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The Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter at OU has begun its first-ever Paddy Murphy week to honor its late brother and hero and to raise money for its national philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

BENDING IT LIKE BECKHAM // TEDx speaker and LGBTQIA+ advocate Ash Beckham visited campus last week to deliver her message of "giving voice to your truth" and spreading authenticity. Beckham's lectures on self-acceptance have gone viral on YouTube with a collective 8 million hits. "You don't have to be perfect — no one relates to perfect," she said.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

How do you register for classes?

- A** I set my alarm and get all the good ones first!
- B** Eh, I'll get to it.
- C** How do you do that again?
- D** It all depends on what I can afford.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

Are you following the OUSC elections?

- A)** Yes! Can't wait to cast my vote.

44.2%

- B)** Nah, sitting these out.

16.3%

- C)** What elections?

20.9%

- D)** #KONY2012

18.6%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

March 17, 1993

The women's swim team took the national championship for the fourth straight year. The men's team finished in second place.

March 18, 1991

The DNR fined Oakland University after ceiling tiles were ripped down in the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute and asbestos was exposed. The university was ordered to pay \$19,000.

March 23, 1994

OUPD launched an investigation into a Dodge Hall fire, where a biology lab suffered between \$250,000 and \$500,000 in damages.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, staff intern



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Thirteen cases of a "norovirus-like illness" have been recorded on campus by the Graham Health Center — a number expected to grow.



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REFUSING TO SINK

Graduating swimmer and ESPN reporter Grace Waller has many reasons to celebrate: one of them being five years cancer-free.



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SLIPPING AWAY

The division 3 hockey team fell short in overtime to Florida Gulf Coast after taking the season all the way to the ACHA National Championship in Alabama last weekend.

BY THE NUMBERS

Women's history month

1.6mil

number of women veterans in the United States in 2013

63.7%

female citizens 18 and older reported voting in the 2012 presidential election

161 mil.

The number of females in the U.S. as of December 2013. The number of males was 156.1 million.

32%

women 25 and older had obtained a bachelor's degree or more as of 2014

\$39,157

The median annual earnings of women 15 or older who worked year-round, full time in 2013. In comparison, the median annual earnings of men were \$50,033.

Editorial

Students need to take elections seriously — but not too seriously

By Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

Monday, March 23 marks the beginning of the next round of elections for the Oakland University Student Congress leaders. It's the one time that the OU student body is able to hand-pick its representation.

1,079 students voted in the last election. 1,919 voted the year before. There were well over 19,000 students each year.

Where are those voters? Why doesn't anyone care?

For those many who aren't up-to-date, there are three pairs of students battling for the positions of Student Body President and Vice President.

There is Nick Walter, running for president, with Madison Kubinski, running for VP; Katie Rose, president, with Layla Sizemore, VP; and Laina Townsend, president, with Sam Harris for VP.

Walter and Kubinski want to change the grading scale so it's easier for students to get 4.0s. They want to introduce "random swag campaigns" for more spirit gear on campus. They want more electrical outlets. They want to continue work with administrators on the Oakland Center expansion.

Rose and Sizemore want to bump up campus life through new and old activities. They want to charge less for online classes, make Moodle training for professors mandatory and expand the tutoring center.

er. They want to extend Rec Center hours, create more fitness opportunities on campus and bring more varied and healthy eating options to campus.

Townsend and Harris want to promote "responsible campus growth," increase campus engagement and pride, and boost student interaction through additional representatives and a student voice committee. They want to centralize all student services, specifically the registrar's office.

These are only a few simplified points from each platform, which can be viewed in more detail at oakland.edu/voteou.

It's one thing to call for a complete change of the grading scale or relocation of a department's office, but it's another thing to do it, especially with a need for unity and a time constraint of one year.

We at want our next leaders to recognize that.

We also want our fellow students to hold those leaders accountable.

If the next Student Body President tells you he or she is going to put a back door in the Kresge Library, ask how. If the Vice President tells you he or she is going to change the campus menus, ask what exactly they will be doing and why.

If legislators are planning some huge initiative that you are just not interested in, tell them so.

Hold them accountable.

Tell them what you want. Let them help you the right way by letting your voice be heard. Your student leaders CAN help and CAN make a difference, but only if you let them know how best to do so.

Student Congress: the best leaders are leaders of the people. Let your fellow students guide you. Don't reach for things that can't be accomplished in a year, and only reach for the things that your peers believe in.

We at *The Post* encourage students to check out OUSC and the candidates fighting for the presidential and vice presidential positions for the next school year. We ask you to consider your legislators and explore each ticket's platform. Think about which agenda aligns best with your interests and speak up if you feel none of them reflect what you want.

We ask you to learn about these leaders and vote. It only takes a few minutes, and it does make a difference.

More importantly, we ask those in Student Congress to give us agendas that can actually be considered. Don't worry about what sounds great or could make OU history — worry about what matters.

Focus on what will help. Work on achievable things that can make a direct difference in a student's life.

That's what Student Congress was made for, after all.

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Career Services: Education's 'icing on the cake'

Employers look for more than just a degree- so should you

Bianca Marrogy

Human Resource Development major, senior

An education received at Oakland University is similar to an unfrosted cake - a supportive foundation but simply not enough by itself.

What distinguishes students from each other is what we choose to do with the opportunities presented to us while at OU. Yes, we learn about our desired career path through the classes we take; however, we truly do not learn or become marketable to employers unless we gain career-related experience to supplement our education.

What qualifies as career

-related experience?

Career-related experience can come in the form of internships, co-ops, job shadowing, volunteer work or participating in undergraduate research.

In order to pave the path to success after graduation and make a smooth transition from student to working professional, Career Services recommends completing two career related experiences prior to graduation.

Do you want to gain career related experience but do not know where to start?

Career Services can help!

Our office provides various tools to aid you in your pursuit of obtaining related experience, including our comprehensive job posting site, OUCareerLink.com.

There are over 1,042 job postings available on

OUCareerLink; we encourage you to have your OUCareerLink, profile and resume updated, so that you are ready to apply for the opportunities presented through the website.

You may also choose to meet with a Career Consultant to discuss job search and branding strategies to become the most marketable to the industry.

Career Services not only provides coaching on how to obtain career related experience but also gives students the opportunity to have their resume and cover letter reviewed, practice interviewing through mock interviews, learn the basics of networking, prepare for informational interviews and polish their LinkedIn profiles.

If you have not been in to see us, feel free to make an appointment or stop by during walk in hours; we are located at



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Career Services provides coaching and resources to pave students' futures.

154 North Foundation Hall.

When making internship decisions or as graduation day approaches, make sure that you have taken advantage of all the opportunities OU has provided you with, especially making use of the Career Services office.

Yes, an OU education provides

us with a supportive foundation but employers want more.

They want the icing on the cake, which comes in the form of career-related experience.

Once you have obtained the supportive foundation and the icing, you get the sprinkles: a full time job.

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#MuslimLivesMatter — still

Mainstream media coverage may have stopped but Islamophobia continues

Tifrah Akhtar

Communication major, junior

In 2012 the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter became a popular outlet to discuss the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.

Since then it has taken off and become more than a hashtag, embodying a form of resistance with respect to the dehumanization of black lives in America.

A little over a month ago the hashtag was repurposed for a new movement — #MuslimLivesMatter — when three Muslim students were murdered in their University of North Carolina dorm room.

The hashtag took off and demanded that the media give

attention to the story.

In the days that followed,

Muslim activists on social media brought attention to an onslaught of other crimes against Muslims committed in the West, from Alberta, to Kansas City, to Louisville, to Dallas and even locally here, in Dearborn.

In February, a man was assaulted while buying groceries with his two



Tifrah Akhtar

daughters, who wore the hijab, the Muslim head covering.

To me, Dearborn had grown to become a safe haven from the rising Islamophobia that is being fostered in contemporary American society.

The city hosts one of the largest Muslim populations in the West, and I see women like my mother wear their religion proudly and fearlessly in the form of a hijab.

Hearing about the attack left me shocked that the place I call my hometown was the setting for yet another hate crime against Muslims.

I was even more shocked and disappointed by the silence from mainstream media, especially coming off the heels of the Chapel Hill shooting.

Sadly, attacks like these are far too common in this day and age, so it's naïve to expect every story to be given

"The current dominant discourse surrounding Muslim Americans — and Muslims in general — plays a large role in fostering Islamophobia, which we can see has real, violent consequences."

Tifrah Akhtar

Communication major, junior

national attention.

However, when I turn on

the TV and see phrases like "radical Islam" being thrown around and the contexts they exist in, it's clear that the current dominant discourse prefers to portray Muslims as savage, barbaric and inhumane.

Any narrative to the contrary is dismissed as a random act of violence unrelated to the Islamophobia pervasive in and perpetuated by the mainstream media.

The current dominant discourse surrounding Muslim Americans — and Muslims in general — plays a large role in fostering Islamophobia, which we can see has real, violent consequences.

The Chapel Hill shooting was not a random parking dispute.

It is representative of a growing pattern of hate crimes committed — and subsequently ignored — by the mainstream media.

Our identities matter and so does our outlook

Being 'color blind' to the world can prevent us from seeing our own privilege and promoting equity

Evan Fobar

Communication major, senior

I don't see color. I just see everyone as equals."

These sentiments are common in everyday public discourse about race.

Depending on the context—perhaps, a room full of white people—this comment may go completely unnoticed and with no critique.

Social institutions and structures work on hierarchical platforms, which is why the archetype for individuals in power is almost always white, straight, middle-to-upper-class, able-bodied and male.

When you decide not to see color, you have decided not to recognize the privileges that people are benefiting from solely from underlying (or overt) racist, heterosexist,

classist, ableist and patriarchal (and the list goes on) structures that are in place.

Claiming everyone as equals eliminates the historical and political contexts that led each marginalized group to where they are today.

It eliminates slavery, the Civil Rights Movement, Ferguson, the Stonewall Riots, Women's Suffrage Movement, the Americans with Disabilities Act and so many more social movements and reforms before us.

Color blindness comes from a place of privilege. We all have privilege but it is how



Evan Fobar

"Color blindness comes from a place of privilege. We all have privilege but it is how you use it that affects the structures and institutions we interact with."

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Communication major, senior

you use it that affects the structures and institutions we interact with.

Acknowledging your personal privilege and

identifying how you have benefited from it is important for promoting equity within social change.

Ask questions like, "why are transgender women of color the most prominent group of individuals to have violence perpetuated against them? Is it because they are members of multiple, intersecting marginalized identity groups?" (Answer: yes.)

Color blindness — and blindness to other identities — will only help for non-marginalized groups to continue to reap benefits from which others are excluded.

I am writing this not only because I am extremely passionate about creating open dialogues about race and other identities, but because when I submitted a question about diversity,

equity and inclusion during the Student Body Presidential Candidate Debate, one of the answers I received was this narrative of color blindness.

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives, the Leadership and Volunteer Center, the Gender and Sexuality Center, the Multicultural Affair Director and Committee on Student Congress — and countless other student organizations on campus — are working to create these dialogues that give voices to marginalized groups.

Our identities matter. They work both to limit and grant us privileges, but it is what we do with those privileges that will affect public culture towards social change.

If you think that you don't see color, ask yourself how you have benefited from your own identities.

Campus

Grizzlies on the Prowl



"March is Reading Month. What's the last book you read?"



Jossette Bailey, French, senior

"I read 'Waiting for Godot.' It was for my 20th century French class. The whole book was in French."



Hasan Alwazan, mechanical engineering, freshman

"I read 'The Igloo' for an oral report in my ESL class."



Ahmed Mukhrigh, physical therapy, sophomore

"'Say What?' I read it for my English reading class. It helped me learn English a lot."



Anne Kuthy, mechanical engineering, freshman

"I read 'Rin Tin Tin' for a writing project. I thought it was an interesting book."

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury, photographer

POLICE FILES

Rear window damage to vehicle in P32 reported to OUPD

An OUPD officer responded to a complaint of damage to a vehicle in P32 at about 10:00 p.m. on Thurs., March 12.

The officer spoke with a man who stated that the rear window of his vehicle was broken out. He told the officer that he had parked his car on the third level of the parking structure around 9:00 a.m. that day. He said that when he returned to his vehicle at 9:30 p.m., he noticed the damage to his vehicle.

During inspection of the vehicle, the officer observed that the rear window was mostly broken out but there was a small impact area on the left side of the glass that was remaining in the window.

Officers determined that the vehicle did not appear to have been entered. The complainant told police that nothing appeared to be missing from the interior of the vehicle.

OUPD later tried to observe video footage from the parking structure but the officer checking was unable to see anything dealing with the complainant's vehicle. No further developments have been made.

— Compiled by Josh Soltman
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Student body presidential candidates (from left) Rose, Townsend and Walter squared off on Wednesday, March 11.

Election fever heats up

By Grace Turner
Staff Reporter

Oakland University Student Congress' presidential candidates pressed the flesh and their platforms last Wednesday at the formal debate.

Candidates Katie Rose, Laina Townsend and Nick Walter each said they understand the duties of Student Body President and are ready to be the voice that takes student problems to the administration and also each said they have already met with administrators to talk about their platforms.

These candidates said they are dedicated to being accessible to students, whether by phone, email, social media or regular office hours.

"If you need to contact me, I will be available," said Walter, a junior criminal justice major. He said he would drop all other leadership positions if elected, including his current Criminal Justice Club presidency and senior legislator position with OUSC.

Rose, a sophomore biology major, said she would step down from some of the e-board positions that she holds outside of OUSC if elected. She is not currently in OUSC, but is president of Leaders for Environmental Awareness and Protection, and would become volunteer coordinator if elected. She would

no longer hold her positions as secretary of the neurology club or events coordinator for the Red Cross club.

"I would love to be here for you guys," Rose said.

Townsend is a sophomore psychology major and said she will only take 12 credits per semester while in office. She also said she will attend the minimum number of events necessary to stay in her sorority or take a professional leave from it if necessary. She currently serves in the OUSC legislature.

Each ticket has a platform it hopes will improve OU in the next five to 10 years.

Part of Townsend's platform includes creating a student voice committee, which she said will ask students what they want improved.

"We can't be everywhere," Townsend said. "We need to be implemented with a team."

Walter said he doesn't think a student voice committee is necessary because it's the legislators' jobs to find out what students want.

Walter said his agenda would include changing the grading scale so it's easier for students to get a 4.0.

Townsend said she wants to start planning for the Oakland Center expansion and would include a space for the registrar's office, which is currently located in O'Dowd Hall.

Rose said she wants to find

out what students want included in the expansion plan and would send these ideas to the administration.

All three candidates said they want to promote inclusion by helping diverse student organizations.

As the debate closed, Walter said the president should have experience with OUSC and pointed out that Rose doesn't.

Rose said she has had many leadership positions and has served on e-boards before. She has also attended OUSC events and has been going to its meetings for the last two months.

Walter also said Townsend doesn't fully understand the struggles of OU students because she doesn't pay tuition since her mother, Janell Townsend, is faculty.

Townsend said that because she goes to OU, her mother has a pay cut. She also pays taxes on her tuition and an administration fee.

"I think it's unprofessional that this was brought up," Townsend said in a later interview. "My tuition is not completely free, but because of this benefit I receive, it makes me want to work harder for students so they can receive similar benefits."

All three candidates encouraged students to vote.

Students can vote March 23-30 at booths around campus or at oakland.edu/voteou.

Norovirus 'far from unusual' this time of year

University says it's prepared to prevent further spread

By Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Springtime weather wasn't the only visitor to Oakland's campus last week. As of Friday, March 13, the Graham Health Center (GHC) confirmed a total of 13 cases of a "norovirus-like illness," according to director Nancy Jansen.

"All students reporting illness have so far been in the residence halls, but they've been very spread out in the different halls," said GHC Health and Wellness Coordinator Julie Proctor.

Jansen said the GHC expects to see more students as the illness runs its course. The GHC and housing offices have issued a confidential survey and are encouraging all students ill with vomiting or diarrhea since Sat., March 7 to self-report.

"There are no commonalities in what people have eaten, so at this point we do not believe there is any affiliation with food," Jansen said.

Kathy Forzley, health officer and manager for the Oakland County Health Department noted that while the department has "received an uptick in calls," the spread of norovirus is not unusual this time of year.

"Tis the season, unfortunately," Forzley said. She said that due to the disease's con-

tagious nature, clusters of individuals in concentrated spaces such as cruise ships, families and, in this case, schools, are highly susceptible.

Jansen said she couldn't stress thorough hand-washing as a means of preventing the "highly contagious" virus spread through contact and touching infected surfaces or people enough. She emphasized that hand sanitizers are not particularly effective and no substitute for good old soap and water.

Jansen said even if students choose to return to class after feeling better, that they should still be careful to isolate themselves as much as possible as the virus is still alive and communicable.

"What they don't realize is that they're infectious for several days," she said.

Ill students who sign up for an appointment at the GHC—which accepts insurance—may get a doctor's note to excuse class.

Although norovirus is a virus and thus cannot be completely cured through medication, Jansen said the GHC does have medicine that will stop consistent vomiting.

Cora Hanson, manager of Environmental Health and Safety, said the university custodial staff is also implementing flu protocols campus-wide, including regularly disinfecting commonly-touched areas.

For more on norovirus and the GHC's services, visit <http://www.oakland.edu/ghc/>.



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Doctor's notes are available at the GHC for ill students with appointments.

A tale of great expectations

Professor Dickens promotes strength through Girl Scouts and poetry

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Reporter

Writing professor LaWanda Dickens doesn't limit her teaching to a lecture hall.



Erika Barker/Oakland Post
LaWanda Dickens

Dickens works with the Girl Scouts, is a youth mentor and is the founder and executive director of Girls for Global Growth — all while

teaching college-level writing classes.

Due to all of her community involvement, Dickens has impacted many young girls and helps them take steps towards becoming the professionals they will someday be.

"I think what she's doing is really wonderful," senior and student Shivali Ami said.

While working with Girl Scouts as a troop leader, Dickens was able to work with girls of all ages and from different walks of life.

"Most of the girls I've worked with came from good

homes. They sometimes had financial troubles," Dickens said. "I enjoyed having the opportunity to work with girls of all ages."

She said that the dedication of the parents of her girls was most inspiring.

"These were parents who are committed to their children no matter what the circumstance," Dickens said.

On top of having clocked nearly a decade with Girl Scouts, Dickens founded Girls for Global Growth(G3) in 2012.

"The mission of G3 is to involve girls in activities that further their self-assurance, leadership and integrity," Dickens said.

G3 involves the middle

and high school girls who are involved in community service, field trips, public speaking and writing programs. The experience from these activities the G3 girls are receiving will better them later in life, Dickens said.

The girls recently worked on cinquain poems while touring downtown Detroit. Dickens said the girls are becoming pretty good writers and hope to see their work showcased.

"I want to eventually put a page on the website to display the girls' writing," she said.

OU students and professors have reached out to Dickens to help with G3 so they can

have their own impact on the girls.

Dickens said that it is "truly inspiring" that her college students get involved.

"I mentor for G3," Amin said. "Professor Dickens is really great at what she does and it's a great thing that she's doing."

Though Dickens' main inspiration for G3 stems from past students, her driving motive is her daughters.

"I have two daughters," Dickens said. "I hear issues every day about what they have to grapple with as young women."

To find out more about G3 and how to get involved, go to www.girlsfor-globalgrowth.org.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon condemns Oklahoma chapter's viral video

Kristen Davis
Staff Reporter

Sigma Alpha Epsilon's chapter at the University of Oklahoma made national headlines after video of members chanting a racist song went viral, prompting the closing of the chapter by order of SAE national headquarters and the university's president.

Punishment was handed down to members of the fraternity, and two students involved in the video issued public apologies after they withdrew from the university.

The acts of the organization shed negative light on chapters nationwide, something Greek life at OU is making efforts to change.

Greek council president and Phi Sigma Sigma scribe Victoria Franso said that OU's Greek life accepts different backgrounds and walks of life.

According to OU's SAE pres-

ident Ryan Fabian, the actions from the University of Oklahoma's chapter do not reflect the chapter's belief system or values.

"One of the main reasons I joined SAE is because I strongly believed in its creed, 'The True Gentleman,' and what it stands for," he said. "Every SAE knows that we are individuals 'whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety.'"

The racial chants and actions in no such way, shape or form align with SAE's creed, according to Fabian.

"It is sad to see that one ignorant chapter over 1,000 miles away has been able to negatively impact an entire organization's image," Fabian said. "It has allowed others to forget about all of the constructive actions that chapters such as ours have done to contribute to our community in a positive way."

"Every SAE [member] knows that we are individuals 'whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety.'"

Ryan Fabian
SAE President, OU Chapter

This year, OU's SAE has accumulated over 1,000 hours of community service with the cities in and surrounding Oakland County.

Organizing blood drives, volunteering at churches, packaging meals for those who are less fortunate during the holiday season and donating thousands of dollars to outreach programs are a few positive events the fraternity has participated in.

Fabian added that the controversy did have positive re-



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"Our chapter at Oakland University is so proud to be such a diverse and accepting group of men." -Ryan Fabia, SAE President, OU Chapter

percussions and he is proud that the fraternal community was able to come together to combat the stigmas they have been labeled with.

"Our chapter at Oakland University is so proud to be such a diverse and accepting group of men," Fabian said. "We couldn't be more proud to see our Nationals act so

swiftly in removing the Oklahoma chapter from our noble order."

OU's SAE is also holding philanthropic-focused events all week in honor of their late brother, Paddy Murphy.

All proceeds from the events will go to their national philanthropy, Children's Miracle Network.



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

Robert Maxfield, interim dean of the school of education and human services, said OU is trying to prepare education majors who can immediately be successful in classrooms. Training students to think for themselves is a key idea.

'From knowing to understanding'

Education majors learn to teach to technology, diversity

Grace Turner
Staff Reporter

As technology and teaching methods change, OU education majors adjust to teach the next generation of students.

"We're trying to prepare teachers who can be immediately successful in classrooms," said Robert Maxfield, interim dean of the school of education and human services.

Education majors gain field experience early on at OU, Maxfield said. Oakland's close partnerships with local schools fosters mutual respect—students see how classrooms work from the teacher's perspective, and K-12 teachers receive help in their classrooms.

Elizabeth Girardot, an elementary education major, has participated in three field placements during her three years at OU. Each field placement requires the student to work in a classroom at least eight times for a total of 30 hours.

"It just gives you a nice overview of what a classroom looks like," Girardot said.

According to Maxfield, teachers are trained to help students think for themselves.

Girardot said teachers should

ask students how they figured something out instead of just telling them to memorize the information.

"There are so many different ways now for [children] to solve a problem," Girardot said.

In her current field placement, Girardot said teachers use a lot of visual teaching methods. For example, students listen to a story and draw answers to questions.

"It's really interesting what the children come up with," Girardot said.

Michael MacDonald, associate professor in the school of education and interim chair for teacher development and educational studies, said that students are more enthusiastic about their education when they have some choice in what they learn through group projects and interaction with classmates.

"The shift is from knowing to understanding," MacDonald said.

Technology helps students learn as well. The students that Girardot works with regularly use iPads and laptops for reading and math games while at the same time becoming familiar with technology.

"It's just another fun way for them to learn," Girardot said.

Despite the innovative teaching and learning methods, students can't be creative all of the time. A lot of emphasis is placed on test scores, Maxfield said. Learning test-taking skills goes against the newer, more inquiry-based teaching methods.

ing methods.

"You can't have it both ways," Maxfield said.

Schools have to find a balance between research that proves the effectiveness of new teaching methods and laws that require testing.

Teachers are also expected to attend to students' emotional needs and effectively teach in diverse classrooms.

"They're not teaching subjects only," MacDonald said.

Different students learn different ways, and teachers must accommodate.

"It's not that you fix the student," MacDonald said. "There just needs to be a different road to get there."

Girardot said she's taking a class that focuses entirely on diversity in the classroom.

"Not every student is going to respond to the same thing," she said.

In today's classroom, teachers need to be prepared to teach students who speak another language or come from a different background, have disabilities, or identify as members of the LGBT community, Maxfield said.

"The 'one size fits all' doesn't fit anymore," MacDonald said.

As technology changes, teaching methods, as well as the education department, have to adapt.

"It's a real challenge to prepare people for a world we have not even imagined," MacDonald said.

Attendance policy: Three's the charm

Selah Fischer
Blog Editor

Some students may sleep through their alarms, have car trouble or even just be so tired they can't pull themselves out of bed. In this case, they can't make it to class. Whether or not they are affected by their professor's attendance policy depends on various factors.

Different types of classes have different attendance policies as well as other policies determined by the professors.

In general, many classes at Oakland University allow two unexcused absences before being penalized. However, this policy varies because some professors do not bother to take attendance, but instead have their own way of enforcing it.

Usually, due to the large number of students, lecture halls do not have attendance policies. However, professors insist that it is still in students' best interests to attend class, since there are alternative ways grades can be affected if a student does not attend.

"I teach very large classes so it's impossible to take attendance," professor Kapila Castoldi said.

Over the years, Castoldi has changed her teaching style in order to motivate students to attend class.

"I've flipped the classroom and reduced the lecturing and introduced in-class activities," Castoldi said. "The activities are a good component of the course grade, so the students are forced to come to class."

These alternative ways of getting students to come to class seem to work for most professors because students want to receive the grade they think they deserve.

"I always give extra bonus points for regular attendance," professor Henri Gooren said. "I find that all students love the extra bonus points for regular attendance and active participation."

Whether a class is taught in a huge lecture hall or a smaller classroom, most professors

still believe attending class is beneficial for students, not just their grades.

"The importance of attending class springs from the purpose in taking the class," professor Gina Zasadny said.

Zasadny believes that lectures and classroom activities "serve to enlighten, clarify, enhance and supplement whatever material is an essential part of a particular class."

"Otherwise, formal class time would be deemed irrelevant and it would simply be replaced with textbooks," Zasadny said. "Such an alternative would result in ill-prepared students struggling to graduate."

Simply reading a textbook outside of class rather than hands-on learning is not what many professors have in mind when it comes to being successful within a college course.

"Being exposed to a subject in a number of different ways helps," Castoldi said. "Hands-on activities, for example, challenge the student to confront the reality and be able to apply that knowledge. Reading the textbook, attending the lecture, participating in in-class activities is of utmost importance for the learning process."

Students and professors see attendance differently in many cases, as students do not feel that they should be forced to come to each lesson.

Senior Nick Dado believes that attendance should not be mandatory.

"We are the ones paying for the classes and are capable of making our own decisions. If we choose not to go to class it should be our responsibility as students to get caught up," Dado said.

Whether students get away with skipping class and get by, or fall behind and fail, many still feel it should be their choice.

"Skipping classes may hurt your grades, however, we pay for these classes out of our own pocket," student Jon Sulek said. "We are aware of the consequences if we choose not to attend class."



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Doris Plantus teaches several courses, including The Bible as Literature and Masterpieces of World Literature.

Not so general education

New gen. ed. classes offer experiences out of the 'ordinary'

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Intern

With class registration rapidly approaching, students are trying to figure out which general education courses to take.

Interesting classes can make the requirements of 40 credits less tiresome.

For Honors College students, there is even more of a task—in addition to their 40 credit hours of required courses, they are required to make 12 of those credits Honors College gen. eds.

Fritz McDonald, chair of the general education committee, said that the success a student has in a general education course is dependent on his or her interests.

"Students who have a major plan are most interested in courses in that field," McDonald said.

But when a student doesn't know what field he or she is going into, or if the general education options aren't really fitting with a student's major, it can be tough finding interesting courses.

The Honors College offers many different classes for students to take. From courses on gaming, lyrics, TV shows and

more, there's a wide variety to choose from.

John Wermuth, professor for the To Game or Not to Game Western Civilization course, said that it's important for students to learn beyond the norm.

"Students should gain perspective beyond rhetoric. Typically, classrooms are full of regurgitating information. This isn't always bad, but there's more to the world than that," Wermuth said. "I want students to gain a bit of perspective of the world around them."

His course will appeal to not only those who like video games, but according to Wermuth, "students who don't like video games will get a different perspective. It might open their eyes up a bit, and they might get a bit more out of it."

A recently introduced and popular general education option is the course on "Downton Abbey."

The course explores life during Edwardian England but also incorporates Oakland's own history of Meadow Brook Hall.

Randall Engle, the professor of the course, explained who would enjoy it.

"I've been surprised that the 'typical' student enters the class having never even seen 'Downton Abbey,'" Engle said. "The appeal is not the show. The appeal, I hope, is the immersion into another world."

Doris Plantus teaches a slightly different course: The Poetry of Lyrics: Storytelling with Music.

Her course aims to examine lyrics throughout history and how stories are told through them.

"Poetry, without music, tries to be music through lyrics. Lyrics aren't just there to give something to say, the lyrics have to combine with the music to have a meaning," Plantus said.

She explains that her course, and by extension the Honors College courses, are different than normal general education courses.

"Gen. ed. suggests 'general knowledge,'" she said. "This is different. It takes it out of normal expectations and situates it somewhere else. Just because it's a gen. ed. doesn't mean it's ordinary."

However, students who are not part of the Honors College still have some interesting options to explore. The Foundations of Rock course, taught by Carly Uhrig, meets both the arts gen. ed. and the U.S. diversity gen. ed.

"I think students enter a Monday evening class afraid that they'll spend the whole time trying to stay awake," she said. "Instead, most find that I'm very high energy and bouncing off the walls. I really think that any student would like this. There is definitely something in there for everyone."

Class registration starts at the end of the month. For specific dates of when to register, students are encouraged to talk to their advisers and plan their schedules now.

Time to strategize: How to get the right work experience

Alexus Bomar
Staff Intern

On Thursday, March 12, Career Services and Second Year Experience (SYE) held "15 Ways to Gain Career-Related Experience," an event that taught students strategies to make sure they land an experience that will go well with their major.

Career Services specializes in helping students prepare for life after college. Through internships, career tips and interview skills, they strive to make the real-world transition easier.

"One thing I will say is that it is so important for students to begin looking for career-related experiences such as job shadowing, informational interviewing, volunteering and internships early in their college experience," said Stefanie James, graduate assistant for SYE.

They also spoke about ways to use the Internet to search for career related experiences. Career Services emphasizes how important networking is and where to find all of the opportunities.

"There are over 250 student organizations on campus and joining one will definitely help to boost your resume," Career Services Ambassador Bani Bordoloi said.

"I came to this event to find out more about the opportunities out there," sophomore Wanting Yu said.

Career Services has more opportunities coming up for students to learn how to net-

work, find internships, improve resumes and provide tips for interviews.

"Over 100 employers come to our career fairs," Bordoloi said. "Even if you aren't looking for an internship or job at the moment, it's good practice to go to these events."

SYE is a program at Oakland University designed to help students get involved and fulfill a successful semester.

Throughout the year, an SYE student receives information about major and minor explorations, career engagements, how to get involved on campus and ways to get involved in the community.

"Although graduating seems far away for first and second year students, the earlier they can get that experience, the better, and meeting with an academic adviser for Second Year Experience will help students navigate that process," James said.

SYE wants students to be prepared with well-developed resumes and great interview tips that will help them to get employed in the future. They also make sure students are pursuing careers that they really want.

For sophomores that are a part of the SYE, there is an event on April 7 at noon. There will be a Halfway to Graduation Celebration in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.

For more information, visit Career Services in North Foundation Hall or visit their website at www.oakland.edu/careerservices.

Get organized and gain experience

- Build a resume that displays experiences and skills
- Do mock interviews with Career Services
- Get involved with one of the 250+ student orgs on campus
- Job shadow professionals or do volunteer work
- Practice your elevator pitch
- Attend career events
- Join professional organizations on/off campus
- Check OU Career Link and other online job boards

School's almost done, but the real fun is just beginning

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

A carnival, glow-in-the-dark paint and professional acoustic music artists are just a few of the exciting things students have to look forward to in the coming weeks.

The Student Program Board (SPB) has a lot in store for campus with the weather—and everyone's spirits—beginning to warm up.

Acoustic Coffeehouse

The first of two new events presented by SPB is the "Acoustic Coffeehouse," where students will be able to kick back for a low-key evening of relaxation.

"We haven't done anything as chill as this," Hall said.

Rylin Ploe, chair and executive board member of SPB, said that SPB is excited to use Acoustic Coffeehouse as a springboard into this semester's brand-new upcoming events.

Acoustic Coffeehouse will take place in the entire café extension, both inside and outside of Café O'Bear's March 25 from 7-10 p.m.

The event will include open mic before and after the artists perform.

All attendees are able to enjoy a coffee bar where they can sample and create a variety of delicious coffeehouse-inspired drinks while taking in the acoustic musings of Mieka Pauley and The Ballroom Thieves.

Springfest

In addition to OU's first acoustic music event, SPB is also hosting one of its biggest events to date: Springfest.

"It's definitely a festival," said SPB annual events coordinator Arkeem Scott. Ploe added that Springfest is really three events rolled into one.

Taking place April 17 from 4-11 p.m., students will have all afternoon and evening to enjoy

the myriad of amusements that SPB has planned.

Springfest will include an outdoor carnival with local food trucks and performances by those competing in Battle of the Bands, which students can register and audition for until March 25.

Additionally, as the sun sets, students can take part in the third component of Springfest: an event SPB is calling "Paint-U."

During Paint-U, students will be provided with free shirts to wear as they throw, squirt and splatter completely safe and washable glowing, fluorescent paints on themselves, their friends and the courtyard outside of the Oakland Center.

Professional DJs will also be spinning the hottest tracks all night long as students move, glow and enjoy this completely free event.

"We've never really done anything messy," said Brittany Hall, SPB associate chair. SPB is eager



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The Student Program Board has an array of events lined up for the rest of this semester, including two new ones: "Acoustic Coffeehouse" and "Springfest."

to see how students will respond to these new events.

Hump Day

Students can also look forward to more SPB "Hump Days" in the coming weeks.

"Hump Day started about two years ago and it was originally a special event," Scott said. Hump Days now take place about once a month (on Wednesdays) throughout each semester and always have a theme, Scott said.

"We always try to do holidays during the winter semester," Scott said. "So far we've done a Spirit Hump Day, Love Hump

Day and next week is Luck Over Hump Day for St. Patrick's Day."

Scott said the one after that will be a karaoke Hump Day.

"Hump Days are a lot of fun," Scott said, "WXOU is usually busting out jams, we have activities going on and there's always a chance to win prizes."

Hump Days usually take place from 12-2 p.m. on their predetermined days each semester, and unless otherwise noted, are located in the Fireside Lounge.

Students can stay updated on Hump Day happenings via the Hump Day Facebook page through SPB.

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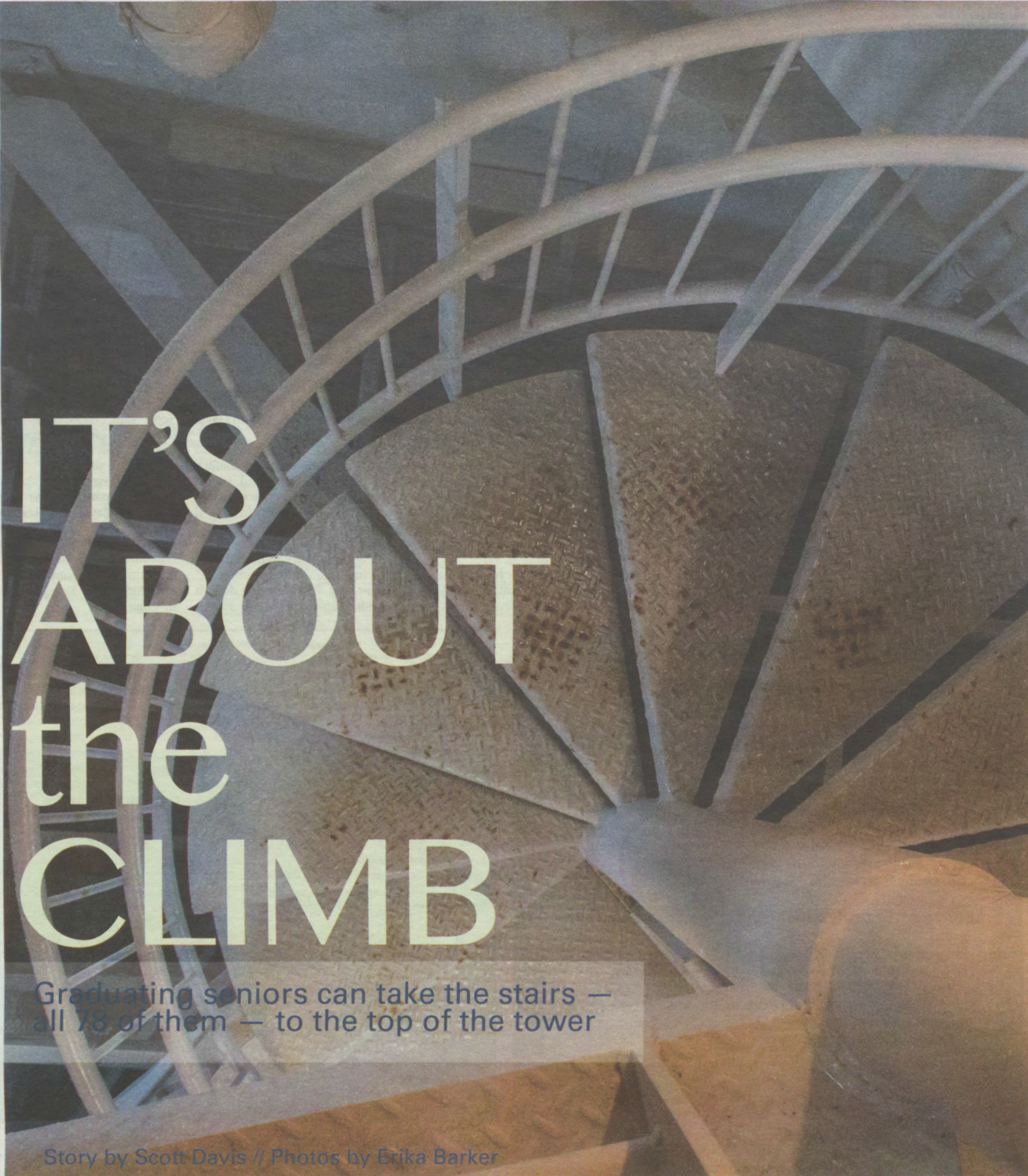
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Enjoy coffee and desserts during the performances of Mieka Pauley and The Ballroom Thieves! This event is free and will have an Open Mic portion of the night, so arrive early to sign up for that! Come out and have fun, grab some free giveaways, and enjoy the show!





IT'S ABOUT the CLIMB

Graduating seniors can take the stairs —
all 78 of them — to the top of the tower

Story by Scott Davis // Photos by Erika Barker



As part of the senior class gift, graduating students can tour the Elliott Tower if they donate \$20.15 or more before April 4. They will be taken up by volunteers to view the stairs, carillon and the rest of campus from a unique birds-eye view.

Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

From almost anywhere on campus, the Elliott Tower stands tall and noticeable. Now, thanks to the Senior Class Gift Committee and the Annual Giving department, seniors have the opportunity to witness a different view of the tower.

As part of the senior class gift, graduating students who make a gift of \$20.15 or more to the senior class gift fund prior to April 4 will be invited to climb the Elliott Tower. Students eligible to attend commencement in spring (March and June graduates) will be invited when they make the donation.

The climb is limited to undergrads through doctoral students who are eligible to graduate this spring, but those graduating in December 2015 or beyond will have a separate opportunity to climb Elliott Tower.

Once a student makes the donation and his or her graduated status is verified, he or she will receive a link to sign up for a date to make the climb. The climb is currently scheduled for dates between April 13 and 18, with final dates dependent on the number of students who donate.

Students who make a gift of \$50 will receive an invite for a VIP reception in addition to the climb. This includes breakfast with Dennis Curry, the tower's official carillonneur, meeting other campus VIPs and a special extended tour of Elliott Tower.

Adrienne Penney, assistant director of Annual Giving, said that the

"I think everyone is curious about what it is like inside the Elliott Tower. As far as I know, no other university in Michigan has a similar program, so it's really a unique OU experience."

Adrienne Penney,
Assistant Director of Annual Giving

committee was inspired from the Elliott Tower dedication last September to come up with a way to honor the generosity of the Elliots. The committee hopes to create a new tradition for donors around the structure that is special to the campus.

"I think everyone is curious about what it is like inside the Elliott Tower," Penney said. "As far as I know, no other university in Michigan has a similar program, so it's really a unique OU experience."

This climb is expected to be in high demand and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Since the tour was voted as the senior class gift and few students have climbed the Elliott Tower, the offer makes for an exciting and exclusive event.

"I like the fact that we get to be one of the first groups to go up into the clock tower," senior Kelsey Kobylarek said. "I think it's going to be a very exciting and rewarding experience."

More information can be found at www.isupportOU.com/seniors.

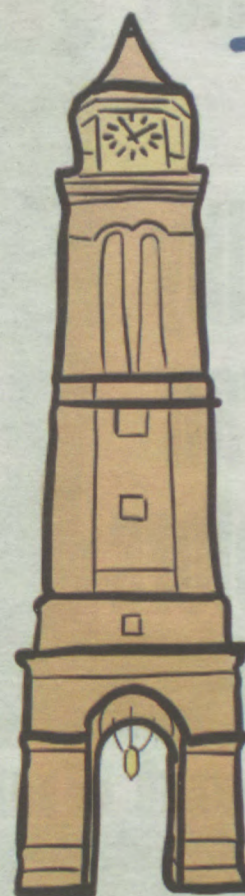


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Tower Talk

An insider's look at the Elliott Tower

- The largest bell weighs around 5,000 pounds and is five feet in diameter
- The total weight of all 49 bells is over 30,000 pounds (over 15 tons)
- This tower is one of the tallest bell towers on a U.S. college campus
- The carillon bell tower features a full chromatic 49-bell carillon ranging from low C, around 5,000 pounds, to high C, at 24 pounds
- This traditional hand-action instrument provides the complete musical range to play any composition
- Twenty five of the bells will also have the capability of being played automatically
- The clock is approximately 9'6" in diameter and 151 feet tall
- The minute hand is 54 and 3/4 feet long from center of the clock to outside tip

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- 1. WATER.** Alcohol causes dehydration, so water is the number one key in getting over a hangover.
- 2. ALKA-SELTZER.** It contains sodium bicarbonate (a.k.a. baking soda), which helps settle a queasy stomach.
- 3. COFFEE.** Caffeine can help relieve headaches and migraines, but it also causes dehydration. Drinking water in addition to the coffee is most beneficial.
- 4. CARBS.** They help bring your blood sugar levels back up and get you energized.
- 5. SLEEP.** After a night of drinking, people don't usually get the best night's sleep. Sleeping it off will help your body and brain recover.
- 6. MEDICATION.** Popping a painkiller such as aspirin or ibuprofen is an easy solution. Tylenol (acetaminophen), however, can make conditions worse.
- 7. EXERCISE.** The release of endorphins could boost your mood, but if you're sweating, be sure to keep hydrating.
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- 9. GINGER TEA.** Ginger helps eliminate nausea. In addition to helping you rehydrate, tea has the added benefits of antioxidants.
- 10. PREVENTION.** Limiting drinks to about one per hour, eating before drinking and drinking water and alcohol simultaneously are the best ways to prevent a hangover.

— Compiled by Megan Carson, Copy Editor

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



- 1.** "Flirting tip: carve your number into a potato or a food of your choice and roll it towards eligible males you wish to court with."
- 2.** "Brace yourselves—the longboarders are coming."
- 3.** "What do you get when you cross alcohol and literature? Tequila Mockingbird."
- 4.** "Just saw someone back out of a parking spot when they had the option of pulling through. #SAVAGE."
- 5.** "I checked Yik Yak and then realized I'm on spring break, and I don't go here. Whoops. Hi guys."
- 6.** "Nicer weather = loss of academic motivation."
- 7.** "I'm watching you, Wazowski. Always watching."
- 8.** "Raise your hand if you have ever been personally victimized by Chartwells."
- 9.** "If you're in public and talk on your speaker phone, I hate you."
- 10.** "This weather makes me confused on what to wear."

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter

TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the week

- 1.** Father John Misty — "I Love You, Honeybear"
- 2.** Title Fight — "Hyperview"
- 3.** Twerps — "Range Anxiety"
- 4.** Jose Gonzalez — "Vestiges and Claws"
- 5.** Sleater-Kinney — "No Cities to Love"
- 6.** Cloakroom — "Further Out"
- 7.** Sonny and the Sunsets — "Talent Night at the Ashram"
- 8.** Jeff Rosenstock — "We Cool?"
- 9.** Matthew E. White — "Fresh Blood"
- 10.** Tuxedo — "Tuxedo"



Tuxedo — "Tuxedo"

"Tuxedo," the new project from DJ Jake One and Ann Arbor's own Mayer Hawthorne, brings the funk with a true appreciation of and commitment to the style like no other release has in recent memory.

On "Tuxedo," Hawthorne ditches the vintage 60s Motown vibe that he is known for and slides into a set of sexy, 80s-inspired dance pop. Standout tracks like "Do It," "Number One" and "So Good" sound like they belong next to "Off the Wall"-era Michael Jackson on a throwback Spotify playlist.

Don't let the twinkling synthesizers and handclap tracks fool you into thinking that Hawthorne is completely changing up his style. While the sharp-dressed singer may have traded one throwback style for another, his same soulful croon remains.

This is love-making music.

Start with: "Do It," "Get U Home" and "So Good." Recommended if you like: Mayer Hawthorne, dancing, "Off the Wall"-era Michael Jackson, hating on Nickelback.

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director



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Opening the floor for private talk

Women empowerment performance returns to campus

By Haylee Sugameli
Staff Intern

Vaginas are taking over Oakland University as the Gender & Sexuality Center brings to life the award-winning play "The Vagina Monologues."

The play is based off V-day founder and playwright Eve Ensler and her interviews with over 200 women.

Ensler interviewed these women about their vaginas and their experiences. The play covers every range of emotions and gives women the chance to portray other females that are able to talk open and freely about their sexuality, including the use of the word "vagina."

"The Vagina Monologues," by providing an outlet for women's experiences, allows for women who participate or attend the performances to feel that they aren't alone in their experiences," said Grace Wojcik, who is in her fourth year as the coordinator for OU's Gender & Sexuality Center. "By bringing what are often seen as taboo issues to

the forefront, women's voices and experiences are lifted for more people to hear."

"It's called the 'Vagina Monologues,'" was Kelsey Cunningham's response for why she wanted to be a part of the play.

Cunningham is a junior majoring in women and gender studies and psychology.

Natalee Baeten is a senior who will be graduating in May with a sociology major and a women and gender studies minor.

"I'd heard about it last year and wondered what it was about," Baeten said. "Then in one of my WGS courses, we watched a clip of a few women's performances of them and I was hooked. When I saw the ad this year I made sure I was there to try out."

The play is meant to empower women to use the word "vagina" more freely.

"This play gives women an interesting chance to speak through the experiences of other women. I think this takes time, effort, talent and attention to detail," Baeten said.

"It is one thing to try and understand yourself. To attempt to embody another woman, telling her story aloud for an audience, pushes you further than you would yourself. It is a way for us to communicate with one

another in a language purposefully ambiguous. Perhaps hearing or reading another woman's story could give someone else that extra push to share her own, whatever way she wishes to."

This empowering play could change the way OU sees vaginas.

"The first time I read through the script was the first time I heard anybody talk about their vaginas so openly," Cunningham said. "I'm already a feminist advocate, yet when I heard the many different stories, it changed the way I felt and envisioned my own body and feminine experience. I hope that if a so-called 'anti-feminist' hears or sees the 'Vagina Monologues,' they realize how important the feminist movement is."

"I hope they also realize the lack of information they have around their own bodies and the importance of not only self-love, but loving other women who may embody the feminine experience in others ways," she said.

The monologues will be performed twice on Friday, March 20 in 201 Dodge Hall. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The proceeds from ticket sales will go to benefit nonprofits working to end violence against women and girls.

Names to know

In an age of change, young feminists are taking the world by storm; know who's making an impact.

1. Emma Watson. "I have realized that fighting for women's rights has too often become synonymous with man-hating. If there is one thing I know for certain, it is that this has to stop."

The 24-year-old British actress has tackled the role of being the UN's Goodwill Ambassador and being the voice of the HeForShe campaign. Watson describes HeForShe as something both men and women can benefit from.

"It's an equality club for both genders," Watson said in a recent interview. "It's about men coming in support of women and women coming in support of men."



2. Alexandra Brodsky. "We can do better. If we want to end campus gender-based violence, lawmakers need to listen to survivors."

This 25-year-old Yale law student gets around. She's a writer for *feministing.com*, a founding member of Know Your IX, is currently working on the Feminist Utopia Project, has been published in big newspapers like *The New York Times* and *The Guardian* and has appeared on news networks like CNN and FOX News.

As a writer, Brodsky tackles campus culture issues like rape, sexual harassment and violence. Her latest post is about new legislation that, if passed, would require colleges to report all gender-related violence to the authorities.

"Consequently, if schools are required to pass along all reports to the cops, survivors may just report to no one at all, losing out on much-needed support services from their colleges," Brodsky writes.

"Gender-based violence not only imposes unconscionable harms on individuals but serves as an obstacle to social progress," Brodsky told *The Post*. "If women are to participate fully in public life, we need to be safe and truly free."



3. Malala Yousafzai. "Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, one teacher can change the world."

The youngest activist on this list stands up for girls all over the world having the right to an education.

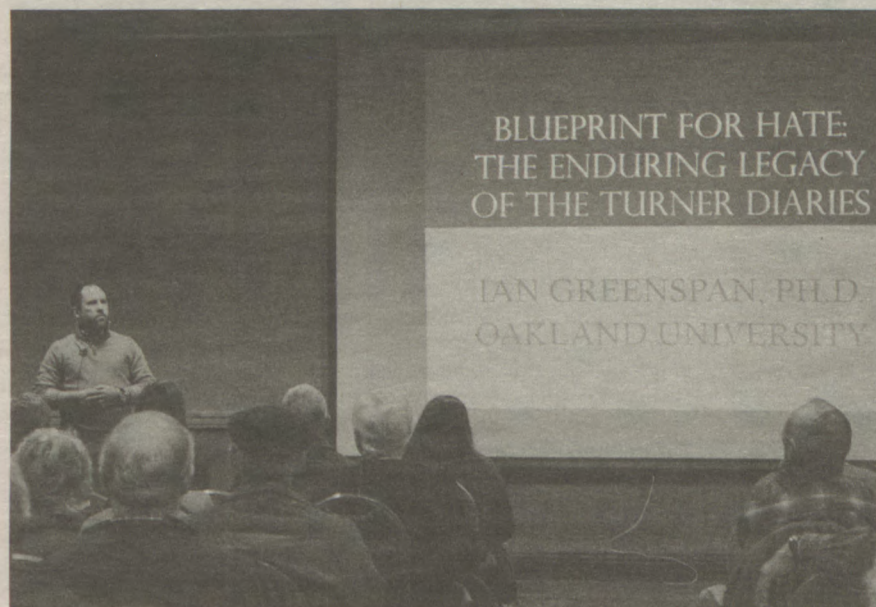
Yousafzai began her activism by anonymously blogging for the BBC about her life of being a woman living under the Taliban in 2009. When it was discovered that she was the blogger, the threats started rolling in.

In October 2012, a man boarded a bus in which Yousafzai was travelling and shot her in the head. She survived and hasn't given up on having her voice heard. In 2011, she was awarded Pakistan's National Peace Prize and was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 — she was only 16 years old at the time.



— Coined by Shelby Tankersley, Staff Reporter

Analyzing the 'long-lasting issue of white terrorism'



Nicole Fontana / The Oakland Post

This year's "History Comes Alive" event featured a lecture by Professor Ian Greenspan, Ph.D.

History professors discuss controversial novel 'The Turner Diaries'

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Intern

History came alive on Tuesday, March 10 at the "Blueprint for Hate: The Enduring Legacy of the 'Turner Diaries'" lecture series put on by the history department. The event attracted not only OU students and faculty, but community members from outside the university as well.

History professor Ian Greenspan, Ph.D., gave a presentation on the long-lasting issue of white terrorism.

Todd Estes, chairman of the history department, explained how the lecture series, "History Comes Alive," is in its 11th year. He said that the program is already in its planning stages for next year, as well.

"What [the history department] is researching is of value and interest to a general audience," George Johannessen, one of the attendees, said. "One evening a month is worth it."

The "Turner Diaries," a book written by William Pierce, is "poorly written nonsense," according to Greenspan.

"The book was released as his white supremacist organization, the National Alliance, came off of the ground," Greenspan said. "It's not terribly convincing. It's a dystopian novel, but he's no George Or-

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Ian Greenspan, Ph.D.
History Professor

well."

"Pierce's book provides a very inclusive outlook that appeals to vast numbers on the Radical Right and continues as essential reading for a wide range of anti-government individuals and groups," Greenspan explained.

"It's deceptively simple, yet extremely multi-layered and a sophisticated text," Greenspan said. "Journalists see it as neo-Nazi ideological manifesto and law enforcement sees it as a technical handbook of terror."

But the book wasn't just written out of racist sentiment. Greenspan said that the book "called light to the liberal changes in the '60s and '70s and that Pierce thought of these as triggers to a war."

The book inspired the terrorist acts of Joseph Paul Franklin, The Silent Brotherhood, Timothy McVeigh, John William King and Anders Breivik. In all cases, these acts were committed on an individual basis, which Greenspan said was the most dangerous part of this book.

Greenspan called students to action at the end of his lecture.

"We need to recognize the danger of this text and what it can do to readers. We might be surprised at who has read it."

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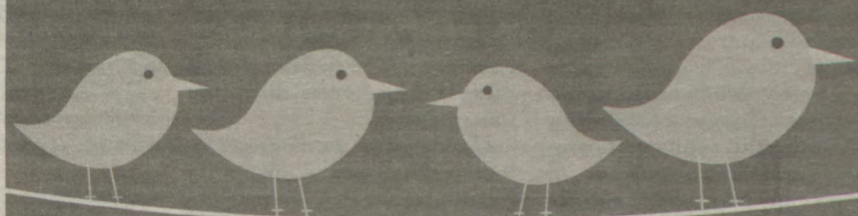


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If all goes according to plan, the campus golf courses will open for the spring and summer seasons in early April.

Par for the course

Campus golf courses nearly ready to prep for spring season

Sean Gardner
Web Editor

The sun is shining, the snow is melting and the sounds of birds chirping return as golf season inches closer.

For OU, this means preparing its two courses — R & S Sharf and Katke-Cousins — for recreational and golf team uses.

However, Mother Nature has had other ideas as a harsh winter and record-setting temperatures has stalled the process.

"It's all depending on the weather," said Tom Schall, head golf course superintendent. "As it looks right now, I'd guess the beginning of April. There's a lot of snow out there and a lot of water."

Most of the work cannot be started until a majority of the snow has melted away, which leaves many at the golf course anxious.

"We have to assess what the winter has done to the greens. That makes a difference on how soon we can play," Kelly Carter, business manager at the Golf and Learning Center said.

Up-keep of the course involves long days for the 20-25

person crew, working at least 40 hours a week.

The initial process is maintaining the grass length, but also having to put out all the accessories — such as pins and ball washers.

Once open, the golf courses will be the location of many golf outings — some are university related, such as the alumni outings, but many are outside of the university.

During the summer time, there is an outing almost every Monday, according to Carter.

For the past three years, OU has hosted the Michigan PGA championship. It was contracted for those three years, however.

According to Schall, Oakland Athletics has been contacted to replace that event with an NCAA championship.

Although the courses host many events during the summer, students still have an opportunity to enjoy the courses at a discount.

To play the Katke-Cousins course, full-time students are charged \$14 for 18 holes during the week and \$20 for the weekends.

The Sharf course is more expensive at \$70 and \$75 dollars, but includes a cart for the long and open style course.

After a round of golf, golfers can find their way to Finnegan's and enjoy the signature dish of fish and chips. Like the golf course, Finnegan's is aiming to open early April, weather permitting.

For more information and to book a tee time, visit oakland.edu/golf/teetime.

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Golf course info

Katke-Cousins: \$14 for 18 holes on weekdays and \$20 for 18 holes on the weekends.

Sharf: \$70/75 and includes cart for both long and open style courses.

Both are scheduled to open in early April, weather permitting.

Students take the next stage of life

Theatre seniors perform on stage in the Big Apple

Alexus Bomar
Staff Intern

After showcasing their talents to their Oakland University families on Feb. 19, theatre major seniors went off to the Davenport Theater in New York on March 2 for two performances.

According to the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance's Facebook page, the Davenport Theater was packed with theatre business-people ready to sign students.

Many of the students signed with agents, and many will be returning to New York in a few weeks for more auditions and opportunities to make themselves known.

Despite having their flight home being cancelled twice, Stacey Fleming and her fellow seniors made the best of it and enjoyed New York. Fleming said that everyone did a fantastic job and received callbacks.

Opportunities like this can help students gain experience, create networking opportunities, get exposed to professionals in the industry and, possibly, snagging a career in something they love.

Fleming said she will be heading back to New York to audition for the non-equity tour of "Mamma Mia."

She also received a call from a casting director about a new show starting in April. They are interested in her being apart of it.

"I learned so much from this experience," Fleming said. "Everything from how to create opportunities for myself to which subway line takes you where," Fleming said.

Fleming has some advice for future seniors.

"Just be yourself. Don't try to make agents like you. Just present your best work and whatever happens is meant to happen," she said. "Be confident in your training and talent. It is there, so use it."

Some additional fun: according to the Department of MTD Facebook page, musical theatre professor and director Fred Love and vocal coach Julie Malloy ran into alum Elise Castle (BA '07) at the Lion Theater in New York.

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Photo courtesy of the MTD department

While in New York City, theatre seniors were able to perform onstage at the Davenport Theater to an audience of theatre business executives.



Photos by Dave Jackson / The Oakland Post

TOP Christina Root and Yeriko Vargas were first in line for the Chicago tickets. They arrived at 5 p.m. the night before tickets went on sale. **LEFT** Some SPB staff members had to help push linegoers out of the way to one side of the basement hallway. **RIGHT** Many students brought blankets, pillows and sleepwear in the hopes they could get a little rest while waiting all night.

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

There are very few places someone can travel to and receive room and board and transportation for \$60 — unless that someone is an Oakland University student.

The Student Program Board rolled out Chicago as its winter semester overnight trip. Tickets became available for purchase Friday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m.

"Last year was the first time it was an overnight trip," said SPB travel coordinator and junior Kerry Zhu.

Zhu said that in the past, students would leave very early in the morning for Chicago and come back very late at night, but after SPB made the trip an overnight occasion, there was little question that students were pleased with this change.

During the fall 2014 semester, SPB planned a trip to New York where students could travel for only \$200. Needless to say, tickets were in high demand.

Zhu said that students

waited in line from 5:00 p.m. the day before tickets were available for purchase.

"We had enough people in line at 10:30 p.m. that night to call the trip 'sold out,'" Zhu said, but she couldn't make a prediction about the ticket-acquisition process for this semester's Chicago trip.

"It depends on the students and what the trip is worth to them," Zhu said, adding that for bigger trips, students line up in the patio area outside Bumpers Game Room.

Students spent the night in the basement of the Oakland

Center in line last semester to ensure that they were in the right place when the New York trip tickets went on sale, and it was a similar scene this semester for Chicago.

While there were enough people, according to Zhu, to call the New York trip sold out before midnight the night before the official on-sale date, there was a surplus of tickets available for Chicago this year.

Zhu estimated that between the three charter buses scheduled for transportation to Chicago, there were

roughly 100 seats available for students, and at approximately 7 a.m. on the morning of Friday, March 13, there were just under half of those 100 spots left.

Although students still waited diligently all night long outside of the CSA ticket window, there was a good chance of securing a ticket the morning of sale, and after sleeping a night in one's own warm bed.

Regardless of not being able to predict students' enthusiasm for a particular trip or what kind of priority they

will place on being first in line to purchase tickets, SPB does know that student trips are here to stay.

"I've been on the [executive] board for three years and involved [with SPB] for four years, and it's been cool to see how Chicago has grown," said SPB associate chair Brittany Hall, reiterating student excitement over making Chicago an overnight event.

"All of our trips are diverse and fun, and it's a great experience for students. Everyone should come check it out if they're able to," Zhu said.

Next in line: the Windy City

Students brave the indoor elements all night long for tickets to SPB's Chicago trip

If you're going...

WHAT

Overnight trip to Chicago, sponsored by Student Program Board.

WHEN

Students depart from OU at 6 a.m. April 18 and will return the following evening.

SATIRE

Movies killed the movie star

Josh Soltman
Chief Copy Editor/Movie buff

If you're a "Star Wars" fan like me, you should be severely titillated at the thought of a reboot in the series. At first, I was so excited I couldn't keep food down. I'd been waiting ever since I was a kid for more. Even hearing the disappointing news that Disney was going didn't detract from my glee. In my mind, I was back to being a child and actually happy again.

But, then I started thinking about all of the recent, and not so recent, film reboots that have been just plain awful, some being more painful to endure than watching Floyd Mayweather try to read ("Last House on the Left," I'm looking at you).

The most recent announced remake that makes my blood curdle was the announcement of a "Ghostbusters" remake. The fresh twist, apparently, is that it will feature an all-female cast. I have no qualms with an all-female cast (and I love me some Kristen Wiig), but to me it seems like a desperate attempt to rake in a few bucks.

The all-female flick received a bevy of online criticism, so Sony "decided" to also concoct another reboot with a male cast. At this point, it seems almost blasphemous to make a version with either cast. The original movie had one of the most iconic casts of all time, so why not just leave well enough alone?

It seems like the 21st century is a period devoid of creativity, especially in films. The "Ghostbusters" reboot is just the tip of the iceberg; and it's certainly nothing new.

One flick I remember watching many years ago was a remake of "My Bloody Valentine." It was at the height of the 3D trend popularity,

and we all remember how awesome that was. I typically hate horror movies, but the original was one of my all-time favorite horror movies. Well, the remake just consisted of awkward sex scenes and heads being chopped off. Oh, and of course that great 3D technology that made the pick-axe look like it was coming right at you!

I can take solace in the fact that when I saw "My Bloody Valentine" I was on a second date and I got some solid under shirt, over bra action after the movie. Still, I was not too happy about what I had just watched.

And that has been my experience with most remakes or reboots. It's never as good. Great characters are polluted by terrible modern-day actors that belong nowhere near a movie set (the jackass from the newer "Footloose"), or plots and stories are ripped totally to hell. The "Evil Dead" series was absolutely fantastic, and the remake that came out a few years ago made me wonder what I had done in a previous life to be subjected to the abomination I was experiencing.

Of course, every now and then the movie industry buttholes get something right with a remake. The two newer "Star Trek" films were damn good, but that may just be due to the fact that anything Zachary Quinto does is God-like.

The sad part about it all is that it seems like as the years go by, there are less and less new stories being told. Sometimes it's good to revisit great stories and great memories, sure, but there is a fine line between reimagining a story and just plain laziness.

Unfortunately, this is the trap that the film industry seems to be falling in, and even though some reboots are hits, most are misses.



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Sneak peak of a scene from the upcoming sequel, "Star Wars: The force awakens."

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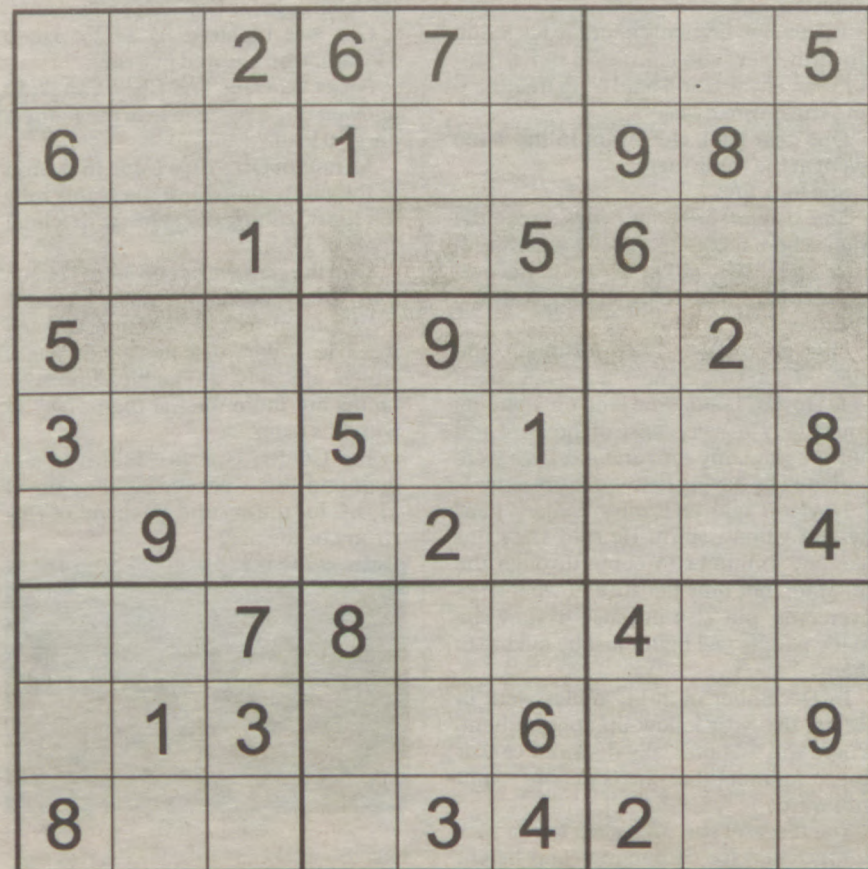
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- 62: Released, as lava

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- 3: Have the final say
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Waller overcame osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer, and spent the last few years at Oakland setting records with the swim team.

Keeping her head above water

How cancer survivor Grace Waller fought for success against all odds

Kristen Davis
Staff Reporter

Senior Grace Waller just finished her final season as a member of Oakland University's swim team.

She helped the Grizzlies extend its streak of conference titles from 17 to 21, had second and third place finishes in the conference meet her sophomore season, and her 10:19.93 finish in 1000 freestyle her junior season is the sixth fastest time in Oakland history.

She will graduate in May with a degree in communication.

She spent the last year working as a sideline reporter for volleyball and men and women's basketball for the Horizon League Network, which airs on ESPN3.

But what makes Waller special is what she overcame on her journey here.

When the Illinois-native was 15 years old, she was a high school superstar swimmer and two-time state qualifier who believed she was invincible.

After experiencing pain for several months from what she thought was either a torn ligament or tendonitis in her right knee, she went in for an X-ray the Monday after her state swim meet in 2008.

The diagnosis

Doctors discovered a tumor, and a biopsy a week later confirmed Waller had osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer that occurs commonly in children and teenagers.

"I remember my mom coming into the bedroom because I was recovering from the biopsy, and my world kind of flipped upside-down," Waller said.

She spent a total of a year and a half at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, where she had six initial rounds of chemotherapy to shrink the tumor before undergoing surgery to replace her knee and six inches of her femur.

Her treatment concluded with 15 additional rounds of chemotherapy.

The changes in her life challenged her physically and mentally. She had to relearn how to walk and it took her brain a while to adjust to the metal in her knee.

But, Waller was strong. She never felt sorry for herself and she never wanted to give up.

She found ways to cope with the obstacles she faced and maintain a positive attitude.

"My mom and I had this thing where when I started feeling sick or started feeling sorry for myself, I'd pull a name out of a hat and I'd make a craft for them or pray for them," she said.

She swam in between rounds of chemotherapy to exercise. Getting back in the pool - the place she calls home - was the only thing she could do to make her life feel normal.

In 2009, just weeks after she finished her 21st and final round of chemotherapy, she swam in the 200-meter freestyle at her high school sectional championships.

It was her first competition back and the only meet she competed in her junior year. She was still bald from treatment and she finished last.

One year later, she swam in the same event at the same meet.

She took first.

She also qualified for states, broke the high school record in the 500-meter freestyle and achieved her dream of becoming a college athlete by signing with the Grizzlies.

"We are really, really fortunate and blessed that Grace chose us," head coach Pete Hovland said. "She is an outstanding young lady in every sense of the word and our program, my staff and our lives were enriched by having her in our presence."

Hovland said he'll miss Waller's happy and vibrant spirit. He said she's unlike any swimmer to come through the program, not only because of what she's overcome, but also because of how she made people feel better just by talking to them.

In December of 2014, Waller went in for her five-year follow-up appointment, where she was officially declared cancer free, a moment that she is unable to put into words.

The disease, she says, gave her "a new appreciation for competing" and taught her to "enjoy the little things in life."

Grizzlies strike out against Raiders in first Horizon League games

Melissa Deutsch
Staff Reporter

The men's baseball team opened Horizon League play this weekend with a three-game series at returning Horizon League champion Wright State. The Golden Grizzlies struggled, dropping all three games to the Raiders 1-6, 2-6 and 4-11.

Starting pitcher Jason Hager gave up 6 hits and 6 runs in 4.1 innings pitched in game one for his first loss of the season.

Shortstop Mike Brosseau had the team's only run with a solo home run in the fourth inning.

In game two on Saturday, Oakland had three hits and one run in the top of the first inning, but gave the lead back immediately in the bottom of inning after giving up four hits and three runs.

Aaron Dehn was issued the loss with 5.1 innings pitched, eight hits and five runs.

Collin Gee gave up four hits and four runs with two strike outs in the first three innings for Oakland on Sunday.

Gee was replaced by senior Jacob Morton, who allowed five runs.

Lucas Scocchia and Chris Van Dyke allowed one a piece to give the Raiders an 11-0 lead.

All four of OU's runs came in the top of the ninth inning but the teams rally fell short, ending the game with a final score of 11-4.

"Not the start we hoped for in League Play," head coach John Musachio said.

"We need to look to improve each week in order to achieve our goals, which are very attainable. Improvements are more mental than physical with this team."

The Golden Grizzlies return to the diamond this weekend as they travel to UIC for the second weekend of Horizon League play.



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After this weekend's loss, the Grizzlies are looking to improve mentally and physically.



David Jackson / The Oakland Post

The team built an impressive record but slipped on the ice in its final game in the semifinals.

D3 hockey slips at the finish

Club closes record-breaking season with a stumble

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

After boasting an impressive 34-2-4 record this season, the division 3 hockey club team lost an overtime thriller to Florida Gulf Coast in the ACHA National Championship semifinals Friday, March 13.

The team went into the National Championship tournament in Pelham, Ala. as the number one seed in the north region and also held one of the best records in the ACHA. It headed into the tournament with over 10 days rest after a 6-1 loss to Hope College.

The tournament took place over the course of five consecutive days starting on Tuesday. There were 16 teams in four pools, with Oakland being the No. 1 seed in Pool D.

One of the difficult aspects of the tournament was the scheduling as the team had to play multiple games in consecutive days.

"Four consecutive games in four days is definitely a challenge, but our team was certainly well conditioned and that's

what we prepared for," senior co-captain Alex Zakucia said. "It was more of being prepared every day for that one game, and we were prepared every day, we just did not get the result we wanted."

The club defeated the University of Mississippi 7-4 on Tuesday in its first match-up in the tournament. Ole Miss scored the first goal and took a 1-0 lead going into the first intermission, but the Golden Grizzlies scored six goals in the second period and never looked back.

On Wednesday, the team faced the Metro State of Denver Roadrunners and pulled out a 6-5 overtime victory.

Associate head coach Zack Warson said that the game was a hard fought battle and it helped the team re-focus for the rest of the tournament.

The next day, the club cruised to a 4-0 victory over the California University of Pennsylvania Vulcans. Junior goalie Kyle Gagnon was able to stop all 31 shots he faced, while senior forward Jonathon Graham was one goal short of a hat trick.

The three victories secured a matchup with the Florida Gulf

Coast University Eagles in the semifinals — a team that handed the team their only loss in regulation this season on Nov. 21.

The Eagles made an impressive comeback as they trailed the Golden Grizzlies 3-1 in the late stages of the third period. Two late FGCU goals forced overtime and the Eagles scored the winning goal one minute into the extra period.

FGCU fell to Michigan State Spartans 6-2 in the National Championship game on Saturday afternoon.

Following one of the most successful seasons in Oakland hockey history, the team will graduate 10 seniors.

The team hopes its National Championship tournament experience will help them next season when the tournament comes to Grand Rapids.

"It was an unbelievable season for us and it was a season like I have never experienced," Warson said. "Any time you can play in those national tournaments and in those do or die games, you take away experience from them. Our guys have got another year from playing in that and that will help them."

Grizzlies' hoops come up short in CIT

After a resurgence in February, Oakland returns to mediocrity in March

Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

It was a disappointing conclusion to a season of lows, highs and lows.

Oakland men's basketball fell to Eastern Illinois 97-91 at the O'rena Tuesday night in the first round of the CIT tournament.

The defeat saddled the Golden Grizzlies with a final record of 16-17 — their third consecutive losing season. Oakland won just five of its first 17 games, rallied during Horizon League play to finish third with an 11-5 record, but lost their last three games to fall back below .500.

Sophomore point guard Kahlil Felder set a career high with 37 points on 13 off 22 shooting. Felder also added 11 assists and eight rebounds, leading the team in all three categories.

In the seniors' final game, Dante Williams finished with 19 points and five rebounds. Corey Petros scored 12 points and four rebounds. Ralph Hill didn't play.

After the game, Williams said he would've loved to win his final home game.

"I'd rather have zero points and win than 19 points and lose," Williams said.

For Eastern Illinois, Reg-

gie Smith scored 26 points and collected five rebounds. Trae Anderson added 19 points and six rebounds.

EIU made 15 of 31 threes. Oakland was 10 for 36.

Felder said after the game that they couldn't stop them: "They were raining threes out there, even their post players."

Noteworthy about the CIT tournament this year is the fact that officials are running a 30 second shot clock as opposed to the traditional 35 seconds. This accounts for the high-scoring game — Oakland took 72 shots well over its average of 52 attempts.

Post-defeat, Oakland coach Greg Kampe had nothing but praise for the visiting Panthers.

"They played great," he said. "They were making everything."

Looking ahead, Oakland will have six new players on the roster next season, including three incoming freshmen and three major-college transfers, according to Kampe.

He said that he believes four of them will play significant roles next season.

Most importantly, however, will be the return of Felder. The team's success in 2016 will be on Felder's shoulders — no pressure.



Kahlil Felder brings the ball up the court in the second half of Tuesday's CIT game. The Grizz Gang dressed in all green for St. Patrick's Day.

Hoops season ends in league tournament

Future looks bright with the return of key players next season

Kristen Davis
Staff Reporter

The women's basketball season ended in the quarterfinals of the Horizon League tournament as they fell to the No. 2 Wright State Raiders 95-60 on Wednesday, March 11.

The Grizzlies finish the season 12-18 overall and 6-11 in conference play, which includes an 8-5 record at home.

They tied for sixth place with University of Illinois-Chicago in their second year as a member of the Horizon League.

Although the end of a season is tough to bare, Oakland will see the loss of only three seniors and will return several key players next season.

This includes four of the top five players leading the team in minutes per game and scoring — juniors Elena Popkey and Olivia Nash, and sophomores Sinclair Russell and Nola Anderson.

Popkey was the top-scoring guard for the Grizzlies with 12.4 points per game and she also dished 4.8 assists a night, which ranks fourth in the Horizon League.

On Feb. 4, she scored her



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Nola Anderson has led Oakland in scoring eight of its final 19 games.

1,000th career point as the Grizzlies defeated Green Bay on the road and handed the Phoenix their first league loss of the season.

Nash was the top-scoring big man with 13 points per game, and she finished just one point

shy of hitting her the 1,000 mark.

She led the team with 8.2 rebounds per game and her nine double-doubles this season tied for fourth most in the Horizon League.

Russell was named to the all-defensive team after she led the

entire Horizon League with 1.6 blocks per game and averaged 6.3 rebounds per game.

Anderson averages 11.6 points per game and has led Oakland in scoring eight of their final 19 games.

Freshmen forward Leah Somerfield and guard Korrin Taylor were also important players off the bench for the Grizzlies.

Somerfield averaged just 13.2 minutes but scored 4.6 points and recorded 3.2 rebounds per game.

Taylor's 7.7 minutes a night were crucial for giving other guards rest. She averaged just one turnover a night and with three guards graduating, she will likely get the chance to step up and contribute more minutes next year.

The Grizzlies will also gain a strong recruit in Taylor Jones of Falmington Hills Mercy.

Jones was named MLive Detroit player of the week of March 8 after leading Mercy to a Class A district title.

She is also a Miss Basketball finalist and averages 21 points per game for the Marlins.

The Grizzlies are 0-2 in the postseason since joining the Horizon League — a record that will hopefully improve next season with the return of an experienced and talented team.

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Swimming & diving

Oakland divers senior Tricia Grant and freshman Stirling Fordham competed in the 2015 NCAA Zone C Diving Championships last week at Ohio State University. Grant made her fourth appearance at the NCAA Zone Championships, but finished 19th overall with a score of 268.80 which was just outside the top 18 qualifiers for the Finals. Fordham finished 31st overall with a 246.75 score in his six dives.

Softball

The Golden Grizzlies traveled to Oxford, Ohio to compete in the Miami Invitational tournament last week. Oakland dropped four out of five games with its lone victory coming in walk-off fashion against the Dayton Flyers. For the season, Sarah Hartley is batting a staggering .438 with 32 hits and 22 rbi, leading the team in both categories. She also leads the team in home runs with five. Sara Cupp is also hot this season, batting .403 with 16 rbi. The team travels to UIC this weekend to kick off conference play.

Women's tennis

Oakland fell to Ball State 7-0 in Muncie, Indiana on Saturday. Elizabeth Guy and Tamara Blum had the only Golden Grizzly victory in a doubles match. Oakland will begin conference play against Milwaukee on March 21 and Green Bay on March 22 at Bloomfield Tennis & Fitness.

— Compiled by Jimmy Halmhuber

Horizon League Standings

Men's Basketball		W	L	W	L	Women's Basketball		W	L	W	L
1. Valparaiso		13	3	26	5	1. Green Bay		15	1	25	4
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3. OAKLAND		11	5	16	15	3. Cleveland State		10	6	18	11
4. Cleveland State		11	5	17	13	4. Youngstown State		9	7	20	9
5. Milwaukee		9	7	14	16	5. Detroit		7	9	12	17
6. Detroit		7	9	14	17	6. UIC		6	10	16	13
7. UIC		4	12	8	23	7. OAKLAND		6	10	12	17
8. Wright State		3	13	11	19	8. Milwaukee		5	11	10	19
9. Youngstown State		2	14	11	20	9. Valparaiso		2	14	6	24