 3.6 out of 5.0.

Some professors will fake ratings to boost themselves, but it turns out many actually rely on the end of the term evaluations instead.

"Our department has an internal evaluation system and I have read the students' comments on those before,"

said Anna Spagnuolo, professor of mathematics at Oakland. "I take our departmental evaluations seriously."

The charm of Oakland is that small class sizes give a close professor-to-student relationship, and many times professors get direct comments from students saying thanks.

"Former students will sometimes email me very nice messages and also sometimes mention that I have good ratings on that particular website," Spagnuolo said.

"I pretty much know how my students feel about my teaching style by their performance in class" said Elizabeth Anderson, lecturer of Spanish at Oakland University.

For students, Rate My Professors is a convenient way to see which professor puts more effort into their teaching, versus which professor who puts more

time into their research. Students can easily see from the reviews of professors which ones genuinely care about the success of their students.

Rate My Professors is a source where students can find the opinions of other students who have had a professor, maybe even for more than one course.

"Sometimes it's a little off, but most of the time it's really helpful knowing how the professor teaches," sophomore Rachel Taft said.

In a hectic world that's always changing, the ability to take a peek into a rating of a professor can be one less thing to worry about for the new semester.

"If I have a way to change around my schedule and not get the bad professors, I will," Taft said. "The one time I got a below 3.0 professor, I almost failed the class."

Students brace themselves for snow

A few things to keep in mind for safer driving this winter

Lalita Chemello
Staff Intern

It's that time of year again—exam time.

Well, that and the final days before students return home for the holiday season. And if one thing is for sure, it's that there will be snow and it will not quite be Bing Crosby's picturesque White Christmas version of it.

With that in mind, we here at the Oakland Post want to send you off with some winter driving tips, compiled from AAA, along with a few tips compile from within The Oakland Post staff.

What to keep in the car:

Windshield wipers: If you have not changed them in a while (or at all), they won't clear your windshield as well, usually causing streaks, which is a major obstruction to your sight while driving.

Windshield washer solvent: You will use this more than usual.

Kitty litter: This helps create

traction for your tires if you get stuck in the snow. Place it near the tires that propel the car.

Snow brush and/or ice scraper: These items are important to ensure you have a way to clean off your car before any trip so you can see out all of your windows and drive safely.

Extra gloves: Always handy to have around for emergencies.

Blanket: Put a blanket, or a space blanket (which traps your natural body heat within it, keeping you warmer), in your car.

Phone and car charger: If anything does happen, it's crucial to have a phone during an emergency.

Small snow shovel: A shovel could be used to dig yourself out of any snow bank may drive or slide into.

A half to full tank of gas: In extremely cold temperatures, there is a possibility of the fuel freezing if there is not enough in the tank.

You will also have extra gas to run your car, ensuring a warm place to sit while trying

to call for help.

How to handle the road:

Always drive slowly and cautiously when the roads are snow-covered or temperatures are below freezing. The signs declare speed limits suggested for ideal road conditions; you should not aim to reach them when the roads are snowy and/or icy. Snow is just as capable of being slippery as ice is. When there is no traction due to snow and ice, your vehicle will slide, which can cause spinouts.

Take your time accelerating and decelerating. This is not a staged drag race. Accelerate slowly and decelerate ahead of time to ensure a softer braking, so as not to lock the tires up when approaching a stop.

Make sure to leave plenty of room between your car and the vehicle ahead of you. Stopping time can take two to three times longer in wintry conditions, so make sure to leave an additional two to three car lengths between you



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The winter weather has already begun at Oakland, creating a slippery, snowy mess for students to try to maneuver through.

and the vehicle ahead. This way, if someone does brake quickly, you have enough time to stop without making two cars into one.

If you do hit a patch of ice, take your foot off the gas, and steer in the direction you want to go. DON'T PANIC. Hitting the brake immediately will cause your tires to lock up, which is not what you want to do. Pump the brakes gently, if needed, and focus on where you want the car to be. If you want to avoid the ditch, focus on the side of the road.

Panic will only cause you to steer erratically, which will land you in the ditch. If you take a deep breath and

focus on one spot, you will be inclined to steer in that direction, which will help you better control your vehicle.

If you find yourself in a whiteout, pull over. Pull over to the side of the road and put your lights on, or another bright indicator that your vehicle is there. If you can avoid pulling over on the side of the road, look for an area to park in and stay put.

This will leave your vehicle in a no-traffic area, and ensures you and your car's safety.

Have any good driving tips? Share them at www.facebook.com/theoakpost.



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

'A Christmas Carol' is back for another production, making this its 33rd year at Meadow Brook

Keeping the Christmas spirit

Years of ghosts, ba-humbugs and Christmas carols

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Intern

A Christmas Carol" has graced the Meadow Brook stage for so many years that it has acquired a large following and achieved traditional status.

With a story familiar to most, the play puts viewers in the Christmas spirit through carolers, laughs and the antics of the crabby Ebenezer Scrooge.

Much like Charles Dickens' original tale, the play follows Scrooge as he is haunted by three spirits trying to make him see the error of his selfish ways.

He relives his past, sees the present in a new light and discovers what the future will hold if he doesn't change. By the end, Scrooge is the friendliest man one could meet, sharing his newfound perspective on Christmas with those around him through acts of kindness.

After 33 years, the play hasn't changed much, and that's how the fans seem to like it.

Dikka Berven, an Oakland University professor, said that she always enjoys the play.

"I have seen the 'Christmas Carol' too many times to count," Berven said. "It is a tradition to see it, and I always enjoy it even though I have seen it many times before."

While the play hasn't changed very much, she said, she wouldn't want it any other way. She finds the stage and the actors to be making a flawless tribute to the story.

"I think it is perfect," Berven said. "All the way from the singing before the production which puts everyone in the holiday spirit, but also into the spirit of Dickens' time, the flawless scenery and staging, the transition from the misery at the beginning to the joy at the end."

"I hope they never stop putting on that play, just the way they do it. It is a great tribute to one of the best writers in the English language."

Thomas Mahard, another OU professor and actor, has been experiencing the play firsthand for 29 years, six of which he has spent portraying Scrooge. He said that while actors have come and gone and props get replaced, the play is essentially the same.

"To me, I see a thousand things that change each year," Mahard said. "To the average audience member, very little

changes and they like that... The message is important, and I think we present it in an entertaining way."

He said the most common things that change are the actors.

"Though I consider myself a constant with the show, I believe I've changed a great deal from the thirty-something year old lad with the full head of hair who was hoping he'd get a chance to do the show just one more time next year," Mahard said. "The kids grow up and are replaced with a new crop; sometimes younger brothers and sisters carrying on the family tradition."

He said that he enjoys his performances and sees them as an adventure in the sense that he travels across an entire life each time he takes the stage.

He says that his time with the play, particularly Scrooge, has taught him a lot.

"I sometimes refer to playing Scrooge as like taking a journey," Mahard said. "I get to start out all mean, stingy and unrepentant, then the various ghosts show me the error of my ways and I'm able to achieve redemption."

"A Christmas Carol" will be at Meadow Brook until Dec. 21. To experience the tradition, tickets and show times can be found at www.mbtheatre.com.

Engineering building 'gone with the wind'

Destructive winds blow off siding of new construction

Sean Gardner
Staff Reporter

Just as the campus' ongoing construction seemed to be finished, Mother Nature had other ideas.

Though not nearly as destructive as the winds that helped sink the Edmund Fitzgerald, students and buildings alike felt the damage that left 180,000 metro Detroiters without power.

"Avoid the front entrance of the new engineering building," the Oakland University Police Department posted on Facebook Monday afternoon. "The front of the building is coming off the front side of the building due to the extreme wind."

The damage was limited to the exterior and is still fully functional, but the area will be barricaded off until it is determined to be safe, according to OUPD.

"The front entrance (from parking lot P36) is closed for safety of the students," said Louay Chamra, dean and professor of the School of Engineering and Computer Science. "The building is open and all classes are being held at their normal times."

For students, a mishap like

this can have its lessons. It proves the uncertainties that come with designing and testing buildings.

There are many variables that high winds contribute to damage and leave much to speculate.

Though there are tests to prevent these incidents from happening, not everything can be found in controlled experiments.

"Not all actual conditions can be tested for, [such as] wind speed and directions," said Terry Stollsteimer, associate vice president of facilities management said.

An investigation into the engineering building damage is being looked into and repairs will start as soon as it is completed.

Replacement panels for the engineering building will be part of a special run, which will slow the process, but will be completed as soon as possible — as long as the weather permits.

The repairs themselves will not stop the building from being put to use.

The damage done to the engineering building will be repaired soon, according to Susan Riley, senior project manager.

Contact staff reporter Sean Gardner at sdgardne@oakland.edu.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Due to violent winds, the siding of the engineering building was damaged, with repairs to come.

Toe the line or be towed

OUPD cracks down on snow emergency parking policy

Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-In-Chief

Coming this winter, Oakland University students can look forward to clear parking lots and potentially clear checkbooks if they fail to park in designated lots during snow emergencies.

Effective immediately, the Oakland University Police Department will be impounding and towing cars in any campus parking lot other than P29, P32 and the Anne V. Nicholson and George T. Matthews apartment parking spaces during declared emergencies, or when any snowfall of three or more inches is in the forecast. All other lots must be clear between the hours of 10 p.m. on the day the emergency is declared and 6 a.m. the next morning.

The price of failing to comply? According to Chief of Police Mark Gordon, the retrieval of the impounded cars will cost offenders an initial \$100, along with potential storage fees of \$20 per day at Byers Wrecker Service on 399 South St. in Rochester.

The policy, sent to OU students Friday, Nov. 21, includes the closure of the designated overnight parking spots in areas such as P1, P3, P5 and the roof of the P29 parking structure. This means any students utilizing Kresge Library, the university laboratories, or on campus for any student organization or event past 10 p.m. on a day when a snow emergency is declared should move their cars or prepare to pay at the pound.

"It's a necessary evil," said Director of Housing Jim Zentmeyer, "but the lesser of evils."

The greater "evil," Zentmeyer said, was last year's scenario.

"We tried the voluntary route," he said. "For example, we'd email and ask students to clear P5 on a specific night, but they refused to move. People were slipping and falling on the ice [of the lots unable to be plowed due to parked cars] and we want to reduce those injuries where we can."

"It's ultimately necessary to ensure campus safety," said Oakland University Student Congress Student Services Director Kyler Johnson. "Nobody listened last year when they

"We'll definitely be canvassing the residence halls and apartments to let students know the policy is out there."

Jim Zentmeyer
Director of Housing

tried to be nice, so now they have to go about it differently.

"I think if people use the campus resources put in place for the situation, there should be no headaches."

Gordon said that OUPD "will do its best to declare emergencies by 5 p.m."

"We're not here to impound anyone unnecessarily," he said. "It's for the safety of the community."

Partnering with university communication staff, OUPD will courier the alert through text and phone messages to registered users, university email accounts, the OU webpage and various social media sites.

"We'll definitely be canvassing the residence halls and apartments to let students know the policy is out there," Zentmeyer said. "The residence association staff will also be informing residents when there is a snow emergency."

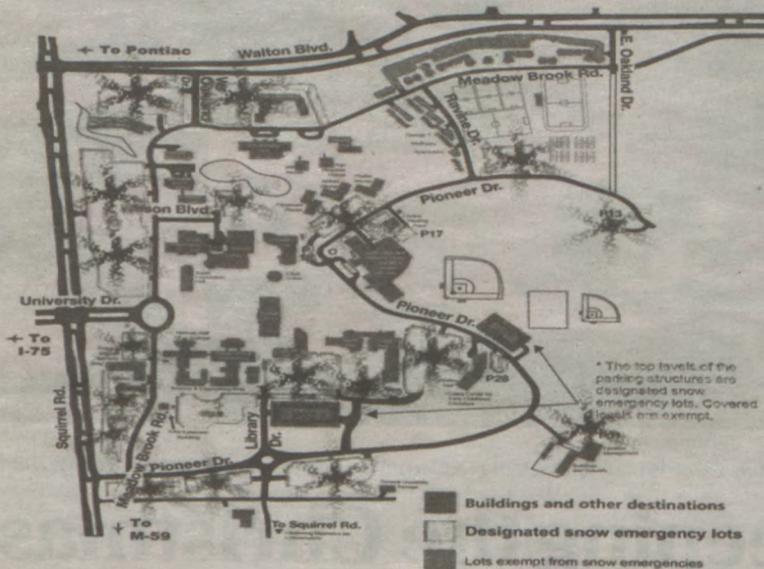
Gordon emphasized that the Bear Buses will be working during emergencies to take students to the designated parking areas, and said that despite the reduced overnight parking spaces in the event of three inches of snow, "Oakland University has made the calculations to assure that those in need of overnight parking will be able to use it."

"If you're in a residence hall or athletics or just leaving your car at OU for the weekend, I recommend you park in the parking structure during the winter so you can be sure to avoid being towed," he said.

"It would be wonderful if we didn't have to use this at all, but we live in Michigan," Zentmeyer said. "This is new for us, too, but we believe we've thought out all the possibilities and this is the best option."

To register for Oakland University text message alerts, visit www.oakland.edu/uts/emergencynotification.

In the event of a snow emergency, The Post will also alert students via Facebook and Twitter updates.



Courtesy of Oakland University

Parking lots that are designated with a star over them must be cleared of all vehicles (the night it is declared) if and when Oakland University declares a snow emergency.

2015 Wilson and Human Relations Awards

Nominations are now being accepted.

THE ALFRED G. AND MATILDA R. WILSON AWARDS recognize one female senior student and one male senior student who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the OU community. **Nominees must:**

- be graduating seniors in winter 2015 or have graduated in summer or fall 2014
- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the OU community. **Nominees must:**

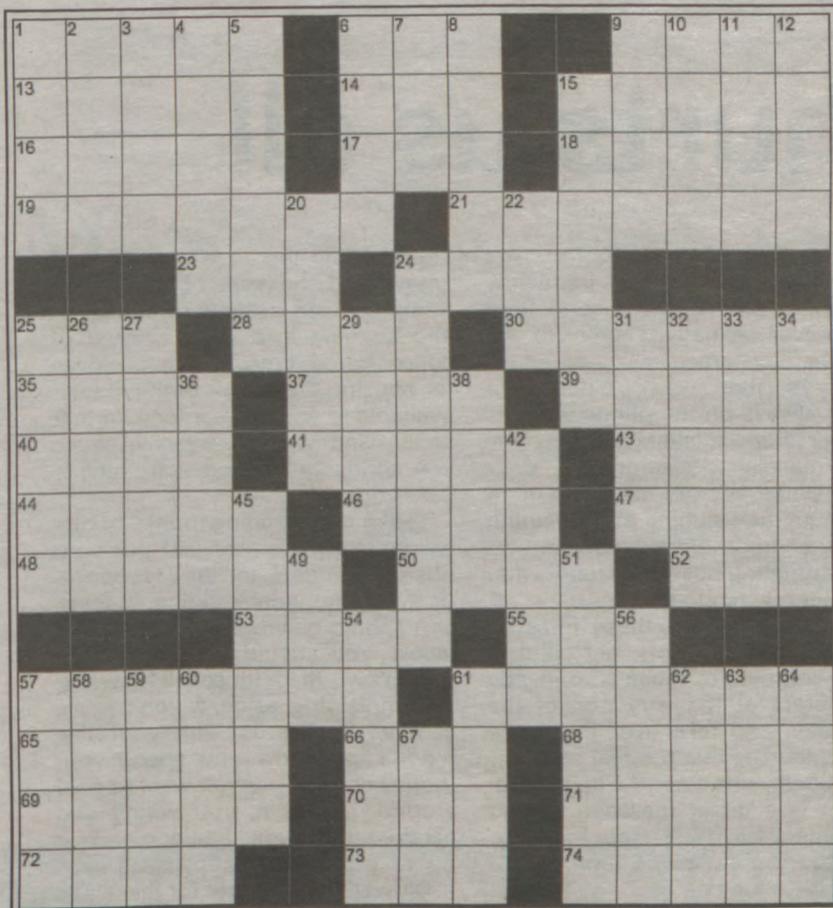
- be graduating seniors in winter 2015 or have graduated in summer or fall 2014
- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

Nomination forms are available at oakland.edu/dean_awards or in 144 Oakland Center. The deadline for both awards is Monday, February 9, 2015.

For questions, contact:

Dean of Students Office | 144 Oakland Center | (248) 370-3352

Puzzles



Across

- 1: Signs of healing
 6: Sleepy coworker
 9: What some writers work on
 13: Brimless hat
 14: Tune
 15: Plumed hat
 16: To bury
 17: Winter ailment
 18: Johnnycakes
 19: Romantic's counterpart
 21: Most derogatory, as a remark
 23: Not the other guy
 24: Fen fuel
 25: Watch chain
 28: Jambalaya grain
 30: Participates in the Tour de France
 35: Stage direction
 37: Corn-growing regions
 39: Signet
 40: Spork part
 41: Scatter about
 43: Application form blank
 44: Outer limits
 46: Sprawling narrative
 47: Take digs at

- 48: Conveyed ownership
 50: Cymbal relative
 52: Logic circuit element
 53: Get ready to shine?
 55: German shepherd, for one
 57: Eyelet
 61: Puts in like piles
 65: Bullriding venue
 66: Crew implement
 68: Buttinsky
 69: In the past
 70: LP measure
 71: Acquire, as a debt
 72: Adam of 'Batman'
 73: Pivotal
 74: Far from tanned

Down

- 1: Recipe direction
 2: Traffic lane marker
 3: Water color
 4: Like Schwarzenegger
 5: Highest in rank
 6: Wacky
 7: Coat of many colors?
 8: Container for liquids
 9: Wearing wedgies, say
 10: Plate of glass
 11: Barely manages, with 'out'
 12: Break-even amount
 15: Treats vengefully
 20: Attache case carriers

- 22: Fuzz
 24: Duke, marquis, earl, etc.
 25: Honored
 26: Rust, tarnish, or laughing gas
 27: Spree
 29: Basic beds
 31: Fender dent
 32: 'Play It ____, Sam'
 33: West Indies dance
 34: Hand cream ingredient
 36: Miffed, with 'off'
 38: Utah's state flower
 42: Tarot suit
 45: Soul-searching talk
 49: Fade away
 51: Whispered talk
 54: Proverbial baby deliverer
 56: Slangy word of intention
 57: Expand
 58: Butler, for Gable
 59: Track figures
 60: Bump into
 61: Word before ant or brat
 62: Large predatory birds of myth
 63: Talk up
 64: Nimble
 67: Musclebound brute

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SATIRE

Procrastination hurts us all

Kaylee Kean

Managing Editor/Irritated Nerd

Call me a nerd, but one of the things I'll miss most about Oakland is the Kresge Library. It's one of my happy places here in the Rochester area.

When I'm stressed and have a lot of homework, that's where I like to go. It's open 24 hours, has multiple floors with a variety of cozy seating options, and has free Wi-Fi, computers and a café with some pretty nice hours for night owls and weekend workers such as myself.

It's got an archive full of really awesome, interesting things and more books than I'll be able to read in my lifetime. It's got that beautiful, quiet, academic feel to it that I really just love to sit and soak in, and it's there any time I want to escape and is always willing to help me work and learn. It's comfortable and warm and peaceful.

Until the last two weeks, that is. That's when the hordes of procrastinators and frantic catch-ups strike.

"Oh no, I have an exam next week that I've known about since the beginning of the semester but haven't studied for! I need to pass it and can only do that by using what we've learned in class — better cram everything I should already know so I pass this class I've spent so much money on!"

"Oh man, this professor wants to test me just like every professor I've ever had but I haven't been studying just like I never do! I should try that library thing out now so I don't fail."

"We have a library? Good idea..."

There are always annoyances who spend their time at Kresge — no perky package comes without its pitfalls.

There's that partially-deaf Netflix addict who thinks we can't hear sound through the walls of the first-floor study rooms. (We can, and your show sucks.)

There's that standard white girl, who, like, can't believe, like, why her boyfriend said that to her. She can't even focus on her homework, because, like, that's just so offensive.

There's that older man in a tracksuit

that can't seem to sit still for more than a few minutes and frequently fast-walks around the second floor but never actually seems to go anywhere in particular.

There's that other older man who's always on the phone with his mother and explaining to her why her financial decisions are poor ones. When he's not talking to good old mum, he's sighing and swearing loudly enough that everyone knows he's struggling but not so loudly that you can ask him to shut up.

There are always these irritating and distracting people, but none of them compare to those who invade the library at the very end of the semester, and take over the space and resources that the real students have been using since the beginning.

This is a direct message to you students who don't step foot into the library until testing time: you're assholes.

You're assholes for invading our nice, quiet space and taking the computers and seats and rooms we are accustomed to inhabiting. You're assholes for slowing down our Wi-

Fi and filling the air with noise and smells and the aura of those who think they can achieve true success and learning in a short amount of concentrated time. You're assholes for abusing the power of the library, available to you all year long, in that small window of time just because you suddenly decided you want to pass your class.

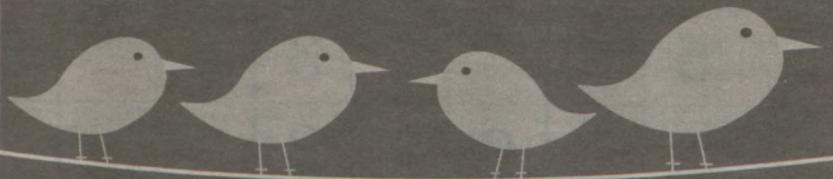
You're not spending money to dick around for 12 weeks and put your nose to the desk for the last two — or that's my understanding, at least. You should be working those full 14 weeks. You should be getting your tuition's worth for those full 14 weeks.

Complaining aside, I don't really care what you do with your life. I don't care how you spend your money or time — if you want to goof around, go for it, you young and carefree thing, you. Just don't take it out on me and my happy place.

Oh well. I'll just pout for these two weeks and enjoy the silence when the winter semester begins.

Good luck on your exams. You'll need it.

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Oakland athletics stays busy during December

The fall semester is coming to a close, but student athletes' schedules are packed until the very end

Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

Most students are preparing for the month-long winter break which is fast approaching, but the student athletes are not going anywhere. In fact, they're going to be as busy as ever with plenty of events going on, both home and away.

The Golden Grizzlies will be playing in a national championship and against plenty of top 25 teams through the month of December.

Here's what we'll be following for the month at The Oakland Post.

1. Women's Volleyball in the NCAA Tournament: The Golden Grizzlies take on the Kentucky Wildcats on Friday night in Lexington. With a vic-

tory, the team will play the winner of Ohio State and Lipscomb on Saturday, again in Lexington. The format of the tournament allows the top 16 seeded teams to host the first two rounds. If Oakland advances out of Lexington, they'll travel to Louisville, where the University of Wisconsin is the top seeded team in the bracket.

2. Men's Basketball: The men's basketball team has several games this month against traditional powers in the college basketball landscape. On Dec. 14, the Golden Grizzlies will battle in-state foe Michigan State at 8 p.m. Two days later, they'll travel to Arizona to battle the third ranked Wildcats at 9 p.m. on the 16th. Three more away games this month feature Pittsburgh, Clemson, and Maryland, before the team returns home to

open the Horizon League season against Valparaiso on January 2nd.

3. Club Football National Championship: On Saturday, Dec. 6, the Club Football team will play Robert Morris University in Salem, Virginia with the Club Football National Title on the line. The team defeated Robert Morris last weekend in the Great Lakes Conference championship but RMU was selected by the National Club Football Association as the second best team in the country over the University of Vermont and Copin State.

Here's the full schedule for Oakland University athletics for the month of December:

12/3: Women's basketball vs. Rochester College at 5 p.m. (Comcast, ESPN 3)

12/3: Men's basketball vs. Rochester College at 7:30 p.m. (Comcast, ESPN 3)

12/5: Swimming and diving @ Eastern Michigan Invitational at 3:30 p.m.

12/5: Women's volleyball @ Kentucky at 7 p.m. (ESPN 3)

12/6: Women's Volleyball (possible) @ Kentucky against winner of Ohio State vs. Lipscomb. (ESPN 3)

12/6: Swimming and diving @ Eastern Michigan Invitational at 10 a.m.

12/6: Men's basketball @ Morehead State University at 2 p.m. *

12/6: Women's basketball @ Ball State at 4 p.m.

12/6: Club Football vs. Robert Morris in Salem, Virginia at 7 p.m.

12/14: Men's basketball @ Michigan State at 8 p.m. (ESPNU and ESPN 3)

12/15: Women's basketball vs. Concordia at 11 a.m. (Horizon League Network)

12/16: Men's basketball @ Arizona at 9 p.m. (Pac 12 Network)

12/17: Women's basketball @ Texas A&M at 8 p.m.

12/20: Women's basketball vs. Indiana at 2 p.m. (Horizon League Network)

12/20: Men's basketball @ Pitt at 4 p.m. (Fox Sports Detroit)

12/22: Women's basketball @ IPFW at 7 p.m.

12/22: Men's basketball @ Clemson at 7 p.m. (ESPN 3)

12/27: Men's basketball @ Maryland at 5 p.m. (Big Ten Network)

12/28: Women's basketball @ Central Michigan.

*All men's basketball games are available on radio WDFN-AM 1130 (The Fan).

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Having previously beaten Michigan State in the season, this loss was unexpected.

Men's team falls short of NCAA goals

'Soccer is a game of chances and today Michigan State finished with one more chance than us'

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

The Golden Grizzlies' men's soccer season came to an end in East Lansing on Nov. 23 as they fell to the Michigan State Spartans in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

In front of a mostly Spartan but also loyal Golden Grizzly crowd, Oakland was unable to pull off a second straight upset in the NCAA tournament.

After beating the University of Kentucky in Lexington on Thursday night, Oakland came into Sunday's match with not only momentum but confidence knowing that they already beat the Spartans just a few weeks ago.

Oakland head coach Eric Pogue said that they knew this was going to be a different game going in since it is the postseason and it was on their field, but thought his guys played excellent throughout the match.

"Soccer is a game of chances and today Michigan State finished with one more chance than us," Pogue

said. "I thought for large stretches of the game we played really well and controlled a lot of the play. It's disappointing because we have high expectations for ourselves, but I could not be prouder of the guys' effort."

The Spartans scored the lone goal of the match in the 66th minute off a corner kick headed in by MSU's Zach Carroll.

Oakland outshot Michigan State 16 to 14, but both teams recorded only six shots on goal.

The Golden Grizzlies had their chances early as senior forward Joey Tinnion was denied a goal after a spectacular save was made by the Spartan goalie, Zach Bennett.

Tinnion described the play as he thought he broke the 0-0 tie in the first half.

"I was just trying to get scrappy in the box and get the ball down," he said. "I couldn't look at the net so I just kind of swung for it and the keeper was able to

FOR THE WIN



Photo courtesy of Nic Bongers

The OU Football Club defeated Robert Morris University at Peoria on November 22 to secure a spot in the NCCA National Title game. The game will be played on Saturday, December 6 in Salem, Virginia. The Golden Grizzlies will again take on Robert Morris for the title.

make a really nice save on it."

Later in the first half, Oakland junior forward and 2014 Horizon League MVP Gerald Ben had a great opportunity as his shot from 25 yards out hit the crossbar.

The Golden Grizzlies had a couple of scoring chances late in the second half, but the stingy Spartan defense turned out to be too much.

Oakland finished the season with a record of 10-7-3 and won the first-ever Horizon League championship for the Golden Grizzlies.

This was the first NCCA tournament appearance for Oakland since 2010 and was only the second time in the Division I era that Oakland advanced to the second round.



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"I've learned that life is worth living, when you put God's plan before your own," Popkey said.

Popkey enters third season leading the pack

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

Elena Popkey is entering her junior year as a guard for the women's basketball team. She has been a leader on this team throughout her career, earning summit league All-Newcomer honors in her freshman year and Horizon League All-conference third team in her sophomore year.

This year she leads the team in minutes played with 31. Her team has started the year 2-3 in non-conference play.

OP: Do you have a pregame ritual?

EP: I always listen to worship music on my own before the game. Specifically, I listen to one of my favorites called "Fill Me Up" by Jesus Culture. I just sit, pray and thank God for the opportunity to be able to play ball at a great school with some great people.

OP: Do you get nervous before games?

EP: Not really, it's more excitement than nerves. Our entire team, including the coaching staff, works hard to prepare themselves for every game. When you're prepared, there is nothing to worry about.

OP: Do you struggle with balancing athletics and academics?

EP: Sometimes. It's difficult, and tiring, but when you keep your priorities in order and manage your time it makes it a lot easier.

OP: What's your favorite part of the game?

EP: There is so much. I love when somebody gets a charge. I love hitting a three right in front of our team's bench. But most of all, I love giving assists and seeing my teammates succeed.

OP: Do you have an athlete that you've

always looked up to?

EP: I look up to all women athletes in general. They have worked hard and followed their dreams and believe me, it's not always easy being a female athlete. There are stereotypes, adversities and many challenges that come our way.

OP: Do you get a lot of support from your family?

EP: Absolutely. My parents go to almost every game including away games. Oftentimes my games serve as family reunions or get-togethers. It's a family affair.

OP: Who is your biggest fan?

EP: Without a doubt Jesus Christ. He's had a plan for me since before I was even born, and he's been rooting me on the whole way.

OP: How have you grown since being at OU?

EP: I've learned that life is worth living, when you put God's plan before your own.

OP: What's your favorite thing about OU?

EP: The athletic department and its family atmosphere. These people are incredible.

OP: What's one thing you would change about OU?

EP: I would increase game, event attendance and promote school spirit.

OP: What is the hardest part of basketball for you?

EP: Seeing teammates battle through injuries.

OP: What sets this team apart from any team you've played on in the past?

EP: I've never been on a team with so many new individuals. We have seven new players and two new coaches. It's a very different dynamic that has helped me grown as a leader.

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Requirements:

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Why:

Fun opportunity to make lasting connections within the Human Resource Development realm, internship opportunities, speakers, resume builder.

Winter 2015 Schedule

January 13th, 2015 5PM - 6PM Lake Michigan Room - General Meeting

January 18th, 2015 2PM - 10PM - Banquet Room B - HRD Night

February 10th, 2015 5PM - 6PM Lake Michigan Room - General Meeting

March 10th, 2015 5PM - 6PM - Lake Michigan Room - General Meeting

April 7th, 2015 5PM - 6PM - Lake Michigan Room - General Meeting

April 25th, 2015 11AM - 2PM - Banquet Room A - Induction/Award Ceremony

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Courtesy of the Oakland men's rugby team

Members of the rugby team have been banding together for men everywhere by participating in Movember by growing mustaches to raise awareness for testicular and prostate cancer.

Mustache for some cash

Rugby players grow mustaches to raise awareness for prostate and testicular cancer

Kevin Teller
Staff Intern

No, that's not dirt on their faces; the members of the Oakland University men's rugby team have been participating in "Movember" this month.

The name Movember (pronounced "Moe-vember") comes from a combination of November and mustaches.

Throughout this month, some of the members of the team have been growing their facial hair out, particularly that bit above their upper lip.

Regardless of how gracefully their hair has grown out, Movember is their

way of promoting awareness of men's health.

This idea stems from The Movember Foundation, which states on its website that its goal is to ensure "Men living with prostate or testicular cancer have the treatment and care needed to be physically and mentally well."

One of the ways the foundation accomplishes its goal is through fundraising—such as the rugby player's efforts. Donations are being accepted from students and players, and money from the team's t-shirt sales are adding to their contribution to The Movember Foundation.

"I know it can be hard with all the stigmas attached to mustaches," player Ted Tansley said. "But when it is for a good cause, might as well try something new and grow that mustache... you'll never know until you grow."

Tansley has recently been playing the position of right-side Winger, otherwise known as #14.

He urges all male students—not just his teammates—to grow out their whiskers.

The team has already raised

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Ted Tansley
Oakland Rugby member

more than \$100 for The Movember foundation, but the money raised is only a part of the picture.

Devon Meadows, the team's treasurer, said that letting their facial fur fly also helps the team grow closer.

"Movember is our current ideal focus for bringing the mindset of Oakland rugby to a unified front," Meadows said.

He said that by sporting their lip foliage, the members of the team have an additional shared bond. This bond is very important to Meadows.

As a player in his fifth year on the

Movember Facts

- One in two men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.
 - 233,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2014.
 - The most common form of cancer in men aged 15-35 is testicular.
 - The 5 rules of Movember are: Shave, grow, no faking, use moustache's power, be gentlemanly.
- stats courtesy of movember.com

team, Meadows has invested a lot into keeping these players committed to their teammates.

The rugby team has recently been growing their online presence as well with the creation of their new website, which is expected to be up and running very soon.

Meadows takes a large role in the planning and promotion of the website, too. As the team's treasurer in his last year, Meadows feels that it is his duty to perfect the image that the team portrays.

Golden Grizzlies claw their way to second win of the season

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

The Golden Grizzlies women's basketball team pulled away from the RedHawks in the second half to secure a 65-51 home victory on Friday night.

Oakland and Miami University (Ohio) met for the first time on Friday night, and the Golden Grizzlies were able to claw their way to a double digit victory.

Oakland dominated early as their first 14 points came all in the paint as that helped them grab an early 18-5 lead, as they did for most of the night, however, the RedHawks responded with an 11-0 run and were able to dig out of the big early hole to make it a four point game at the half.

Oakland's offense was really

able to turn it on in the second half as the team made seven of its nine 3-pointers in the second half. Head coach Jeff Tungate was pleased with the way his team adjusted once Miami (Ohio) switched their defense to stop the Golden Grizzly inside presence.

"The first half they played in man and we were able to run some plays that worked inside, then once they switched to zone they did a good job of taking away our inside," Tungate said. "We talked about at halftime how we really had to attack the zone and work from the inside out. We didn't necessarily have to score inside; we just had to get the ball inside so the zone will collapse."

The Golden Grizzlies' defense also played very well as they forced 19 turnovers while just

having eight of their own. One of the goals Tungate had for his team was to have more assists than turnovers, which Oakland did on Friday night as it was able to record 19 assists on 24 made baskets.

Oakland was led by junior forward Olivia Nash who had 13 points and nine rebounds, while senior guard Peyton Apsey almost recorded a triple-double with 11 points, seven rebounds and eight assists. The Golden Grizzlies did encounter some foul trouble in the first half, but Tungate thought his team played well through it.

Golden Advice

"I always tell my players that even if they have three fouls, I want them to play like they have zero," Tungate said. "The minute you start think about your fouls,



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Olivia Nash hoists a three against the RedHawks. She finished with 13 pts.

you get tentative, you pick up your fourth and play poor defense."

The win improves Oakland's record to 2-3 on the season.

The Golden Grizzlies will play Rochester College at home on Wednesday, and will then travel to Ball State for a Saturday afternoon game.



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The women's volleyball team captured the Horizon League championship on Saturday, Nov. 22, qualifying for the NCAA tournament.

Volleyball team sets sights on NCAA

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University women's volleyball team captured the Horizon League championship on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the O'rena, three sets to one against the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Panthers.

Jessica Dood recorded 14 kills in the match for Oakland, with both Sammy Condon and

Cassie Pelloni adding 11 more. Melissa Deatsch had eight kills, 11 digs and led the team with three aces. Ciara Schultz recorded 42 assists.

After Oakland dropped the first set 25-22, it was all Grizzlies the rest of the way. The final three sets went 25-20, 25-19, and 26-24. Freshman standout Sammy Condon was named the tournament MVP, while Ciara Schultz and Jessica

Dood were named to the All-Tournament team.

Head coach Rob Beam talked after the game about the team.

"I'm really proud of this particular team for the way that they've conducted themselves all year and the way that they've grown," Beam said. "The goal all year has been to be 1-0 on game day. That was something that we really em-

phasized."

On Sunday, the NCAA announced the tournament bracket for the volleyball championships. Oakland will travel to Lexington, Kentucky, to play the Wildcats on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

This matchup comes only two weeks after the Oakland men's soccer team defeated Kentucky in the first round of its NCAA tournament.

Horizon League Standings

Women's Soccer	W	L	D	Men's Soccer	W	L	D	Women's Volleyball	W	L
1. Valparaiso	8	0	0	1. Detroit	6	2	0	1. OAKLAND	12	2
2. Detroit	5	3	0	2. OAKLAND	5	0	3	2. Milwaukee	10	4
3. OAKLAND	4	3	1	3. Wright State	4	3	1	3. Valparaiso	9	5
4. Green Bay	4	4	0	4. Cleveland State	4	4	0	4. Youngstown St.	7	7
5. Cleveland State	3	4	1	5. Valparaiso	3	3	1	5. Cleveland State	7	7
6. Youngstown State	3	4	1	6. Milwaukee	3	3	2	6. UIC	7	7
7. Wright State	3	4	1	7. UIC	3	4	1	7. Green Bay	2	12
8. Milwaukee	2	4	2	8. Green Bay	2	5	1	8. Wright State	2	12
9. UIC	1	7	0	9. Belmont	1	7	0			

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Women's golf

The Oakland women's golf team announced that Maddelyn Zack, Kylee Sullivan and Zaafina Naqvi have each signed National Letters of Intent and will join the Golden Grizzlies next season.

Zack, a native of Poway, Calif., is a four-time all-league selection in high school and a three-time California Interscholastic Federation selection, including a first-team honor her senior year. Zack is a two-time Callaway Junior World Championship participant, where she finished T40 in 2012, and played in the AJCA Taylormade Qualifier and AJCA Coca-Cola Championship in 2013.

Sullivan, from Colorado Springs, Colo., is a member of back-to-back state champion and three-time regional championship teams at Cheyenne Mountain High school. Sullivan played on the Girl's Junior America's Cup team this year for Team Colorado and qualified for the PGA Junior Championship last summer posting a 231.

Naqvi, a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, won the inaugural Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Junior Invitational in 2013 with a final score of 157. She was the 2012 Medal of Merit Recipient as Athlete of the Year, one of the city's highest honors. Naqvi was also a member of the U-17 Team Ontario in 2012 and earlier this season won the Adams Golf Junior Tour event.

-Compiled by Scott Davis, Staff Reporter