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83.2%

Of people wear green on the holiday

30.5%

Of Americans go out to the bar on St. Patrick's Day

POLL OF THE WEEK

How do you feel about Nick Jonas coming to campus?

- A I hope he takes his shirt off
- B I'll be screaming along to every song
- C Who on Earth is he?
- D He better bring Joe and Kevin

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What's your "favorite" part of the OC construction?

- A) The lovely construction noises
4 votes | 7%
- B) Most entrances being closed
27 votes | 47%
- C) The building being ugly AF
8 votes | 14%
- D) Walking a mile to pee
19 votes | 33%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

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Pryale Hall was the only co-ed dorm on campus, Hill Hall was for women and Fitzgerald Hall was for men

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Nick Jonas to perform in April

Fan-favorite Jonas Brother announces spring concert at Meadow Brook Amphitheatre with OU student discount



Photo courtesy of Billboard

After a two-year absence of the concert, Student Program Board plans big return with former Jonas Brother.

Shelby Tankersley
Editor-in-Chief

After a two-year absence of the Student Program Board's beloved concert, the group is bringing the event back with a performance from pop music star Nick Jonas on April 14 at the Meadow Brook Amphitheater. This year, the event is also cosponsored by the Student Activities Funding Board.

The New Jersey native, formerly of The Jonas Brothers, began a solo career in 2010.

Jonas has since released three studio albums, appeared in movies such as "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," on Broadway in "Les Miserables" and on television shows such as "Kingdom."

According to SPB President Chris Winter, SPB wanted this comeback concert to be something special.

Because of this desire for a noticeable comeback, Jonas was an obvious choice with his musical lineup of nostalgic Jonas Brothers hits to his newer music that has made him the success he currently is.

"It's the first year back and it needs to be big," Winter said. "It's kind of great because Nick Jonas is a throwback name but he's still very rel-

evant now. So we got both sides of it this time."

In the 2015 winter semester, an SPB concert featuring Andy Grammer flopped in ticket sales and was subsequently cancelled. SPB refunded all tickets sold and lost a lot of money from the cancelled event.

Winter and Cassandra Hock, the 2016-17 SPB president, saved money for the past two academic years to make sure the concert can happen again.

An opening act is still in the process of signing a contract. This act will join Jonas and the winner of Spring Fest's Battle of the Bands, which will include at least one Oakland University student.

Battle of the Bands auditions are currently open through SPB. The winner will perform before Jonas and receive a cash prize.

Tickets went on sale at the Center for Student Activities' service window in the Oakland Center on March 8 at 1 p.m. for Oakland students. Currently, all pit tickets available to Oakland students are sold out.

Tickets for the general public went on sale at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$30 with an OU ID present for each ticket purchased. Tickets for the public start at \$30.

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The CETL tackles the threat of stereotypes

Ariel Themm
Staff Reporter

The Center for Excellence on Learning and Teaching (CETL) will be sponsoring a workshop called "Stereotype Threat and Student Learning" on Wednesday, March 14 in Elliott Hall starting at noon.

The program is a standalone session that is categorized in Faculty Development Institute under Identity, Authority and Empowerment in the Classroom. The workshop will have faculty members focusing on literature about stereotype threats and how they can be seen in a common teaching setting.

"The concept of stereotype threat is well established in the social psychology literature," said Joanne Lipson Freed, presenter of the workshop and assistant professor in the English Department. "The basic concept, in non-specialist terms, is this: Simply being reminded of a negative stereotype can make students who are members of a stereotyped group—for example, racial minorities, first generation college students, women in STEM, et cetera—learn less effectively and perform less well on tests. What this means for teachers is that some strategies intended to help close achievement gaps in higher ed can actually backfire."

"For instance, forming supplementary study groups for students in underperforming groups may not help, because it reinforces the stereotype that those students are going to struggle academically."

She argued stereotypes can be harmful to people and their views on themselves. People typically don't want to be assumed a certain way just because of their appearance or actions.

"There's also really compelling research that suggests that simple strategies that affirm the identity and belong-

ing of students in marginalized groups can close achievement gaps," Lipson Freed said. "As a teacher, and someone committed to access and equity in higher education, I find that possibility really compelling. My goal in the workshop is to present these basic concepts from the research to faculty who might not be familiar with them, and help them brainstorm how they might come into play in their own classrooms."

CETL is dedicated to taking on the responsibilities of helping with teaching and learning. They are supporting a workshop like this to help further the success of staff and students by being aware and taking active steps to promote classroom excellence.

"We provide resources and support for mainly full or part time faculty for their teaching and learning in order to work towards improving," CETL Director Judith Ableser said. "We want to recognize and value staff and all that they do."

The workshop will have a presentation followed by active engagement, discussion and hands-on application for participants. All participants must register before attending.

"I mentioned this before, but I'm drawn to this topic because I believe that as educators we should be actively striving to support underrepresented students and ensure that everyone has equal access and opportunity in higher education," Lipson Freed said. "In practice, today, that often means looking carefully for implicit biases in policies and practices that are unexamined and supposedly neutral.

"On paper, our classrooms aren't supposed to disadvantage anyone unfairly, but in practice they often do, even though we may not want or intend them to. This kind of information can help faculty across the university improve the quality education that all our students receive."

NextGen supports action against gun violence

The organization is pushing to bring active shooter training to campus in wake of the Parkland shooting

Jessica Leydet
Social Media Editor

NextGen, a politically progressive student organization on campus and one of many nationwide, will be holding a student walkout in response to the many school shootings that have taken place in the United States on Wednesday, March 14. The group is also working on making active shooter training available for students.

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Students want to see this change because no one wants to be in a predicament where there is a shooting on campus, but also, it would be beneficial for us to know how to handle said situation.”

Destinee Rule
Member of OU NextGen

had the privilege for working for an office that mandated active shooter training, and many other people in NextGen OU have also had the ability to participate in active shooter training, but that is 10 people out of many."

Rule believes students should not be considered "lucky" if they get to attend active shooter training, because she thinks it should be an option for all students to partake in, without a hassle.

"We, along with other student organizations, hope to implement a system that will give active shooter training videos and awareness at new student orientations, similar to the way they present Title 9," she said. "This way every incoming freshman has been exposed to the procedures and ways to handle a campus shooting."

For those who are not freshmen, NextGen would like active shooter training in residence halls and offered throughout campus, in series. After the shooting in Florida, students nationwide have been asking for gun reform. Currently, NextGen just wants Oakland to be proactive.

"Students want to see this change because no one wants to be in a predicament where there is a shooting on campus, but also, it would be beneficial for us to know how to handle said situation," Rule said.

Rule said that she personally feels as though she has been given the "run around" when she spoke to the Board of Trustees about the active shooter training.

"I felt as if there was no urgency to address this situation, especially with their response that I would have to wait until April and I would only be allotted 2 minutes to speak about this with the Board," she said.

She said OUPD understood the importance of active shooter training, but she believes the biggest barrier is the number of students that would need to receive training, which is incomparable to the amount of students that could be emotionally and physically hurt by a shooting on campus.

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Students for Recovery: Promoting physical and mental health

Katarina Kovac
Staff Reporter

College is a place for self-discovery while learning about oneself and making plans for the future. Whether living on campus or commuting from home, the pressure of balancing academics, a social life and work, creates an environment where students experience the ups and downs of a college lifestyle. This can include the use of drugs and alcohol as well as the symptoms of anxiety and depression.

The new student organization at Oakland University called Students for Recovery has a mission to provide a supportive community where students in recovery can achieve academic success while enjoying a genuine college experience, free from alcohol and other drugs.

Kathleen Spencer, a special instructor at OU, was inspired to start this organization because she deeply cares about the emotional health of students.

"I hear all of the stories from students about what they're going through and I also have a child here," Spencer said.

"It's truly not easy to be a student, have a job and try to balance a social life in between."

When Spencer brought the idea to start the organization to the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CELT), she was met with an overwhelmingly supportive response.

She visited the University of Michigan and Indiana University in an effort to see what other colleges were doing to support students seeking recovery. She found that to put together resources for students, she first needed to create a student organization.

"If students want to get sober, it tends to be quite difficult in college as the culture tends to lean toward the use of illegal substances," Spencer said. "Organizations like Students for Recovery can allow those who are seeking a substance free environment to find that community on campus."

Erica Wallace, health and wellness coordinator at OU, is instrumental in wellness activities on campus. Wallace believes participating in an organization like Students for Recovery will help eliminate the stigma of seeking help for substance abuse.

"There's a perception that individuals who can't quit substances of their own accord don't want to quit badly enough or are weak or broken," Wallace said. "The current knowledge about addiction is relatively limited—there's still not a clear understanding of why two people can both use the same substance in equal measure, but one may get addicted and the other can stop when they choose."

Substance use is often proffered as a means to coping with stress, anxiety and other feelings. Many college students may feel pressured by society or peers to engage in substance use, and it's often normalized at various on-campus events.

"College-age students may feel an expectation to use substances and have a misperception that everyone else is doing it," Wallace said. "Data from the national college health assessment conducted last spring at OU shows how powerful this can be; 94.4 percent of students thought typical OU students had used alcohol in the past 30 days, but actual usage was only 59.9 percent."

Participating in Students for Recov-

ery will allow students to receive support from members in this process by providing accountability and understanding. In turn, the goal is for students to become advocates for prevention, responsible use and eliminating stigma.

"It's truly not easy to be a student, have a job and try to balance a social life in between."

Kathleen Spencer
Instructor at OU and advisor for Students of Recovery

For those interested in participating, a planning meeting will be held on Monday, Mar. 24 and Tuesday, Mar. 27 from 5-6p.m. in Room 2018 HHB.

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Telephone troubles

Oakland University Police Department dispatch received a call on Jan. 19 at 5:50 p.m. from a desk employee at O'Dowd Hall concerning a harassing telephone call. The employee had been sitting at her desk and answered a call from a blocked number. The individual was a middle-aged male. He asked her name and began to describe sexual situations with her, telling her several times that he was going to rape her. When an officer arrived, the woman was locked in her office with the blinds closed, distraught and on the phone with her husband. She was the second person that day to receive such a phone call and the third that week. The officer escorted her to her vehicle and cleared the scene. She was advised to contact OUPD of any further calls.

Counterfeit \$50

An officer was dispatched to North Foundation Hall on Jan. 25 upon a report of counterfeit currency. A student had attempted to pay for his tuition in cash, and one of the \$50 bills had been flagged as counterfeit. The student was a waiter and had exchanged his tips for the bill the previous day, not knowing, that it was counterfeit. He was given a report number and thanked for his cooperation.

A cellphone on I-75

An officer was dispatched on April 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to take a report from an individual who had been assaulted by her ex-boyfriend. The two had been arguing in their dorm when he asked her to come outside and talk, having heard that she had been cheating on him. He took her phone and stomped on it, then the two, still arguing, got into his car and began driving. He threw the phone out on the NB I-75 ramp and they drove for several hours. He dropped her off at a McDonalds in Flint at 7:00 p.m. She was driven home by her mother and made plans to get a PPO against him.

*Compiled by Mary Siring,
Staff Reporter*

Accreditation helps to improve health standards

The MPH is experiencing changes to assist local communities for the better

Sadie Layher
Staff Reporter

After a multiple year evaluation, Oakland University's Master's of Public Health Program has become accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

The MPH program has been around for five years and started the lengthy accreditation process four years ago. Part of the evaluation process was doing a self-study of the program which was over 100 pages when it was completed. There was also a two-day visit by CEPH which included asking the students questions as part of the evaluation process. The accreditation will last five years until 2023.

It is a hope from professors teaching the program that the accreditation will entice more students to choose OU's program. Other schools with the same achievement include the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

"It's setting the standard and shows that Oakland has a high standard of learning," said Jen-

nifer McCullough, graduate student in the MPH program.

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"We would like to create partnerships with different health departments and to create certificate programs."

Rebecca Cheezum
Oakland University professor

The program is interdisciplinary and accepts many applicants. The program is then split into different cohorts based on concentration which consist of about 15-20 students. This graduate program is two years long and prepares students to improve the health of local communities. Since the program is young, there are many options for growth.

"We would like to create partnerships with different health departments and to create certificate programs," Professor Rebecca Cheezum said.

Accreditation is vital for cur-

rent students not just future potential students looking for a great MPH program according to Cheezum. Some employers after graduation only want applicants from accredited programs, and especially students who have hands on experience and exceptional knowledge about and in the field.

Cheezum led the effort in becoming accredited. She was building a program from the ground up while also completing a self-study of the program by following CEPH's guidelines. This involved learning how to collect the correct data while teaching others how to as well.

"The whole experience was very exciting...it involved lots of stress and was a crazy ride but the magnitude of this accomplishment is important," McCullough said.

During the time of the self-study there were only 33 students enrolled in the program. The application process consists of a transcript, a requirement of a 3.0 GPA and three letters of recommendation by the final deadline.



Photo courtesy of Oakland University

Council on Education for Public Health places importance on public health.

Cheezum noted that the Graduate Record Exams or GREs are no longer required in the application process. The first deadline was on Feb. 1 but the last deadline is not until June 1. Students can apply through the graduate studies website.

One of Oakland's philosophies is community engagement whether it be a board that plans events or a new webpage with all of the information congregated in one spot. This mas-

ter's program is designed to engage with the community and bring talented individuals into the field to help their local community public health.

Good public health leads to good relations between neighbors, local schools and local businesses. With an accredited program, it will bring more ambitious individuals which will bring more money to the community and respond to the needs of public health.

Inside the Golden Grizzlies Food Pantry

Students and faculty will soon have access to meals, making food insecurity less of an issue

Patrick Sullivan
Staff Reporter

The added stress of not knowing where their next meal is coming from can take a huge toll on students, both physically and mentally.

To help combat this issue, Oakland University is creating the Golden Grizzlies Pantry, a food pantry opening on campus in October of this year. This food pantry will be located in the basement of the Oakland Center near the Center for Student Activities and is part of the building's renovation.

The food pantry will provide services to help combat food insecurity as well as other issues students may be facing.

Food insecurity is a phrase that de-

scribes not having reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, healthy food. At some point over the course of their college education, one in four college students will experience food insecurity.

Jean Ann Miller, the director at the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, is one of the leaders behind the creation of the food pantry.

"I think it's long incoming," Miller said regarding the opening of the food pantry. "I've been to a couple conferences in Michigan and seen how other schools operate these things, and come October we'll be in the mix with them."

The food pantry will not only offer non-perishable food items to students,

the pantry will also offer toiletries, items from the Student Organic Farm on campus, donated gift cards and information regarding home insecurity, help with transportation and other information that could help students.

Along with Miller, the food pantry is also being developed by Maria Beam, the director of the social work program here at Oakland. Food insecurity was the topic for Beam's dissertation, so this issue is one that she is very familiar with.

"We started planning for the food pantry in June 2016," Beam said. "Jean Ann Miller and I prepared a how-to manual that looked at all of the options of starting and implementing a food pantry, and we followed that."

The food pantry is going to start

small and allow students to visit or use the pantry twice a month.

"This first year is going to be our pilot year," Beam said. "Regarding future plans for the food pantry. Sustainability is always in the back of my mind."

The Golden Grizzlies Pantry will not only be available to students, but also to faculty and staff at Oakland as well.

"I hope that we get people to take advantage of and utilize the pantry so it fills a need on campus," Beam said.

The current plan is to open the Golden Grizzlies Pantry on Oct. 16, which is World Food Day. The idea behind World Food Day is to promote awareness and action to help people facing hunger and food insecurity, and this food pantry is a great way to do both.

Campus

Bear Bus Committee seeks improvements

OUSC establishes group to improve campus transportation



Nicole Morsfield / The Oakland Post

Newly established committee wants to make all buses and vans wheelchair accessible.

Patrick Sullivan
Staff Reporter

If students can't drive to the store or need a ride somewhere on campus, the Bear Bus system can transport students from place to place at no charge. However, students have begun to take issue with the consistency, or lack thereof, Bear Bus has shown recently.

At its March 5 meeting, Oakland University Student Congress created the Bear Bus Coordination Committee to respond to some complaints students have been having regarding the university's transportation system.

The chair of the committee, Asiana Gunn, has been a legislator for OUSC for a little over a year.

"When I joined Student Congress, one of the first things I wanted to work on was the Bear Bus," Gunn said. "This is important to us and we want to be able to help work with Bear Bus to improve it."

Gunn said the idea for the committee took hold when OUSC visited a conference in Grand Valley State University.

"I think I have 6 pages of noted ideas from the conference," Gunn said.

At the meeting when the committee was formed, legislators discussed the bus system that Grand Valley State University provided for its students.

By presenting a student ID, students can ride the city busses in Grand Rapids and the surrounding areas. GVSU compensates the city for this program with \$3 million a year.

"We definitely will not be spending \$3 million anytime soon," Gunn said. "If there was a five to ten year plan for the committee, that would be it. I don't want to spend tuition dollars, but when I do I want it to be

on something long-lasting and beneficial to students."

The committee, which is comprised of Asiana Gunn, Tyler Fox, Ryan Fox and Mena Ibrahim, has far reaching ideas on how they want to reform Bear Bus. The main issues they want to fix are accessibility and communication.

The committee would like to have a more reliable app for the routes, the routes consistently running when they should be and to have all buses and vans be handicap accessible.

Other ideas the committee had were having professional drivers join students on the bus routes and move Bear Bus into its own committee on campus as opposed to being with University Housing.

Matt Belanger, a graduate coordinator of Bear Bus, shares some sentiments with the committee.

"I would actually like it to change quite a bit," Belanger said. "I would like to see Bear Bus move into its own office, integrating in professional drivers with students and people driving the same routes everyday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m."

Belanger remains open to the idea of the committee.

"I think everyone in Bear Bus is always looking for ideas from other people on how to improve," he said. "Improvements have to go through the proper channels so it's not always the easiest process, but I think we can try to change what we can while we're here. I'd like to hear from them."

Whether any changes to Bear Bus will take place is yet to be seen, but both parties have expressed an interest in improving the system that is currently in place. This communication could lead to a better experience for Oakland students.

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Black Graduate Student Association: Unity, Mentorship and Social Justice

Sadie Layher
Staff Reporter

Black Graduate Student Association of Oakland University, or BGSA, is committed to providing a safe and motivational space for graduates of any discipline.

The group was founded by Celeste Smith, Juanita Tookes, Michelle Southward and Allison Palmer and is advised by Doctor Jennifer Matthews, assistant professor in counseling. The group first produced the idea in fall 2017, and Matthews assisted in getting the organization off the ground. The idea is for this organization to help graduate students academically as well as socially.

"I am striving to be an instrument of change... focus on coping strategies, and I am here to succeed and not to burn out," Tookes said.

The values of BGSA are unity, mentorship, service and social justice. The aim is to serve as an academic, emotional, social and professional resource. There is a national organization with this title, and this group will be a chapter of the larger organization.

"I knew no one and felt alone and wanted to connect with others who looked like me who are also pursuing graduate degrees,"

Smith said.

There is also an undergraduate version of this association called the Association of Black Students. That group was established in 1968 at Oakland around the time of civil rights movements taking place around the country with a strong energy towards equity.

In 1969, the first African-American History month took place at OU. While the Black Alumni Association was established in 1974, this is the first black graduate student association of its kind in the history of Oakland.

"I like the idea of having support as I was able to be social as a undergrad but not seeking a professional degree," said graduate student Chantelle McChristian. "Having that support so we can network and support each other I think is important."

Often, professional and advanced degrees are severed into different cohorts. The cohorts or smaller groups often have no contact outside their specific program. This group is aimed at changing that theme.

"[It's] a way to celebrate our culture... with mentorships and professional development to foster support," Palmer said.

The group plans to bring in different speakers and panelists as well as to meet monthly as opposed to meetings per se-



Brendan Triola / The Oakland Post

The Black Graduate Student Association aims to protect and provide a safe space for graduates.

mester. To become a member there is a 3.0 GPA requirement which is also a rule of the national organization. The fee to join will be \$10 since there are no funds right now because the group just started and is trying to grow. Costs associated with potential events will be discounted for members as well as will purchasing sweatshirts and shirts with the BGSA logo on it.

"This is to encourage undergraduate black students to pursue degrees and become agents of social change by fostering support, network opportunities and create an area to collaborate," Tookes said.

The hope is to work together with the Black Students Association, to act as mentors and to promote advanced degrees regardless of discipline area.

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Reporting sexual assault in the year of speaking up

OUPD talks anonymous and in-person reports

Shelby Tankersley
Editor-in-Chief

The first few months of 2018 have set the tone for a year characterized by speaking up. Larry Nassar was put behind bars after over 150 survivors of his crimes spoke up, #MeToo and #TimesUp rocked social media, stronger gun legislation is being called for and activism is alive everywhere.

Perhaps 2018 will see an increase in sexual assault and harassment as well. As it stands, it's estimated that only 1/3 of sexual assaults are reported to police and only 20 percent of college-aged women are likely to report being sexually assaulted, according to RAINN.

Since the fall semester of 2014, Oakland University has seen 11 reported sexual assaults, two of which were classified as rape and several involve attempted rape or sexual activity that was the result of one party being pressured, according to the Oakland University Police Department's records. The majority are classified as "forcible contact," which usually involves one party making unwanted advances toward the other. Especially with Oakland's recent ranking as the second safest school in the United States, assaults don't appear to be all that common on campus.

But as University President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz said in January, "We would never say there are not things happening here."

When students report a sexual assault on campus, there are a number of ways to have their voices heard. Survivors can go on or off the record and, if on the record, can decide whether or not they want to press charges. OUPD accepts reports over the phone or in

person, and every officer is trained in trauma and are comfortable talking to survivors.

"It's driven by the person that's reporting," said OUPD Detective Shona Collins. "It's how they want things to move forward. The only protocol we have on that is if we write anything up on that case, we have to take it to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office even if charges aren't being pressed just so we can keep everything."

Collins said that although OUPD's role is to stay objective and find the truth of the matter, the department's first step is to trust the person reporting and help them feel comfortable talking about whatever happened. Collins says that reporting both helps the survivor and potential future survivors.

"The majority of perpetrators do it again," she said. "If people don't report it, the likelihood that they'll do it to someone else gets higher."

Survivors are also given access to healthcare resources, counseling and guidance from the Dean of Students. Even if students experienced something off-campus, OUPD is willing to connect students with the correct police department.

"At the very minimum, someone should get counseling," Collins said. "Eating disorders, alcohol abuse, promiscuous behavior... Some people don't have trouble, but the majority do. To meet it head on and start working through all of it is the best policy."

Collins also pointed to additional resources such as OUPD's Rape Aggression Defense course, HAVEN in Pontiac and the Graham Counseling Center on campus as tools people can use to educate and take precautions to protect themselves.

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Seniors	91 credits and above	Wednesday, March 21
Juniors	73 credits and above	Thursday, March 22
Juniors	56 credits and above	Friday, March 23
Sophomores	42 credits and above	Monday, March 26
Sophomores	28 credits and above	Tuesday, March 27
Freshmen	16 credits and above	Wednesday, March 28
Freshmen	0 credits and above	Thursday, March 29
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Women's History Month on campus

Katarina Kovac
Staff Reporter

When it comes to history, the story of women is largely one of exclusion, silence and absence. Women have made a lot of history, but sometimes, looking at the history books, you wouldn't exactly know it.

Women's History Month takes place during March and is where we revel in learning about all manner of female history-makers, from the big names to the unsung heroes. It's also a time when we focus on learning more about the female perspective on big movements in human history.

At Oakland University, several events are taking place throughout the month in an effort to celebrate the accomplishments of the female students, faculty and staff.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, wants the OU community to embrace Women's History Month and acknowledge the achievements of women on campus.

"Attending Women's History Month events here on campus will empower students," Miller said. "It empowers them to be successful not just as a student, but

in all aspects of their lives. A huge part of Oakland University is student success, and this just reinforces the student success for women on our campus."

With everything that has been going on in the United States recently in terms of the #MeToo movement and #TimesUp, it is even more important to pay attention to this month.

"Women are finding their voice, and finally everyone is listening to it," Miller said. "For example, with the Harvey Weinstein situation, women aren't just telling their stories but something is also being done with their stories so that they don't experience that brutality again."

In terms of the Women's History movement, issues that were being fought for when the movement started in 1909 are still being fought for today.

"In some countries, International Women's Day is a national holiday," Miller said. "Because of the movements we have been having lately, this day is finally being properly paid attention to in the U.S."

Erin Shrum, president of The Feminists of OU, believes that Women's History Month is important because it's a way for people outside of feminist communities to discover and learn about aspects that may not be available

in their everyday curriculum or lifestyles.

"The OU Feminists have teamed up with WISER (Women in Science, Engineering, Research) to organize a panel of women professors speaking on a range of topics within the #MeToo movement," Shrum said. "The movement is something that a lot of folks can unfortunately identify with, and there are a ton of different suggestions and solutions and issues within the movement, so it's important to have this conversation to hear each other out and come to a more concrete understanding."

As issues like sexual harassment have often been stigmatized as taboo, which does not make them so easy to openly discuss, Shrum is confident that the more folks talk and validate one another, the more these issues become conceptualized and understood.

"These situations are seriously uncomfortable, so knowing that you have an entire movement behind you brings a sense of comfort and solidarity that wasn't always offered before," Shrum said.

Until history textbooks, Congress and assigned reading lists reflect gender parity, Women's History Month is a crucial time to remind the nation and the world of women's important work and the barriers that exist to full gender equality.

1909

The first Women's Day Celebration in the U.S.

1987

Women's month was established in the U.S.

164 million

Number of women in the U.S. in 2016.

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Only 64% of LGBT students are out to their classmates.

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The GSA was first instated as a student org at OU during the 2003-04 academic year.

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68% of LGBT youth say they hear negative messages about their identities from their elected officials.

68%

OU to celebrate Pride Month

Jordan Jewell
Staff Intern

Oakland University's Gender and Sexuality Center will be putting on its annual LGBTQIA+ Pride Celebration. Previously only a week long, this year's Pride events will take place over a month.

The month will begin with a kickoff celebration in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center on March 12 at 11:30 a.m. The programs will range from informational presentations to social events for the entire community.

"We are really excited to be extending it," Pride Month coordinator Grace Wojcik said. "It gives students a chance to get far more involved than they could over the course of just one week."

This year will also mark OU's 15th Annual Drag Show.

"We are expecting the drag show to be one of the most popular," Wojcik said. "We have real performers coming and also open it up to students that want to participate. It always draws a great turnout."

Pride Month provides students in the LGBT community to be recognized as a growing part of Oakland University. It also gives students an opportunity to be introduced to the community.

"It's important for us to have a mix of serious events and social events," Wojcik said. "This month is about learning who you are and how to express it."

March 19 will feature a presentation entitled "What's a Pronoun? Identity and Self Determination" at noon in the Oakland Room. The discussion will focus on gender identity.

"Struggles, Success and Sexuality" will be presented on March 27 in Gold

Room C at 3:00 p.m. The event will be lead by Oakland University Student Congress and will discuss discrimination and ways to feel comfortable in students' own sexuality.

"Lesser Known Gender and Sexual Identities" will be presented on April 10 in 110B O'Dowd Hall at 11:30 a.m.

Other events include Pride Prom, a comedy show featuring comedian Jen Kober—who has been featured on channels like HBO and FX—and Slam for Solidarity II. Slam for Solidarity gives students a chance to present their slam poetry to an audience of their peers. A full schedule of the events can be found on the Gender and Sexuality Center's website.

"I'd encourage any students that are graduating to look into our Lavender Graduation Ceremony," Wojcik said.

The 6th Annual Lavender Graduation

Ceremony will take place on April 8. It's open to students graduating this semester and after the fall semester who are part of the LGBT community. Students will be recognized and congratulated for their achievements. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. in 110 O'Dowd Hall.

Each year, the Gender and Sexuality Center chooses a book to present to students. This year's choice is "Trans in College: Transgender Students' Strategies for Navigating Campus Life and the Institutional Politics of Inclusion" by Doctor Z. Nicolazzo. The book is available in the Kresge Library and Center for Multicultural Initiatives.

"I think it's so important that members of this community are able to see their presence here on campus," Wojcik said. "These events provide students with a feeling of inclusion and understanding."

New tax would help law enforcement

Laurel Kraus
Life Editor

State Senator Coleman Young II introduced a Bill to Michigan legislature on March 1 that would create a \$3 tax on specified entertainment and sporting events in Detroit with the intention of providing further support to police, firefighters and first responders.

The Sporting Entertainment Tax Act would apply only to venues with a seating capacity of 5,000 or more within a city that has a population 500,000 or more. This leaves Detroit as the only eligible city within the state and would impact such venues as Lions, Tigers, Red Wings and Pistons games, as well as concerts at Comerica Park, Ford Field, Little Caesars Arena, the Fox Theatre and Chene Park, according to MLive.

The proceeds would be split with 34 percent going to Detroit police officers, 33 percent going to Detroit firefighters and 33 percent going to Detroit emergency medical services personnel. Young has stated he does not intend for the money to go into the general budget.

More specifically, MLive reported

that the funds would be used to aid in hiring more and better equipping these professions as well as for funding police funerals.

The Bill has been referred to the Committee of Finance, who's chairperson will determine whether it moves forward into the full Senate and then potentially the House. However, despite the intention to support what many would consider a good cause, some are not convinced that the bill will pass due to a few substantial roadblocks.

For one, Young is a Democrat, and both the Mich. Senate and House of Representatives are currently controlled by the Republican Party.

"The minority party very rarely has opportunity to impact the agenda," said David Dulio, professor and chair of the Oakland University Political Science Department. "However, this is a carve out for Detroit that many would see as a good idea. It'd increase the amount of money that would go to cops, firefighters and EMS personnel."

Even with the stacked odds, Dulio feels the Bill is not going to be a partisan issue, but rather one revolving around the attendees who would have



Photo courtesy of Knight Foundation

Revenue from new tax addition will be used to support Detroit police, fire fighters and others.

to pay the tax.

"If you think about the people that go to these games, many of them, if not a majority, are coming from places other than Detroit," Dulio said. "That means that people in other communities are going to be footing the bill for increased funds for Detroit services."

Professor of political science Pat Piskulich compared this to the taxes applied to travelers in hotels since it would be using income generated from outside of the area to support the area.

The potential for push-back exists in

that some may not be willing to contribute to a tax which will not benefit them in any way.

Furthermore, according to Piskulich, adding \$12 to an evening out for a family of four could have unintended consequences and a bigger impact than expected, such as the decision to not eat out afterward or to stay home and watch the event on TV instead.

With ticket prices already rising in general, some have even argued that, as a show of good faith, franchise owners should simply pay the \$3.

Students share thoughts on culture and religion

Emily Morris
Staff Reporter

AMuslim and a Catholic walk into Hamlin Hall... This actually isn't a joke, but rather, the reality of many Oakland University students who are assigned roommates at random. Students with diverse backgrounds are often weaved together throughout many liberal arts schools. Although joining such different people seems challenging, some students are taking the opportunity to unravel themselves and appreciate variety.

Freshmen Sheak Tasnim and Shannon Kase were immediately forced to diverge their original religious backgrounds when they were matched as roommates this past fall. Kase was raised in a Catholic household and now believes in a higher power but does not have a specific

religion with which she aligns herself, while Sheak was born into a Muslim family, a faith to which she is still dedicated today. Even their homelife seemed to clash with staggeringly different dynamics, as Sheak described "a very diverse city" home to a handful of varying cultures, and Kase came from "a small town with hardly any diversity at all, religiously or ethnically."

Sheak actually felt a great deal of reservations prior to attending Oakland because of the expected contrast between her and Kase. The political climate related to Muslims made Sheak's transition more daunting, as "media portrays Islam as a very violent religion, but it's actually a really beautiful and peaceful religion." Therefore, the reactions of her roommate, a stranger to Islam, seemed like a possible diverging point.

Even initially, both parties perceived their cultural diversity differently. In fact, Kase wasn't sure of Sheak's name until they began living together. Sheak is a family name, similar to a last name, except it's always placed first. Obviously, having to navigate even an array of simple differences weighed on the two, who described their meeting as "an adjustment."

Despite their differences even on the most basic levels, they both agreed that discussing spirituality is not something they shy away from in their friendship. In fact, Sheak and Kase both said religion is a common topic of discussion between them because they have so much to learn from each other.

"We both just respect each other's views and beliefs," Kase said. "It's just a difference, like having a different



Samuel Summers / The Oakland Post

Two roommates share their thoughts of one another's before moving in.

hair color."

On the contrary, they attribute their friendship mostly to the similarities they've found rather than the differences. Over one third of adults under 30 years old do not identify with any specific religion but believe in some sort of higher power, according to

NPR. Hence, the mere idea of Kase and Sheak's diverging morals could be considered abnormal, according to social norms of our age group.

"We like to share our ideas and beliefs, and we've found that there are a lot of similarities between our religious backgrounds," Sheak said.

Stress may be helpful in school

Emily Morris
Staff Reporter

Stress is a regular aspect of every college, but is this a good or a bad thing?

According to the National College Health Assessment of undergraduates, over 15 percent of Oakland University students claim to experience "tremendous" stress—compared to 12 percent nationally—because of college demands. However, this statistic could be less troublesome than one might assume. Stress is defined as "emotional strain from demanding circumstances," according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, which could be seen to hold a negative connotation, due to media representations of stress.

The pressures of attending school can seem like a 'stressful, surreal blur,' according to the cult classic "Mean Girls." Despite any credibility the fictional Cady Heron may have, some studies suggest the exact opposite and actually attribute a positive connotation to stress. Moreover, stress is the root word of "distress" and "eustress," which correlate to negative and positive types of stress, according to Doctors Harry Mills, Natalie Reiss and Mark Dombeck in an article published by MentalHelp.net.

"Stress is not always a bad thing," they wrote. "Stress is simply the body's response to changes."

Feeling stressed is a biological reaction that has the possibility to affect everyone who experiences change—approaching exams, deepening friendships, busy schedules; the list is endless.

"You might notice that sometimes being stressed out motivates you to focus on your work, yet at other times, you feel incredibly overwhelmed and can't concentrate on anything," according to an article published by ULifeline.

However, controlling how stress is managed and what stress is available determines if it becomes eustress or distress.

According to Dr. Richard Lazarus, the key to channeling stress into positive energy is "cognitive appraisal." Cognitive appraisal is simply dissecting whether stress is negative or positive and being able to relay adjustments to correct any aversion. Of course, this process doesn't have to be a single responsibility. There are several self-evaluation options across Oakland University.

"From my perspective as a health educator, I'm obliged to educate people to the extent that they are able to make informed choices, regardless of whether they make 'good' choices," said Erica Wallace, coordinator of Health and Wellness.

Graham Health Center welcomes students to attend counseling for any number of reasons throughout the week. Additionally, various student organizations could offer a healthy outlet from the negative stressors test anxiety can bring within classes. Students can then manage any negative stress and channel it into motivation.

"I think the right amount of stress can motivate me for my classes even more," said Viviane Dang, a biochemistry major with a total of 21 credit hours this semester. "Sometimes I stay up later studying because I'm stressed about a test, and I end up channeling my stress into extra focus."

Students have the opportunity to choose the direction they want from whatever type of stress they experience, according to Good Therapy. Although stress generally holds a negative connotation, eustress and distress are both methods of feeling stress. Some stress is completely healthy and natural, depending on individual reactions.

Tips from the ADAA for dealing with stress:

- 1. Limit caffeine
- 2. Get more sleep
- 3. Manage your time
- 4. Maintain a positive attitude
- 5. Eat well-balanced meals
- 6. Get some exercise
- 7. Take deep breaths
- 8. Talk to someone
- 9. Slowly count to 10
- 10. Do your best

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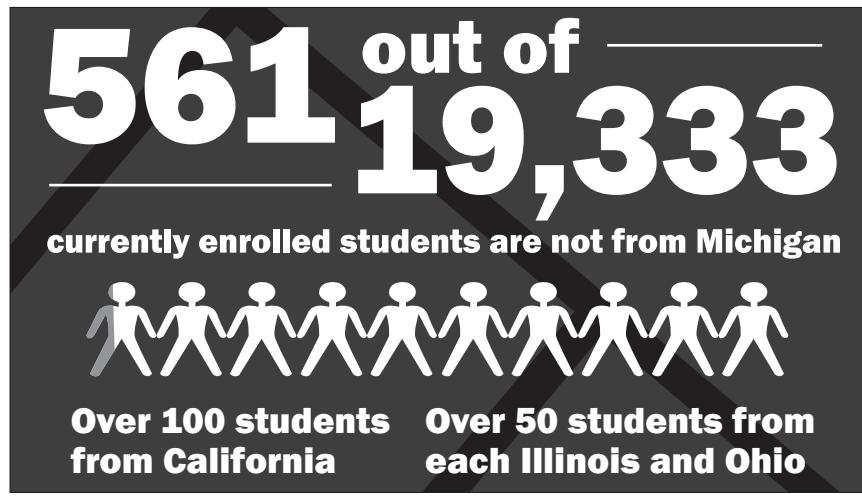
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A perspective on the life of out-of-state students

Sergio Montanez
Contributor

With more than 19,000 students currently enrolled, Oakland University boasts a vastly diverse community.

According to the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, Michigan residents make up 92.64 percent of the student body at Oakland. That means the total number of fall 2017 enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students from Michigan was 17,910.

Among the 19,333 current students, only 561 of them are from out-of-state. Overall, students from out-of-state make up only 2.9 percent of the student population.

California, Illinois and Ohio each had more than 50 students come to OU. California being the most dominant, with more than 100 students attending OU. Most of these are graduate students.

Florida, Indiana and New York have slightly more than 20 students each. The rest of the 43 states had anywhere from one to 20 students each.

Washington was among one of those states. One of the most defining athletes to compete for the university's swim team came from Washington over 20 years ago.

Doug Allen, who resides in Oakland Township and is the owner of Allen Entertainment, originally came to Oakland in 1990 and was a 19-time All American swimmer and a four-time national champion.

"When I graduated from high school, I didn't have any college prospects at the time," he said. "It wasn't until a year later that colleges started to recruit me and one of them was Oak-

land University."

While going on recruiting trips to other colleges, Allen came to Oakland for a visit. He immediately felt at home and liked what the campus and the surrounding area had to offer.

"The swimming program, people were nice, people that I could relate to and feel comfortable around, and the lifestyle too; Rochester was more like home, more like where I grew up in Bellevue, Wash." he said. "It felt like a hometown kind of thing. That really persuaded me to come to Oakland."

But enrollment numbers for out-of-state students were considerably lower a decade ago than those of this past year.

There were only a total of 134 out state students that enrolled in Oakland in fall 2008. They made up 0.75 percent of the total student population. That means today there is a 318 percent increase of students coming to Oakland from out-of-state in just 10 years.

As Oakland keeps acquiring more recognition nationwide, it may continue to improve and grow and attract a wider range of students from across the nation.

Allen remains a highly enthusiastic alumnus who engages in alumni relations yearly on campus on behalf of his own entertainment business. Coming from the other side of the country to a Midwestern town was a challenging decision, but the right one for Allen.

"You have to be very proactive in making friends for any college student going to college out of state," he said. "You have to be very proactive in getting out there and introducing yourself, so you can have a social life outside of school."

Grizzlies to be recognized in "Authors at Oakland"

Celebration to recognize the writing of students and faculty

Ariel Thumm
Staff Reporter

The Senate Library Committee and the University Libraries are celebrating Oakland University faculty who have published their works during "Authors at Oakland," which will take place on Wednesday, March 14 on the fourth floor of Kresge Library at 2:00 p.m.

Dominique Daniel, associate professor of University Libraries, and Caryn Wells, associate professor of educational leadership, will be presenting and recognized at the event. This year will be representing their work published in books, with Daniel focusing on "Oakland University" and Wells presenting "Mindfulness: How School Leaders Can Reduce Stress and Thrive on the Job."

"I really enjoy this event because I've been with this event from the very beginning but also that faculty will come together and celebrate each other and people get recognized for their hard work and accomplishments in this area."

Katherine Borg
Executive Secretary of University Libraries

The original theme of the event focused on "The Celebration of the Book" but eventually began to branch out and alternate years were dedicated to "The Celebration of the Journal." The two works presented at the event also receive honors and their works are displayed.

"This is the thirteenth year we'll be putting on this event," said Steve Weiter, dean of University Libraries. "Every other year, we try to switch it up and focus on faculty scholarship represented in a variety of scholarly

works, like journal articles. What I mean by 'scholarship' is to learn something through research and express it through writings. It can apply to any kind of discipline area, like political science. We are here to celebrate their work in all types of journals, whether it be open or hybrid."

Open journal articles require no subscription fees for readers, while hybrid journal articles are a combination of open and subscription. Hybrids have recently risen in popularity, but for this event, there is a focus specifically on scholarly resources.

Approximately 131 works were submitted to be reviewed by the Senate Library Committee, but only two will present. Additionally, OU students will be awarded with the Frank Lepkowski Undergraduate Research in Writing Award, which is funded by the OU Credit Union.

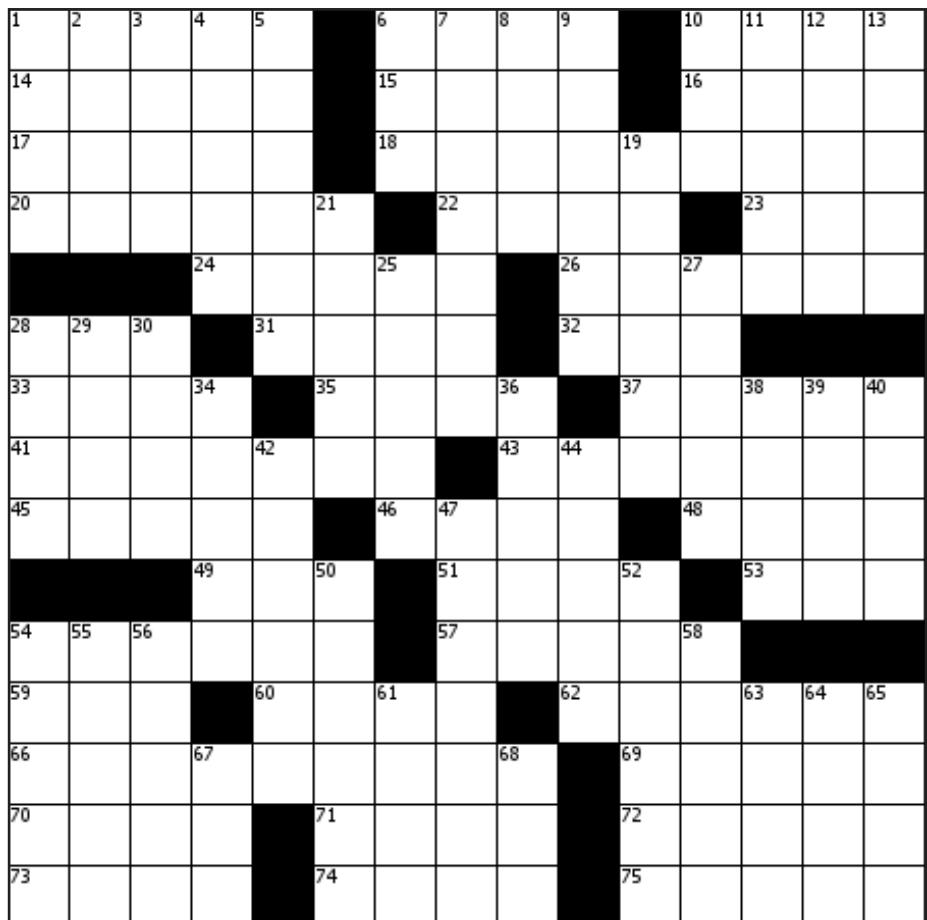
This award will give the first place winner, Alex Currington, \$1,500, while second place winner Gabrielle Schwartz will receive a sum of \$1,000. The award has been given out every academic year since 2014. It is given to students who are skilled in proper writing skills with undergraduate research in analyzing, synthesizing and integrating old and new information into their piece.

"I really enjoy this event because I've been with this event from the very beginning but also that faculty will come together and celebrate each other and people get recognized for their hard work and accomplishments in this area," said Katherine Borg, executive secretary at University Libraries. "I love that we're adding in the reward honor for the students because, like the faculty work, students should be also be praised for their work."

Dean Weiter will open the event and introduce each speaker. Assistant Professor Joanna Thielen will present the Frank Lepkowski award. After each speaker, the audience will be allowed to ask questions about their specific work area. Food will be provided at the event, which is open for both students and faculty to attend.

For further information, contact Katherine Borg at borg@oakland.edu.

Puzzles



Across

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- 6. Land parcel
- 10. Apprehends
- 14. Sports site
- 15. Dinner, e.g.
- 16. Unexciting
- 17. Mails
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- 32. Cowboy's tools
- 33. French friend
- 34. Transportation
- 35. Succinct
- 36. Collections
- 37. Bullring cheers
- 38. King Kong, e.g.
- 39. Auction off
- 40. Hobby wood
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- 42. Fast letter
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- 44. Australian dog
- 45. Go by
- 46. Bulls' league (abbr.)
- 47. Scrapbook
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The background of West Virginia's teacher strike



John Bozick
Web Editor

For much of the beginning of March 2018 in West Virginia, the schools were empty, the classrooms dark and the students remained at home; but the teachers were working harder than they have their entire lives. From Feb. 22 to March 6, teachers from every school

took to the state capital to fight for higher wages and better treatment. These teachers wore red bandannas around their necks: a small reminder of one of the nation's most important labor movements in history.

The fact that this massive strike happened where it did has much historical value, as West Virginia has always been on the forefront in the battle for labor rights in America. Not even 100 years ago, West Virginia coal miners, who donned a similar red bandanna as today's teachers, fought for better working conditions in what is now known as the Battle of Blair Mountain.

During this time, West Virginia led the nation in coal miner fatalities due to inhumane conditions in the mines. The miners were prevented from unionizing and were unable to participate in a 1919 strike organized by the United Mine Workers of America labor union. Miners were also paid horribly, often times with a currency called a "scrip," essentially a form of currency distributed by the

mining companies that could only be used at businesses owned by the company.

In 1920 the UMWA began organizing in Mingo County West Virginia, yet following a skirmish over labor union rights that became known as the Matewan Massacre, the situation moved to Logan County where things became more violent.

In the summer of 1920, a strike was organized by the UMWA which saw the coal companies respond by replacing the striking workers with non-union members, this only intensified hostilities as both sides engaged in a series of guerilla warfare-style battles. This period of time was known as the coal wars, a time when striking workers took up arms against their anti-union companies who often times responded to their strikes with force.

Following several skirmishes, the crisis erupted on Aug. 1, 1921. As pro-union sheriff Sid Hatfield was assassinated by agents hired by the coal companies, this outraged miners to

the point that by Aug. 28 of the same year over 10,000 had gathered on the border of Logan County where they faced off against anti-union forces. The crisis eventually saw the intervention of the United States Army and the newly formed Air Force, which violently put an end to the labor uprising.

By the end of the conflict, many of the organizers were charged with treason and executed, while the unions in the state were decimated, never recovering. It was not until the Great Depression and the New Deal's National Recovery Act that workers in West Virginia and all over the country were finally granted their rights to organize.

When we see the teachers of today fight for a livable wage and better treatment, it is important to remember the history of the labor movement in the U.S., as events like what took place in West Virginia all those years ago are but a small chapter in the bloody history of the labor movements in America.



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“A Wrinkle in Time” is time you won’t get back



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New adventure, family and fantasy PG-rated Disney film.

Trevor Tyle
Campus Editor

Disney’s “A Wrinkle in Time” had everything going for it—an all-star cast, familiar story and the House of Mouse’s stamp of approval. Unfortunately for director Ava DuVernay though, the film was simply a waste of time.

The film, based on Madeleine L’Engle’s 1962 novel of the same name, follows Meg Murry (Storm Reid), a young girl struggling with the absence of her astrophysicist father Alex (Chris Pine), who disappeared four years prior as a result of his research, unbeknownst to his family. After Meg, her adopted brother Charles Wallace (Deric McCabe) and their new friend Calvin (Levi Miller) share an encounter with three strange beings, they are transported to another world to find Alex, who is being held captive by a universal evil.

“A Wrinkle in Time” is loaded with potential, which, unfortunately, may be its biggest fault. Though being attached to Disney

may have made it difficult to live up to its unfairly high expectations, it’s too ambitious for its own good. The film spends a great deal of its lengthy runtime exploring broad themes of self-love and acceptance without ever properly nailing it, making it feel not only preachy, but far too heavy for a kids’ movie.

“A Wrinkle in Time” was marketed as a kids’ movie, but the thematic elements of the film are above what children are either able or willing to comprehend. It quickly becomes clear that the film is far from entertaining for many younger theatergoers. (It’s really too all-over-the-place for most adults to get it, either).

It also never feels like a proper Disney classic. Whether it’s retellings of tales like “Beauty and the Beast” or original stories like “Hocus Pocus,” the company’s live-action films usually excel, though this was a rare exception.

That’s not to say there aren’t things to love about “A Wrinkle in Time,” keep. The visual effects are ab-

solutely stunning. There were moments where it felt like the most aesthetically pleasing blockbuster film since “Avatar.” Everything from the color schemes to the magnificent CGI creatures is exquisite, so it’s a shame it doesn’t have the narrative to match it.

The performances were also rather wonderful, especially within the film’s pool of promising young actors. Reid is nothing short of charismatic in her portrayal of a vulnerable social outcast far too relatable to most audiences, while McCabe and Miller are equally delightful.

The three mystical beings—Mrs. Which, Mrs. Whatsit and Mrs. Who—are played by Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon and Mindy Kaling, respectively. Kaling switches her role as the ditzy Kelly Kapoor from “The Office” for a character full of wisdom, while Oprah Winfrey’s character is clearly fashioned to be some sort of goddess—because she’s Oprah. Witherspoon is perhaps the most charming of the three, though they all give unsurprisingly spectacular performances.

Meanwhile, “A Wrinkle in Time’s” themes of self-empowerment and diversity are admirable, providing what is perhaps the most emotional element the film has to offer. Meg’s journey through a world where no one—especially the adults—seems to understand her is far too real. Unfortunately, it’s still not enough to save the film from its convoluted narrative.

Overall, “A Wrinkle in Time” is a decent movie, but a massive letdown for Disney’s standards. Though it has its highs, its incoherent and plot hole-ridden narrative is ultimately its downfall.

Rating: 3/5 stars

“Game Night” not a game changer, but still fun

Falin Hakeem
Staff Reporter

Spoiler alert: “Game Night” actually wasn’t lame. It was surprisingly funny. And it’s been a while since there’s been a funny movie out in theaters.

Like everyone, I’ve been obsessed with Rachel McAdams since her Oscar-worthy performance as Regina George in “Mean Girls.” So when I first saw the trailer for “Game Night,” I thought to myself, “this looks kind of lame.” But hey, if Rachel McAdams is in it, how bad could it be, right?

The film is a dark comedy directed by John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein (Horrible Bosses) about middle-class married couple, Max (Jason Bateman), and Annie (Rachel McAdams), who have a weekly game night between their couple friends (Lamorne Morris, Kylie Bunbury, Billy Magnussen and Sharon Horgan).

Now, Max and Annie do not like to lose. And it’s mostly because game night is all they really have. It seems like they have it all, but they don’t. The couple is having fertility issues (to which their doctor described Max’s sperm as insecure). And on top of that, Max, like his sperm, has always felt insecure and outshined by his successful but obnoxious older brother, Brooks, (Kyle Chandler).

Brooks shows up to their place one day with his Corvette Stingray, as he does and challenges them to control over arranging their next game night, with the offer on the table being his Stingray. Instead of the gang’s typical game night, he proposes a staged murder mystery complete with accomplices and fake kidnappers—which unexpectedly turns real when Max’s brother actually gets abducted.

Hands down the best part of the film had to be McAdams and Bateman. They carried the entire production from start to finish with their back and forth tendencies. There’s something

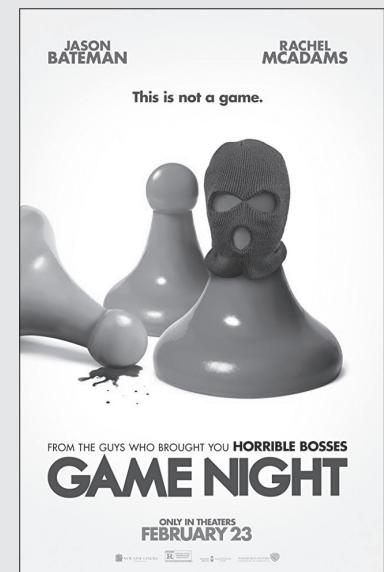


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R-rated comedy about a married couple hosting a hilarious game night.

about Bateman that just makes you feel good. He’s like the male Jennifer Aniston, the good guy of commercially mainstream comedies. And as for McAdams, well you all know how I feel about her.

This film truly made me miss her old school stuff and has me wondering why she hasn’t made more in recent years. What I loved about the film is its ability to be sharp-witted and clever which usually gets lost in comedies of this nature these days, and especially with a premise like that of “Game Night.”

I felt as if each character had their moment to show off their comedic skills. Aside from Bateman and McAdams, Jesse Plemons (Hostiles) who somehow always manages to play a creepy role, also stole the show playing Max and Annie’s intensely weird neighbor, crossing the line with every joke that was made.

All in all, “Game Night” was a pleasant surprise of a film, especially when going to the theaters “just to go” with the notion that the movie is going to be kind of lame. It wasn’t exactly a game changer, it was more so a place holder for the next big thing, but it did bring the lols.

Rating: 3.5/5 stars

Schweers hopes to continue baseball career after final season

Dakota Brecht
Staff Reporter

For some people, baseball is just another sport. But for a guy like Nate Schweers, it's been his whole life for as long as he can remember. Schweers is a senior relief pitcher at Oakland University and just started his final season as a Golden Grizzly.

"I started playing competitively, like travel ball when I was six," Schweers said. "Right around 13 I started pitching and coming into high school I realized wow this is something I could do for awhile."

Schweers is a native of Ankeny, Iowa and graduated from Ankeny High School in 2014. He was named first team all-division, district and conference in his senior season. His biggest high school accomplishment was striking out 17 batters in his final high school game. After high school, Schweers decided Oakland would be a great fit for him and listed the baseball program and academics as his top two reasons for coming.

During his freshman campaign, he made 19 appearances for a 1-2 record and a 5.74 ERA in 26.2 innings. Through-

out his sophomore and junior seasons, his numbers continued to improve. Now in his senior season, he is one of the first guys out of the bullpen.

"My arm feels pretty solid, I've gotten in a lot of work early this season, but I'm feeling good," Schweers said.

Oakland has started out the season playing some fierce competition and have struggled out of the gate record wise but have high ambitions for league play.

"The ultimate goal is a Horizon League Championship," Schweers said. "It's something that has never been done here at Oakland but we feel that we have the pieces and if we execute well and put in the work every day, a Horizon League Championship is something very attainable for this team."

Beside baseball, Schweers has a strong love for minor league sports back in his home state of Iowa. Without many major sports teams residing in Iowa, minor league teams are all the talk near Des Moines.

"Let me tell you something, people in Des Moines live for minor league sports," Schweers said. "That's just how it is."

His favorite things to do in his free time are play the brand new edition of

MLB The Show on PlayStation or watch his favorite movie, "Bull Durham."

Whatever Schweers does, baseball never leaves him, and he wouldn't have it any other way.

With the majority of his senior season still in front of him, Schweers doesn't want to look too far ahead into the future, but he knows that at some

point his playing days will be over.

"Obviously I want to keep playing for as long as I can, I'm not ready to hang the cleats up just yet," Schweers said. "If a team gives me a call I would definitely jump all over it, but I feel that with the fantastic education I've received here that I will be successful in whatever I do after college."

The Sporting Blitz

Women's tennis: Darya Maltseva and Alexandra Whall achieved a 6-3 win at the No. 2 position and both recorded straight set wins at the No. 2 and No. 4 singles spots respectively helping Oakland to a 7-0 shutout win over Lewis on Saturday, March 10.

Dasha Artamonova (No. 1) and Allison Motea (No. 3) also completed a hard fought three-set win as the team recorded their first shut out of the season.

On Sunday, March 11, Sofia Borcuti defeated Alana Andrews, 6-3, 6-1, at No. 6 singles and teamed with Amanda Nilsson to pick up a 6-2 win at the No. 1 doubles spot helping Oakland advance to a 5-2 win at Chicago State on Sunday. With the win, the Golden Grizzlies finished a run on the road with a perfect 3-0 mark and are now 6-6 on the season.

Dasha Artamonova and Allison Motea secured the double points with a 7-5 win at the No. 3 position.

Oakland ended the match by winning four singles matches as Darya Maltseva, Allison Motea and Alexandra Whall each picked up straight set wins at the No. 2 through No. 4 spots in addition to Borcuti's victory.

Softball: In game one, Haley Zemmer earned her third win of the season pitching 4.1 innings, allowing one earned run and striking out three batters as the Oakland softball team beat Rhode Island 10-2 during day two of the Racer Classic Saturday at Racer Field on Saturday, March 10.

Madison Jones went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and three runs scored while Cammie Brummitt added three RBIs. Rachel Zerona hit in two and Jamie Squires recorded one RBI.

The Golden Grizzlies fell short as they lost 9-6 against Evansville. Chelsea Wiggins pitched 3.1 solid innings, allowing one earned run and struck out four batters in game two.

On the offensive side, Kelsie Swan-

son had two RBIs while Jones and Brummitt each added one RBI.

On Sunday, March 11, Madison Jones went 2-for-4 with three RBIs including a triple and her sixth home run of the season as the Oakland softball team fell to Kent State 7-6 on Sunday at the Racer Classic. Jones is now leading the league in home runs.

Jones' two-run shot in the fifth inning took a 4-0 Kent State lead and cut it in half, then the Golden Flashes added a run in the bottom of the inning to extend their lead to 5-2.

Oakland had a four-run sixth inning thanks to a Mikayela Marciak RBI-double and a Cammie Brummitt two-RBI single. Jones hit into a fielder's choice that drove in Lauren Pletscher to give the Golden Grizzlies a one-run lead heading into the final inning.

However, Kent State scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to earn the walk-off win.

Baseball: Ronnie Krsolovic hit a three-run triple while Mario Camilletti added a RBI single as Oakland fought but lost, 6-4, in the first game of the doubleheader at Saint Louis on Saturday, March 10.

Ryan Fitzgerald went 2-for-4 with a run while Drew Demumbrum added a hit. After Oakland took a 3-0 lead off Krsolovic's triple, the fourth inning proved to be the tough one as Saint Louis added six runs spearheaded by a two-run home run and three-run double.

Nate Schweers recorded eight strikeouts in relief of starter Nick Parr who had five strikeouts.

In game two, the Golden Grizzlies had hits from Camilletti, Tyler Trowinger, Ben Hart and Thomas Miller. Oakland only had four hits, but drew five walks. The team was not able to push any runs across leaving eight runners on base.

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West Shooting Guard of the Year is the latest addition to Nunn's list of awards for basketball.

Kendrick Nunn nominated for Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year

Michael Pearce
Staff Reporter

The Horizon League Player of the Year and Oakland University guard Kendrick Nunn has added another accolade to his list. Nunn was nominated for the Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year award on Tuesday, March 6.

Nunn was one of five national finalists, along with Jerome Robinson of Boston College, Marcus Foster of Creighton, Grayson Allen of Duke and Carsen Edwards of Purdue. Of the five finalists, Nunn has the highest point total and the most 3-pointers made.

Previous award winners are Malik Monk (2017) of the University of Kentucky, Buddy Hield (2016) of Oklahoma University and D'Angelo Russell (2015) of the Ohio State University. All three were lottery picks in the NBA draft.

Nunn scored a season high 39 points against the University of Wisconsin — Green Bay on Feb. 22, and scored over 36 points in four other games. His most notable scoring outburst came against Oakland's rival, the University of Detroit Mercy, where he scored 38 points and hit eight 3-pointers. One of the most durable players in the country, Nunn averaged 38 minutes per game, and played in all but six games due to ankle tendinitis.

Nunn lead Division I in 30-point games with 11, and recorded the second most points scored in a season (777) for Oakland, behind Reggie Hamilton's 942 points scored in the 2011-12 season. In his only season at

Oakland, Nunn won Horizon League Player of the Week three times, and was a first team All Horizon League award winner. He and fellow senior guard Jalen Hayes combined for the NCAA's leading scoring duo as well.

After Oakland's season-ending Horizon League Tournament loss to Cleveland State University, Nunn was grateful for the time he spent as a Golden Grizzly.

"A new guy coming in as a transfer — they welcomed me in," Nunn said. "I made some brothers, and that's the most important thing. That will last a lifetime."

Voting for the Shooting Guard of the Year award began on March 9 and will run until March 23. The winner will be determined based on a combination of fan voting, which can be done at www.HoopHallAwards.com, and voting from The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's selection committee.

"For several decades I've been involved in the game as a player, coach and executive which has allowed me to watch a number of young athletes compete," Jerry West said to hoophall.com. "I truly enjoy observing collegiate athletes and these five finalists are in an elite class."

If Nunn was to win this award, he would be the first mid-major award winner, as the three previous award winners were from power five (Big 12, Big 10, SEC) conferences. The Shooting Guard of the Year award will be announced during ESPN's annual College Basketball Awards in Los Angeles, Calif. on Friday, April 6, 2018 at 8 p.m.

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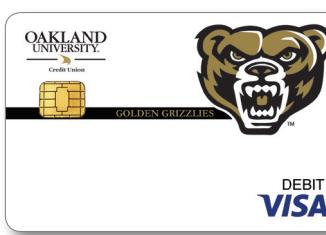
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Obituary for Stephen Armica

Kittens and Republicans and bears, oh my

Simon Albaugh

The real Stephen Armica

Stephen Armica, our beloved fictitious humor writer, has left us.

In an effort to maintain the memory of his legacy, we wanted to list some of the truly amazing things he has done.

When he first started working here, he adopted a litter of "bandit kittens" and nursed them back to health. When we asked him what he meant by bandit kittens, he showed us a picture of raccoons with bottles in their mouths and bows in their hair.

When he finally got his bearings in the culture of The Oakland Post, he once talked to a crying coworker about her feelings for two hours. When they walked back, the only thing she could talk about was how inspiring it was to "see such a stupid person try so hard to make someone feel better in all the wrong ways."

In July 2017, Stephen took refugee children away from the dreary life of a Greek refugee camp for a day. He planned an entire morning and afternoon of getting drunk with them in a park. For one day, he was able to give those children, torn by war, a normal childhood.

This past winter, he dug open the grave of Matilda Dodge Wilson in order to help her enjoy one more Meadow Brook Ball. Everyone was horrified, but we saw how endearing the gesture was.

He had the world in front of him. He had plans to travel to far off places and see the cultures. His favorite place was

always Exarcheia because of the strong Absinthe and the Portuguese anarchists that he drank it with.

He also had a strong interest in fishing and hiking. He always called it his time to "Think about shit. God, get off my back!" He was so friendly.

He also liked political discourse. Often times you could find him in the parking lot of Kresge Library participating in civilized gang brawls with the College Republicans and the College Democrats.

The thing we'll all miss most about Stephen is his sense of humor. We didn't understand it. We didn't want to understand it. But his excitement was so infectious.

However, he was also famous for controversy. He was cornered by a group of basic white girls and frats in the Oakland Center after writing unflattering articles about them. The encounter almost cost him his life.

Stephen Armica left us on Feb. 27, 2018 after getting in a fight with a bear at the Nashville Zoo. He started yelling that the bear was flirting with his girlfriend and climbed over the fence. After Stephen rolled up his sleeves and took brass knuckles out of his pockets, the bear mauled him to death.

Stephen was a satirist. He was a poet. He was an artist. But most importantly, he was our acquaintance. Friend might be too strong of a word for someone like him.

We'll miss him whenever we won't have someone to do all the work that we don't feel like doing that day.

Rest in Peace, Stephen Armica.



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Here lies Stephen Armica who was viciously mauled by a bear at the Nashville Zoo. Rest in Peace.

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