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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

FUN IN THE FOUNTAINS // The fountains in front of the Elliott Tower are more than a visual experience — just ask the women's volleyball team. After a summer of practices and matches, a cooling break was in order, and the fountains did the trick. The Golden Grizzlies opened their season in Ann Arbor on August 28, where they walked away with their first win of the season against George Washington.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What is your favorite part of welcome week?

- A Meeting new faces.
- B Free stuff, BOOM.
- C Terrorizing the freshmen.
- D Nothing. I hate you all.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What's been the hardest part of summer so far?

- A) Changing the poll.
1.000%
- B) Being away from OU and my friends.
18.8%
- C) There's nothing left to watch on Netflix, I watched it all :(
17.1%
- D) Remembering to wear pants when I go outside.
35%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

September 25, 1964

The Board of Trustees approved a \$2,700,000 budget change for expansion around campus. The plans included an Engineering Building, which would be finished in 1967.

September 22, 1967

Mrs. Matilda Wilson died at the age of 83 of a heart attack. Wilson doated all of her land to Oakland in 1957 for the future construction of Oakland University.

September 24, 1971

The faculty went on its first ever strike, which lasted nearly two weeks into the school year. On August 14, President Nixon initiated the wage-price freeze, and resulted in negotiation issues between faculty and administration. As a result of the strike, the fall semester was extended two weeks into the winter.

— Compiled by Kayla Varicalli, Managing Editor



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In an interview with the Post, Oakland University president George Hynd reflected on his first year in office, and on plans for his second year in charge.



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SKATING THROUGH THE SUMMER

Oakland University's Skate Club held the "Grizz Skate Jam" on August 29. The event showcased skateboarders on OU's campus through a custom-made course.



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MEN TAKE ON SPAIN

The men's basketball team joins two other Horizon League teams in Spain for an early start to the season. The Grizzlies will start regular season play in November, but this time with overseas experience in hand.

BY THE NUMBERS

A SUMMER OF CHANGES

47

events planned for the 2015 Welcome Week across campus

75%

of enrolled undergraduates take a full load of classes throughout the school year

3.4

is the average high school GPA of the incoming freshmen

14%

of all enrolled students live on campus. Oakland University president George Hynd is looking to increase this to 20%

8

is the number of renovations and additions of food added to campus this summer and fall

Letter from the editor: Welcome to the beginning of your new life

Hello, freshmen! Welcome to OU. (And a hearty welcome back to the rest of you.)

Here begins a new, exciting chapter of your life. If you do it right, these years will be some of the best you've ever known.

I know you have probably heard this too many times already, but I'm going to say it again, and



Kaylee Kean
Editor-in-Chief

I'm going to keep saying it: Enjoy your college experience. Make the most of it. Do everything you can, meet everyone you can, and explore as much as you can.

There are so many things and people on this campus for you to discover and enjoy. In the next year alone you are going to change so much, but as long as you're being true to yourself, it's going to be an amazing journey. This is the year you say good-bye to your old life and welcome your new one with open arms.

I didn't truly enjoy my time here at OU until my sophomore year, when I joined The Oakland Post as a reporter and began to see more of the campus and students around me. After I became involved with something, my quality of life improved dramatically. I became a whole new person, a person I am proud of, and the

experiences and friends I have made here have far outshone anything I have done in the classroom.

I am happy with where I am at now, and my only wish is that I would have gotten involved sooner. So I will add to those voices in your ears: Get involved and get informed. It's worth it.

As Editor-in-Chief of this newspaper, one of my main goals will be to keep you informed on what's going on around your campus. We try to be a quality, relevant and accurate source of news for you, and we want to provide information on things that matter. We encourage you to play an active role on your campus, so we try to provide the info you need for that to happen.

Whatever you do and whatever you're interested in, I encourage you to reach out to us at any time, whether you want to work for us or simply have a question or comment. We love new Posties, and we love feedback!

You can email me at editor@oaklandpostonline.com or stop by at 61 Oakland Center (we are next to that awesome radio station, WXOU, who you should also check out). You can follow and post on our Facebook and Twitter accounts, and you can comment on our website, if you'd rather stay anonymous.

You can also read

previous coverage on our website, oaklandpostonline.com, or see full issues at issuu.com/op86. If you want to read the REALLY old coverage, we keep archives in our office, so stop by and we can show you OU's history through the lens of a newspaper.

We're also doing something new this year for anyone to participate in — beginning Sept. 16, we'll be hosting a "News and Brews" gathering each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our newsroom. We'll provide the coffee (and maybe the occasional doughnut) and conversation. If you ever want to find a group to talk news with (local, national or international), come on down. Bring your lunch, your friends and whatever topic is of interest to you at the moment.

We will be participating in the SAFAC Open House and GrizzFest, and have our own "Party with the Post" on Friday, Sept. 11 at noon in the Fireside Lounge, so stop by and see us then! We may or may not have free ice cream (who doesn't love ice cream?).

We are students too, and we care. We will work to provide the information you need to have the best experience possible.

In the end, though, that college experience is up to you. So get involved, get informed and get out there. And good luck!



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In last month's issue we wrote an obituary for anthropology professor James Dow, who died July 13. There were two small errors: Dow was the sole author of two books and the editor or co-editor of four books (not the author of four and editor of two). He also taught at Northeastern University for just one year, 1969-70, before coming to OU (not four years).

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The President's Report: A warm welcome

Students should be ready for some tomato hurling, swag campaigns, safety apps and more

Nick Walter

Student Body President

Hello Oakland! It's that time of year again. It's cold, it's rainy, summer is over, shorts are out, jeans are in. That's the bad news. The good news is, it's time to come back to OAKLAND! (Yes, I'm excited.)



Nick Walter,
Student Body
President

It's going to be another amazing year here at OU. For those of you returning, welcome back! For our new freshmen, welcome to an unbelievable university as the newest Golden Grizzlies. I can't wait to see what you do this year to make this your home as you start your college journey.

If this is your first time reading the Post, then you'll not be familiar with this column, the President's Report. My name is Nick Walter, and I'm honored to be your Student Body President, responsible for conveying your voice to the administration of OU and the larger community. This column was started as a way to let you know what we in

Student Congress are working on. In this report, then, I'll give a brief summary of what we've been doing since the end of last semester.

Preparation is the name of the game over the summer. We plan all of our events for the fall semester. These include, to name a very few: La Tomatina, which involves lots of tomato-hurling and glorious messiness; Rock 4 Rights, with seven times as many events as in previous years; The Swag Campaign, which is basically a massive OU gear giveaway; Companion App, a new campus safety app; a health and wellness carnival; which means LOTS of free (healthy!) food

(freshmen pro tip: there's always free food around campus), and much, much more. All of these our impeccable Executive Board has spent the summer planning.

Aside from events, we've also been working on several initiatives to improve your OU experience. These include the It's On Us campaign, a federal push to reduce campus sexual assault; a push to increase the size of the Oakland Center; and reforms to OU's grading scale.

What's up for fall? All these events, plus continued work on our initiatives (especially the grading scale; that is moving along splendidly and key figures from around administration

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Nick Walter

Student Body President

and faculty are in support of the project!). If you have any questions, stop by our office in the basement of the OC, shoot me an email at nwalter@oakland.edu, or hit us up on Facebook/Twitter. Until next month and next President's Report, welcome to Oakland University and stay Golden Grizzlies!

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Students: Respect your right to vote

Become educated, take an interest in politics, vote with purpose

Aditya Tiwari and Ryan Fox
Contributors

“Yes we can.”

These words may just have been one of a series of turning points in American history. This slogan of the Obama presidential campaign inspired a broad spark in our political and social discourse, and has left lingering questions for our generation — “What is the role and scope of government in our time?” “What issue will define the triumphs and struggles of our age?” And more often than not, “Can anyone do anything to make things better?” In President Obama’s words, “Yes we can.”

Who We Are

Our names are Aditya Tiwari and Ryan Fox. Both of us are politically-minded students. Beyond that, we are concerned citizens. We are concerned because we continue to make our earth more and more uninhabitable for our grandchildren, and their children after them. Because our politicians shame the American working class for needing

assistance.

Because these same politicians have their reelection campaigns funded by large, corporate interests. Because women still make less money than men for the same work, because African Americans still have to fight for the same common decency and safety the rest of us take for granted, and because members of the LGBT community are not protected by the law like other Americans.

The Fourth Branch

If you haven’t already noticed, yes this article is about politics, and yes we are liberals. Unlike other articles, we aren’t going to delve into objective, balanced coverages of controversies as they come along. What we want to do is inspire you through our commentary to take charge and not only develop an interest in political involvement, but introduce you to a shared belief that there aren’t just three branches of government but four. That fourth branch of government consists of all of us, the American people, to whom our government is ac-

“Your right to vote is perhaps the most powerful, and most sacred, tool you have when it comes to fulfilling your civic duties and exercising your civic rights.”

Aditya Tiwari & Ryan Fox
Students

countable to. Our goal is to inspire you to do what you have always had the right to do, to demand the fair and just society that is inherently promised to us as citizens of this country. Whether that be through letters to the editor, working on campaigns, or most importantly: through voting.

Your right to vote is perhaps the most powerful, and most sacred, tool you have when it comes to fulfilling your civic duties and exercising your civil rights. Non-white men had to wait for this right until 1870, and even still, women could not vote until 1920.

These rights weren’t even close to being ensured and protected until 1965, with the



Sophomore Ryan Fox (left) is majoring in public administration and public policy. Sophomore Aditya Tiwari (right) is majoring in environmental science.

Voting Rights Act, and with some of the provisions of that law recently being struck down, we have essentially devalued that right.

It Does Matter

Without your vote, how else do you expect your voice to be heard? Your issues not to be silenced? The false statement that “Your vote doesn’t matter” isn’t one meant to inspire realism or maturity, but one meant to stop change. In 2008, enough people cared enough to elect our first black president. In our most recent ballot initiative, voters protected endangered wolves. Before

the recent supreme court decision, same-sex marriage was legalized by voters who cared.

Yet even then, it is still not enough to just vote. You have to vote intelligently, and you need to vote with purpose.

Other sources are trying to divide, provoke, and encourage people to give up on politics.

Rather than trying to dissuade you, we will persuade you. We will inspire courage rather than fear, and wisdom rather than ignorance. We aim to provide real solutions.

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*"What is your
advice for
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*"Get involved and get involved
early. It's the best way to get the
most out of your college experi-
ence."*



**Jon Kassab, senior,
wellness, health promotion and
injury prevention**

*"You should definitely take
advantage of all the services on
campus."*



**Erin Ben-moche, sophomore,
journalism**

*"Get involved! It will make campus
more enjoyable when you have a
reason to go somewhere."*



**Shelby Lane, senior,
English**

*"Get involved with as many
organizations as possible without
over-stretching yourself."*

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No more looking be-Hynd us

Presidential plans for future years revolve around student engagement

Kayla Varicalli
Managing Editor

The Oakland Post sat down with Oakland University President George Hynd as he finished his first year in office at Oakland. Hynd covered accomplishments from his freshman year, and focused heavily on what is to come in the future for students on campus.

The Oakland Post has compiled his quotes and edited them for an easy read below.

A plan for continued success

My strategic plan has been approved and I now have a crafted budget moving forward. Students are going to see immediate changes after the tuition increase. We have added advisors and faculty, because we look for our students to graduate sooner and provide them with the opportunities to do so. Right now students are graduating in just over five years, and I'd like to bring that down to four years with less debt and more opportunities. 75 percent of our students are taking a full academic load and our athletics are achieving beyond expectations, so this is what we want to continue as the university grows and continues to succeed.

Students making decisions

I have created a master plan process that will be in affect within the next year. We are looking to involve our students a lot more. This campus is surrounded with students, and their opinions matter the most. We have formed a committee that will ask students' opinions regarding everything around campus. A memo is going to be sent out shortly to the whole campus that will just say 'hey, pay attention.'

We have a student representative, a board member and rep-



"Right now, we have about 14 percent of students living on campus. I'd like to get that to 20 percent or even more. To do that, we need to have more residence halls. We need to have things that will keep them on campus."

George Hynd, Oakland University President

representatives across campus all on this committee. They will be holding meetings on campus just to gain input from the students. I can't tell you when this will take place just yet, because our committee hasn't met yet to discuss the finer details. It's important to students to have input on these things. Do we need more classroom space? Do we need more kiosks for coffee or food? Do we need more buildings? All of these things are going to be considered.

This committee will be studying the classroom usage, traffic, parking, and housing reports and try to knit it together to come up with a vision of what we

would like the campus to look like. My immediate vision is the committee throwing a giant pizza party on campus and having students share their thoughts and ideas about their campus in the next five or 10 years.

A future look at campus

Though some changes our students will see immediately, some are going to take place within the next three to 10 years here. I have put my plan on three goals: residence halls, the Oakland Center and classroom space. The talk of a future new residence hall has been brought up, and I'd like for it to be on the south side of campus. With a



Danielle Cjocari/The Oakland Post

new hall, though, there would need to be a new cafeteria as well. By adding a residence hall to the south side of campus, the Oakland Center would be in the center where it belongs. Late night dining has also been discussed, because of how early the Oakland Center shuts down for those night owls around campus. The renovations to the Oakland Center will still need renovations, we just aren't sure what those will be yet. But we

TOP Hynd welcomed students in the "Hynd Mobile" on August 30 for the first day of move in.

BOTTOM The Oakland Post met with Hynd to recap his first year as president and to look over plans for his future years for Oakland University.

have our plan in place, and there will be structural changes made to campus, just not in the nearest future.

Association of Black Students has new vision for OU

New president encourages African-American student orgs to connect

Johnny Ricks
Contributor

Being a student at Oakland University can be very rewarding, but navigating life at a major university can also be daunting for some young people.

This is especially true for so-called minority students, and few people understand that better than Jordan Johnson.

Johnson is the president of the Association of Black Students (ABS) — a student organization dedicated to helping black students at OU stay in school and graduate on time. Through a variety of programs and events the ABS sponsors during the fall and winter semesters, the organization encourages personal and academic altruism among its members, creating an often much needed atmosphere of extended family for students that might otherwise feel very disconnected or isolated.

Originally from Chicago, Johnson currently resides in Novi, Michigan, and is a 21-year-old information technology major, entering his senior

year at OU.

Johnson says he chose OU because of its affordability and proximity to home. He chose to become a member of the ABS out of a desire to be part of something bigger than himself, and a good cause.

"After freshman year, I saw a lot of people drop off. A lot of my friends that were African-American dropped out because they didn't know enough, their financial aid was shaky, or they just did not have the support they needed to stay," Johnson said. "So I wanted to get involved with an organization that could help them out, as well as help myself develop."

Johnson previously served as treasurer of the ABS, and stepped up to lead the organization after the previous president, Asia Anderson, resigned to devote more time to academics.

"I felt I was ready to step up to plate, and I had a lot of vision for what I wanted to see ABS become," Johnson said. "Everyone agreed with my vision, we had a vote, and I became the president of ABS."

Part of Johnson's vision is to unite the black student organizations at OU.

"I want to connect all the African-American organizations on campus through something I'm initiating called the African-American leaders summit," Johnson said. "Hopefully I can get enough African-American organizations to come aboard."

Seemingly, Johnson has the ability to be in two places at once on OU's campus, but on closer examination one will discover that he actually has an identical twin, Jamil Johnson, who is also a student at OU.

Jamil and Jordan Johnson share an especially unique experience at OU.

"My most memorable experience with Jordan at OU had to be my time spent as his roommate," Jamil said. "Living together outside of the household was a new experience for the both of us. We saw each other grow, learn, and develop our own unique lifestyles."

According to Jamil, it's not always easy living with a twin brother, but they are doing well.

"We helped each other with issues, whether it was classroom or life related and even though we butted heads from time to time, we still could come



Photo provided by Johnny Ricks

Jordan Johnson is a senior technology major and the president of the Association of Black Students.

together at the end of the day," Jamil said.

"Attending college with my twin brother was a whole new experience in itself. College is where you find your path and what you want to do in life and being able to grow separate, but not apart, made it well worth it."

Jordan Johnson's single word description of himself is "ecstatic."

He enjoys being a student at OU, and cherishes the opportunity to lead the ABS this upcoming school year.

"Everything that I do, I'm full of energy when I do it," Johnson said. "You gotta bring your A game."

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Fresh start for transgender students

OUSC works to pass resolution that will allow transgender students to change names on MySail

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Reporter

Members of the Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) are currently working on a proposal for a new policy that would allow transgender students to change their name on class documents and on their diplomas.

At the helm of this proposal are students Anders Engnell, the Diversity and Inclusion Director, and Sam Abbot, the Student Services Director.

"Transgender students are the most underrepresented students on campus," Engnell said. "The policy would prevent students from being 'outed' in class or on the graduation stage."

Engness explained that a student who is transgender could be presenting as a gender that doesn't correlate with their birth name. For example, someone assigned female at birth but presented as male would be forced out of the closet when his teacher refers to him with a feminine name.

To prevent this, OUSC is proposing a plan to allow students to log into MySail and enter their preferred name without having to go through the legal challenge of changing their name.

"Students should know Oakland is catering to the LGBTQIA+ community, and know that they should feel at home and know they have options," Abbot said.

The biggest challenge, according to Engnell, is that there is a rumor circulating calling this plan a "Nickname Policy."

But according to Engnell, this isn't the intended use of the policy. It is designed specifically for transgender students to use to preserve their safety and comfort on campus.

OUSC has yet to talk to campus administrators to tell them the cost that is necessary. Abbot and Engness said that their goal is to affect the perspective of those within the campus community, including students and administration alike.

"The draft is one-fourth of the way completed," Abbot said, "and the resolution should pass by the end of the fall semester. After that, it's all dependent on how the campus administrators react."

Engnell also explained numerous ways in which students can get involved in getting the idea into a full-fledged resolution. He encouraged students to spread the word, and talk



Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Changing a person's name legally costs around \$200 and can take months. Many transgender students, or anyone, don't have the resources to do this.

to their OUSC representatives about what they would like to see the plan include.

Engnell pointed out that students may not know this, but they can email their administrators and generate conversation that way.

OUSC legislator Zach Thomas has also been proposing a plan to allow students to select an option on their applications saying that they are transgender.

Engnell explained that this would allow students who are transgender

to know the university is thinking of their best interests. OUSC has said that they would be able to track how many transgender students stay on campus for the duration of their college career, and allow them to have an easier time changing their names in the school roster.

Abbot also said that students can get involved with the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), the campus LGBTQIA+ organization, or the Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC), the campus administration office for LGBTQIA+ students.

Board of Trustees reviews, updates conflict of interest policy

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

The Board of Trustees' audit committee gathered on Aug. 26 at 2:30 p.m. in Elliott Hall to review a 2014 update to the conflict of interest policy for the university.

Presiding the meeting was Chair Ronald E. Robinson, with the policy update review by David P. Vartanian and John W. Beaghan.

The audit committee is responsible for "overseeing financial reporting and disclosure," according to Investopedia. The committee is made up of university directors and representative Randy Morse from the board's external audit firm, Andrews, Hooper and Pavlik PLC.

The policy update amended and replaced two previous policies — the Conflict of Interest Policy, which was last amended in 1995, and the Conflict of Interest Policy in the Appointment and Assignment of Related Employees, introduced in 1993.

According to the revised Board of Trustees conflict of interest policy from May 7, 2014, "conflicts of interest generally arise when a person in a position of authority may benefit personally from a decision he or she could make."

Discussions concerning an update to the policy started in 2013. The General Counsel consulted several different state policies and sources in order to create a more all-encompassing conflict of interest

policy.

According to the previously mentioned agenda, the sources referenced included, but were not limited to, "the conflict of interest provisions contained in the Michigan Constitution and applicable Michigan statutes; Internal Revenue Service conflict of interest rules and regulations for tax-exempt organizations; the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; (and) the policies adopted by all other Michigan public universities."

The list of referenced sources was thorough, while showing several points of improvement. The update defines all forms of conflicts of interest, the way in which the conflict will be reviewed and subsequently resolved, and immediate documentation of any

and all conflicts of interest.

In Article III of the updated policy, it outlines an annual disclosure system in which "each year trustees, executives, deans, and directors must submit a signed written disclosure that affirms they will comply with this policy, and informs the university of their personal, financial and business interests...that could involve an arrangement with the university."

These improvements ensure that proper evaluation and resolution of conflicts of interests will be follow the proper chain of command and not include the interested party, while holding staff members responsible for disclosing and agreeing to this policy on a regular basis. The revised pol-

icy was updated and drafted by the governance committee, aided by the general counsel, external audit firm, and the internal audit director.

The policy revision agenda states that there are no budget or educational implications with this update, and the revision of Policy 406 states that, "no arrangement undertaken by the university is void or voidable or may be challenged by a third party under this policy." This means that no decision made by the reviewing process can be challenged by an outside persons.

All of the Board of Trustees' and Audit Committee's meeting minutes and agendas can be found in Oakland's News Archives, if you are looking for further information.

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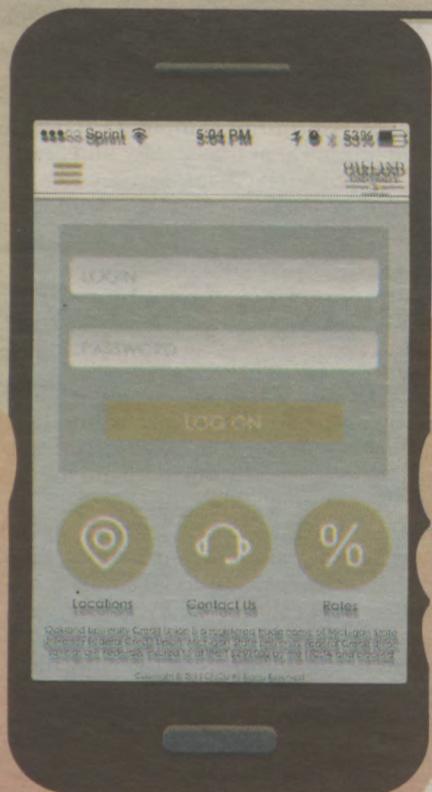


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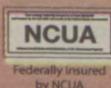
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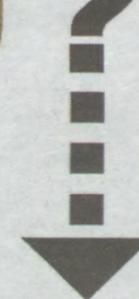
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Who is who at **OU**?

By Kevin Teller, Campus Editor // Design by Nadia Marinova, Copy intern // Photos from Oakland University

Entering the new semester after summer can be an intimidating process, especially for those entering for the first time. For OU's incoming freshmen — as well as those that may need a reminder on everything that campus offers — here is a sampling of some of the faces that you might expect to see.

All of these individuals and the facilities that they represent can be great resources for students as they grow and learn in their continuing education at OU (yes, even the Grizz). Find their information by searching their names on Oakland University's website.



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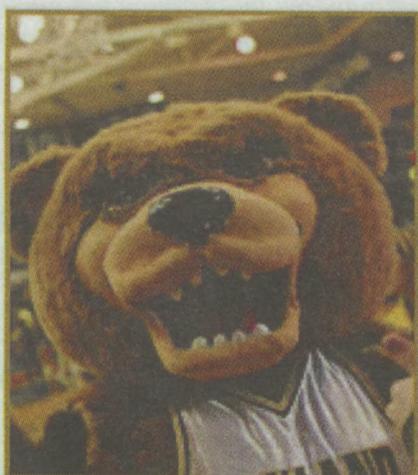
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*Disclaimer: This list is certainly subjective and is more of a basic selection of members of the campus community. It in no way signifies that any one resource is more important than another. Everyone that works for any of the campus programs works hard at what they do, and The Oakland Post thanks them for that.

A SUMMARY OF SUMMER

Welcome back to OU (or welcome in general, if you're new)!

While you were gone, Oakland University's campus and members of its community were still on the go, preparing for the 2015-16 academic year in any way possible. We pulled a few highlights from our summer coverage of all things OU — here are quick updates on the tuition hike, student life, campus construction and athletics accomplishments from summer 2015.

Read the full-length stories on our website at www.oaklandpostonline.com.



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Dave Jackson

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Freshmen aren't the only new changes seen around campus this year. With new dining and updated roads, a summer of construction has come to an end.

In the Oakland Center, the Pioneer Food Court saw the majority of the \$3.5 million changes. The renovation includes the addition of Moe's Southwest Grill, Create, and Panda Express. Chick-Fil-A was expanded to a full-service line, and Subway now offers two service lines to lessen the wait time.

Bumper's Game Room added the Bear's Cave, which is a pub-style grill for quick burgers and pizza. Au Bon Pain was added as a replacement to Cafe O'Bears, where students will find breakfast sandwiches,

soups, salads and coffee.

While the renovations brought additions, there were also a few removals. Papa John's and Cafe O'Bears will no longer be available in the Oakland Center, along with losing seating in the Pioneer Food Court due to the additional service lines near Subway.

When it comes to construction, Meadow Brook Road was covered with orange cones and equipment trucks throughout the summer. Beginning in May, workers replaced the culvert underground, which spent the last 50 years deteriorating. Other small projects were repaving near P1, and a long stretch between Human Health-Building and North Foundation

TUITION HIKE RECAP

One of the biggest changes that occurred over the summer this year was the decision by the Board of Trustees in their July 7 meeting to raise tuition by 8.48 percent.

In addition to causing much outcry among some students from such a sizeable increase, the effects of the decision include making OU ineligible for state funding. To retain state funding, as OU and many other schools in the state have before, the tuition increase must not exceed 3.2 percent.

Thus, the board's decision has forfeited the \$1.2 million that OU would normally have received in state funding in favor of a potential profit of \$12 million due to the increases.

President Hynd also presented a plan at the meeting that details how the money will be utilized. This plan has three goals: to positively affect the nature of the students' learning environment, to increase OU's presence as a research and scholarly university, and to serve the goals of those in neighboring communities.

At the same meeting, a resolution was passed that will now only require formal meetings to be open to the view and participation of the public.

An implication of this resolution is that the board may now hold private "informal" meetings that will not be required to be open.

Both of these decisions have left many within the campus community feeling uneasy and uncertain in what to expect for the future.



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CAMPUS FACES NEW FEATURES

As the school year kicks into gear, OU has made a few changes from the normal schedule.

The Student Program Board postponed their annual fall concert until the winter semester. According to Cody Ramsey, SPB chair, it was done to help students – the weather will be friendlier, and artists' college tours, which are during the winter semester, tend to be less expensive than their major tours.

SPB began searching for a performer in April 2015, but the artists they contacted were already booked.

The concert will be in April 2016 as part of the Meadow Brook Music Festival, and tickets will go on sale in March.

A new dining option will circle campus – OU's own food truck, called "Smokey Paws BBQ." Open through October and re-opening in March, Chartwells' portable barbecue could be parked near P24, P36, in P18 or the sidewalk outside of South Foundation Hall.

The name of the truck was chosen by Chartwells, OU's food provider, after students and faculty made suggestions on Chartwells' Facebook page.

TedX will be returning to campus October 23 with new speakers. Because of its success last year, the conference will be open to the public and held in the O'rena. Last year, only 100 tickets were available.

Speakers have not yet been announced, but two of last year's speakers had over 100,000 views on TED's YouTube channel.

Volunteers run the talks at the college level. Professor Laura Dinsmoor and special instructor Amy Rutledge attended training and received their licenses in time for last year's conference.

Dinsmoor and Rutledge are working with the TedX student organization to make this year's conference a success.

SUMMER SPORTS RECAP

The Golden Grizzlies took their summer offseason seriously, as teams pressed winning boundaries throughout the warmer months.

In May, Oakland University Athletics earned the McCafferty Trophy. This all-sport trophy is awarded to the university with the most performance points after the overall athletic year. OU placed in first with 55 points overall, just as a second-year Horizon League competitor.

The men's basketball team traveled to Spain this summer as one of 60 NCAA Division 1 teams to participating in an international trip. The Golden Grizzlies left August 24 for their 10-day trip, where they played three formal exhibition games

against professional international teams. After their third and final win overseas on September 1, the team leaves Spain undefeated. With three exhibition wins already set, Oakland will start regular season play in November.

The players weren't the only ones making improvements this summer, though. The O'rena, which recently turned 15 years old, unveiled a new blacktop court in April. During the summer, lighting and sounds equipment was added and improved on for an overall experience changer.

With another athletic summer completed, the Golden Grizzlies take on a full schedule of regular season play for fall sports.



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FACULTY CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

After days of negotiations and a nearly-missed faculty strike, the administration and faculty reached a contract deal for the 2015 school year.

In June, the American Association of University Professors sent a contract agreement to administration, and negotiations started in late August. The groups met on agreements on August 29, with a 2.5 percent pay increase included in a merit pay system.

Negotiations were made after combining complex ideas from two sides, which proved possible after day-long meetings. A strike looked possible at the beginning of negotiations, but both sides were able to reach agreements before the start of school.



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ATHLETICS: WHAT'S NEW AT OU

The 2015-16 athletic year is officially underway, with men's and women's soccer and volleyball teams beginning their seasons with exhibition and nonconference games and preseason tournaments.

Here are the top six things to look forward to this year as the Black and Gold attempt to match last year's historical athletic performances.

1. NEW SIGHTS AND SOUNDS IN THE O'RENA: The black top court that was revealed in April isn't the only new sight in the O'rena. Over the summer, new lights and a new sound system were installed. The O'rena will look brighter and music and audio will be louder and clearer, ensuring that student-athletes and fans fully enjoy the game day experience.

2. FIVE TEAMS ATTEMPT TO DEFEND HORIZON LEAGUE TITLES: Volleyball, men's soccer, men's and women's swimming and diving and softball will all look to reclaim their No. 1 spot in the league.

3. MEN'S BASKETBALL HORIZON LEAGUE TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN DETROIT: In May, it was announced that the men's basketball league tournament is going to be held in Detroit for the next five years. The tournament will take place at Joe Louis Arena, giving the Golden Grizzlies somewhat of a home court advantage and making it easier for fans to attend and watch as Oakland attempts to capture an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2011.

4. GRIZZ GANG: Rumor has it that the student section is planning big things for this year — things nobody is going to want to miss out on. Join Grizz Gang on GrizzOrgs or visit www.ougrizzgang.weebly.com for more information.

5. CAPTURING THE MCCAFFERTY TROPHY, METRO SERIES CUP AGAIN: Oakland received its first all-sports trophy in 40 years of athletic history after dominant performances in all Division I sports last year. The Golden Grizzlies were also awarded the Metro Series Cup after defeating rival school Detroit 26-10 in the standings. The Black and Gold look to capture these awards again.

6. WELCOMING THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE HORIZON LEAGUE: Northern Kentucky University became the 10th member of the Horizon League earlier this summer. The men's soccer team will be the first to play them on Oct. 3.

— Compiled by Kristen Davis, Sports Editor

YAKS of the MONTH

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people

1. "Whales: Netflix and krill?"

2. "*internal screaming*"

3. "Everything in this world is either a potato or not a potato."

4. "OU Freshman: Best way to prepare for math class at Oakland is by watching Chinese movies."

5. "*waits for puberty to make me hot until I'm 43*"

6. "If you are in a relationship and cry every day, you need to stop and ask yourself: Am I dating a person or an onion?"

7. "All I want to do is travel the world being a Pokemon trainer — is that too much to ask?"

8. "Is it bad to hate a certain race? Because I really don't like Rainbow Road."

9. "Freshman advice: Scooters are definitely the coolest and quickest way to get to class. Pair that up with crocs or varsity jackets and you'll be drowning in panties."

10. "If I had a dollar for every time someone over 40 told me my generation sucked, I'd have enough money to buy a house in the economy they ruined."

— Compiled by Kaylee Kean, EIC



TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the month

1. Mac Demarco — "Another One"
2. Tunde Olaniran — "Transgressor"
3. Seapony — "A Vision"
4. Tame Impala — "Currents"
5. Ducktails — "St. Catherine"
6. La Luz — "Weirdo Shrine"
7. Wilco — "Star Wars"
8. Bird and the Bee — "Recreational Love"
9. Gardens and Villa — "Music For Dogs"
10. Lianne La Havas — "Blood"



Mac DeMarco -
"Another One"

On his new, eight song "mini album," Mac DeMarco is bummed out. Standout tracks such as "Another One," "No Other Heart" and "Without Me" show DeMarco at his absolute saddest, while still holding onto

the chill vibes of his previous works. DeMarco's perfect pop structures aren't broke so he doesn't try to fix them.

It's hard to say if this is a break-up album. DeMarco's relationship with his longtime girlfriend, Kiera McNally, has been a theme in many of DeMarco's songs over the last few years and it is easy to assume that these songs are a sign of their split.

Single or not, DeMarco is still as inviting as ever towards his fans. He goes as far as to offer up his home address in New York and an invite for a cup of coffee in the final moments of the record on the Zen master musing, "My House by the Water."

If you can't afford the plane ticket, the record should suffice as another quick hang out with Mac DeMarco.

Recommended if you like: King Krule, Dad Rock, Unknown Mortal Orchestra

Start with: "Another One," "No Other Heart," "I've Been Waiting for Her"

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

Grizzlies take New York by storm

Students credit Oakland musical theatre program for performance opportunity

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

Nearly every musical theatre major's dream is to end up in New York City performing on a stage under the bright lights for a crowd of adoring fans. Two Oakland University students were able to bring this dream to fruition this summer.

On Aug. 17, Mitchell Aiello and Lily Talevski took the stage at (Le) Poisson Rouge in New York City, alongside 10 other college students to perform selections, new and old, by Sam Carner and Derek Gregor in Carner & Gregor's Barely Legal Showtune Extravaganza.

Aiello and Talevski found out about this opportunity when Carner and Gregor themselves came to Oakland

in January of 2015 to host a workshop.

"I respected their work immensely and fell in love with the way they write the pieces," Talevski said. "I know that if I had the opportunity to potentially work with them again, I had to do it."

"All we had to do was submit a video of ourselves singing either a cut or full song by Carner and Gregor," Aiello said of the audition process. "They posted the video on their YouTube channel and a panel of industry professionals in New York City judged all the videos."

This panel included Broadway performers, directors, producers and agents, according to carnerandgregor.com.

Once being selected, rehearsals began immediately

for these dedicated performers. Upon receiving the music in late July to early August, Talevski at once began to figure out the melodies and form her own approach on the song and performance.

Once they arrived in New York City on Aug. 11, cast members were given private rehearsals for five days. During these rehearsals they would sit down with either Carner and Gregor or with the accompanists and work on the music, looking to expand upon the meaning and work on the characters.

Talevski performed two pieces in the show. In both pieces, she found interesting and relatable characters commenting on relationship troubles as well as surviving post-tragedy.

Aiello stated they rehearsed "starting on Wednesday until our Sitzprobe (rehearsal with the band) on Sunday." He went on to say that they worked with the director, Marlo Hunt, composers, and accompanists regularly, as well. Aiello got the special opportunity to collaborate with the writers on a new solo called, "What are we Drinking To?" He also performed a duet with a fellow cast member.

Aiello and Talevski believe Oakland's music, theatre and dance program is one of a kind and bursting with talent. Talevski said that the department "centers itself on what makes each artist unique... (and) being true to yourself as an artist."

"Oakland has so many strengths to offer to unique



The cast members of "Carner & Gregor's Barely Legal Showtune Extravaganza" came from all over the world, with two from Oakland University.

performers that are hard-working, starving for information, and being caring and generous to the students," Aiello added.

Though this one show is over, these two will undoubtedly go on to perform in many others, showcasing the amazing talent that OU has to offer.

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Mitchell Aiello was one of the performers to take the stage in New York. He was joined by Lily Talevski.



Photo provided by Mekkel Richards

Richards and his friend filed a federal district court lawsuit against the City of Detroit and six police officers.

Students sue Detroit police officers

After being arrested, an OU student and his friend prepare to fight

Jackson Gilbert
Staff Reporter

Oakland University student Mekkel Richards, a journalism student, along with lifelong friend and Eastern Michigan University student Adam Malinowski, were both arrested in Detroit last summer for recording officers as they arrested another man.

The incident took place on June 23, 2014, after the Ford Festival fireworks show ended in downtown Detroit.

The two students filed a federal district court lawsuit June 18, 2015, against the City of Detroit and six police officers. They are seeking more than \$75,000 in damages and are awaiting the next step in the case.

According to the lawsuit, Richards took out his phone to record police that night as they arrested the man, who was bleeding and yelling. Richards said he was about 25 feet away from the arrest.

After being warned by police to "step back," Richards began walking backward while continuing to record. An officer then shoved him over a patio chair and onto his back, the suit says.

Richards tried reaching for his phone but was prevented from doing so when an officer punched him in the face, according to the lawsuit.

By this time, Malinowski had moved about 20 feet or so from the incident while still recording, but was grabbed and forced into a headlock by another officer and slammed to the ground, according to the suit.

The officer then broke Malinowski's phone against a tree and both men were then arrested. Richards also said police erased video on his phone.

Richards said they were held in the Detroit Detention Center for around 18 hours before being released.

"They threw us in the bull pen, in the same area as the people that had committed serious felonies," Richards said.

"We had to ask how to use the phone because there were no instructions. We had to hope that we'd get lucky and someone would pick up our calls because we only had two free minutes," Richards said.

Richards said he was given the opportunity to see a nurse for his injuries. He said he told the nurse his head hurt from getting punched in the face but was told, "You look fine to me."

The Detroit Police Department declined to comment on the lawsuit.

Video recordings of police officers involved in arrests have been prominent in the news since the 1991 beating of Rodney King by Los Angeles police. More recently, video of the death of Eric Garner at the hands of police in Staten Island, New York, and the struggles of Freddie Gray in Baltimore, Maryland, caused sensational news.

Glik v. Cunniffe (2011) is the most prominent of the cases — in this instance holding that private citizens recording public officials in public places doesn't constitute illegal wiretapping.

The incident came on the heels of another conflict with Detroit police.

Detroit Free Press photographer Mandi Wright was arrested in 2013 for filming a police action on a public street. The incident prompted a police memo being sent out emphasizing that citizens and journalists are indeed allowed to film police, as long as they're not interfering with the police's ability to work.

The charges against Richards were eventually dropped, while Malinowski plead no contest to charges of interference. He finished out a one-year probation sentence earlier this year.

Richards said his goal with the lawsuit is "to provide stepping stones in the efforts to exterminate police brutality." It is currently in the pretrial phase.

Student driver being charged after first campus pedestrian death

The next scheduled court appearance regarding the May accident is Sept. 14

Kevin Teller
Campus Editor

In the wake of the auto accident that occurred on Pioneer Drive on May 14, killing jogger and Rochester Hills resident Perry Badia, some questions have arisen concerning further information on the incident.

According to Oakland University Police Department (OUPD)'s Chief Mark Gordon, there have been further developments in the information that is available now.

The driver in the accident, who has been identified as Joseph Rinehart, has been charged with a moving violation, causing death. This charge is classified as a one year misdemeanor, meaning that the longest duration of punishment for this charge alone is one year.

The charge that Rinehart currently faces was decided upon at his court arraignment on July 22. Rinehart's next scheduled court appearance is Sept. 14, which will act as a pre-trial meeting.

No new dates will be announced until the September appearance, as these are announced one step at a time.

OUPD has been the lead department working on the

investigation over-all. However, Gordon credits the Auburn Hills Police Department and its traffic investigation unit for all of their help with that element of the research.

A unique piece of evidence that must be retrieved is the medical examiner's report, particularly in cases such as this in which there has been a death.

Much of the other points of observation in this process are the analysis of skid marks left by the car's tires, damage to the vehicle, and the medical examiner's report, among other factors.

These pieces of evidence can then be entered into software that can help to simulate the accident itself as well as what happened directly before and after.

While these are useful tools to the agencies investigating the case, they can also be part of a very time-consuming process to gather and report on. With this in mind, now is the optimal time for the investigators to gather all information that they can.

"[The evidence] is all packaged together and sent to the prosecutor for consideration, and then they are the final governing entity that decides what charges are brought against the driver, if any," Gordon said.

There are many factors to gather data upon and consider carefully. Gordon said investigations such as this can take roughly a year until a final verdict and sentencing is reached.



A prosperous partnership

OU aims to fulfill mission statement goals by working with Pontiac

Grace Turner
Life Editor

A mutually beneficial partnership between Oakland University and Pontiac will pick up speed with the new school year.

OU students and faculty will have work experience and research opportunities while pumping resources into the city.

"Both sides have needs," said Kevin Corcoran, dean of the college of arts and sciences. "The issue became, can we find ways that our needs complement one another."

According to Director of Journalism Garry Gilbert, Pontiac recently balanced its budget, but had to sell its golf courses and the Silverdome to do so. Its police force and fire department are contracted out, and Mayor Deirdre Waterman has less than 30 people working for the city of about 60,000 people.

Interns from OU have helped to fill in the gaps.

"This gives our students this terrific opportunity...to do meaningful work in helping the mayor," Gilbert said of journalism interns who have been working directly with Waterman.

Waterman was elected mayor in 2013, after the city no longer needed an emergency manager, according to the Detroit Free Press.

"That creates a very rich opportunity for students to see local government work," David Dulio, professor and chair of political science, said. "They are rebuilding city government, basically, from the ground up."

Intern and political science major Mikaela Strech worked for Pontiac this summer. She and other interns worked with city officials to analyze voter demographics and try to get a millage passed so Pontiac schools could

get more money. The millage didn't pass, but Strech said she learned a lot.

"I learned how to communicate in a professional environment," she said. "I learned how to make theory into practice and make it useful."

Strech also got to network with professionals and help update the city's website.

Journalism and writing and rhetoric major Paige Brockway is also an intern. She helped write a newsletter for residents that talked about the positive things happening in Pontiac. She said the internship helped build her people and interviewing skills.

"After launching the first edition of the Spirit of Pontiac newsletter, we've received a tremendous response from Mayor Waterman, residents and business owners throughout the city," said Kaniqua Daniel-Welch, an instructor at OU who oversees the journalism interns



Contributed by Anthony Spak, Special to the Post

By working with Mayor Deirdre Waterman of Pontiac, students and faculty gain work experience and research opportunities while also helping the city.

with Gilbert. "Now, we are helping the City of Pontiac share its successes and tell more positive stories."

Strech and Brockway both said they will continue their internships into the school year.

This isn't the first time OU and Pontiac have worked together, Corcoran said, but with the partnership, OU can synchronize the programs and put new ones in place.

Corcoran said he thinks that the partnership will work out

because both sides benefit and are therefore enthusiastic.

This partnership goes hand-in-hand with part of OU's mission statement, which says that OU is an "active community partner providing thriving civic, cultural, and recreational opportunities and valuable public service."

The mission statement also defines OU as a "metropolitan university" — one that both educates people and researches, Corcoran said.

Perspective: Journalism student interns with Pontiac, thinks it could become 'college town'

Anthony Spak
Contributor

I am a senior journalism major and former editor of The Oakland Post who is now working as a communication coordinator for Pontiac through my internship.



Anthony Spak, Pontiac communication intern

We've been at the internship since the beginning of the summer. Since that time, we've put out one newsletter, The Spirit of Pontiac, that was a collaborative effort

between three of us interns, three dedicated OU journalism professors and Mayor Deirdre Waterman.

I was assigned a story about the Canvas Pontiac arts contest as well as putting together an arts calendar for arts

and other cultural events happening in the city. Michael McGuinness, chair of the Pontiac Arts Commission and a former student body president at OU, helped me to put the calendar together.

For this next newsletter, which is due out in mid-October, I'm writing stories regarding the 15 new businesses that recently debuted downtown, new vacant lot strategies being seen in the city and another arts calendar.

In working on these new stories, I've learned about the people in the city who are taking charge of bettering their own community. I've heard stories of residents weeding, planting flowers and changing burned-out light bulbs on Saginaw Street because they want it to look nicer. I've heard stories about the Oakland County Sheriff's Office responding to 911 calls with speed and care when problems arise downtown. But most importantly, I've heard stories of residents' visions for what Pontiac could look like in years to come, which is an attitude towards the city that has been missing since Arts Beats & Eats left in 2008.

"I've heard stories of residents' visions for what Pontiac could look like in years to come...There is a sense of creativity and optimism in the city again."

Anthony Spak
Pontiac communication intern

There is a sense of creativity and optimism in the city again.

OU students sometimes complain that Rochester isn't a college town and that they aren't getting an authentic college experience because of it. I think that if the new Pontiac business owners, residents and the mayor's office continue to grow and clean up some of the image problems that the city has had in the past, Pontiac could be that "college town" for OU students, just a few miles down University Drive.

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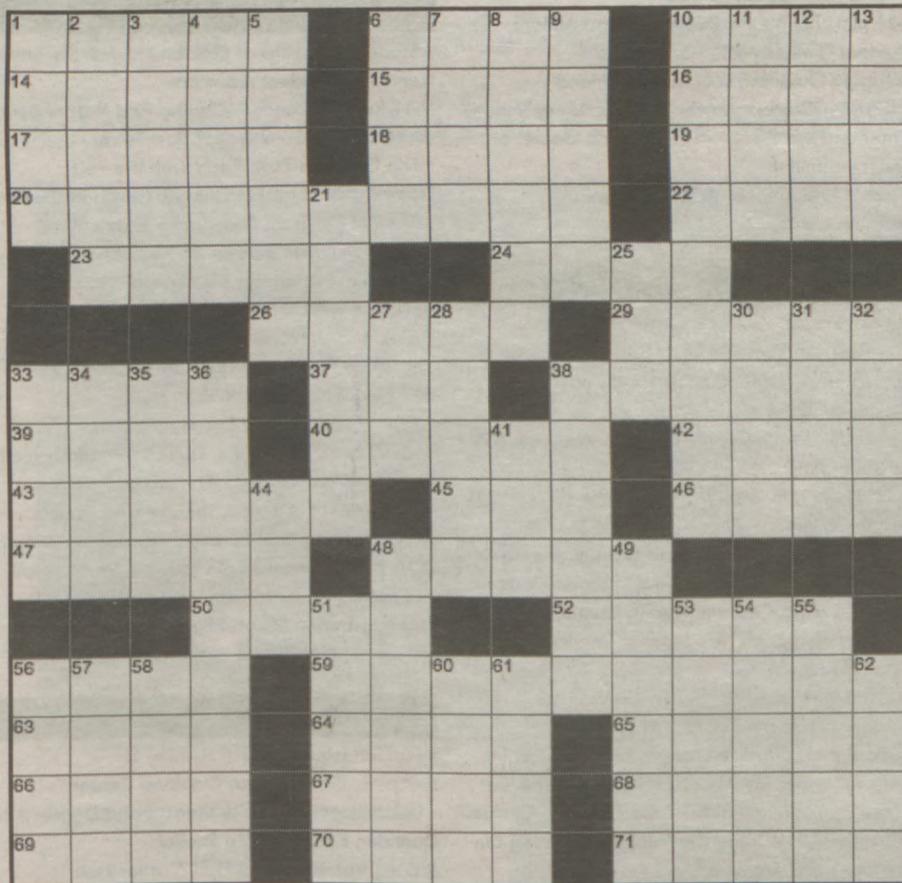


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1. "I started my skate tour three years ago. Oakland University was one of the first most legitimate skate clubs to start off with and they've been really solid since then," Keenan Guizard, founder of Collegiate Skate, said.
2. "I started the skateboard club at Oakland University and I thought it would be cool to bring skateboarding to the university itself and host an event," said Chris Arellanes, president of Skate Club at Oakland University.
3. Local band Leaving Lifted, performed at the event along with other local bands: CHAIN, DJ Litio, and Drunk Dom and the Roaches.
4. The Grizz Skate Jam welcomed skateboarders of all ages. Skateboarders from around Michigan came to OU for the free event.

Puzzles



Across

- 1: Orzo or ziti
- 6: Took to the air
- 10: Inscribe with acid
- 14: Arm bones
- 15: Head hunters?
- 16: 'Schindler's List' extra
- 17: Secluded places
- 18: Primordial sludge
- 19: Stretch across
- 20: Shook a fist at, e.g.
- 22: Geek's cousin
- 23: Eagle's nest
- 24: Talking bird
- 26: Lips, in Latin
- 29: Proved to be human
- 33: Help for the hapless
- 37: Daylight
- 38: Caviar source
- 39: Irritate
- 40: Draw out something latent
- 42: Black, to a bard
- 43: Bog
- 45: Sound of a fan
- 46: Kind of calendar
- 47: Tiny dot
- 48: Runoff collector
- 50: Fuzzy fruit
- 52: Thick carpets
- 56: Lavish party

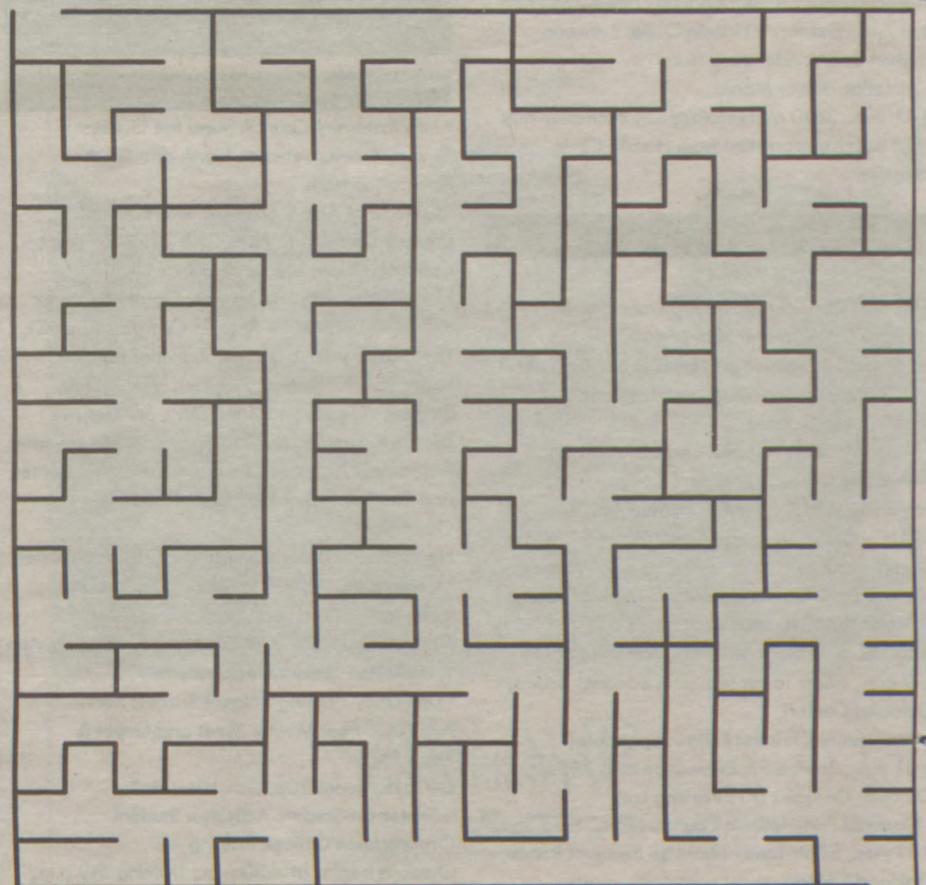
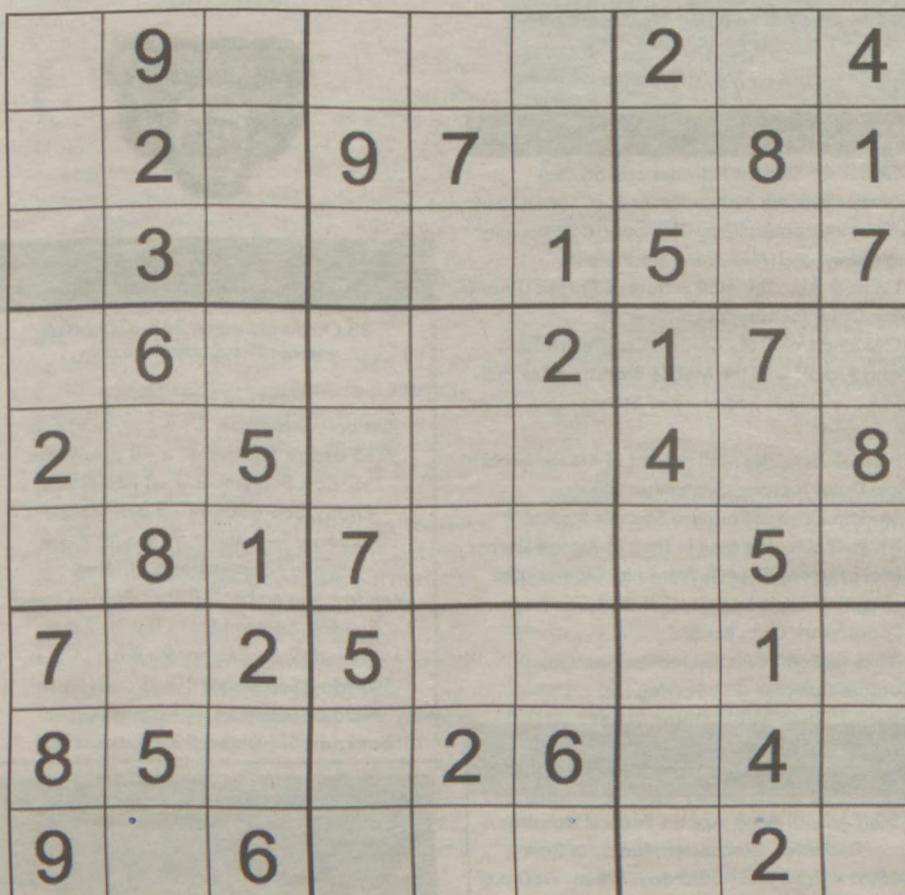
59: Not pertinent

- 63: Very familiar with
- 64: Makes a sheepshank
- 65: Prefix for motor or control
- 66: Teeming (with)
- 67: Hoof-on-pavement sound
- 68: Reporting to
- 69: Surface-to-surface missile
- 70: Chops down
- 71: Impudent

Down

- 1: Quarterback option
- 2: Maui greeting
- 3: Dagwood's 'SKNXX-X'
- 4: Selfish person
- 5: Go at
- 6: Slippery sheet
- 7: He has his pride
- 8: Skin problem
- 9: Like a neglected garden
- 10: Tangled
- 11: A runner may break it
- 12: Undemocratic leader
- 13: Rear or deer
- 21: Is a bad sportsman
- 25: Wedding page word
- 27: Begin blooming

- 28: Become accustomed
- 30: Yoke!
- 31: Qualities of the conceited
- 32: Miserably moist
- 33: Provides weapons to
- 34: Roller coaster feature
- 35: Entangle
- 36: Eased
- 38: Urgent request
- 41: Crow's cry
- 44: Biathlon need
- 48: 'Proud as a peacock,' e.g.
- 49: Lab monkey
- 51: Coven member
- 53: Combat site
- 54: Strengthens
- 55: Puts on the hard drive
- 56: PETA anathemas
- 57: Multigenerational story
- 58: Vegan's staple
- 60: Cat call
- 61: Ancient Egyptian emblems
- 62: Colorful parrot



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WELCOME / INFORMATION STATIONS

Event Locations: P11 Parking Lot and Elliott Tower
 Wednesday, September 2, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Thursday, September 3, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Friday, September 4, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2 (NO CLASSES)

- Center for Student Activities: Student Organization Officer Training #2
Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m., Training 8 a.m.-Noon, Room 201, Dodge Hall
- Center for Student Activities: Jump Start for Transfer Students
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Superior A & B, Oakland Center
- Orientation and New Student Programs: Orientation II - New Student Convocation, Academic Open Houses, and Involvement Fair
Check-in: Noon, Elliott Tower
Convocation: 1-2 p.m., O'rena, Recreation and Athletics Center
Academic Open Houses: 3-4 p.m., Main Campus
Involvement Fair: 4:15-5:15 p.m., Outdoors, Between the Oakland Center and Kresge Library (Rainsite: Oakland Center)
- Center for Student Activities, Grizz Gang, and Residence Halls Association: Fall Fever Food Fest
6-8 p.m., Outdoors, Hamlin Circle, Between Hamlin and Vandenberg Halls
- Athletics: Meijer Mania
8-11 p.m., 3610 Marketplace Cir, Rochester Hills
FREE bus transportation from Hamlin Circle to Meijer

Thursday, September 3

- Classes begin at 7:30 a.m.
- Student Organic Farmers: Farmers Market
10 a.m.-2 p.m., North Side of the Oakland Center
- School of Education and Human Services: Meet the Deans - Dr. Jon Margerum-Leys and Dr. Mike MacDonald
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Welcome Center, Pawley Hall
- Oakland University Student Congress, Theta Chi Fraternity, and Center for Student Activities: "It's on Us" - OU's Campaign Kickoff to End Campus Sexual Assaults
Noon-2 p.m., Oakland Room, Oakland Center
- Center for Multicultural Initiatives and Association of Black Students: Welcome BBQ
6-9 p.m., Elliott Tower (Rainsite: Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center)
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Bonfire
8-11 p.m., Bonfire Pit, Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex (P11 Parking Lot)
- National Pan-Hellenic Council: NPHC Yard Show
9-11 p.m., Elliott Tower (Rainsite: Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center)

Friday, September 4

- International Students and Scholars Office & Academic Affairs: International Welcome Reception
4-6 p.m., Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center
- Department of Music, Theatre and Dance: FEED (drama)
8-10 p.m., Varner Lab Theatre, Room 133, Varner Hall
- Residence Halls Association: Screen of the Green featuring "Jurassic World"
8:30-11 p.m., In front of Oak View Hall

Saturday, September 5

- Department of Music, Theatre and Dance: FEED (drama)
2-4 p.m. and 8-10 p.m., Varner Lab Theatre, Room 133, Varner Hall
- Residence Halls Association: "Bond-fire"
8-10 p.m., Bonfire Pit, Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex (P11 Parking Lot)

Sunday, September 6

- Department of Music, Theatre and Dance: FEED (drama)
2-4 p.m., Varner Lab Theatre, Room 133, Varner Hall
- WXOU: Annual Welcome Party at Classic Lanes featuring live music by The Shoes, unlimited bowling (for \$10), contests, and giveaways
8 p.m.-Midnight, 2145 Avon Industrial Drive, Rochester Hills

Monday, September 7 (LABOR DAY: NO CLASSES)

Tuesday, September 8

- Interfraternity Council: Meet the Greeks
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Between North and South Foundation Halls
- College of Arts & Sciences: International Literacy Day & Kickoff to CAS 2015-16 Theme - Cracking Codes Literacy Now
Noon-1 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center
- Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC), The Oakland Post, Student Activities Funding Board (SAFB), Student Program Board (SPB), Student Video Productions (SVP), Student Life Lecture Board (SLLB), Club Sports, WXOU, Center for Student Activities, Gender & Sexuality Center, and Student Technology Center: SAFAC Open House
Noon-2 p.m., Lower Level of the Oakland Center
- Campus Recreation: Intramural Sport Sand Volleyball Tournament
5 p.m., Sand Volleyball Court, 4000 Building, Ann V. Nicholson (Student) Apartments
- University Housing Student Success Services: Academic Peer Mentor Meet and Greet & Pizza Party
5-7 p.m., Room 208, Oak View Hall
- Center for Student Activities: Student Organization Officer Training #3
Check-in begins at 4:30 p.m., Training 5-9 p.m., Room 201, Dodge Hall

- Alpha Phi Omega: Bonfire
6-11 p.m., Bonfire Pit, Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex (P11 Parking Lot)
- Muggle Quidditch League of Oakland University: Outdoor Movie Night featuring "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" with a Goblet of Fire Tournament
7 p.m., Outdoors, North Side of the Oakland Center

Wednesday, September 9

- Interfraternity Council: Greek 101
11-11:30 a.m. (Session 1), 1-1:30 p.m. (Session 2), 3-3:30 p.m. (Session 3), Gold Room A, Oakland Center
- Graham Health Center: Walk-In Wednesdays Flu Shot Clinic
8:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m., Graham Health Center
- Graham Health Center and OU Counseling Center: Open House featuring Therapy Dogs
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Graham Health Center
- North Foundation Hall Student Services: Open House
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., North Foundation Hall
- Student Program Board: "Hump Day"
Noon-2 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center
- Agape University Ministry: Meet, Greet & Eat
Noon-2 p.m., South Side of the Oakland Center
- Gender & Sexuality Center: SAFE Training On Campus - Ally Training
Noon, Lake Huron Room, Oakland Center
- Environmental Health and Safety & Rochester Hills Fire Department: Mock Dorm Room Burn Demonstration
2 p.m., North Side of the Oakland Center
- WXOU: Record Swap
4-8 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Thursday, September 10

- Center for Student Activities and Student Activities Funding Board: "Grizz Fest" for Student & Greek Organizations, Club Sports, Community Businesses, and Volunteer Opportunities
11 a.m.-2 p.m., The Mall in front of Kresge Library (Rain Date: Tuesday, September 15)
- Oakland University Student Congress: Rock 4 Rights Kickoff with the Mobile Branch Office (full-service Michigan Secretary of State branch office on wheels)
11 a.m.-2 p.m., The Mall in front of Kresge Library (Rain Date: Tuesday, September 15)
- Student Organic Farmers: Farmers Market
11 a.m.-2 p.m., The Mall in front of Kresge Library
- Interfraternity Council: Fraternity Open House
4-5 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center
- Social Work Club: Bonfire
6-11 p.m., Bonfire Pit, Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex (P11 Parking Lot)

Friday - Sunday September 11 - 13

50th Annual Art & Apples Festival Downtown Rochester - Rochester Municipal Park
 Friday: 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, September 11

- Student Veterans at Oakland University and Center for Student Activities:
9-11 Remembrance/Honoring First Responders (8:46 a.m.) 8:30-9 a.m., Elliott Tower
- The Oakland Post: Party with the Post
Noon-1 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center
- Student Program Board: SPB Carnival
4-11 p.m., North Side of the Oakland Center
- Sigma Pi Fraternity: 21st Annual Pig Roast
4-11 p.m., North Side of the Oakland Center
- Oakland University Art Gallery: Opening Reception for "Employees Only" Exhibition
5-7 p.m., Room 208, Wilson Hall
- Biomedical Science Society: Bonfire
6-8:30 p.m., Bonfire Pit, Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex (P11 Parking Lot)
- Department of Music, Theatre and Dance: Iphigenia based on Euripides' Iphigenia at Aulis
8-10 p.m., Varner Studio Theatre, Varner Hall
- Student Video Productions: Outdoor Movie Night featuring "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World"
9-11 p.m., North Side of the Oakland Center

Saturday, September 12

- Fashion House of OU: Fashion Show
5-7 p.m., Gold Rooms, Oakland Center
- Department of Music, Theatre and Dance: Alta Dantzer, Faculty Voice Recital
8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall, Varner Hall
- Department of Music, Theatre and Dance: Iphigenia based on Euripides' Iphigenia at Aulis
8-10 p.m., Varner Studio Theatre, Varner Hall



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Sports

Defending Horizon League Champs head into new season



Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Men's soccer team looks to repeat league win with new and returning players

Jimmy Halmhuber
Staff Reporter

Coming into the 2015 season, the Oakland men's soccer team has the target on its back as defending Horizon League champions.

Last year, the Golden Grizzlies finished with a record of 10-7-3 overall.

Oakland defeated large Division I teams like Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State in the regular season. They also beat Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Due to the large-scale victories, bigger schools have noticed Oakland's potential, which has made scheduling tough.

This year, the team has a veteran-laden roster with nine seniors who will likely play a significant role.

Some of the players returning to the team are defenseman Jacob Vanderlaan, all-league and Horizon League tournament MVP Gerald Ben, all-league forward/midfielder Shawn Claud-Lawson, all-league midfield/forward Matt Dudley and midfielder Raphael Reynolds.

Oakland also lost several key players last year: all-league forward Joey Tinnion, all-league second team defender Cody Archibald, all-tournament defender John DeLeon, defender Dylan Schauder, all-tournament midfielder Gavin Hoy and midfielder Matt DeLang.

With these players gone, the younger



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

Oakland University lost to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville 1-0 on Aug. 30, 2015.

players who watched the team win the league and in the first round of the NCAA tournament against Kentucky last year will have increased roles on the team.

"Younger players are going to have to step this year," head coach Eric Pogue said. "Pressure is a privilege."

"Pressure is a privilege" is the mantra that will be used for this year. It originally came from Billie Jean King talking to the 1999 Women's World Cup winning team and was reiterated during this summer's Women's World Cup.

Oakland expects to repeat as Horizon League champions — something they haven't done since joining the league.

Oakland kicks off its season with two exhibition games against two strong teams. Akron is ranked No. 26 and Louisville No. 17 in the NCAA. The first game is at Akron on Aug. 18.

The Black and Gold will open league play against Milwaukee on Sep. 19.

Richard J. Burke Lecture in Philosophy, Religion and Society

The Ethics and Politics of Non-Violence
Dr. Judith Butler

Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015 | 7:30 p.m.
Oakland Center, Banquet Rooms A&B

Non-violence is often regarded as a principled position that allows for no exceptions. At the same time, it is a position that is usually accompanied by all sorts of qualifications. Join this lecture as we explore questions around non-violence:

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- Can we agree on a clear distinction between violence and non-violence?
- Can we maintain an ethical position on non-violence that is not reducible to a political one?
- What is the relationship between ethics and politics?

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Grizzlies venture to Valencia

Men's basketball visits Europe to learn, bond, grow

Mike Keenan
Staff Intern

The Oakland University men's basketball team took part in a team trip overseas to Spain, grabbing an early start on what looks to be a strong upcoming season for the Golden Grizzlies.

Oakland is one of three teams from the Horizon League and one of over 60 Division I schools to take an overseas trip prior to the 2015-16 season.

The team left for Spain on Monday, Aug. 24 and returned to Michigan on Wednesday, Sept. 2. The trip involved more than just basketball and provided an opportunity to learn more about a different part of the world.

"One of the purposes and main reasons for the trip [was] the educational experience," head coach Greg Kampe said.

"The opportunity to take a trip like this only comes about every four years and though we usually head to Canada, we decided to head elsewhere in order to play more competitive basketball, conduct better business and take in the entire Spain culture."

A huge advantage of the trip was not only the opportunity for excellent team bonding, but also the opportunity for Kampe's squad to learn a new culture together while competing at a high level.

"It is always an advantage for teams to plan international trips because it allows extra practice time and additional preseason games. With several transfers and newcomers, the trip to Spain will allow the team to build on team chemistry," Senior Assistant Athletic Director of Public Relations Scott MacDonald said.

The team kicked the trip off in Valencia, where they roamed



TOP The Golden Grizzlies men's basketball team visited the statue of St. Michael, who watches over the city of Valencia, Spain. **BOTTOM** A view of Valencia, taken from the top of a cathedral.

Photos from www.goldengrizzlies.com

around, viewed different landmarks and enjoyed the sightseeing. They visited museums and markets as well as the Cathedral and Basilica monuments.

They played their first game on Thursday, defeating the Valencia Basket basketball team 91-59 in the first of three games throughout the trip.

Junior guard Kahlil Felder led the way with 23 points, seven rebounds, six assists and four steals. Iowa State transfer

Sherron Dorsey-Walker chipped in 11 points, nine boards and 5 assists for the Grizzlies.

The team departed Valencia by ferry to Ibiza, an island located in the Mediterranean Sea, on Aug. 28, where they visited Old Town, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization World Heritage site.

In addition, the team spent time at a luxurious water park in Ibiza and took a trip on a glass-bottom boat along the western

coast of Ibiza to the island of Es Vedrá.

After their stay in Ibiza, the team caught a flight to their final stop in Barcelona. They played their final two games of the trip before returning to Michigan.

The team won their second game, taking down USA Toulouge 105-68 and improving to 2-0 on the trip. Once again, Felder led the way with 19 points and 11 assists. Sophomore Jalen Hayes added 18 points, and Dorsey-Walker had 14 points of

"One of the purposes and main reasons for the trip [was] the educational experience."

Greg Kampe
Men's basketball head coach

his own.

"I'm really pleased with the way we played. 'We've got a lot of really good players, and we can really wear a team down,'" Kampe said on GrizzVision after the game, pleased with his team's effort.

"This team that we just beat 105-68 has played two Big Ten teams, and both of those games were close. Their coach was very impressed with our team; that makes me feel good, and I really like how hard we played."

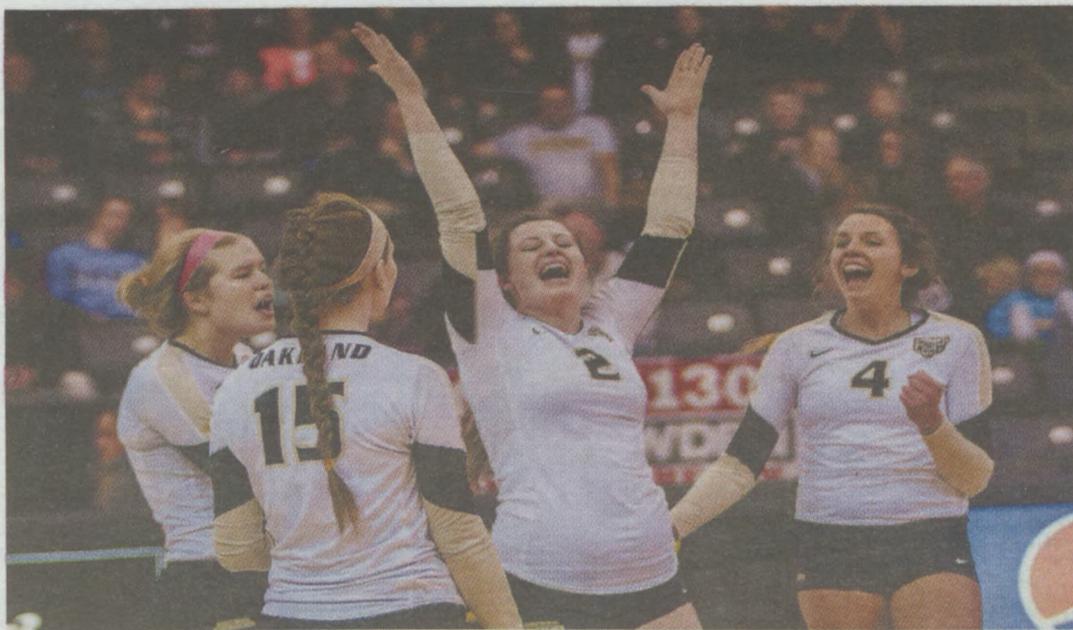
In their third and final game on Tuesday, the team capped off a great trip with a gut-wrenching 101-99 victory over CB Tarragona. Felder shined again with 25 points and eight assists, while senior center Percy Gibson added 22 points and eight boards.

The Grizzlies won the game in the final seconds off a Felder alley-oop pass to freshman teammate Brad Brechting, awarding them a close two-point victory on the buzzer beater.

The team and coaching staff have high hopes that this extended overseas trip allowed for some crucial team bonding as well as translate into more success heading into the season.

Another benefit of the trip was how it prepared players on the team for what life could be like after college if they were to choose to play basketball overseas.

Though the Golden Grizzlies will have to wait until mid-November to see how their team will start the year, the trip helped them prepare to meet the high expectations for success placed on them heading into the season.



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Oakland University's 2015-16 volleyball team includes players from California, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Texas.

Crossing lines to continue passion

Out-of-state students choose OU to further volleyball careers

Ally Racey
Staff Reporter

Going away to college can be exciting, but it can also be nerve-wracking. Some students attending college don't only move a few hours away from home, they might move out of state.

Senior Allia Knight and junior Rachel Grier both know exactly what going to school in another state is like.

Knight and Grier both chose Oakland not only to further their education, but also their volleyball careers.

"I wanted to be out of state, I wanted seasons, I wanted coaches who would make the transition easier and I wanted to play volleyball at a high level," Knight said.

Before leaving her friends and family to follow her passion for volleyball at Oakland, Knight attended Ventura High School in California. She said moving to a place where there are no familiar faces was an adventure.

"It pushed me out of my comfort zone and that was exactly what I wanted," Knight added.

"There is something scary and uncomfortable about it, but I am an advocate for uncomfortable because growth

doesn't happen in our comfort zones," Knight said.

Grier attended Cypress Ranch High School in Texas before moving to Michigan.

"It was exciting at first to do something where I didn't know anybody, almost like a fresh start," Grier said.

She added that moving far away is like no other obstacle she has ever encountered.

"It really teaches you to plan for things to go wrong because things aren't nearly as easy as replacing them when you live out of state, i.e. your driver's license," Grier said.

Although they both agreed that the transition was tough, their discovery of Oakland was different.

Head coach Rob Beam reached out to Knight through a recruiting website called National Collegiate Scouting Association.

"I was looking to go out of state and Michigan was one of the states I was interested in going to," Knight said.

Grier's path was different.

After searching "Division I schools up north" on Google, she found Oakland University. She called coach Beam, visited the campus and decided it was for her.

Knight and Grier only get to see their family and friends two

or three times a year.

"Leaving home this summer was easier because I knew it would be my last time doing so," Knight said. "But overall, the older I get, the harder it is, because I've come to appreciate the place I come from and my family the more years I am away."

Grier enjoys the beautiful campus and amiable volleyball coaches, but she still misses her family and friends.

"It's hard whenever you have a really good day and you can't share it in person with your best friends," Grier said. "It's hard to match friends that you have had since sixth grade."

Knight and Grier come from states where it doesn't snow and they don't have seasons. The two teammates both were excited to experience seasons when they moved to Michigan.

"For me, the California girl, I think seasons will always be foreign," Knight said. "I strongly believe everyone should get to live through them at some point in life."

The team played in their first invitational of the year on Aug. 28-29 in Ann Arbor. They fell to West Virginia 3-2 on Aug. 28 [rest of the results]

The Black and Gold will travel to Ohio to play in the Golden Flashes Classic on Sept. 4.

THE BLITZ

Kristen Davis
Sports Editor

VOLLEYBALL

The defending Horizon League regular season and tournament champions traveled to Ann Arbor to compete in the Michigan Invitational on Aug. 28-29. Oakland dropped the first game against West Virginia despite rallying from two sets down to force a fifth set. The team dropped the second match of the invitational with a 3-0 loss against Michigan but ended the trip with a win over George Washington. The Golden Grizzlies rallied again after falling behind 2-0 with three consecutive set wins. Juniors Jessica Dood and Melissa Deatsch were named to the all-tournament team. Oakland will play in the Golden Flashes Classic on Sept. 4-5 in Ohio.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team opened up regular season play

on Aug. 21 with a 4-1 loss at Illinois. The team returned for back-to-back home matches on the Oakland Soccer Field on Aug. 23 against Central Michigan and Aug. 27 against Michigan State. The Golden Grizzlies finished both with a draw. On Aug. 30, the team traveled to St. Bonaventure and again finished with a tie. The team returns to action on Sept. 4 at Grand Canyon.

PRESEASON POLLS

Oakland placed atop the league in the preseason polls for fall sports, earning first place picks for both volleyball and men's soccer and a second place pick for women's soccer. Votes are made by league coaches and coaches are not allowed to vote for their own team. Volleyball swept the league, with all coaches choosing the Golden Grizzlies as the favorite. Men's soccer routed five first place votes.

UPCOMING ACTION

Oakland Athletic teams will take to the road this weekend, but the action can be seen on ESPN3.

Friday, Sept. 4

- 7 p.m. Volleyball at Albany (Golden Flashes Classic)
- 7 p.m. Men's Soccer at Navy
- 9 p.m. Women's soccer at Grand Canyon

Saturday, Sept. 5

- 1 p.m. Volleyball at Indiana State (Golden Flashes Classic)
- 7 p.m. Volleyball at Kent State (Golden Flashes Classic)

Sunday, Sept. 6

- 1 p.m. Women's soccer at Northern Arizona
- 7 p.m. Men's soccer at UMBC



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Members of the Oakland University Rugby Football Club participated in their first practice on Sunday, Aug. 20. The team is preparing for its 10th year of competition this fall.

Clubbin' up with the Rugby Football Club

One of the fastest-growing sports gains popularity at OU

Kristen Davis
Sports Editor

From popular and well-known sports like hockey and volleyball to more unique ones like ballroom dancing and fencing, Oakland University offers 25 competitive and non-competitive club sports for anyone to join, even non-Oakland students.

One of the lesser-known club sports offered is rugby — a sport that evolved from football in the 1800s — and the Oakland University Rugby Football Club (OURFC) is preparing for its tenth year of competition this fall.

The game

Rugby is traditionally played with 15 players from each team on the field. Players try to advance the rugby ball by running it or passing it laterally or backwards up the field to score.

It's a free-flowing game, meaning that play doesn't stop even after a tackle is made. Players don't wear any protective equipment either, although it is a full-contact sport.

Rugby is also one of the fastest-

growing sports in America. According to a study posted on PhitAmerica.org this past May, the sport has seen a 10.7 percent growth in core participants, or those who played the sport multiple times a year, from 2012-2014. The statistic placed sixth amongst the top 15 fastest-growing sports.

OURFC has been classified by the recreation center as a Tier 1, or a competitive gold, team for the past few years. Although that is the highest ranking for a club team at Oakland, climbing the hill to reach that ranking hasn't been easy.

"When the club started, we weren't doing very well. We weren't winning many games," team captain Hunter Michaels said. "It wasn't until 2011 that the program really took off."

2011 was also the year the team placed second in the state in Division II.

Despite the ups and downs the program has faced over the last decade, they've stuck together.

"Honestly, we're really determined and we're really persistent and we're a family. We stick through it no matter what, we'll do whatever we can to make it through it," Michaels said.

What's next

Coming off a 4-2 fall season, the team is expecting big things for this season, which started on Aug. 20 with their first practice on the upper fields.

The team is voluntarily coached by

Oakland student Pete Conan, who has played for the Detroit Tradesman Rugby Football Club, which went undefeated in their division. This year's team has over 30 members — many of which are international, coming from countries such as France and Australia.

Some have played rugby before, like Michaels, who specifically came to Oakland for the club. Some have played sports before, but it's their first time playing rugby. And then there's the few who have never played any sports before joining OURFC.

"You'd be surprised, the ones that have never played sports before pick it up really fast and become really good," Michaels said.

Get involved

Michaels added that they're always accepting new members and joining can be done at any point in the season by either showing up to practice or speaking to a current member.

The team practices every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the upper fields and also frequently tables in the Oakland Center.

This year will also mark the first time in OURFC history that Oakland will host matches on campus. The first three matches of the season will be played on the upper fields.

The team will play their annual alumni game on Aug. 29, which

they're working to make bigger than previous years to celebrate the ten-year milestone.

The fall season kicks off on Sept. 12 when they host Ferris State University. They will face Grand Valley State University on Sept. 19 and Saginaw Valley State on Sept. 26 at home before traveling to Grand Valley State on Oct. 3.

They will round out the season with a bye week on Oct. 10 and two road games at Ferris State on Oct. 17 and at Saginaw Valley State University on Oct. 24. They will get another bye week on Oct. 31 before playoffs begin on Nov. 7.

ORFC has been thriving and growing in recent years, and the club is looking forward to continuing the positive momentum this upcoming season.

"This is going to be such an exciting year for OURFC. We're really excited about stepping up our community involvement, so expect to see us around campus at things like the student move-in and the upcoming carnival," Vice President Rael Graham said.

"Our membership has been growing in the last couple of years, giving us a greater competitive edge on the field. This team will be amazing this year and it will be a great opportunity for sports fans to come check out something new and exciting," Rael added.