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In preparation for the Student Program Board's spring break trip to Walt Disney World, 97 students lined up outside of the Oakland center to purchase their ticket to the happiest place on earth. One Oakland Post reporter recorded her experience, read her firsthand account on oaklandpostonline.com/blogs



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

FUNDING FOR FLINT // Alpha Sigma Phi was tabling in the Oakland Center on Monday, Jan. 25. They collected donations in order to purchase water bottles to help with the Flint Water Crisis. The proceeds were donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters foundation in Flint, Mich.

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DISPLAYING "COMMONWEALTH"

The Oakland University Art Gallery has on display now art and exhibit done by Carlos Rolón/Dzine which explores the inner city dimensions through sight, sound and smell.



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A record-breaking number of students came out to volunteer for MLK Day of Service on Jan. 23 at multiple different sites located throughout metro Detroit.



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NASH MAKING HER MARK

Senior forward Olivia Nash has plans to pursue basketball after college and credits OU's team and coaches for her breakout success.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Groundhog Day is almost upon us! Do you hope sees his shadow?

- A** I'll crawl out of my igloo and skin that sucker if he sees his shadow.
- B** Yessss. The cold matches my soul.
- C** Bill Murray would approve of me skipping work today.
- D** The hell is Groundhog Day?

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Spring Break destinations?

- A)** So long as it's warm, I don't care.
5 votes
- B)** My butt isn't leaving the couch.
3 votes
- C)** A cruise so I can forget all my responsibilities and find a rich husband.
7 votes
- D)** Disney! Jk, I didn't get tickets :(
2 votes

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

January 31, 1996

A picture was published of a group of music students sitting on the floor on the third floor of Varner hall after the lounge furniture was moved after noise complaints from faculty.

January 28, 1998

Plans were unveiled to start building a new game room in the lower level of the OC. This would include table tennis, pool tables, and video games. This year, this same hangout spot was renovated into The Bear Cave.

January 29, 1997

The Honors College unveiled a new plan to try and recruit new students to join the Honors Exploration program.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, web editor

BY THE NUMBERS

Rec Center
Fall 2015

2,735

people participated
in IM sports

8,252

unique users visited
the rec center

80%

of rec center users
are on-campus residents

112,311

total number of people who
have checked in this year

25%

of commuters used
the rec center

— source: oakland.edu/campusrec

COLUMN

Political focus: Minimum wage

How each side sees the issue, how it could benefit or harm

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

In last week’s Democratic debate, all three presidential candidates were asked the same question. “Complete this sentence: in my first 100 days in office, my top three priorities will be — fill in the blank.”



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Staff Reporter

In response to this question, all three candidates answered that one of their three top priorities will be raising the minimum wage. Just outside the building, hundreds of minimum wage workers marched in support of the pay raise.

Sounds great, right? More money, less poverty ... no? But the debate on minimum wage gets a lot more complicated than that.

Why should you care?

Workers under the age of 25 make up about 50 percent of people working for minimum wage. With tuition and the living expenses that come with being a college student, the idea of having a little more cash in your pocket per hour sounds great.

However, it’s important to consider all the facts and possible effects legislation like this may produce.

The current push to increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour would be a massive increase from the current Michigan minimum wage of \$8.50.

Since the Fair Labor Standards Act was signed in 1938,

the minimum wage has been updated many times. It began at just 25 cents an hour and has since grown to \$7.25. It has not been updated since 2009.

With all three Democratic candidates naming the raise of minimum wage as one of their top three priorities if elected President, it’s important to know the sides of the debate before marking your ballot in November.

What are the sides?

The Democratic candidates all support a raise in minimum wage of some kind. At the start of her campaign, frontrunner Hillary Clinton set her sights on \$12 an hour, though in the last debate she supported the fight for \$15. Also in that debate, Bernie Sanders stated we needed to raise the minimum wage to “at least \$15 an hour.”

The Democrats see 46.7 million Americans living in poverty and want to do something about it. They argue that too many people are working too hard not to earn enough for a minimum standard of living.

However, even if the minimum wage was placed at \$15 an hour, a person working full time still would only be earning around \$31,000 a year. So this strategy may not solve poverty, but Democrats feel it will certainly help.

The Republican candidates, with the exception of John Kasich, seem to disagree whole-heartedly with this idea. They note most primarily that an increase in minimum wage would lead to an increase in unemployment.

Marco Rubio stated in the fourth Republican primary debate that raising the minimum wage would cause people to be replaced by machines.

“If you raise the minimum

wage, you’re going to make people more expensive than a machine,” Rubio said. “And that means all this automation that’s replacing jobs and people right now is only going to be accelerated.”

This increase in wages scares business owners for a different reason. That wage increase has to come from the profit of the company. Will this hit to their profits cause businesses to go under?

Economic Roundtable counters by saying that this change would benefit businesses “by having more money spent in the local economy” and by reducing employee turnover.

What does a prof say?

Oakland University economics professor Kevin Murphy says there just isn’t enough research to show exactly who is right in this debate.

“If I had been asked this question 10 years ago I would have said [it was a bad idea],” Murphy said of the raise in minimum wage.

However, in the experiences we have had with an increase in minimum wage, there hasn’t been enough evidence to show it will colossally affect businesses or the unemployment rate.

Among economists, Murphy says there are two schools of thought.

“One group says there’ll be relatively small adverse unemployment affects, and the other group says you just can’t spot them [because of lack of data],” Murphy said.

There’s no textbook answer to solving poverty. There are just different strategies on how to address it. As for the strategy of increasing minimum wage, Murphy says it would be “an interesting experiment.”

Corrections Corner

The photo of President Hynd on page two of the Jan. 20 issue of the Oakland Post did not include his wife.



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A better yOU: Learn to love the environment

Being environmentally conscious can save you money, time, improve health and increase energy

Katie Rose
Contributor

I hate to admit it, but I never used to be that environmentally conscious. I



Katie Rose
Environment,
Health and
Wellness Director

That is until I took an environmental science class in high school and a whole new world opened for me. I learned about the environmental impact that one individual can have on the planet, which is a carbon footprint of about 27 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year according to The Nature Conservancy. This can be drastically reduced once you start thinking about how your actions affect the environment. When I started to become more eco-friendly in my daily life, I not only reduced my carbon footprint, but I also learned some valuable lessons.

How to be frugal

There are a bunch of changes that can be made in your home. Small changes such as switching out light bulbs for LED bulbs, shutting off the lights when you leave a room, and taking shorter showers can add up to real savings! Buying reusable items like cloth towels, water bottles, and non-disposable dishes can also cut back on your spending and contributions to the landfill. Saving money on gas is also possible with a more eco-friendly outlook. I'm not suggesting you trade in your car for a bike or walk

three hours to work everyday. Carpooling or taking advantage of public transportation (like the Bear Bus) can cut back on carbon emissions and save you some extra cash. Think about walking or biking to class next time it's warmer out too.

How to be healthier

Saving money on gas is great, but making the effort to walk more can also add extra steps to your day. If you read my last article, you should know that the recommended amount of steps per day is about 10,000. Walking more can improve your cardiovascular health, help you lose weight, and decrease risk of diabetes. Another way to improve your health and the environment is to lessen your consumption of meat products. The livestock industry creates more carbon emissions than any other protein. According to the United Nations, meat production results in almost a fifth of all greenhouse gases and takes up 30 percent of our planet's usable land. This does not mean you have to become a vegetarian or vegan. However, replacing meat with other protein sources or veggies every once in a while will not only add variety and nutrition to your diet, but you'll be helping the environment too!

How to love nature

The more you love the environment, the more it loves you. Going outside (yes, even in the winter) instead of sitting inside watching TV can reduce energy usage and give you a chance to be more active. During the winter season, it's very tempting to sit inside and play video games or surf the Internet, but going outside and snowboarding or even building a snowman

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can help you appreciate what nature has to offer while cutting back on energy consumption. Take advantage of the outdoors and don't be afraid to turn off your computer or TV every once in a while. When you start to think about conserving energy inside, the outside world becomes a beautiful alternative.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
ENVIRONMENTAL,
HEALTH & WELLNESS

JAN. 28	12 p.m.-1 p.m. Leaders for Environmental Awareness and Protection General Meeting, Lake Superior A Room in the Oakland Center
FEB. 3	9 a.m.-12 p.m. Student Congress Recycling Games, Banquet Room A in the Oakland Center
FEB. 10	12-1 p.m. American Red Cross Club General Meeting, Lake Superior B Room in the Oakland Center

The Real Deal: The legacy of Barack Obama

Tyler Fox
Contributor

Hello Real Deal readers, my name is Tyler Fox and I'm the President of the College Democrats here on campus. I am here because I want to talk about legacies. A little over a week ago, President Obama took the podium for his final State of the Union speech.



TYLER FOX
Contributor

country and what we will leave behind for those after us. I want to take a minute to go over the past seven years, and speculate as to what will be looked back on as the defining aspects of the Obama administration.

First, let's look at America's miraculous recovery from the Great Recession. I understand that this is highly contested by Republican opponents of the President, but this country has done an amazing job healing from one of the biggest financial blunders in human history. Under the Obama administration, over 6.3 million jobs have been created. That is five times more growth than anything that happened under the Bush administration. All of this, plus the unemployment rate has dropped 5.6 percent and the stock market has boomed. I am willing to admit that there is room for improvement; we are all aware that the wage gap is rapidly increasing. However, we are definitely better off than we were in 2008, and President Obama deserves a good amount of credit.

Next will be the groundbreaking nuclear deal that President Obama signed with Iran this past year. President Ronald Reagan completely destroyed the United States' relationship with Iran. Under his administration, the CIA

removed a legitimately elected leader and replaced him with a puppet that was thought would be more friendly to the West. Given this huge breach of popular sovereignty it is no wonder that the Iranian people have distrusted America for so long. This goes to show what a feat the Iran deal truly was for the Obama administration. We can only hope that in the coming years this nuclear deal can mark a new era of cooperation between the U.S. and Iran.

Finally, I believe that the Obama presidency will be remembered as an era of obstructionism and political division not seen since the Civil War. We live in a very polarized time, and I believe that this will reflect on President Obama in the history books. Now many will debate whether or not this is the fault of the President himself, however, all will acknowledge that these divisions have grown. From yelling "you lie" at the president during his speeches to flat out challenging his U.S. citizenship, President Obama will be remembered in history as the President that was truly hated by those who disagreed with him.

The list could continue for hours. Under President Obama gay marriage was legalized in all 50 states, America began to make huge leaps in the fight toward green energy, over 17 million Americans have become insured under Obamacare and the number of background checks for gun purchases has risen by nearly 50 percent. However, no presidency is without downsides. With the percentage of home ownership on the downturn, the amount food stamp recipients on the rise and the impending threat of global climate change still looming overhead, it is evident that America still has a long way to go. I believe that, as far as presidents go, Barack Obama will be remembered as one of the greats, having had a profound impact on the direction that America will be heading in the coming years.

Think twice before choosing Chipotle

Multiple outbreaks of food contamination sicken more than 500 across the country

Amy Swanson
Staff Intern

During a break between classes, you decide to leave campus and grab some food.

The Chipotle on Walton and Adams is a go-to for quick, fresh and moderately-priced Mexican food.

However, you may have second thoughts, because now the chain is under fire after several outbreaks of contaminated food.

More than 500 customers across 10 states have been sickened from E. coli, norovirus and Salmonella, according to The New York Times.

The food safety crisis began back in July, when customers in Seattle were infected with E. coli.

Since then, there have been other major outbreaks. This includes 234 people contracting the norovirus in Simi Valley, California, in August of 2015. There was also a norovirus outbreak in Boston, affecting at least 136 people, according to The New York Times. There have been no outbreaks in Michigan.

Even so, Emily Ogilvie, a senior psychology major, is especially alarmed because she has eaten at Chipotle with her three-year-old child.

"As a mom, I cannot imagine how I would feel if it had been my daughter who had gotten ill," she said.

Even if you remain a loyal fan, don't plan on going Feb. 8. According to CNN Money, more than 1,900 Chipotle restaurants will shut down across the country on that day to discuss food safety changes.

On Feb. 8, Chipotles will begin to close at 11 a.m. and reopen at 3 p.m. the same day.

The company's headquarters announced it has partnered with the food safety testing company IEH Laboratories to implement adjustments in ingredient handling and crew training, according to Business Insider.

One major change is prepping many non-meat ingredients like cheese, tomatoes and cilantro at centralized locations.

This will allow Chipotle to test samples of these ingredients before they are shipped out to restaurants, according to Consumerist.

The situation is especially disturbing as there were five different sources of contamination.

Both E. coli and Salmonella are bacterial pathogens. This means they are from produce that hasn't been properly washed or refrigerated, as stated

in Business Insider.

However, according to Business Insider, the norovirus is transmitted by people and is often found in vomit or fecal matter. Therefore, Chipotle is dealing with multiple health problems.

After reading about the situation online, Andrew Hutcheson, a junior in management information systems, was shocked.

"[Five hundred] is a pretty high number for contamination, and the fact that there were five different outbreaks makes me think that the stores' cleanliness and/or food prep procedures are either not being enforced or are not up to par. Either way they need to crack down on it," Hutcheson said in an email.

According to The New York Times, Chipotle has since announced the Salmonella outbreak came from fresh tomatoes and the norovirus infection was caused by sick workers who ignored company policy about staying home when ill.

They are still looking into the source of the E. coli outbreak.

This has done much damage to Chipotle. It reported its sales fell 30 percent in December, according to the Chicago Tribune.

In efforts to win back customers,

Chipotle announced there will be more free food giveaways.

According to CNBC, Chipotle co-CEO Monty Moran said restaurant managers will be allowed to give away twice the amount of free food as in the past.

It will be up to each manager to decide the giveaways.

If you're looking to cater your Super Bowl party, Chipotle will offer a discount. The first 1,500 catering orders received before Feb. 1 will get \$50 off. This includes orders of 20 or more of the "Burritos by the Box," according to AdvertisingAge.

They will also get a limited-edition gift from the makers of Tabasco, the pepper sauce company.

Ogilvie still feels she will eat at Chipotle.

"Given the amount of bad press they have gotten, I imagine that they are now far more cautious than ever before, Ogilvie said.

"At this point in time, they are probably a relatively safe place to eat considering all of the new precautions being put into place."

Will this information deter you from consuming another burrito with double chicken and a side of guac?

Chipotle hopes not.

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TO MOUTH OFF ABOUT?

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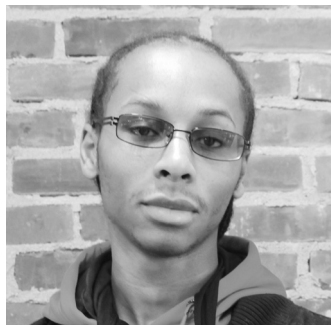
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Grizzlies on the Prowl



‘What is your experience with the Meadow Brook Ball? How long did you wait for tickets?’



Khalil Womble
Junior, human resources

“I went last year. I felt like Bruce Wayne touring the mansion. I missed three classes to buy tickets.”



Nicole McAllister
Sophomore, social work

“I haven’t gone yet, but I’ve gotten tickets for this year. We waited for four and a half hours for the tickets. I’m very excited!”



Payton Manns
Freshman, health science

“I was supposed to go, but I’m not anymore. My date waited for five hours for tickets but I have a sorority event, so I can’t go.”



Devon Wade
Freshman, accounting

“My friend and I saw the sign and I said ‘We need to go!’ and we waited about two hours for tickets.”

— Compiled by Erika Barker and Elyse Gregory,
Staff Photographers

2016 Wilson and Human Relations Awards

Nominations are now being accepted.

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

- be graduating seniors in winter 2016 or have graduated in summer or fall 2015
- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

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

- be graduating seniors in winter 2016 or have graduated in summer or fall 2015
- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

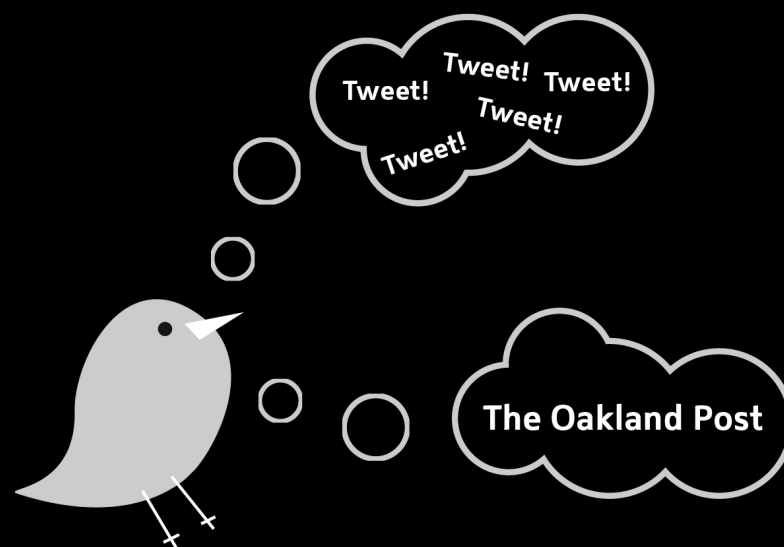
Nomination forms are available at oakland.edu/dean_awards or in 144 Oakland Center. The deadline for both awards is Monday, February 15, 2016.

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Scott Kunselman, chief operating officer at Oakland University, has detailed his job duties and place on campus as of Jan. 27, 2016.

COO to oversee finances, administration

Kunselman's job described in full detail

Grace Turner
Life Editor

Almost three months after being named chief operating officer (COO), Scott Kunselman has a job description.

"The COO is responsible for the planning and day-to-day management of all financial, human resource and administrative functions of the university," part of the job description said.

The description was released Jan. 20 by the university. Kunselman was named COO on Oct. 27, according to previous Post articles.

"One of Scott's primary objectives will be to establish clear lines of decision making and provide assistance in getting things accomplished in a timely fashion," President Hynd said in an email to faculty, staff and student leaders.

Kunselman said the description clears up two mysteries that many in the campus community were concerned about — where he fit within the structure of OU's administration and whether or not he would have a role over academia.

Kunselman is a part of President

Hynd's cabinet, along with eight other people, including James Lentini, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, Glenn McIntosh, vice president of student affairs, and Jeffrey Konya, athletic director. Kunselman will answer directly to Hynd.

The areas that Kunselman will oversee include facilities management, human resources and OUPD, among others. He described his job as one that makes sure that the internal, non-academic aspects of the university are running efficiently.

"I'm an inward operations person," he said.

According to Hynd's email, Kunselman's job will allow Hynd to focus on resource development and ambassador roles and Lentini to focus on teaching, scholarship and research.

"Hopefully my presence takes some of that load off," Kunselman said.

Kunselman said his job is to save the university time and money by analyzing and revising its internal functions.

For example, the janitorial services on campus are managed by different departments. Kunselman would look at the necessity of this system and see if OU could save money by consolidating the services.

He also wants to look at OU's Information Technology (IT) department.

According to John Young, vice president of OU's Communications and Marketing, \$5 million of tuition mon-

ey was spent on technology upgrades this year. That shouldn't happen because a university should upgrade gradually, he said.

"It's natural for IT to fall behind quickly," Kunselman said, because technology changes so often. With each change, the university must buy new equipment and train personnel.

Problems such as these arose because OU has grown so much since its founding, Kunselman said. Previous leaders built up the university on an as-needed basis, which is why the janitorial department and IT department aren't uniform across campus. They added services as the necessity arose.

According to Hynd's email, Kunselman will also look into OU's Human Resources.

According to past Post articles, Kunselman took office on Dec. 1. Since then, he had more than 50 meetings with different groups on campus to identify problems on which to focus, he said.

"If we find an inefficiency, we're going to deal with it," Kunselman said.

Fixing things will take time and money, but the goal is to save these resources in the long run.

To see the chart that maps which departments Hynd and Kunselman oversee and Kunselman's complete job summary, visit oaklandpostonline.com.

Terry Louis White, Oakland University custodian, dies at 60

Sarah Lawrence
Staff Reporter

Terry Louis White, Oakland University custodian, passed away on Wednesday Jan. 13.

White was born on April 11, 1956 as the ninth child in a family of ten to his parents Nathaniel and Eula White in Pontiac, Mich. He received his education in the Pontiac School District and joined the Oakland University Facilities Management Staff as a custodian in 1998.



Courtesy of Cobb-Swanson Funeral Home

White served the university as a custodian until his passing and has been described by fellow colleagues and staff members as kind, funny and popular. He made tremendous efforts to get to know individuals throughout the university.

White's sister, Rosemary Clark, his brothers, Alvin Clark and Tyrone White, brother-in-law, Robert Gill, Sr., great nephews, Andre Clark and Akil White and great niece, Darjae Burns preceded him in passing.

White is survived by his wife, Carla White and his children, Teria White, Cartavia White and Clarence Manning. He also leaves his sisters Patricia Gill, Joyce White, Valrie White, Brenda White and Deborah White, as well as his brother, Ronald White. Additionally, he will be missed by his three sisters-in-law, Linda Hawkins, Pamela Granberry and Allie Clark, brother-in-law, Robert Ragland, as well as many more nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

White's family arranged for a celebration of his life at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22 at the Cobb-Swanson Funeral Home in Pontiac, Michigan. Visitation hours were held on Thursday, Jan. 21.

White will be missed as a member of the university faculty and staff. He was a beloved colleague, friend and joyful face to many in the university and greater community.

Those who wish to send private condolences to the family or send a sympathy card may visit www.cobb-swansonfuneralhome.com for more information.



Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Students prepare for the second portion of the indoor triathlon: the 20 kilometer bike race.

Going for the gold, times three

Students prepare to compete in the OU indoor triathlon

Jake Smith
Staff Intern

On March 6 at 11 a.m., Oakland University and community triathletes will jump in the pool, hop on a bike and run to the finish line in the university's second indoor triathlon event.

The event is hosted by the Club Sports Advisory Council in Oakland University's Campus Recreation department and will take place inside of the Recreation Center using the university's full-size olympic swimming pool, stationary bikes and indoor track. The race is split into a 750 meter swim, a 20 kilometer bike ride and a five kilometer run.

"The Indoor Triathlon is an opportunity for Oakland University to unite its leadership under one roof in order to promote a positive, healthy and physically active lifestyle," Devon Meadows, Club Sports Advisory Council President, said.

The race is not exclusive to Oakland students and welcomes participants from the community as well.

Athletes can either register individually to compete or sign up as a team of three with each member completing a leg of the race. Over 30 teams are expected to compete.

For Oakland students the entry fee for individuals is \$20 and for non-OU participants the individual entry fee is \$28. The team rate for both OU and non-OU participants is \$70.

To register, participants must first RSVP to the event on GrizzOrgs. Participants then must register for the race on IMLeagues.com. The registration page for the event can be found by scanning

the QR code located on this page or visiting the website. Finally, the participants must go to the welcome center desk inside of the Recreation Center at Oakland University and pay for either their team or individual registration.

Registration is currently live and participants will be able to pay at the welcome desk starting this Friday. If payment occurs after March 3, there will be a \$5 late fee added to the registration fee.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to a charitable organization that will benefit the local community. The specific charity should be announced within the next week.

If individuals or student organizations don't want to participate in triathlon but still want to contribute to raising money for a charity organization, there are opportunities to volunteer.

Volunteers can sign up by following the same link above or scanning the QR code on this page. Organizations also have the opportunity to help sponsor the event with either gift donations or financial support.

"The purpose of this event is to promote a healthy lifestyle on campus, develop teamwork among athletes and participants, increase student involvement within the recreation center and provide student networking among various organizations," Meadows said.

This year's triathlon has a lot of potential following last year's success. There will be giveaway prizes for the winners of the event and gift bags for participants and volunteers.

For more information, go to GrizzOrgs or contact Meadows.

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Student orgs continue to grow

From academic to club sports, Oakland offers various ways to get involved

Elizabeth Suchocki
Contributor

As the campus expands, so does the number of student organizations and clubs at Oakland. Since last week, the school has approved the addition of three more clubs on campus. This makes a grand total of 308 student organizations.

Oakland offers over 50 academic based clubs, 28 club sports, 24 service groups, 22 Greek chapters and 15 faith-based organizations in addition to others. With all these groups, it should not be hard to find

something to fit your interests.

Each club has something special to offer.

Academic clubs can help when it comes to the ins and outs of your major. Many faith-based organizations have prayer meetings. Service clubs offer volunteer options at different local charities and at least one Greek chapter has a philanthropy event going on each week.

Parents and students alike say that joining a student organization is beneficial. Some of these benefits mentioned by students were networking opportunities, making friends, learning new skills or improving old skills and

being able to give back to the community.

Being a member of an organization can allow you to be a part of something bigger and feel more connected to campus.

In addition to being a member of a club, holding a position in a organization can bring many more experiences such as leadership conferences, resume boosters and many specialized skills.

One unique club available to students is the Grizzlies Racing Team.

"The Grizzlies Racing team design, builds, tests and competes with a small open-wheeled race car every year," Marissa Solnik, Grizzlies Racing Formula SAE treasurer, said. "The team is self-managed, causing us to go out and personally create

partnership with our sponsors. We are required to juggle many hats by being an officer within this organization, but it gives us a taste of what to expect in the industry."

Kathryn Anderson, e-board member of The Society of Scholars at Oakland University and small group leader for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, gave her input on why it is important for students to join an organization on campus.

"I truly think it is a valuable experience for students to be involved in a club on campus," Anderson said. "Especially on a predominantly commuter campus like Oakland, clubs are a great way to meet new people, feel connected to the community and campus, and to pursue important interests."

Because of the large variety of organizations on campus, students are better able to locate an organization that suits their interests. This can create a stronger sense of community and connection for students.

"Students who feel more connected to their campus and have a support system built here are often more likely to finish their degree and perform well in classes," Anderson said. "Clubs help me prioritize my time."

To find out more about joining a club visit www.oakland.edu/csa/ or GrizzOrgs.

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For a graphic breakdown of the student orgs available at OU visit www.theoaklandpostonline.com



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Barbershop turns into work of art

Oakland University Art Gallery showcases artist's work focusing on inner city barbershops

Alexus Bomar
Staff Reporter

College is already expensive, so when there are places on campus that are free, such as the Recreational Center and free admission to campus sporting events, students should take full advantage.

The Oakland University Art Gallery (OUAG) has showcased diverse and museum quality art to the metro Detroit audience for more than 40 years. According to the OUAG website, every academic year from September to May, there are six exhibitions, ranging from contemporary art to projects with historical and global themes.

The current exhibition is the artist's first Michigan exhibition titled "Commonwealth." According to a press release from OUAG, Carlos Rolón/Dzine,

the artist, transformed the gallery environment into an inner-city barbershop with its authentic sights, sounds and aromas.

Rolón has been recognized for his elaborately crafted paintings, ornate sculptures and works that come out of American, Latino and uniquely based subcultures.

"Students should know that the work [in this exhibition] doesn't need to be interpreted; it's about culture and the relational aspect of art," Dick Goody, director of OUAG said. Goody believes once students attend the barbershop performance, they would discover that barbers cutting hair could be a work of art.

During the opening reception on Jan. 16, Chicago barbers from the Bladex of Glory barbershop created six haircuts on-site, altering the viewer's

experience from a spectator to a performer.

"This show challenges all assumptions about what art can be," he said.

Goody said the goal of the gallery is to bring people and art together so they belong to an enlightened and inquiring society.

He briefly explained how the gallery is a place students should be familiar with because the programming is relevant to the student body.

According to their website, the OUAG is a part of the Department of Art and Art History within the College of Arts and Sciences.

"The gallery socializes our students to become comfortable looking at and understanding visual art," he said.

"When they attend exhibitions or lectures here it encourages them to come again and to go to other muse-

ums and galleries."

Exhibitions are decided based on what will support the studio art and art history programs at OU and are also relevant to the community.

Artists that Goody chooses are engaging and respected regionally and nationally.

"If the artist can talk about their work and add to the discourse of art, I would be more likely to choose such an artist because exhibitions need associated programs like lectures and panel discussions," he said.

On April 3, the last day of the exhibition, there will be an artist's talk and a catalog launch.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., and is free to the public.

To learn more about the exhibition, visit ouartgallery.org.

Talks of rec center expansion in 'early stages'

Kristen Davis
Editor-in-Chief

Enrollment at Oakland University has increased each academic year for 17 years straight. Because of this, areas on campus have expanded to adapt to the larger student population.

One area on campus that has yet to expand, though, is the recreation center.

Since the center was first built in September of 1998, enrollment has grown 52 percent, according to Director of Campus Recreation Greg Jordan.

With enrollment reaching a record-high 20,711 students in fall of 2015, it's no surprise that overcrowding of the rec has recently become an issue.

"With growth comes demand and you hit capacity, so we're crowded," Jordan said. "We're busy and people are seeing it. We know it because we're turning away student organizations because we don't have the space to give them."

Because of the overcrowding problem, the conversation of expanding the 140,000-square-foot facility to

has started to take place.

On Dec. 3, 2015, a focus group led by TMP Architecture brought students, faculty and campus rec staff together to seek feedback and preferences from the campus community on what their ideal recreation facility would look like.

The focus group was the first step in what will be a long series of events that hopefully result in the expansion of the rec center.

Jordan said informally, the campus community wants more multi-purpose space, social space and cardio and strength space. He also heard a desire for outdoor programs, including walking, biking and running trails.

"Not every need is going to be able to be met. We're going to have to look at student input and student demand," Jordan said.

Although it's an institutional decision on whether the expansion will happen, Jordan thinks there is strong evidence that it's a need.

In fall semester 2015, 112,311 total visits were made to the rec, and 6,617 students used the facility. That's an in-

crease of 1,157 visits and 177 students from fall semester 2014.

On Jan. 19, 2016, 1,607 students visited the rec, which is tied for the eighth-most since the rec opened. The most visitors in a day at the rec is 1,817, which was on Sept. 8, 2015. Jordan said most of the top-10 attendance days were in 2015.

Also notable is that 80 percent of the students who used the facility in fall 2015 were on-campus residents.

Eight-five percent of on-campus residents used the rec in fall 2014.

Jordan said the center felt the effect on usage after a new 500-bed residence hall was built a year ago, and with a 750-bed residence hall set to be completed in 2018, it can be assumed that it will have an impact on usage as well.

"Basically, I've been saying in conversations that we need to double the size of the rec center," he said. "We still might be growing another 10 to 20 percent in student population, so let's build it big enough so we don't have to build it again."

The recreation department



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Director of Campus Recreation at Oakland University Greg Jordan discusses the rec center's recent attendance statistics.

will work with the athletic department, which is also dealing with the same issues of demand and space, for the expansion.

Several other areas of the university will be involved as well, since space in the 110,000-square-foot O'rena and rec center can be used for other purposes like concerts and lectures.

Jordan said the goal is to have a concept developed for an expansion by the end of the semester.

He also said the department

may conduct a campus-wide survey before the semester is over too, but he stressed that it isn't trying to undermine of jump ahead of other projects currently underway around campus.

Instead, the department's trying to get ahead of the overcrowding problem because it knows increasing enrollment will have a "domino effect"

"This is the first step in a marathon," he said.

More information on the rec center can be found on www.oakland.edu/campusrec.



Kevin Bradsher / The Oakland Post

TOP Over 170 students participated at the MLK Day of Service. Volunteers from different student organizations grouped together to go to different locations including Baldwin Center, Grace Centers of Hope and HAVEN. **LEFT** Volunteers organized the toys and other donations that have been brought to the Grace Centers of Hope throughout the year. **RIGHT** Students at Oakland University participated in the MLK day of service which took place on Saturday, Jan.23 at several locations including the Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.

Rachel Williams
Campus Editor

On Jan. 23, over 170 students gathered in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center to check-in for the MLK Day of Service.

Students were then sent to different groups for their assigned worksite.

Students assembled between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. to meet their site leaders and grab a free sack lunch. All volunteers headed off to various areas in metro-Detroit to serve for the morning.

Site leaders were assigned to each work site and assisted in providing directions, organizing volunteers and helping out with the service work.

Some of the volunteer sites included the Baldwin Center in Pontiac, Grace Centers of Hope and HAVEN Oakland County.

The service day has become a tradition at Oakland University. Emily DeLano, Coordinator of Leadership and

Service Learning, explained that MLK Day of Service has been at Oakland for over nine years.

At Grace Centers of Hope, volunteers helped organize toys and donations that have been brought in throughout the year. Some students painted the director's office, while others from different organizations assisted in the kitchen.

Students last year volun-

teered at similar locations. Groups planted trees or helped serve food at charities among other projects.

Different student organizations registered for the service day together, though individual volunteers were present as well.

"Last year, I did it with an organization ... but this year, I felt the need to give back because I had such a good time last year," Ania McKoy,

communication major, said. "I love being here at Grace Centers. Every time I come here it's just a really positive environment and you just feel good to be here."

McKoy assisted in painting the director's office at Grace Centers of Hope for this year's service project. She had previously worked at the center in the kitchen with her friend Allie Outland, a human resources management major.

"We came back here a while back to volunteer in the kitchen and that was a lot of fun," Outland said. "It's just good to give back and help out...It was just eye-opening to see that people really depend on these places."

MLK Day of Service provides a way for students to give back to the community while honoring the legacy of Dr. King.

"Volunteering can change the world," DeLano said. "It can help people in need, it can have an economic impact in Michigan and it can teach volunteers new skills."

DeLano encourages everyone to take part in the service day next year and to get involved with the Leadership and Volunteer Center for more opportunities to give back.

"When we give, we get something back," DeLano stated.

For more information on the service day, find the event on GrizzOrgs or contact Emily DeLano.

Grizzlies serve the community

Students volunteer for day of service, assist the community in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Honey, are ya good?

Get your head up OU, crooner comes in April

Alexus Bomar
Staff Reporter

The Student Program Board (SPB) announced on Jan. 19 that Andy Grammer will headline the spring concert on April 15 at Meadow Brook Music Festival. The opening acts will be the indie pop band “Oh Honey” and an alternative revivalist band “COIN.”

In 2014, Grammer released his second album, “Magazines or Novels,” which featured the multi-platinum hit single “Honey, I’m Good,” which sold more than three million copies and climbed to No. 1 on the Adult Pop Radio charts. Following a successful year, Grammer joined the Season 21 cast of ABC’s “Dancing with the Stars.”

Even with Grammer’s recent success, many students weren’t happy.

“It kind of sucks because barely anybody knows who Andy Grammer is, to my knowledge. And even then, there are so many other choices that would have been a better pick,” Marquis Ray, junior social work major, said.

Jeremy Johnson, freshman sociology major, simply said, “Do better, OU.”

Johnson had to research Grammer to figure out who he is and he had

never heard any song by the artist.

“In the words of Kanye West, Who is Andy Grammer? We don’t know,” said Leia Joyce, junior psychology major.

Before deciding to bring in Andy Grammer, Oh Honey and COIN, SPB made a student survey to find out what kind of genres the general population of OU wanted.

“We, as an E-Board, do our best to choose someone that we think the students will enjoy,” Abigail Godwin, mainstage director said. In April 2015, a survey was posted on GrizzOrgs as a way to get an idea of what genre students would want to see at this concert and Godwin stated that the top choice was pop.

SPB normally plans to do a fall concert every year, but this year the concert has been pushed back to the winter semester.

There is a lot that goes into planning for the concert, and Godwin explained the planning process.

“First, we have to get a date at Meadow Brook Music Festival, then we work with our middle agent to find available artists within our budget,” she said. After all of that, the E-Board and Godwin work together to vote on who should perform.

Once an artist and the openers are picked, the focus is shifted to marketing the show, such as promoting the concert and ticket sales.

Discounted tickets will be available to OU students starting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27. Student ticket prices are \$25 for pit seating, \$15 for pavilion seating and \$10 for lawn seating. To receive the student discount, students must purchase tickets with valid student IDs at the CSA Service Window, located in the lower level of the Oakland Center.

“Students can buy up to five tickets as long as they have five valid OU IDs with them. To clarify, it’s one ticket per one ID,” said Godwin.

Tickets will be available to the public on Monday, Feb. 8.

Public ticket prices are \$40 for pavilion seating and \$25 for lawn seating. Tickets can be purchased at the CSA Service Window or at ticketmaster.com.

For more information about the upcoming concert, contact SPB at spb@oakland.edu, (248) 370-4295 or visit oakland.edu/spb.

Slow, steady increase for Greek life

Despite having a smaller campus, OU greeks are growing strong

Shelby Tankersly
Staff Reporter

Many college students have either heard of or considered joining a fraternity or sorority. However, few Oakland University students have actually joined those organizations compared to other Michigan universities.

At the beginning of this academic year, OU had about 300 students involved in Greek life, according to U.S. News and World Report, which translates to a measly 1.6 percent of the student body.

Comparatively, four percent of Eastern Michigan University’s students are Greek and eight percent of Central Michigan University’s students identify with a Greek organization. Both schools are fairly close to Oakland in size.

Oakland’s Greek community is growing. The sisterhood welcomed their largest group of new recruits ever this past fall, but it’s still very small compared to other schools.

Part of that large recruitment was due to Tri Sigma, OU’s newest sorority. The new organization has been welcomed into the Greek community with open arms. Despite the small size of the campus, the Greek community was able to welcome the new sorority in record time following their initial interest to coming to campus.

“I would say Oakland is unique in the fact that we are a largely commuter campus,” Allison Webster, the assistant director of student organization programs for the Center of Student Activities, said.

“A lot of students work and don’t live on campus, so it’s hard to get students to buy into Greek life. Student involvement on a commuter campus is lower with any organization.”

According to U.S. News and World Report, Oakland has much less housing than EMU and CMU, which could be a reason why student involvement isn’t as prevalent.

Oakland is also much younger than both of the universities similar to our size. Central is 65 years older than OU and Eastern is even older than that. So Oakland hasn’t had as much time to build a Greek community and therefore probably isn’t the first place high school students come looking if they know they want to join a Greek organization in college.

Webster added that the Greek students Oakland does have are very involved on campus and maintain a close knit community, which she feels is part of the reason they’ve seen growth in the past year.

Part of the reason they have that close community is because they are such a small population.

“I definitely think there are benefits to having a smaller Greek community, because you become familiar with many different people and make connections through people,” Anna Fooy, the public relations chair for Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, said.

Even though they like the smallness at times, Fooy said that her sorority sisters are always enthusiastic about new members.

“I think that the main idea that the Greek community wants is that everyone can be involved,” Fooy said. “I’m speaking from a sorority stand point, but the girls are always super excited about new members and they love to portray their sorority in a non-stereotypical way.”

Stereotypes are often something that is associated with the Greek community, but both Fooy and Webster said that the OU community tries to distance itself from that.

Fooy added that her sorority and Greek community want Greek life to be something that’s friendly to all members of the student body, whether they are involved in it or not.

“We want to involve everyone in the Greek community and try to do different fundraisers that not just the sororities and fraternities do, but that are also available to the entire student body,” Fooy said.



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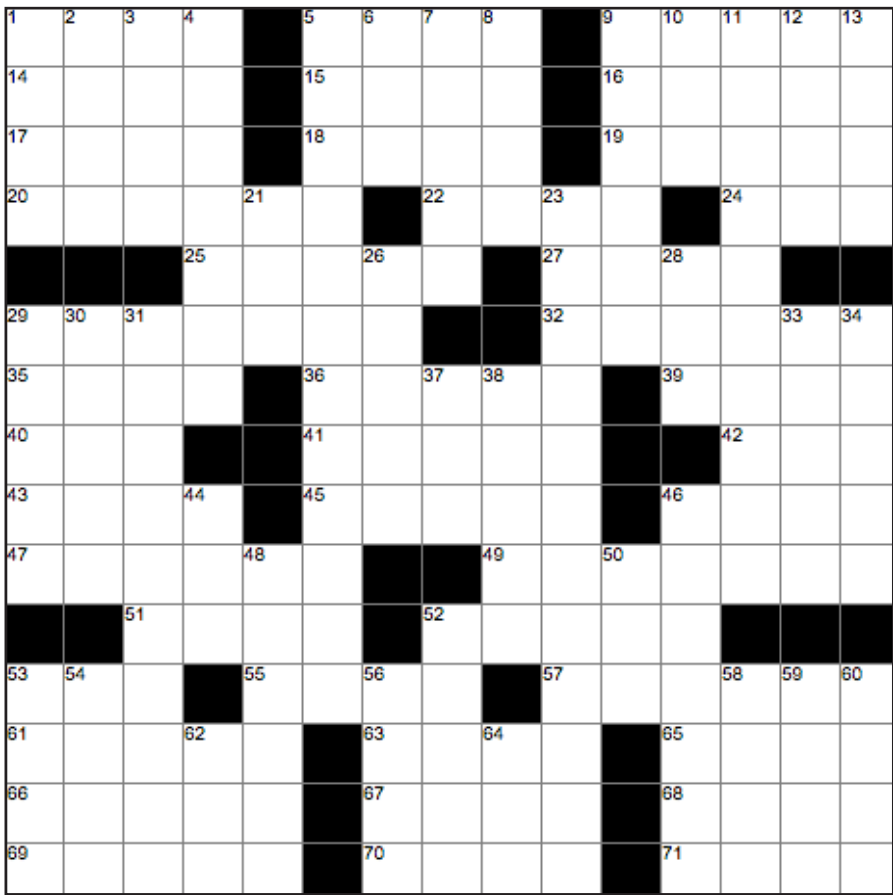
On Jan. 19, SPB announced the artist for spring concert, Andy Grammer with special guests “Oh Honey” and “COIN.”



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According to the U.S. News and World Report, OU had only 300 students involved in Greek life, which was about 1.6 percent of the student body.

Puzzles



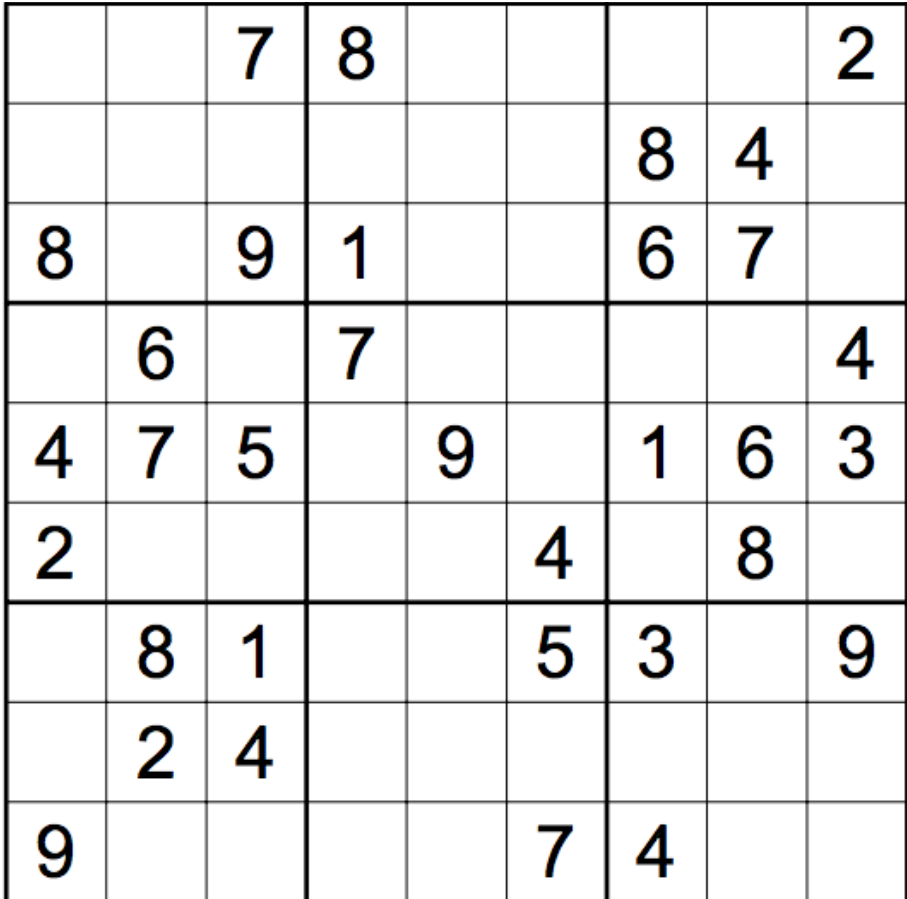
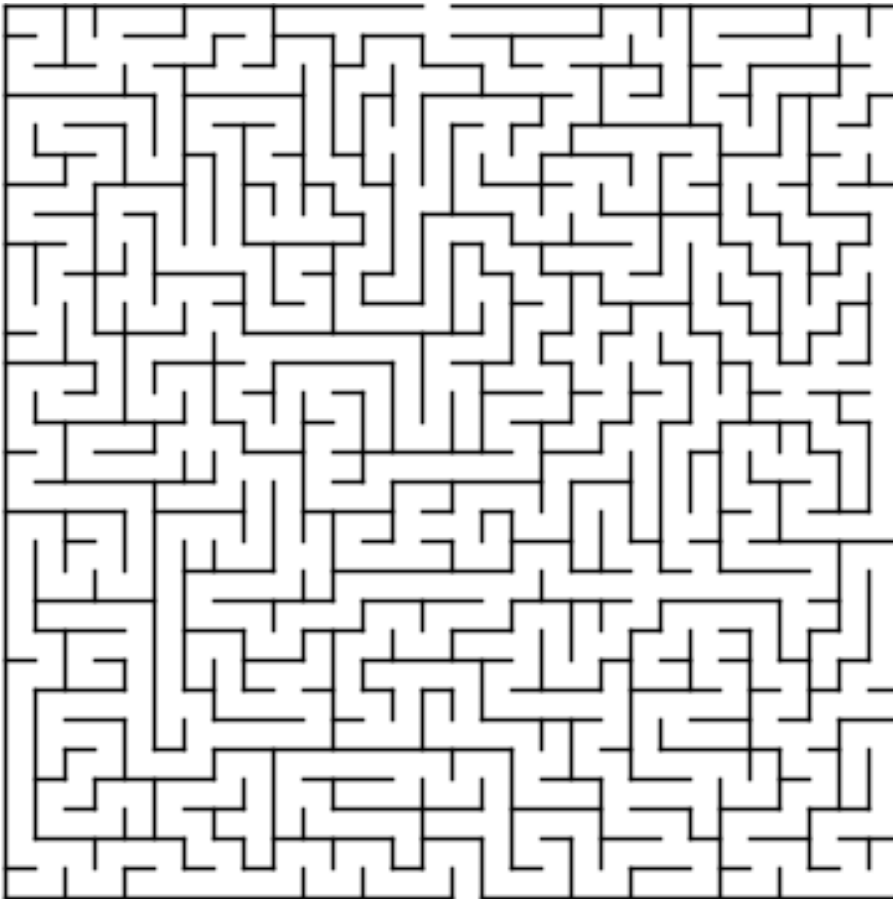
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5: Stylish
9: Leaves the groom at the altar
14: Center of a cathedral
15: Mercury or Saturn
16: Weariness
17: Takes advantage of
18: Woodwind requirement
19: FCC flouter Howard
20: Scampi requirement
22: Naval post?
24: Solicit alms
25: Appears to be
27: Like Richard and Yorick?
29: Stir up
32: Wise, figuratively
35: Place for a pat?
36: Make indistinct
39: Prom escort
40: ___-relief
41: On the go
42: Half a score
43: Kaput
45: Groups of laborers
46: Mineral deposit
47: Subduing
49: Spiny anteater
51: ___ fixe

- 52: Bones up
53: Japanese honorific
55: 'Aeneid' city
57: Metalworkers
61: Trade
63: Dept. store shopper's privilege
65: Bridges or Brummell
66: In base 8
67: Sooty shaft
68: Piecrust ingredient
69: '... ___ angels fear to tread'
70: Person of vision
71: Wapiti

Down

- 1: African antelopes
2: Impetuous
3: State peremptorily
4: Stops
5: Scalawag's confederate
6: Tint
7: Things in a shopping basket
8: Pas de deux conclusion
9: Give as a gift
10: Aardvark's tidbit
11: Drunk
12: Trout tempter
13: Tell all
21: ___ culpa
23: One who knows the score
26: Peach ___
28: Trité
29: Monk's superior
30: Tropical fruit
31: Sow
33: Oktoberfest souvenir
34: Reddish orange dye
37: Many, many moons
38: Boring tool
44: Free
46: In sight
48: Annoy
50: 'I wonder...'
52: Wash or rinse, e.g.
53: Garbage barge
54: Foot part
56: Blockheads
58: Dark greenish blue
59: 'Listen!'
60: Froth
62: A long way off
64: Stick on a table



the mix

TOP 8 OAKLAND CONSPIRACIES

1. THE CLOCK TOWER: Ever since the clock tower's foundations were put in place there have been rumors of it falling over and even crushing students, thereby relieving them of their stress and debt.

2. THIRD FLOOR KRESGE: Rumor has it the third floor of Kresge is haunted by ghosts of grizzlies past.

3. CAR IN BEAR LAKE: More than one car has plunged into Bear Lake over the course of the university's history, legend says that one still lies at the bottom.

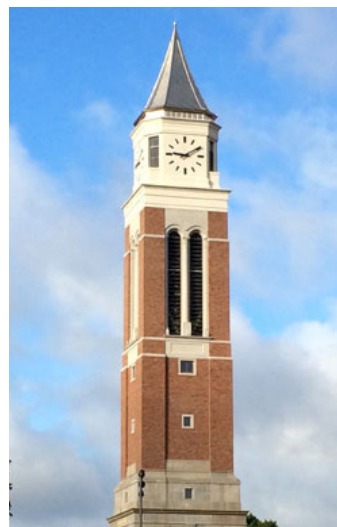
4. THE WIND VORTEX: If you stand between the OC and O'Dowd Hall on a windy day, the wind vortex will take you to the top of the Elliott Clock Tower.

5. SECRET PARKING LOT: We've heard that there is actually a parking lot hidden under P1 that includes overnight parking spots.

6. VENDING MACHINE GHOST: The beeping of the vending machine outside of the Oakland Post is actually morse code for "help me," sent from beyond the grave.

7. ACTUAL GOLDEN GRIZZLIES: It has been said that the athletic department keeps actual golden grizzlies in cages beneath the O'rena.

8. HIDDEN MESSAGE: An arial shot of Oakland sidewalks may actually reveal a hidden message that says "Go MSU!"



— Compiled by the Oakland Post staff

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



1. "Lmao (laughing my anxiety off)."

2. "Have you ever walked 500 miles? Have you ever been encouraged to walk 500 more? If so, you could be entitled to compensation. Call the pro claimers now."

3. "Will you guys drop out already so I can find a good parking spot."

4. "It's the third week of class and I haven't cried yet #record."

5. "Kudos to the people who get ready for their 8 ams. I'm lucky if I remember to put my pants on."

6. "At that age when 'back to school shopping' means getting food for the apartment."

7. "National Honor Society did not prepare me for this."

8. "My car runs on pure gangstaline."

9. "Stress level: Kim Kardashian when she dropped her diamond in the ocean."

10. "I hate it when people call me funny because I feel like I have to say something really funny again and I just can't handle that kind of pressure."

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter

TOP TUNES

wxou albums
of the week

1. DAVID BOWIE – "Blackstar"
2. FRANKIE COSMOS – "Fit Me In [EP]"
3. TY SEGALL – "Ty Rex"
4. JULIEN BAKER – "Sprained Ankle"
5. JACK MOVES – "The Jack Moves"
6. PRINCE HITNRUN – "Phase Two"
7. JOANNA NEWSOM – "Divers"
8. PALM – "Trading Basics"
9. SHEER AGONY – "Masterpiece"
10. CIAN NUGENT – "Night Fiction"

ALBUM SPOTLIGHT

#4. Julien Baker — "Sprained Ankle"

Sometimes it's the simplest songs that speak to the strongest emotions.

Julien Baker, a 20-year-old singer/songwriter from Memphis, Tennessee, tackles some of her toughest demons with a minimalist recording approach. Her tender voice over fragile acoustic chords and a heavenly string arrangement on the album's title track is stunning in its simplicity.

"I acknowledge substance abuse, doubt, fear, sadness and despair in the songs because they're real emotions that are worth talking about," Baker said in a recent article in The Observer.

Recorded in 2015, "Sprained Ankle" ended up on a number of 2015 year-end album lists including New York Times, NPR and Stereogum. Now being serviced to college radio, Baker's album continues to be heard by more people her age who can sympathize with being a confused college student.

Recommended if you like: Sharon Van Etten, Hop Along, Cat Power, Elliott Smith

Start with: "Sprained Ankle," "Blacktop," and "Good News"

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director



Nash slam dunks final season at Oakland

Senior women's basketball player aims high, looks to win Horizon League title

Hannah Gorosh
Staff Intern

The collegiate sports community knows the name Olivia Nash, and it is no wonder why. Jan. 11-18, the senior women's basketball forward averaged 26 points, 14 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game. Last season, she was ranked within the top 15 for points (13 per game) and rebounds (8.1) in the Horizon League. And Nash isn't showing any signs of slowing down.

She achieved a career-high of 28 points in a fast-paced 77-72 home loss to Wright State University on Jan. 18. Nash managed 14 rebounds and got her sixth double-double of the season.

Head coach Jeff Tungate said Nash is difficult to guard because she can score inside and outside.

But Nash does not claim that to be the sole reason for her success. She

gives credit to her entire team and coaching staff.

"If it was not for them I would not be scoring and playing the way I am. They push me through thick and thin," Nash said.

"The coaching staff are always encouraging me and making sure that I reach my full potential and finish out my senior year strong."

Nash plans to pursue basketball after graduation this spring. Tungate has big expectations for the highly-skilled forward.

"She will be able to accomplish whatever she wants in life, but I think she wants to have a chance to play professionally," Tungate said. "I think she is going to have the opportunity to do that, especially the way she is playing this year."

In her final season with the Golden Grizzlies, Nash faces the bittersweet end of her college career and the ex-

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Olivia Nash
Women's basketball forward

citing start of her career after college. However, the season is not over, and Nash has a goal set on the horizon.

"Looking forward: winning the Horizon League," she said.

Nash said no matchup will cause her to give up.

"I always want to go out and treat every game like it is my last," she said.

Until then, the busy basketball player balances her final semester with team travel and conquering her place in Oakland's history.



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Olivia Nash shoots past the Titan's defense on Saturday, Jan. 23 at Calihan Hall. Nash is finishing up her final season with the Golden Grizzlies and plans to pursue basketball after college.

COLUMN

OUCARES gives perspective

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Reporter

I cannot remember a time I wasn't swimming. There is a running joke that I learned to swim before I learned to walk. So when a teammate asked me if I was interested in volunteering for OUCARES — a program through Oakland that, among other things, helps autistic kids learn how to perform various activities — I jumped on the opportunity and volunteered to help with the swim program.

The first Sunday of classes, I didn't really know what to expect. The first of the group showed up and the lesson began. There were six volunteers, all from Oakland's swim team, and about eight kids. We began by stretching, and then the kids sat on the edge and put their feet in.

I got to know one of the boys rather well. Payton was six and had had a previous, terrifying experience in the water. He would not put his head under. Many of the others also did not enjoy their head underwater or getting their hair wet. I worked with Payton and his dad most of the first day. We made some progress and by the end he was able to put his mouth in the water in order to blow some bubbles.

Although this act seemed so simple to me and is something I do on a daily basis, it wasn't for Payton. I just assumed that my history with the water and my love of it is something that most people share. OUCARES has completely shown me otherwise. It took this little boy 45 minutes to work up the courage to blow bubbles. It made me re-

alize how much I have taken for granted, made me think about everything I do every day without even considering how others may not be able to do the same: Walking to class. Seeing the sunrise. Attending college. I never really gave these things a second thought. Now I'm thinking twice.

My dad told me this summer that every day he wakes up and thinks of three things he is grateful for. He told me if I do this every day, I will always have enough. Being able to attend such an amazing university such as Oakland is something everyone here should be grateful and proud of. To think of everything I have done to get me to this school is a pretty phenomenal thought. So here's to everyone who made it this far. You guys are kicking butt. Keep it up.



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OUCARES is a program through Oakland that, among other things, helps autistic kids learn how to perform various activities.

In the next time of stress, which will probably be tomorrow, I just need to think of all I have to be grateful for. When I do that, it gives me the motivation to keep going. I know that even though I think I have so much going on, there are others that are going through more.

After the first class, I could tell that OUCARES was going to be the highlight of my week.

It is such a rewarding experience to be involved in. Seeing these kids strive toward their goals and having fun in the water is so heartwarming.

Payton's dad told me that his son doesn't take to people easily. But when the second class ended, Payton hugged me goodbye. That made putting up with the screaming, the splashing and the crying all worth it.



Courtesy of Oakland Basketball

Oakland men's basketball signed Will, a child from Team IMPACT, to be a part of the team and join them at games.

Men's basketball makes an IMPACT

The Black and Gold to sign Will, child from Team IMPACT

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Reporter

Oakland men's basketball joined women's basketball, volleyball and swimming and diving and signed a child from Team IMPACT, an organization that matches severely and chronically-ill children with a college sports team. His name is Will.

"At Oakland we really believe in giving our student athletes a full experience," assistant men's basketball coach Drew Valentine explained. "We felt like this was a great opportunity to give back and hopefully have a very positive impact on a young

man's life that could use all the support he can get."

Valentine believes this experience will become a "positive outlet" for Will. The goal is for Will to feel welcome and a part of the Golden Grizzlies family, to form a bond with the players and to be able to get his mind off anything he is going through. Valentine hopes the team will be able to "provide him with some smiles, laughter and happiness."

"I hope the team can really get a good understanding of not only how fortunate they are to be healthy and talented enough to play the sport that they love," Valentine said, "but also an understanding and appreciation for an individual who is working hard to just live a normal life."

Junior Sherron Dorsey-Walker believes seeing Will fight in the face of adversity changes perspective.

"We cannot match the adversity Will is going through," Dorsey-Walker said. "I feel that Will is going to lift the spirit of our team. Showing us how blessed we are to be in this position!"

Dorsey-Walker reached out to Will before he even came to campus. He expressed his excitement to have Will on the team.

Will was more than ready to wear the bear. He received fresh Oakland basketball attire and was able to help the team break down at the end of practice his first day on campus. On game days, he'll be in the locker room.

"First and foremost, I hope Will and his family feels welcomed from OU," Dorsey-Walker said. "I hope Will also can find some peace when he is with the team. I also hope he knows that we will always give him love and support for life!"

Unified Basketball returns for second year

Special Olympics athletes playing alongside students

Hannah Gorosh
Staff Intern

On a chilly night in January, the Oakland Recreation Center held an event that could have warmed up the hearts of all on campus.

The Unified Basketball League — which offers Oakland students the opportunity to compete alongside Special Olympics athletes — held its assessment day on Jan. 20. Participants delighted as they geared up to play.

Unified Basketball allows Oakland students to get involved without feeling the pressure of intense competition. The league focuses more on the fundamentals of the game, bringing back the care-free attitude towards winning that makes for a less stressful and more enticing time.

"It takes [basketball] back to making sure that you are having fun, being out there for the right reasons and learning things and how others see

things," coach Gabrielle Sokol said. "It is eye opening for the participants and the students."

This is Oakland's second year hosting the Unified Basketball League, which started at Central Michigan University. The leaders of the program at Oakland are planning to expand their reach to other sports, including soccer.

Although the participants are hesitant on the first day, they quickly move into fits of laughter as they make friends and work together.

The Director of Unified Sports Initiatives at Special Olympics Michigan, Dan Ekonen, shares the happiness the athletes gain out of the tournament.

"You can see the competition, you see the friendships form and then at the end of the year they are all having a good time and no one wants to leave," Ekonen said. "That is what this is all about — when you see those friendships out on the court and off."

The first Unified Basketball game will be at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27 on courts two and three in the Rec Center.



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Special Olympics athletes play alongside students in the Rec Center.



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

Oakland Swimming and Diving accepted Cleveland University's Lyme Disease Challenge callout, a tribute to Cleveland's Madisen Tretter.

Take a bite out of Lyme Disease

Oakland University and Cleveland State unite in sour-but-sweet showdown

Ally Racey
Staff Reporter

Oakland Swimming and Diving took the Lyme Disease Challenge on Monday, fulfilling a "dare" of sorts from Cleveland State University by stating a fact about the disease and biting into actual limes. Oakland challenged University of Illinois at Chicago Swimming and Diving, Valparaiso University Swimming and Diving and Oakland Volleyball to do the same.

Cleveland State had challenged Oakland as a tribute to their teammate Madisen Tretter, who was diagnosed with the disease last summer.

According to the challenge's website, the campaign was started to raise awareness and funding to aid the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease. The disease is caused by bacteria transmitted by ticks and can be characterized early on by severe headaches and later on by possible neurological and cardiac problems.

Two of Oakland's breaststrokers, Takara Martin and Rachel Waite, took the lead to create the video. Martin and Waite raced against Tretter during their freshman and sophomore year.

"[We] became not just competitors, but friends as well," Waite said.

In Tretter's sophomore year, she made the NCAA B cut in the 200 breaststroke. She set a school record in the same event.

After recording such a huge accomplishment, she was diagnosed with the disease and had to redshirt her junior year.

"Madisen has had a tough year but still remains strong and hopes to be back in the water as soon as she can," Martin said.

Waite and Martin said they were impressed by how many people wanted to be a part of the challenge.

"Even though Madisen and Cleveland State are a strong competitor for Oakland in the Horizon League, it is great to see that we can still support one another," Martin said.

Waite and Martin said they were grateful for being able to do what they love each and every day.

"We get up at 5:30 a.m. and drag our feet some mornings, but realistically, we would miss it if it was taken away," Waite said.

Tretter hopes to attend the Horizon League Championship to support and cheer on her team as they travel to

compete against the Golden Grizzlies in February.

You can see the Lyme Disease Challenge video on YouTube, Oakland University SAAC's Facebook page and @OaklandSAAC.

Take the Lyme Disease Challenge:

1. TAKE A BITE Bite a lime and take a photo or video of the act – the more sourpuss your face, the better (and funnier!).

2. SHARE A FACT State one brief fact either in or alongside your photo or video about Lyme Disease.

3. PASS IT ON Keep the campaign going: challenge three other people to take a bite! Mention them in your video or if you do a photo tag them in your post.

—Compiled from
lymediseasechallenge.org

OU completes two game sweep in Wisconsin

Scott Davis
Managing Editor

Thanks to clutch three-point shooting from Max Hooper, the Golden Grizzlies (13-8, 5-3) squeaked by the Panthers (14-7, 5-3) in Milwaukee Monday night.

Hooper shot 7-for-10 from three-point range, leading all scorers with 21 points. After hitting nine three-pointers in Saturday's game in Green Bay, Hooper went 16-for-24 from behind the arc in the two game road trip.

Kay Felder recorded his 10th double double with 17 points and 12 assists, but he broke his streak of scoring at least 20 points in every game this season. His scoring was sporadic throughout the night and he fouled out for the first time this season with 3:19 left in the game with the team up by just four.

"You have to find different ways to win, and for the last three years we haven't won a game down the stretch without Kay before," Head coach Greg Kampe said after the game. "It wasn't pretty and the last 50 seconds seemed like an hour, but we found a way."

Jalen Hayes had 14 points and 10 rebounds, marking his eighth double-double of the season. Percy Gibson and Martez Walker scored nine and seven points respectively off the bench for Oakland.

Panthers point guard matched up very well against Felder as he scored 20 points and recorded nine assists. Austin Arians and J.R. Lyie each had 13 points for Milwaukee.

The win marks the second in a row for Oakland, who had been struggling at home before the mini road trip. With a 5-3 conference record, the Golden Grizzlies are now two games back of leaders Wright State and Valparaiso.

Oakland will take on the Wright State Raiders in a critical game Friday night at the O'rena. A win can put them within one game of Wright State, who has been one of the hottest teams in the league. It will be Oakland's last home game before a three-game road trip.

"If we want a chance to get the bye, we eventually have to win at home. It's a huge game for us," Kampe said.

Friday night's game will tip at 8 p.m. in the O'rena and can be seen on ESPN 3 and heard on 1130 WDFN.



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Road win gives Oakland commanding Metro Series lead

Ally Racey
Staff Reporter

The Oakland women’s basketball team defeated rival University of Detroit Mercy, 79-73, for a Metro Series win on Saturday afternoon at Calihan Hall.

Player of the game Elena Popkey scored a team-high 18 points with five rebounds and three assists to lift Oakland to its victory.

Olivia Nash, Taylor Jones and Sinclair Russell each scored 16 points. Russell hit a last minute three-pointer with 57 seconds remaining to rack up her second this season.

“We made plays when we needed to. We had some people step up and make some huge plays, some huge shots down the stretch,” head coach Jeff Tungate said.

“We made key baskets when we needed to. This was a very good basketball team that we beat today.”

This was Jones’ first Metro Series game as a college athlete as she and the rest of the team finished with a commanding 11-1 lead over UDM in the standings.

“It’s always good to beat Detroit,” Jones said.

“I’m just glad we won.”

Oakland (11-7, 3-4) continues its five-game road trip at Kress Events Center against Green Bay on Thursday, Jan. 28.

The Golden Grizzlies then travel to Milwaukee, Youngstown State and Cleveland State before returning home to the O’rena Feb. 11 to face Valparaiso.



- 1. Taylor Gleason goes up for a lay-up against a Detroit defender. Gleason finished with four points, two rebounds, four assists and one steal.
- 2. The women’s basketball team gets pumped up after starters are announced for the game against rival Detroit. With the victory, Oakland leads the Metro Series 11-1.
- 3. Elena Popkey drives to the basket. Popkey led Oakland in the victory with 18 points, five rebounds and three assists. Popkey is averaging 11.3 points per game and has recorded a team-high 93 assists in 18 games this season.

Tossin' for a cause

Annual 'Mitten Toss' to take place this Friday

Ally Racey
Staff Reporter

Warm up your throwing arms. The annual Mitten Toss is Friday, Jan. 29 at the 8 p.m. men's basketball game versus Wright State and anyone can participate by bringing winter hats, gloves, etc. to throw on the court during halftime.

Golden Grizzlies Swimming and Diving is donating the clothing to a Cornerstone Charter School in Detroit

"We get a lot of support from our surrounding community so this is one way we get to give back," sophomore swimmer Brant Cassidy said, who is in charge of the event.

Shawn Kornoelje, associate head coach for swimming and diving, started the Mitten Toss 11 years ago. The event has been passed down to the men's and women's swimming and diving teams ever since.

Students from Lincoln-King Academy will be at the game. The swim and dive teams will present the clothing to them after.



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Oakland men's and women's swim and dive team are hosting their annual Mitten Toss at the men's basketball game on Friday against Wright State University.

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