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The Detroit Lions' executive sous chef competes in the Food Network Halloween Baking Championship. He talks about his interesting style, why he got into cooking, and what prepared him for the competition.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Are you excited for fall?

- A** No, summer was tragically cut too short!
- B** Yes, my fall fashion sense is always #OnFleek.
- C** Maybe, I'm really not looking forward to the colder weather.
- D** JUST SHOVE AN ENTIRE PUMPKIN IN MY A**!

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FACTS OF THE DAY

1. Breast Cancer Awareness Month was established in 1985.
2. A pumpkin is actually a squash!
3. October is also National Chili, Desert, Cookie and Pizza Month.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

TAIWANESE CULTURE // Oakland University's celebration of Taiwan Week is Sept. 25 through Oct. 2. During the week, students can visit the display in the Oakland Center, watch movies, see a dance recital and watch a variety of presentations about Taiwan.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

September 30th 1998

The Oakland Post office was temporarily relocated to Trailer B next to the Science and Engineering Building.

October 1st, 1997

Ford Motor Company donated a new automotive lab via a \$100,000 donation.

October 1st, 1990

OU Enrollment dipped during this semester as a result from there being less high school graduates to pick from. Two year university enrollment also increased by about 5 percent.

—Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, Staff Reporter



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A facilities meeting determined new project ideas and what construction projects could potentially happen on campus in the upcoming years.



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STUDENT LEADER RETREAT

Members of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives will travel to Ortonville this weekend for leadership development and empowerment.



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ATHLETICS RECAP

Oakland's soccer teams and volleyball had an eventful week of action, facing both Horizon League and nonconference teams.

BY THE NUMBERS

Breast Cancer Awareness

1 in 8

women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime

40,290

women who are estimated to die from breast cancer in 2015

28 million

women in the United States who have a history of breast cancer

2nd

Breast cancer is the 2nd leading cause of death in women

1 in 1000

men will get breast cancer in their lifetime

Editorial

Editorial: Who's really to blame for the tuition raise?

Kristen Davis
Editor-in-Chief



It's time to voice my unpopular opinion — I support the tuition raise.

Before you yell at me, hear me out.

This past week, President Hynd addressed state lawmakers in Lansing about the 8.48 percent tuition raise that he initiated this summer.

In case you forgot or didn't know, it violated the state cap. Oakland had to forfeit the \$1.2 million of performance-based state aid it would've received had it stayed under the percentage.

But, the loss wasn't much of a blow, since Oakland will now receive \$12 million more in revenue from tuition.

When Hynd presented the general fund budget and tuition rates for the 2016 fiscal year at the Board of Trustees special formal session in July, he said this is a "propitious" time at Oakland. He was right.

The 20,711 students who currently call themselves Golden Grizzlies are the most in school history. There are also the most undergraduate students (17,161) and "first-time at any college" students (2,716) in school history, too.

Historically, OU has been extremely underfunded by Michigan, with only 17 percent of its total revenue coming from the state — the remaining is from tuition.

Despite having the high-

est enrollment growth of Michigan's 15 public universities over the past five- and 10-year periods, Oakland still receives the lowest amount of state appropriation funding per student.

Therefore, the resources this university has are simply not adequate enough for the growth it's experiencing. Because of the small amount of state aid given, tuition has become the primary source of funds necessary to respond and adapt.

Oakland is also cleaning up its own expenditures, according to Director of Media Relations Brian Bierley. More than \$48 million of budget reductions have been made in the past 10 years.

Hynd has been criticized for stating that Oakland is a "student-centered" university and then raising tuition, but the funds from this raise are going towards areas aimed directly at benefitting students.

According to Bierley, this includes increasing financial aid for students by 11.7 percent.

Eleven faculty members will be added to improve Oakland's student-to-faculty ratio, which ranks second highest in the state among public universities.

There will be more advisers to help students stay on track and graduate, more research support for both faculty and students and more career resources and funded internships.

The number of labs, specialized teaching spaces and classroom equipment are also going to be increased.

Lastly, facility upgrades and expansion will also be made possible from the

raise, including the expansion of the Oakland Center and Elliott Hall.

I understand the frustration of feeling like the money you're paying is being used towards projects you might never benefit from, but if every graduate of Oakland thought that way, our campus wouldn't be what it is right now.

There have been several renovations and additions that we have gotten to enjoy that wouldn't have been possible without tuition dollars of students before us.

We wouldn't get to live in a new dorm or take classes in a new engineering building.

We wouldn't get to play intramural sports under the lights on the turf fields or host the Horizon League outdoor track and field championships.

We should take pride in the fact that we are students of a university that has continuously been on the rise for over a decade now — experiencing 17 years in a row of overall growth — and is at arguably its most successful and prosperous time in history.

If frustration is what you wish to feel, maybe it should be towards the state's lack of funding for higher education, which was cut by 15 percent when Governor Rick Snyder first took office in 2011.

Despite increases in higher education funds each year since then, the total budget still remains \$43 million below the \$1.5 billion it was before 2011.

And, for the record, the Elliott Tower was a donation. Your tuition dollars did not pay for it.



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Corrections Corner

In the center spread on sexual assault published in our last issue, we referred to those who have been affected by it as victims rather than survivors. We understand the importance of labeling those who have had to deal with sexual assault as survivors because that's exactly what they are, and we sincerely apologize for our mistake.

The Oakland Post corrects all errors of fact. If you know of an error, please e-mail managing@oaklandpostonline.com or call 248.370.2537. You can also write us at 61 Oakland Center Rochester, MI 48309.

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The President's Report: The 'Big 4' update

Student Body President Nick Walter addresses constituents on the progress of the OUSC's projects

Nick Walter
Student Body President

Hello Oakland! Throughout the rest of the year, I will be periodically updating you, the students, on the Big 4, the main campaign initiatives that Madison and I ran on in the spring: More 4.0's, more swag, more outlets, more space. So, then, here is an update on these initiatives.

1 More 4.0's: This is my favorite project, the grading scale. I spoke with various deans, students, faculty, staff and members of the administration

about it over the summer and into the fall. I had a meeting with the provost last week. Like the rest of the individuals I spoke with, he is very interested in the project. I am coordinating with him to move the project forward.

2 More swag: Buying OU gear and giving it away. That's the Swag Campaign. This week, we are ordering the materials for the Swag Campaign; we will be sending out places and times to get free OU gear as soon as it comes in!

3 More outlets: After speaking with members of the administration,

here is an update on outlets. As you know, OU suffers from a shortage of outlets, especially in older buildings like Varner and the OC. Given the high difficulty and expense of adding new outlets to existing buildings, administration is planning to add more outlets to new buildings, not to old ones.

4 More space: The OC is too small. That is no longer a matter of debate. What is what to do next. The Board of Trustees is currently looking at options to expand the OC: where to do so, when to do so and how to do so. Expect news on that soon.

That's what's been going on with the Big 4. I am extremely happy at the progress we've made, especially with the grading scale. If you want more details



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

Nick Walter and his running mate, Madison Kubinski, won the Student Congress elections last year.

or have any questions, stop by my office in the basement of the OC, shoot me an email at nwalter@oakland.edu, or hit OUSC up on Facebook or Twitter.

An outside look at the Gaza Strip crisis

Escalating Middle Eastern conflict must be addressed immediately to avoid unnecessary loss

Ryan Fox
Staff Reporter

At the beginning of this month the United Nations released a report saying that the Gaza Strip, an area that is part of Palestine, could be completely uninhabitable by 2020. This is of huge concern to the nearly 2 million people that call the Gaza Strip home.

The causes of the current situation are a now eight year long Israeli-Egyptian blockade of the region, as well as ongoing military operations being carried out by Israel. With this new report it is becoming ever more apparent that Israel is not handling the current situation in Gaza responsibly, and their needs to be some changes.

The reason behind Israel's most recent operation in The Gaza Strip, Operation Protective Edge (OPE), was in response to attacks on Israel

organized by Hamas. Hamas is a political party in the region that is considered a terrorist group by many of the world's superpowers; including the United States and Canada. OPE was launched in order to destroy Hamas's ability to launch attacks on Israel.

However, it also managed to kill large amounts of civilians. The operation was responsible for roughly 2,200 Palestinian deaths, 70% of those being civilians. UNICEF reports that roughly 300 of these civilians were children. According to the BBC just under 500,000 were left living in emergency centers or with relatives, 17,200 homes were destroyed or severely damaged by Israeli attacks, and just under 250 schools were damaged or destroyed. During 2012 Israel launched Operation Pillar of Defense, an air strike operation in the Gaza Strip, and almost half of the 167 Palestinians killed were civilians.

"I understand that both the Palestinians and Israelis have been victims of horrible attacks... However, past violence is not justification for the killings of innocents on either side."

During both operations, there were 77 Israeli deaths.

I'm stating all of these facts to highlight some important issues with the way Israel is handling the tensions in The Gaza Strip. Israeli military tactics are not effective at avoiding civilian casualties. This means that the Israeli government is punishing the citizens of The Gaza Strip simply because Hamas controls the area. Even children, who could not possibly have anything to do with the attacks launched on Israel, are not safe from the Israeli attacks.

Let me be very clear: I un-

derstand that both the Palestinians and Israelis have been victims of horrible attacks and atrocities. However, past violence is not justification for the killings of innocents on either side.

The other major reason behind the degradation of the Gaza Strip is a now eight year long blockade of the region enforced by Israel and Egypt, though Egypt has been less strict with their enforcement. The blockade was launched by Israel in response to the Hamas takeover of the region in 2007. Its objectives were to prevent weapons entering the region, as well as to curb Hamas attacks.

The blockade has been unable to accomplish these goals; if it had Israel would not have needed to launch either of the two operations mentioned previously. What it has succeeded in doing is starving the people of the Gaza Strip. It has hindered any sort of economic



RYAN FOX
contributor

growth in the region, and has only increased anti-Israeli sentiment.

So, two attacks and an eight year blockade later, where are we? We are left with thousands of dead Palestinians, thousands of destroyed homes, and Hamas still able to function. Israel has not only failed to achieve its goals, but they have only made the wake of devastation in the region even larger. If any solution is going to be reached in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Israel must stop using unnecessary force. The lives of two million people depend on it.

Percussion professor combines Indian, African sounds, violin on new album

Diverse collaborations with various artists, instruments make for a refreshing mix

Anthony Spak
WXOU Music Director

A new world music album from a well-traveled campus percussionist is on its way to the stage and the shelves of Varner Hall.

Titled "Kakaire," professor Mark Stone's new album on Jumbie Records combines sounds of traditional African and Indian percussion with his "love of violin and fiddle music all over the world."

"The violin is such a global instrument," Stone said, sandwiched in between global percussion instruments of all shapes and sizes in his Varner Hall office. "There are jazz, classical, and South Indian violins and versions of the instrument all over Africa."

Senior Amber Lemons has been taking classes with Stone for over two years. She praised Stone for his fun teaching style and for helping her to think differently about music. "I've learned that there are different ways of understanding music than just the Western way," Lemons said. "There are different ways of playing than just 4/4 time."

Stone has been playing music since the age of six when a neighbor taught him how to play the marimba, another instrument with many global variations. Traveling and studying abroad since have further exposed Stone to the different sounds of other cultures.

Stone is quick to point out that the album is not just a "jam session" between musicians with a few Indian and African instruments in the room. Rather, "Kakaire" is a composed body of work that was conceptualized over a few years, beginning during his first trip to India in 2012.

"The album is more my own creative work based on my studies in Africa as well as in India and growing up playing music here in the U.S," Stone said. "It's a combination of all those things."

Of the 11 tracks on "Kakaire," seven are original compositions, one is an original by Roger Brain based off of Jon Coltrane's jazz staple "A Love Supreme" and the remaining three are traditional pieces arranged by Stone.

"I've learned that there are different ways of understanding music than just the Western way...there are are different ways of playing that just 4/4 time."

Amber Lemons
Senior

Two of the standout tracks on the album — "Karimba Time" and "Lullaby for Ellery" — are based around the birth of Stone's third child, Ellery. Playing on an mbira or "thumb piano," a traditional African instrument, Stone began writing these songs while Ellery was "still in the womb" or while putting her to sleep with the music that is now featured on "Kakaire."

Stone's colleagues also played a part in the album's compositions. OU jazz professor Miles Brown contributes a blissful bass line to "Atenga Omwana" that fills out the track, the only on the album to feature the instrument. Regina Carter, renowned violinist and OU's Artist-in-Residence, has known Stone since high school. Carter plays violin on "Karimba Time" and "Yaa Yaa Kole."

"I'm extremely comfortable playing with Miles and Regina," Stone said.

Stone will perform the music from "Kakaire" during two album release shows, one on Oct. 9 in the Varner Recital Hall on campus and one on Oct. 10 at the Carr Center in Detroit.

His "working band," including Allen Grubner and Dan Piccolo, will fly in from New York and Tennessee respectively for the weekend to help Stone bring his newest compositions to life and to the community. CD copies of the album will be available for \$10 at both performances.

"I hope it's a concept that will connect with people," Stone said with a smile, resting his hand on a large conga-style drum. "I hope people will come out the concerts to experience the music."



Photo courtesy of Mark Stone

Oakland percussion professor Mark Stone compiled an album influenced by his travels.

MARKETING WEEK

OCTOBER 5TH - 8TH

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Chartwells not meeting expectations

Oakland's food service continues to disappoint students despite recent changes to dining options

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Reporter

With recent changes made to dining options and a new ten-year contract, issues between Oakland and Chartwells have arisen. Many students were hoping for increased quality of food and for better service, but some students remain disappointed with the company.

Students in years past were usually able to count on there being consistent items, like ice cream, in the cafeteria.

Junior Sarah Benson pointed out that many times students have found the cart out without anything in it. Or, alternatively, get to the cart and realize the water to clean the scoop is murky, with no running water.

"You really have to dig in there to get ice cream, which is annoying," Benson said.

In similar thought to lack of items, many students have found that their "fourth meal" options are very seldom an entire meal, and there are little options with what you eat.

Personally, I attended every fourth meal last week and two of the meals were fantastic, but two I threw right into the trash and went to McDonalds.

It's difficult for many students to make it to dinner, given night classes, work, or extra-curricular activities.

Sophomore Kylie Wichtner typically is out late with her organization responsibilities and can only make fourth meal for dinner.

"I find it irritating when they only

provide one meal, and there's rarely vegetarian or vegan options. If there is one, it's just a side salad, made from shredded taco lettuce, which is hardly a meal," Wichtner said. "What I don't like about Vandy food is that it's either really, really good, or really bad."

These limitations are also obvious when it comes to students with very specific dietary restrictions.

Senior Aaron Pickover is Jewish and has found problems over his time at Oakland getting Chartwells to provide him with food he can eat.

"Most of the time, I have to decide which rules to break to eat dinner," Pickover said. "And especially around Passover, I have little to no options in the dining hall."

He continued to say that many times, he resorts to cooking in his apartment, as he has found kosher options to be limited.

Mark McCormic, district manager

of Chartwells, denied to comment on student complaints directly, but said he recommends students contact Chartwells directly when they have issues, either via the Text-To-Solve phone number, or through the Chartwells office.

James Zentmeyer, director of OU Housing, encouraged students at the RHA meeting last Thursday to take advantage of the upcoming Town Hall meetings Chartwells will host to voice concerns about the food options.

In addition, RHA has established a new Chartwells Committee which meets in the Downstairs Vandenberg cafeteria at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays to discuss communication with the company about issues.

Contact Chartwells via Text-to-Solve at 248-923-4042 or visit the office in the Oakland Center.

First homelessness awareness program hosted by RHA receives low attendance

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Reporter

Residents Hall Association (RHA) held its first ever homelessness awareness program on Friday, Sept. 25. Despite three weeks of advertisement and numerous attempts on social media to recruit people into attending the event, very few people took part in the program.

Lydia Sadow, multicultural and diversity chair for RHA, hosted the event. Before the RHA meeting Thursday, she was hoping for about 50 people to attend the event. However, when the event happened, very few students showed up. At a point, Sadow was concerned if the program would even happen or not.

"Some of the E-Board was talking about how they did programs like this in high school, and it inspired me to host something similar on our campus," Sadow said. "[Canceling the program] is

something I have to ask my boss."

Despite very low attendance, the program continued, opening with a 60 Minutes clip about homelessness in America.

Richard Seeger, freshman Hamlin resident, heard about the program via the flyers around campus. He came to the program ready with a bag of the things he would need. He said the event sounded interesting and important for students to engage in.

After the clip, students took bins of cardboard outside and began constructing their cardboard homes to live in for the night. Some students simply taped a few boxes together and slept in them, while some went a bit more complex, building intricately constructed creations.

Members of OUPD stopped by as well, and despite the night having a disappointing start, the people in attendance were lively and enthusiastic

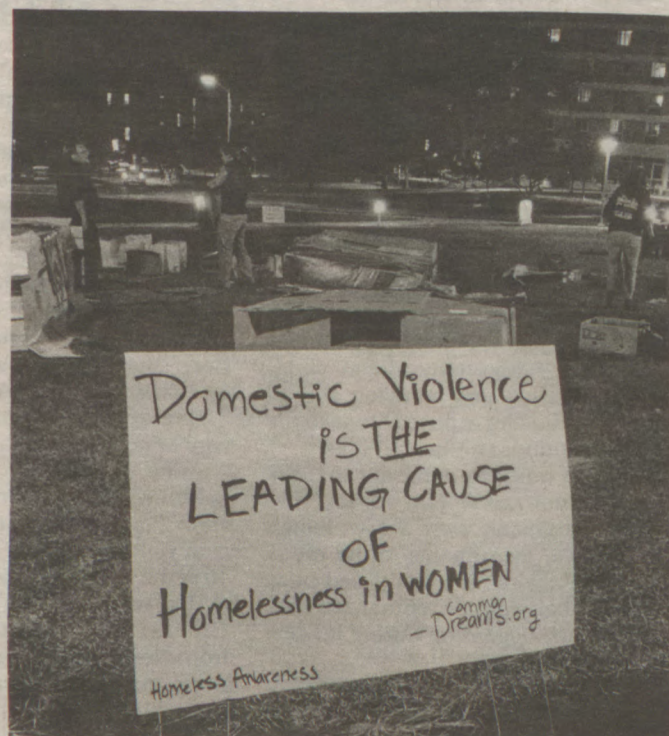
"Some of the E-Board was talking about how they did programs like this in high school, and it inspired me to host something similar on our campus."

Lydia Sadow
RHA Multicultural and Diversity Chair

about their cause. OUPD officers put stickers on the boxes and even helped students with some parts of their cardboard homes.

However, around 1:30 a.m., disaster struck. The sprinklers at the bottom of the Oak View hill turned on, putting a damper on the night.

Despite the setback, it was considered to be a realistic experience for students. Even though they had the opportunities to return to their warm beds in their dorms, millions



Cheyenne Kramer / The Oakland Post

RHA's first homelessness awareness program was held on Friday, Sept. 25.

of homeless Americans don't have that opportunity.

Sadow said that despite the obstacles, she hopes that this program will be something that future multicultural and diversity chairs will continue

on with.

More information about RHA and other programs they host can be found at the oakland.edu website or from their weekly meetings held at 7 p.m. in the Oak View Hall lounge.

Grizzlies on the Prowl

"What did you think of the rare supermoon lunar eclipse?"



Aakeeb Amin, junior, health sciences

"I thought it was pretty cool. I went outside after my friend texted me about a red moon."



Madison Preuss, junior, Spanish

"The blood moon was pretty neat. I enjoyed watching it and seeing the stars with my family."



Doug McLennan, sophomore, accounting

"I enjoyed watching it with a few fraternity brothers. It was something I'm glad I didn't miss."



Michael Zahn, sophomore, marketing

"It was awesome to see the lunar eclipse. Especially since it was such a rare event."

— Compiled by Bohdanna Cherstylo, Photographer

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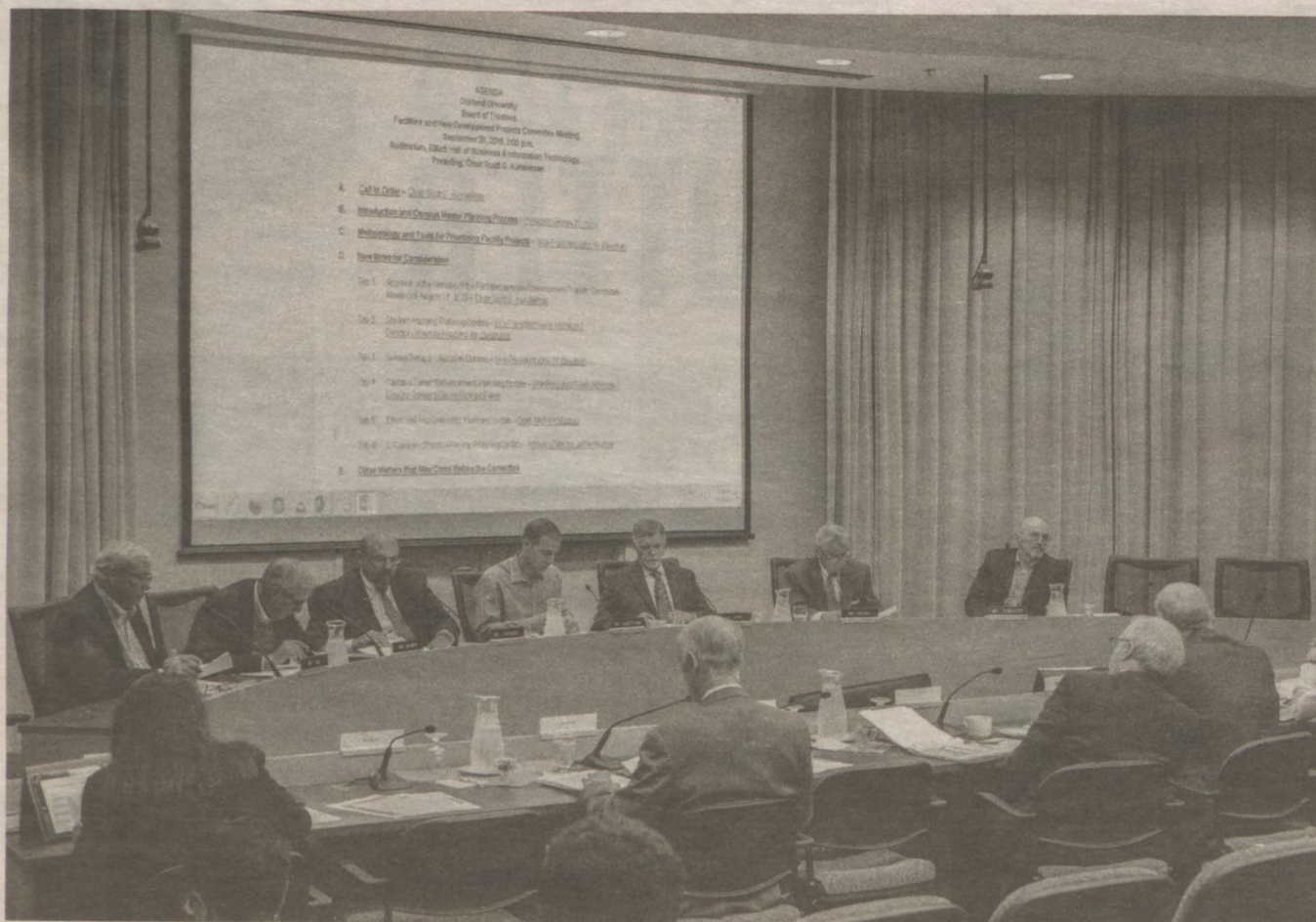
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President Hynd and the Facilities Committee met to discuss the potential construction projects and appropriate budget for upcoming years.

Campus in for more construction

Facilities Committee considers potential projects for campus buildings

Grace Turner
Life Editor

During a facilities and new development projects committee meeting on Sept. 28, OU officials discussed four potential building projects for the campus in the near future. Before any are approved, a request for proposal (RFP) must be submitted, which outlines project specifics and estimated costs. The committee also decided what to do with Sunset Terrace.

While all of the ideas seem beneficial, OU has a limited budget, therefore, it must pick and choose.

Housing

Glenn McIntosh, vice president for student affairs, and Jim Zentmeyer, director of university housing, announced plans for a new housing and

dining hall on the south side of campus. The hall would house 750 students within six floors. McIntosh and Zentmeyer pointed to OU's growing student body and the increasing demand to live on campus. The project is estimated to cost about \$77 million and would be completed in August 2018.

Oakland Center

McIntosh and Richard Fekel, director of the OC, hope to expand the OC, creating more spaces for dining, relaxing, studying and hosting student organization events. The project would cost about \$40 million and be completed in December 2017. An alternative plan was to repurpose the OC and make a new student center, but the idea was rejected because of the OC's central location on campus and the added costs.

Elliot Hall

Michael Mazzeo, dean of the school of business administration, pushed for an expansion of Elliott Hall with space for group work, design studios and an area for corporations to advertise employment opportunities to students. The building is the home of OU's School

of Business Administration. The project would cost from \$32-35 million and would be completed by August 2019.

Athletics

Jeffrey Konya, director of athletics, wants to have the Lepley Sports Center renovated. The center would get classrooms, offices, a student lounge and a new basketball court and other practice spaces so teams can practice year-round. It would cost about \$6.9 million and would take four to five months to complete, Konya said.

Sunset Terrace

Traditionally, OU's president has lived in Sunset Terrace, which was originally a retirement home for Alfred and Matilda Wilson, according to oakland.edu. The committee decided that President George Hynd will live there as well. According to Post archives, there was some debate about this. The house could have been turned into an alumni house or a Dodge museum, but the committee said repairs will cost less than \$100,000 if Hynd lives there.

POLICE FILES

Larceny in Kresge Library

On Sept. 10, OUPD was notified of a larceny that happened in the Suzanne O. Frankie Café in Kresge library. An employee at the café reported seeing a former Chartwells employee who is no longer allowed in Chartwells businesses enter the café. The former employee was seen trying to prompt an employee to pretend to swipe his credit card so that he could steal a juice. When the employee refused, he walked out of the establishment with a bottle of what is believed to be apple juice.

Minor in possession of alcohol near O'Dowd Hall

On Sept. 11 OUPD officers were called to the courtyard between the Oakland Center and O'Dowd Hall to investigate a minor who reportedly had alcohol. OUPD found the student throwing up into a trash can. He appeared to be drunk and smelled of alcohol. The student told the officer that he consumed three fourths of a fifth of vodka. The student was given a misdemeanor for minor in possession of alcohol.

Suspicious persons in the OC

On Sept. 2, OUPD received a call reporting a suspicious person. A woman was in OU's Barnes & Noble and appeared as if she didn't want to be watched or seen. A male later joined her. Employees suspected she was there to steal textbooks and called OUPD. When they caught up with her she reported to being on campus to buy books but decided to not buy any. The suspect has prior convictions for theft, and video footage revealed the two attempting to take the textbooks. Barnes & Noble has decided not to press charges.

Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter

Theta Chi raises awareness about avoiding STDs

'Let's Talk About Sex' event promotes healthy choices, informs students of campus resources

Jake Smith
Intern

According to a survey released in February by the University of North Carolina, roughly 50 percent of sexually active college students will have an STD by the time they turn 25, and most won't even know it.

Theta Chi teamed up with the Graham Health Center (GHC) and the Oakland County Public Health Department (OCPHD) on Friday to put on "Let's Talk About Sex," the fraternity's first Sacred Purpose event of the year in an effort to raise awareness of STDs in the college environment.

The program took place in the Lake Superior Room A in the basement of the OC and offered free STD screening as well as free food, t-shirts and free resources for safe sex.

The GHC hosted an STD-themed Family Feud and nurses from the OCPHD were around to answer any questions students had.

"Theta Chi nationals initiated the Sacred Purpose movement two years ago to promote healthy lifestyles and this was our first event of the year," Zach Rabideau, Theta Chi's vice president of health and safety, said.

"This was a fitting time to put on the program. There tends to be more sexual activity occurring at the beginning of the school year. This event demonstrates the resources Oakland students have available to them to get tested and stay safe when engaging in sexual activity."

The OCPHD brought their spin on the "GYT" campaign to campus on Friday. The "Get Yourself Tested" campaign was started by MTV in 2009 and has

been prevalent on social media ever since.

Encouraging sexually active young people to get themselves tested for STDs, MTV offers a variety of resources on their website, and has inspired organizations such as Planned Parenthood and local health departments like Oakland County's to take up similar stances.

In a 2014 study, Planned Parenthood found that since they started promoting the campaign, they saw a 70-100 percent increase in patients coming in for STD testing, varying by location.

In addition to testing, the Graham Health center offers treatment options if results come back positive, as well as further information on STD prevention and a place to buy condoms, birth control and Plan B at a discounted rate.

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Zach Rabideau
Theta Chi Vice President of Health and Safety

Overall, about 30 Oakland students benefited from the free testing and many more stopped in for information. If you missed the event and want to take advantage of the testing, the Graham Health Center is offering free STD testing while supplies last, or you can head to the nearest Oakland County Public Health office, located at 1200 N. Telegraph, 34E Pontiac, MI 48341.

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THE RUN DOWN



Ever wonder about the history of the Brooksie Way? Let's take a look.

START HERE

Feb. 2007: Brooks "Brooksie" Patterson dies in a snowmobile accident in Atlas Township, just days after his father, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, delivered his annual state of the county address where he announced plans for a county sponsored half-marathon.

Oct. 2008: The first annual Brooksie Way half marathon and 5k is held with just over 3,000 runners completing the two events.

Oct. 2009: 3,500 people complete the two events again this year. Small changes in the courses allow for more runners to compete in the event. Brian Sell captures the race title with a time of 1:06:27 and a pace of 5:04 per mile. That course record still stands today.

Oct. 2010: The race expands to 4,000 runners and the start location is moved to its current location off Walton Boulevard. Shane "Big Daddy" Logan completes the half marathon in 1:29:09 while stopping each mile to chug a beer.

Oct. 2011: Shane "Big Daddy" Logan captures the overall victory with a time of 1:11:59 in the half marathon.

Sept. 2013: Janet Mundell of Clawson sets the female half marathon course record with a time of 1:21:55. Over five thousand runners compete with the addition of a 10k to the host of events.

Sept. 2015: The eighth annual Brooksie Way takes place with over six thousand entrants.

Compiled by Jackson Gilbert, Sports Editor

BROOKSIE WAY

Students, professors and the community participate in the eighth annual Brooksie Way

Story by Scott Davis, Managing Editor
Design by Sarah Lawrence, Intern

Runners and walkers from all over the state of Michigan — and even some from outside the state — tracked across Oakland University's hill-filled campus at the 8th annual HealthPlus Brooksie Way Sunday morning.

In what has become an annual fall tradition, the Brooksie Way marathon was able to attract over 4,200 runners and walkers for the 5K, 10K and half marathon races. The race began at the Walton Road entrance at Meadow Brook Hall with the different courses spanning across the OU campus.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. James Lentini ran the Brooksie Way for the first time this year. He thinks that

not only does the event bring the large community together, but it also is able to show people from out of the area the true beauty of OU.

"One really cool feature is that in the 10K, we ran past the Elliott Carillon Tower from different angles, and we even got to run right through the arch under the tower," Dr. Lentini said. "Overall there's no doubt that the number of people who participate and their friends and family have to be impressed with OU."

When the race debuted in 2008, it was used to promote Oakland County and encourage a healthier lifestyle for its residents. But now, the race attracts thousands of runners and even helps the community financially. Race proceeds are used to support programs that encourage healthy and active lifestyles in the Oakland County community. The Brooksie Way Minigrants have donated over \$50,000 to Oakland County programs in the community.

Even though most runners were participating to help the community or aim for personal bests, there were some that came to compete. The morning's 10K winner, John Worthington, is an experienced runner but ran the Brooksie Way for the first time this year. He said that he used this race to get ready for this year's Turkey Trot in Detroit, but was very pleased with his results and the race itself.

"I liked the atmosphere and all of the support with

the cross country team, cheerleaders and dance team all scattered throughout the race. There are definitely a lot of passionate people here and it made for an enjoyable race," Worthington said.

It was another successful year for the HealthPlus Brooksie Way event at OU. No matter if it was an OU professor, young children, or someone preparing for their next race, the event had something for everyone.

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» 5,000 «
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hang banners

» 800 «
traffic cones

» 800 «
pounds
of bananas

» 600 «
pounds
of apples

» 228 «
cases of water for
water stations

» 100 «
cases of oreos

» 90 «
cases of chips

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Men's 5K

17:51
Cam Santangelo
Troy, Mich.

Men's 10K

34:50
John Worthington II
Warren, Mich.

Men's half marathon

1:10:59
Max Hock
Mason, Ohio

Women's 5K

21:32
Jill Peterson
Westland, Mich.

Women's 10K

45:42
Mary Williams
Clarkston, Mich.

Women's half marathon

1:26:42
Leah Foley
Goodrich, Mich.

the mix

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES (Mar. 21-April 19): Your competitive nature will enable you to win any contest you enter. Don't let your emotions get out of hand. Don't make large purchases or investments.

TAURUS (April. 20-May 20): Real estate investments will be profit able. Don't be shy to promote your own interests. You may be frazzled this week.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make rewarding connections through the organized groups you associate with. Your ability to work with detail could help you achieve your goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make a difference if you offer your help at functions that involve children. You may find that

your emotional partner will not be too eager to accommodate you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make new connections through friends or relatives. You can do well in group endeavors. Travel opportunities look positive, but be cautious while driving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your high energy must be directed into productive goals, or frustrations will occur. Your personal life could have you tied up in knots.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Romance can develop; however, it will most probably be short-lived. Be sure to find out all you can before you commit to anything. Don't let your mate bully you into thinking

that you owe them your time and your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be in the mood to socialize. You need an energetic outlet that will help you dissipate your anxiety. You can offer your help to others but back off if they appear to be offended by your persistence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get involved in a competitive sport that will bring the challenges you thrive on. Make the necessary changes that will enable you to advance financially. Tempers could get out of hand this week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider selling your homemade crafts at the flea market. You could have a need to make some changes this week.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not get upset over trivial matters. Relationships will be erratic this week. You are best not to retaliate if members of your household are trying to pick a fight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Check your project over carefully if you were not the only one contributing to the end result. Think twice before you agree to take on any new projects.

— Compiled by Megan Carson,
Chief Copy Editor

TOP TUNES

wxou albums
of the month

1. Beach House — "Depression Cherry"
2. The Arcs — "Yours, Dreamily"
3. Mac Demarco — "Another One"
4. Yo La Tengo — "Stuff Like That There"
5. Tame Impala — "Currents"
6. Various Artists — "Daptone Gold II"
7. Foals — "What Went Down"
8. Silicon — "Personal Computer"
9. Destroyer — "Poison Season"
10. Alex G — "Beach Music"

ALBUM SPOTLIGHT:



The Arcs "Yours, Dreamily"

The Arcs is the new project of Dan Auerbach, better known for his time spent shredding blues licks and headlining sports arenas with The Black Keys. Joined by Richard Swift — producer for Foxygen and Damien Jurado and a player in The Shins and

The Black Keys — on the drums, these two indie rock relics show that they are still capable of putting out a worthwhile record.

The last few Black Keys albums have been their most commercially successful but have lacked the spark that their earlier, bluesier albums like "Chulahoma" and "Magic Potion" had going. On "Yours, Dreamily," Auerbach makes an attempt to get back to those more earnest sounds. The Ohio native told the press that the album was influenced by his love of boxing and The Grateful Dead, but it's hard to hear those influences. Vintage 70's funk and soul sounds come to mind instead.

"Yours, Dreamily" doesn't attempt to take over the commercial rock market, which has plagued Auerbach's last few Black Keys albums. Instead, The Arcs have put together an album that is warm, huge and catchy without pretension.

Recommended if you like: The Black Keys, Al Green, The Shins

Start with: "Stay In my Corner," "Put A Flower In Your Pocket," "Rosie (Ooh La La)"

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice
of the
people



1. "If someone wants to make a Russia pun, Soviet."

2. "The best time to wear a striped sweater... Is not today because it's almost 80."

3. "Why is it called Yik Yak and not Anonymoose?"

4. "I'm not crying, there's just overpriced college education in my eye."

5. "Has chemistry quiz* *drinks bleach.*"

6. "Establish dominance by giving a ticket to the parking meter."

7. "Is mayonnaise an instrument?"

8. "College is a lot like preschool: you sleep a lot, you miss your mom, and you have no idea what's going on most of the time."

9. "On the internet, no one knows you're a dog."

10. "6 minutes late to 8am* 'yeah it's probably not even worth going to now.'"

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter

Hynd summoned to defend tuition surge

President explains his reasons for increasing rates

Kevin Teller
Campus Editor

On Thursday, Sept. 24, President Hynd met with members of the Joint Subcommittee on Higher Education in Lansing to discuss the recent tuition increase.

Hynd was summoned because Oakland University recently saw a tuition increase of 8.48 percent over the summer, which violated the state increase cap that universities must remain under in order to receive state funding.

As part of the hearing, Hynd presented the reasons why he feels such a sharp tuition increase is necessary for OU at this point.

Hynd made it clear when addressing the subcommittee that the increase was in no small part due to the state's low amount of funding.

According to a HEIDI and the House Fiscal Agency report, OU received the least amount of state funding per student in the 2015 fiscal year out of the 15 public universities in Michigan.

This is compounded by the fact the OU has seen the highest five- and 10-year enrollment growth among the same group of schools, according to the Presidents Council Enrollment Report in the fall of 2014.

Hynd argued that the only way to accommodate for the student growth seen in recent years was to rely on internal revenue for funding instead of that provided by the state.

When giving his presentation to the committee, Hynd referenced many of the points of Oakland's new strategic plan that will be made possible by revenue as a result of the tuition increase.

One of the main pillars of this plan is student growth and the role of OU as a "student-centered" university.

The idea of a tuition increase being made in the interest of becoming more student-centered is one that has seen scrutiny by



Dave Jackson / The Oakland Post

President George Hynd presented his reasons for the 8.48 percent tuition increase to the Joint Subcommittee on Higher Education in Lansing on Sept. 24.

many students since this summer.

But what many who critique the tuition raise do not realize is that the funding will go toward benefitting students in various ways as well.

Financial aid programs such as scholarships and grants will be receiving an increased budget by 11.7 percent. In addition to competitive and merit-based awards, this also includes funding for the economic hardship fund and need-based scholarships as well.

In effect, the funding that students are paying into now will allow opportunities for more students to attend OU.

Also among the list of increased benefits that the raise offers to students is the addition of eleven new faculty members, four new advisors, two new health center psychologists and multiple building expansions.

Hynd also mentioned in his presentation the subject of differential tuition rates. This is a system that was passed with the

tuition increase in July. Under this principle, students enrolled in the schools of Engineering and Computer Science, Business Administration, Health Science and Nursing will pay varying rates of tuition.

Hynd explained that the justification for each school's distribution of tuition is based upon statistics on the average earnings of graduates from those schools.

In the example of the School of Business Administration, lower level students were ranked 11th in terms of tuition rates when compared to other schools in the state. However, with the tuition increase, that ranking rises to 5th.

Another large point that Hynd referred to is the fact that OU is the only "fee free" school in the state. By this, he means that costs such as parking, sporting events and program fees, among others, are of no additional cost at Oakland. In contrast, every other university adds onto the advertised cost of tuition.

Hynd's proposed points

While in Lansing, Hynd voiced his concern over the current system that is in place and called into question the policy of having a tuition increase cap in the first place.

Additionally, he proposed five points to the Joint Subcommittee that outline a funding structure that OU would be in favor of over how the current structure works overall. This new funding structure will allow current OU officials to make an informed decision by:

1. Recognizing the yearly growth that OU has seen in undergraduate enrollment.
2. Measuring a school's performance by comparison to its own past performance.
3. Abiding by a per FYES (fiscal year equated students) floor funding concept, which creates a line that the funding per full time student cannot go below.
4. Allowing the boards of each university to maintain control over tuition rates based upon the needs of a given school.
5. Separating current funds from money that has already been allocated to pay off current debts, such as construction projects.

TEDx Oakland University speaker series: Anne Ruthmann

Former Oakland student to speak about following dreams at conference

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

Anne Ruthmann came to Oakland University as a transfer student planning to study business and marketing. However, she quickly found her passion in more creative studies and graduated with a Bachelor of Music Education.

Today, Ruthmann works as a professional photographer of architecture and interiors, owns a small business and works as a consultant to other creative-minded professionals.

Ruthmann resides in the Big Apple with her husband, Alex, who will also be a speaker at the TEDx Oakland University conference.

According to tedxoaklanduniversity.com, Ruthmann's photos have been featured in Better Homes & Gardens, The Knot, Brides and have won awards from the Wedding Photojournalist Association (WPJA) and the Artistic Guild of WPJA.

She also has been invited to speak to other photographers concerning creativity in business.

"My fellow students at OU were actually the catalyst for my shift from music to photography — they were my early clients and the encouragement that helped me recognize I had another talent valuable enough to offer others and pursue professionally," Ruthmann said.

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Anne Ruthmann

Ruthmann's talk, titled "What Would You Attempt If You Knew You Could Not Fail," will provide attendees with different ways to approach and overcome obstacles in order to follow their dreams and lead a creative life.

Her talk will focus on the design aspect of TED — TED talks encompass technology, entertainment, and design.

Ruthmann enjoys the fact that TEDx events give attend-



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Wife and husband Anne and Alex will be arriving in Michigan from New York for the TEDx conference on Oct. 23.

ees the opportunity to explore new possibilities and ways of thinking.

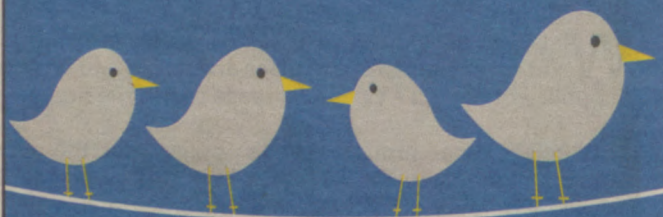
She is looking forward to being an attendee and speaker to uncover new ideas for her own future projects.

"Sometimes all it takes is one spark of inspiration to help fuel a creative project or

make a big decision," Ruthmann said.

"I think Marcel Proust (French novelist) said it best when he said, 'The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.'"

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Annual women's retreat promotes 'loving yOUrself'

Alexus Bomar
Staff Intern

Oakland University women have the chance to come together to discuss issues they face from Saturday, Oct. 3 to Sunday, Oct. 4 at Camp Tamarack in Ortonville, Mich.

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI) women's retreat titled "Loving OURselves" is an annual event, which is designed to promote social consciousness, self-awareness and leadership skills in women.

Nicole Lucio, assistant director for the CMI, is part of the planning committee for the retreat.

"The women's retreat provides and creates a support network and environment for young women on campus," Lucio said.

According to Lucio, some of the benefits of attending the retreat are relationship building and participants are pushed out of their comfort zone in a positive way. There are also educational components including a keynote speaker and group activities.

There are several breakout sessions

and workshops which focus on leadership, financial literacy and self-awareness.

Shayla McCullough, a junior health sciences major and peer mentor for CMI, participated in the retreat last year because she heard nothing but great things about it from former participants.

"The women's retreat is all about encouraging and uplifting young women, and as a young woman I will always accredit my first lessons in self-love to my experience at the women's retreat," she said.

McCullough added that the best part about the women's retreat was the personal growth each student has the chance to gain if she opens herself up to the experience.

"I felt so much growth on a personal level in just two days, it was astonishing," she said.

Those interested in attending the retreat must pay a \$10 registration fee and complete an online registration form by Oct. 1. Payments can be made in the CMI Office located in 104 North Foundation Hall.

Participants must also attend an infor-



Courtesy of Oakland University Center for Multicultural Initiatives

Members of CMI enjoy last year's women's retreat. This year's retreats will be Oct. 3-4.

mation session on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. in rooms 128-129 in the OC.

Also on Oct. 3-4 is the CMI's men's retreat, which is similar to the women's

retreat. The men's retreat is designed to promote success in college and in life, and promote leadership development and self-awareness.

Companion allows students to feel safe through virtual buddy system

OUPD, OUSC team up with new app to keep students safe

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Reporter

It isn't exactly breaking news that sexual assault is a problem in today's culture. According to RAINN — the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network — every 107 seconds, an American is a victim of such attacks.

80 percent of those victims are under the age of 30, like most college students. OU is not exempt from this problem.

Earlier this month, the campus had its own run in with a sexual assault.

To help keep Oakland's campus safe, OUSC teamed up with OUPD and the app "Companion" to provide students with a way to stay safe.

OUSC is leading a campaign to make the campus safer, and this app is part of that initiative.

What Does Companion Do?

Essentially, Companion makes it so you never have to walk alone if you don't want to.

"OUSC's goal with this is to give personal safety back to the individual that is at risk," Samuel Abbott, OUSC's student services director, said.

"Companion allows the student to pick someone to watch them walk and gives them the opportunity to contact OUPD in a more user-friendly way, they can do it with a one touch system."

Abbott also mentioned a one touch system that allows the user to contact OUPD directly.

"They have an 'I feel nervous' button which will allow OUPD to pick parts of campus that can be considered at risk for stu-

dents," Abbott said.

"I feel nervous" will send your location to OUPD, so they know where you are.

"The 'call OUPD' button makes it easier to contact the police," Abbott said.

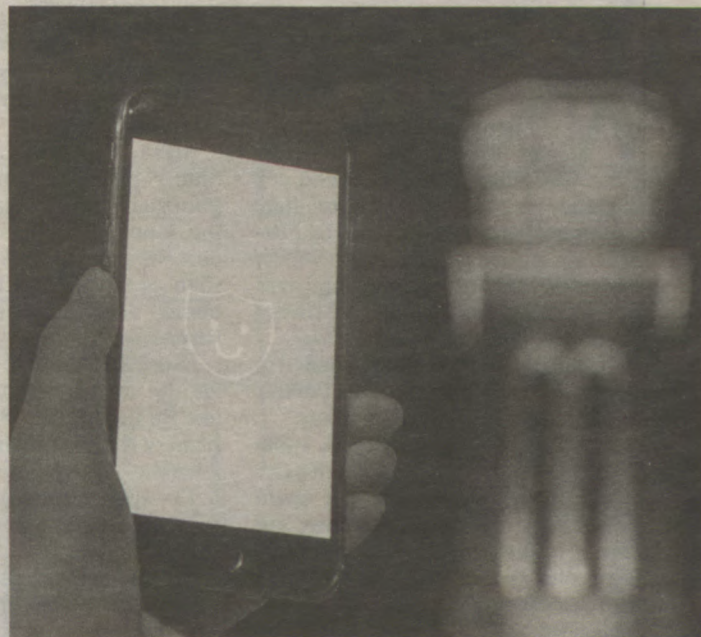
Companion also offers a map of the campus, which can be helpful for visitors or new Grizzlies.

Why Use It?

"We want our students to have a plan in place before they need a plan," Ken Kiley, the director of police information technology for OUPD, said. "If they know what to do ahead of time, then they don't have to figure out what to do when a situation arises."

After all, OUPD is on campus in order to help OU students stay safe. Kiley said this app is another way for them to do that.

Along with that, this app is convenient for the students.



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

The Companion app connects directly to local police and provides them with information about your location.

"It's great that the app offers a virtual buddy system, which is something the police have recommended for years," Kiley said.

"It's great to have a buddy

with you when you walk around campus."

OU is a fairly safe campus, but it's always better to be safe than sorry, so keep a companion around.



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Oakland University held a bone marrow donation drive through the Be the Match program. Follow @bethematch_ou to stay informed.

Registering to be donor can save lives

OU student shares personal story of how bone marrow donation drives help

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

When Elizabeth Ulinski was 17, her younger sister Caitlyn was diagnosed with aplastic anemia, which caused a blood cell deficiency and required an immediate bone marrow transplant. Luckily Elizabeth, currently an Oakland University senior studying accounting, was found to be a perfect match and underwent the donation process.

In October 2010, Elizabeth headed to University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital to undergo the procedure.

"The transplant process was, quite honestly, very simple," Elizabeth said. "I went in early in the morning, spent a few hours recovering and was out before evening. I was dizzy from the marrow loss when I woke up, a little sore the next day, but after that, I was back on my feet. It's such a simple ordeal, and you can save someone's life by doing it."

Elizabeth described the process as barely painful and well worth it because she saved her sister's life.

Following the transplant, Elizabeth's family became involved with Be the Match, an organization devoted to finding suitable donors for those needing bone marrow.

Bone marrow transplants are for the replacement of unhealthy marrow in those with diseases such as leukemia, lymphomas, metabolic disorders and immune diseases.

According to the Institute for Justice, only 30 percent of patients who need a bone marrow transplant have a matching donor in their family. The other 70 percent rely on work of organizations such as Be the Match to find suitable donors and expand the donation registry.

In order to donate, one must sign up for the registry with an organization like Be the Match. Signing up for the registry requires a simple cheek swab from the possible donor.

The specific protein markers found on the cheek swabs of the donors, or human leukocyte antigens (HLA), are compared with those of the patients who need a donation in order to find a match.

Following this, donors have to undergo a physical exam, sign a consent form, attend an information session, give blood samples and update their health information, according to bethematch.org.

After this, all that is required is the donation, in which a doctor will take either stem cells or the bone marrow from the donor's bones.

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Elizabeth Ulinski
Senior

According to healthline.com, the procedure is done by first applying a local anesthetic to the back, then making a small incision for a hollow needle to pass through and eventually go into the bones to collect the marrow.

The surgery itself is simple, and as Elizabeth stated, gives you the chance to save a life.

Oakland University held a bone marrow donation drive through Be the Match Sept. 15-17. Elizabeth urges people to be aware of drives like this, which can save numerous lives.

According to Be the Match, in 2014, donors helped 6,300 patients receive bone marrow transplants.

If you are interested in being a match and saving a life, please visit bethematch.org or follow @bethematch_ou on Instagram.

Oakland clerical-technical passes away

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

On Sept. 18, Dennis Yezbick passed away. Yezbick worked as a clerical-technical at Oakland University and resided in Walled Lake.

Yezbick was born on Oct. 31, 1952 in Detroit. His parents were Alfred E. and Laura G. Yezbick. He is survived by a wife of 34 years, Loretta. He was a father to three sons and grandfather or "Gide" to four.

He received a bachelor's degree in science from Central Michigan University.

Yezbick served as a city council member and was a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission of Walled Lake for five years prior to his work with the city council. Before coming to Oakland, he worked at Devon Facility Management and at a Ford plant.

In 2014, Yezbick came to work at Oakland, specifically in the Oakland Center.

Visitations were held on Sept. 21 at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home in Walled Lake and on Sept. 22 at St. William Catholic Church in Walled Lake, respectively. The funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sept. 22.

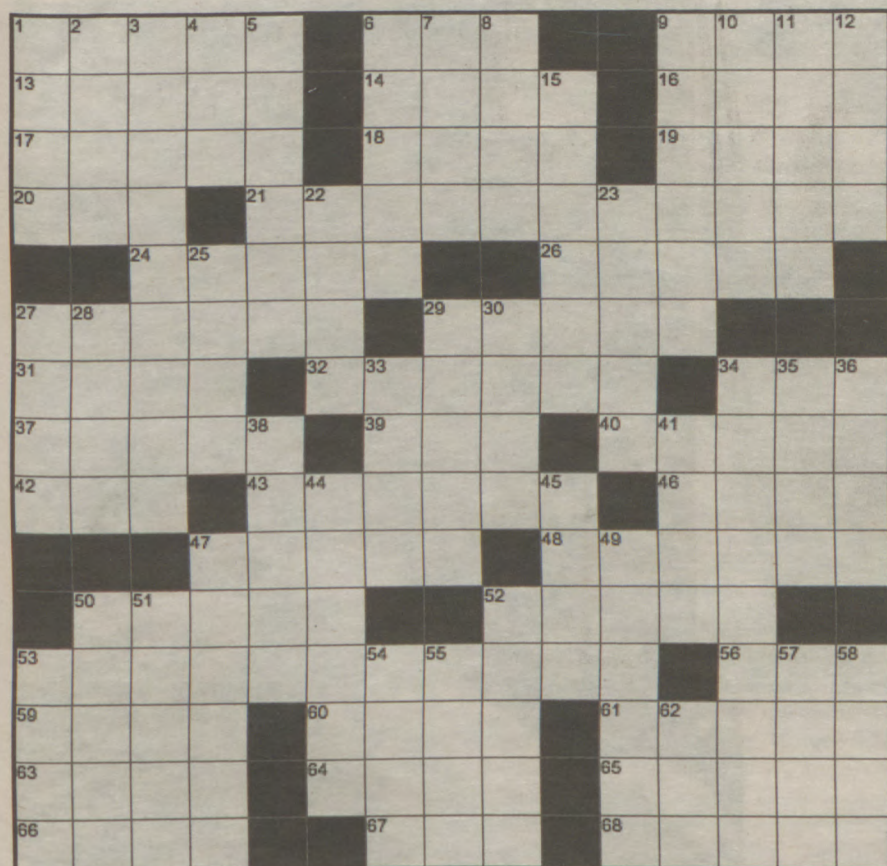
Mourners commented on Lynch and Sons Funeral Home's tribute website page for Yezbick, saying he was "one of the good guys," "smart and curious," and a great supervisor to the maintenance staff. It is obvious that his presence at Oakland University was a positive and encouraging one, and that he made his mark on students and faculty.

To view his online obituary, share a memory of Yezbick, or express condolences, visit lynchandsons-walledlake.com.



Dennis Yezbick

Puzzles



Across

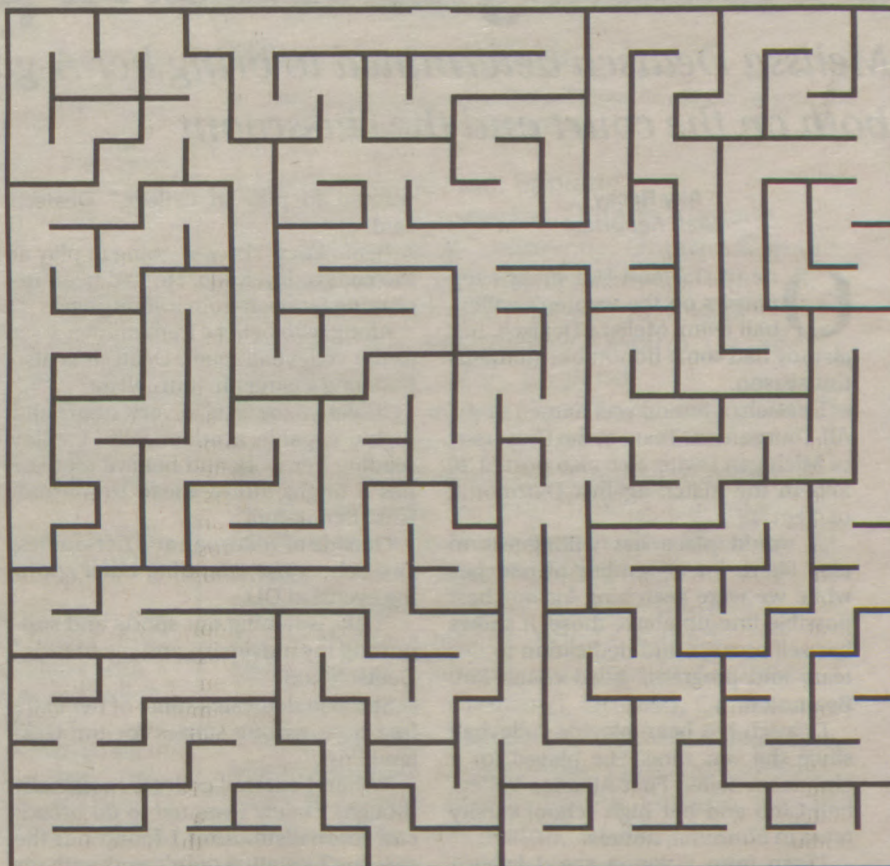
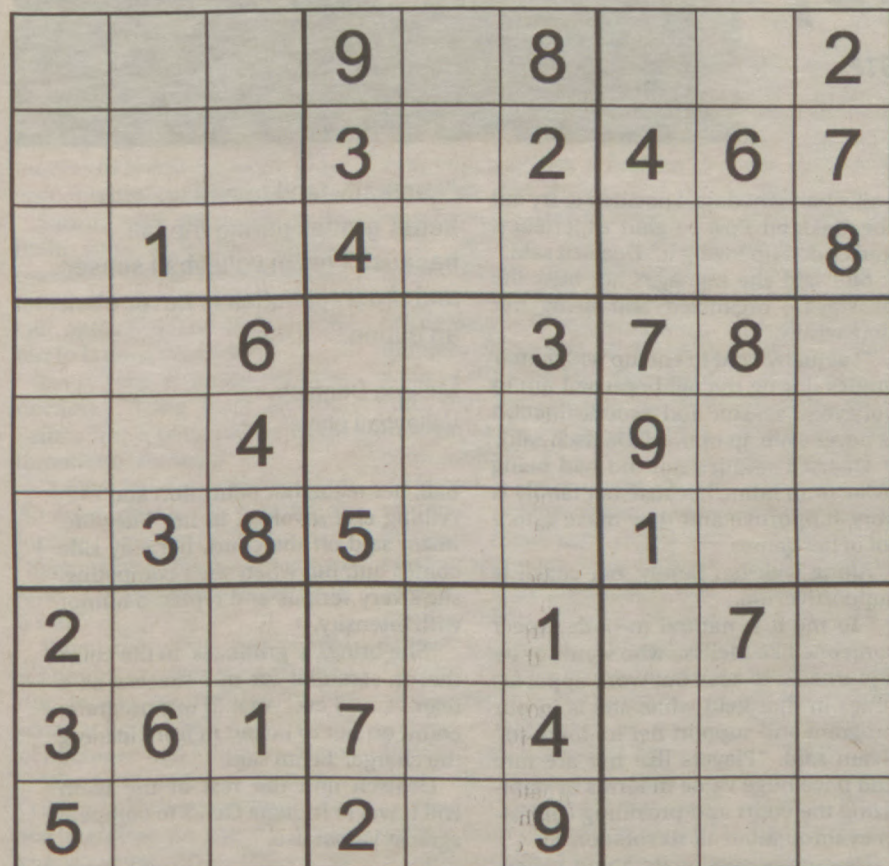
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6: Long-nosed fish
9: Miffed, with 'off'
13: Black-and-white zoo attraction
14: Fired
16: Friend
17: Survive
18: Places
19: Lunar effect
20: Lower, as lights
21: Fashionable doggy?
24: Asian caregivers
26: One making a bundle on the farm?
27: Adjust
29: Prevent, with 'off'
31: Hearts or diamonds
32: Dress code concern
34: Cycle starter
37: Seagoing speed units
39: Lambaste
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42: Japanese honorific
43: Sunday speaker
46: Miserably moist
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48: They're made by sorry folks
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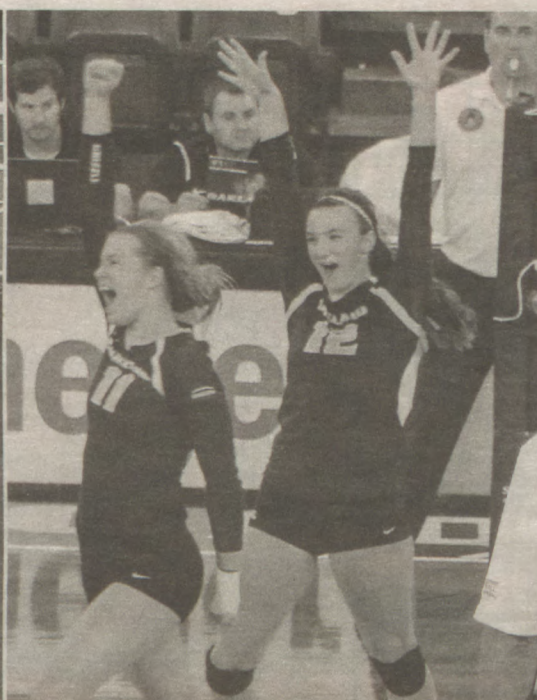
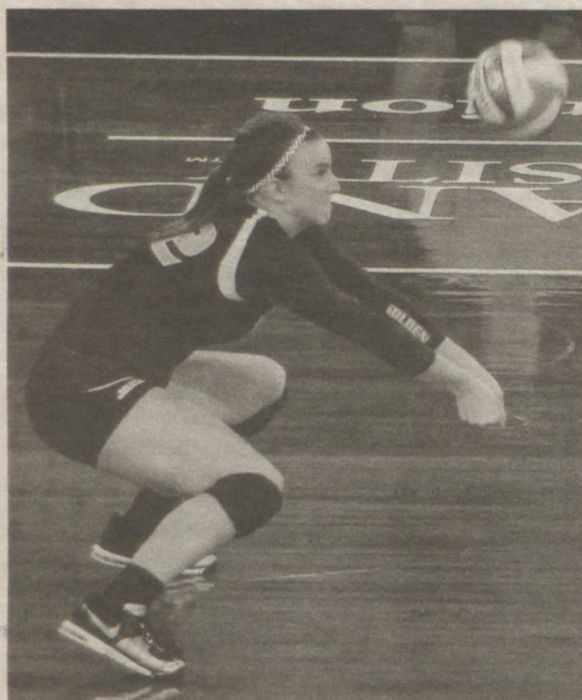
- 52: Heavy metal
53: Betray
56: Item placed on andirons
59: BB's and bullets
60: Rock, scissors, or paper
61: Barber's work
63: Mischief-makers
64: Toilet roll holder
65: Word with worm or moth
66: Ambassadorial fashion accessory
67: A pop
68: Exhausted

Down

- 1: Stepped on it
2: Stand on the corner?
3: Disney's art
4: Passports, e.g (abbr.)
5: Wicker stick
6: Big blows
7: Neural fiber
8: Shipping dept. stamp
9: Tell Mom
10: Ruling class
11: Adjective for some statesmen
12: Batik worker
15: Keep from practicing
22: Flightless bird

- 23: Roof edges
25: 'Heinz 57 varieties' dog
27: Responds correctly on 'Jeopardy!'
28: Sandwich fish
29: Filthy abodes
30: Rewards for waiting?
33: Send sprawling
34: Use BabelFish.com
35: Tear apart
36: Printing liquids
38: Turn of work
41: Roman date
44: Cry uncle
45: Sailors
47: Stop from happening
49: Propaganda target
50: Reason to pause
51: Camels' features
52: Stupid mistake
53: Speaker's place
54: Brilliant stroke
55: Yokel
57: Where cookies might crumble
58: Lady's man
62: Come to pass





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Melissa Deatsch was named player of the game in Oakland's five-set loss against Milwaukee on Thursday, Sept. 24.

Balancing work and play

Melissa Deatsch determined to bring her A-game both on the court and the classroom

Ally Racey
Staff Reporter

One of Oakland University's top players on the women's volleyball team, Melissa Deatsch, has already had some honorable moments this season.

Deatsch, a junior, was named to the All-Tournament Team at the University of Michigan Invite. She also posted 20 kills in the match against Dartmouth on Sept. 19.

"I would place her willingness to play libero for a number of matches while we were searching for our best possible line-up above those. It shows her selflessness and dedication to our team and program," head coach Rob Beam said.

Deatsch has been playing volleyball since she was nine. She played for a club team called First Alliance Volleyball Club and her high school varsity team in Elmhurst, Illinois.

"Even from a young age, I knew I

wanted to play in college," Deatsch said.

Beam knew she was going to play at the college level, too. He had been recruiting Deatsch from a young age.

Along with being a tremendous asset to the volleyball team, Deatsch is also pursuing a career in journalism.

"Clearly, she is also very smart and highly capable academically. I enjoy reading her work and believe that she has a bright future ahead in journalism," Beam said.

Outside of volleyball and her studies, Deatsch enjoys attending other sporting events at OU.

"I like watching our sports and supporting my university, and my friends," Deatsch said.

She also dedicates some of her extra free time writing stories for the Oakland Post.

"When I entered college, I originally thought I knew I wanted to do broadcast journalism. After I found out the campus TV station didn't work with my

volleyball schedule, I decided to try out the Oakland Post to gain experience, and ended up loving it," Deatsch said.

She said she manages her busy life by staying organized and using her time wisely.

"I actually tend to end up with better grades during the fall because I am in volleyball season and procrastination is never even an option," Deatsch said.

Deatsch said it's not too bad being away from home because her family is very supportive and they make it to a lot of her games.

Along with her family, her coach is supportive, too.

"To me it is natural to both expect someone like Melissa who wants to be a journalist to seek out work opportunities in that field while she is in our program and support her in doing so," Beam said. "Players like her are rare and have huge value in terms of stabilizing the court and providing consistency throughout all six rotations."

Deatsch is passionate about volley-

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Melissa Deatsch
Volleyball player

ball, her team, her education and everything else involved in her busy life. Beam said off the court, her silly side comes out. But when she's competing, she's very serious and replaces humor with intensity.

"She brings a 'grittiness' to the court that is essential for our success as a team. I, and everyone in our program, count on her to be out in front leading the charge," Beam said.

Deatsch and the rest of the team will travel to Indiana Oct. 2 to compete against Valparaiso.



Grizzlies welcome players from across the globe

Oakland soccer teams exceptionally diverse this year

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Reporter

When the decision to play college athletics is made, considering the possibilities of where to play with new teammates, under a new coach and on foreign turf is very important. However, the turf is not the only thing foreign to athletes at OU: international students make up a good chunk of many of the teams.

On the women's soccer team, 13 of the 27 players are international. Nationalities range from Canadian to British to Scandinavian. Sophomore Cecilie Dokka came all the way from Norway to represent the Black and Gold.

"The schools in Norway are a lot different than the ones here," Dokka explained. "There, you go to school, go home, go to club practice. The campus here and the facilities are just something that I couldn't get back home."

Of course, it might be hard for athletes in Norway to hear about Oakland. According to women's head coach Margaret Saurin, the women's soccer coaching staff tries to take an annual trip to Europe to see prospective players compete on their home turf.

Saurin said there are three main ways to recruit athletes overseas: the athletes send an email of interest, their coaches call, or the Oakland staff reaches out to known coaches.

Everything is based on connections. Being from Ireland, Saurin has a personal tie to international students.

"I have kind of acclimated to America after being here for as long as I have been," Saurin said. "Seeing these kids from overseas kind of brings me back home in a way."

When recruiting, Saurin said it's harder to get in-state athletes due to the competition of big name schools like the University of Michigan and Michigan State.

When in-state players see Oakland play bigger schools and see how close the game is, it can change some minds. That's what



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Oakland's soccer teams have players from around the world this season.

attracts the best players in Michigan and from around the world.

"When we recruit, we make sure we don't get just good soccer players, but also good people," Saurin added.

Men's soccer head coach Eric Pogue agrees that having a diverse team benefits the athletes.

Senior Gerald Ben is from Liberia and is also a practicing Muslim. He celebrates Ramadan, which brings a culture to the team that they might not have been exposed to before.

"It mimics the working world," Pogue said. "When you get into the working world you are dealing with people from all different places with all different ways of thinking how the world runs, they have people like that they get to see everyday in their community."

Having a team made up of multiple nationalities only brings the men's team closer, according to senior Shawn Claud Lawson. Claud Lawson is Jamaican-Canadian, meaning his dad is from Jamaica and he is from Ontario, Canada, so he has dual citizenship in both countries.

"The camaraderie [is good], because you have guys from all over," Claud Lawson said. "It is good to see interaction with people from different areas and it brings us closer as a team."

Dokka feels similarly about the exposure on the women's soccer team.

"It doesn't matter what country you're from," Dokka said. "These are 27 of my best friends. They are my family."

There is, of course, some culture shock. Each country has something that other countries may consider taboo. For Claud Lawson, not much is different since he's only a four-hour drive from Oakland. However for Dokka, there was one major change — the food.

"The food in America is a lot sweeter," Dokka said. "Especially breakfast foods. Waffles, pancakes we don't have any of that."

One right of passage in America is the classic s'more: two graham crackers, a roasted marshmallow and a slab of Hershey's chocolate. S'mores are not common in Norway.

"I have had one s'more," Dokka said. "Thank you, America, for that!"

Soccer is the number one sport around the world. Integrating student-athletes with a global culture is great for both local and foreign players.

"I was scared at first, going to a new country for college," Dokka said. "But coming to Oakland was the best decision of my life, hands down."

THE SPORTING BLITZ

SWIMMING & DIVING

The men and women's swimming and diving team held their annual intrasquad meet over the weekend where the gold squad topped the black squad. Devon Nowicki and Patricia Aschan captured two individual wins each for their squads, while Paul Huch swam a personal best in the 50 free (21.22.) The regular season starts for the men Oct. 9 in Notre Dame and both teams will compete in the Oct. 10 home opener against Green Bay.

CROSS COUNTRY

The men and women's cross country team traveled to Centerville to compete in the Glen Oaks CC Viking Invitational on Friday. Morgan Bridgewater and Lauren Zens finished first and second in the women's 5k with times of 20:40 and 20:56, respectively. Morgan Bridgewater was named OU Student-Athlete of the Week. Chris Scott was the top men performer for OU finishing in fourth in the 8k with a time of 29:18.

Where In the World...?

A look at the hometowns of the international players on the men's and women's soccer teams

Elliot Tarney- Preston, England
Austin Ricci- Newmarket, Ontario, Canada
Brendan Woodfull- Unionville, Ontario, Canada
Hamid Barry- East York, Ontario, Canada
Matt Rickard- Exeter Devonshire, England
Raphael Reynolds- Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Matt Dudley- Preston, England
Shawn Claud Lawson- Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Gerald Ben- Monrovia, Liberia
Aly Rawson- Newmarket, Ontario, Canada
Sarah Reynolds- Aurora, Ontario, Canada
Ali Amante- Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Alice Palmer- Poole, United Kingdom
Brianne Horne- Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Jamie Horne- Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Maya Pascal- Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
Sydnye Gagner- Chatham, Ontario, Canada
Claudia Krupica- Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
Vlad Gurovski- Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada
Nora Broderick- Stoney Pointe, Ontario, Canada
Cecilie Dokka- Hoybraten, Norway
Nessa Ogbonna- Tramore, Ireland



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Volleyball begins league play

Team bounces back after dropping a five-set heartbreaker

Kristen Davis
Editor-in-Chief

The defending Horizon League champion volleyball team officially began its campaign to repeat this week.

Oakland (7-9, 1-1) dropped its first league match-up against Milwaukee in five sets on Thursday, Sept. 24 and completing a clean sweep of Green Bay in a mid-afternoon game on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Head coach Rob Beam said after the victory that he feels his team plays well in come back situations and is good at responding to adversity.

"When you're the defending champion, everybody's going to give you their best effort and I thought that both Green Bay and Milwaukee came out really hot in the

first set and the big difference today was our team was ready for that," Beam said.

"I give the credit to our leadership and our players for being ready to go."

Sammy Condon, Melissa Deatsch and Ciara Schultz starred for Oakland. Deatsch was named player of the game in the loss against Milwaukee with 18 kills, 14 digs and two blocks in route to her 16th double-double of the season. Schultz also tallied 50 assists and 11 digs for the Golden Grizzlies for her second 50-plus assist game of the year.

Condon recorded 14 kills and four blocks in the sweep over Green Bay.

The team will continue league play on the road this weekend at Valparaiso on Friday, Oct. 2 and at University of Illinois-Chicago on Saturday, Oct. 3.

1 Sammy Condon led the Golden Grizzlies to victory on Saturday, Sept. 26. The redshirt sophomore was recently named Horizon League defensive player of the week on Sept. 21.

2 The Golden Grizzlies fell behind two sets to none in the game against Milwaukee, but stood tough and took the third and fourth sets to even it up. Unfortunately, Oakland wasn't able to complete the comeback, falling 15-13 in the final set.

Victorious on the road

Women's soccer (2-5-4, 1-1) records 2-0 shutout against Green Bay on Saturday

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Player of the game Nesa Ogbonna scored her first career goal in the Horizon League victory.

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Goalkeeper Emily Zweng recorded three saves in route to her first career win.

6

Jaime Horne netted her second goal of the season in the sixth minute — the earliest Oakland has scored this season.

UPCOMING ACTION:

- 9/30 at home vs. Detroit
- 10/3 at home vs. Valparaiso

Golden Grizzlies end two-game losing streak

After a 4-1 loss to Michigan, Oakland tallied its first league win with a 2-0 victory over Belmont



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Gerald Ben, Austin Ricci, Shawn Claud-Lawson and Matt Dudley celebrate after Ben nets his first goal of the season against Michigan on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

SEASON'S FIRSTS

Gerald Ben and Matt Dudley recorded their first goals of the season. Ben scored off a penalty kick to net Oakland's lone goal in the Michigan game for his first of the season. He also tallied a goal in the league win over Belmont on Saturday, Sept. 26, along with Dudley, who scored his season's first goal in the 63rd minute.

DEFENDING THE NET

Despite giving up four goals, goalkeeper Wes Mink still recorded six saves in the game against Michigan. Elliott Tarney took over as goalkeeper against Belmont on the road. Tarney defended the goal well, recording two saves for his second shutout of the season.

POGUE'S THOUGHTS

After the Michigan game, head coach Eric Pogue said despite the defeat, he was satisfied with the team's effort. After the league win over Belmont, Pogue said the team was able to put together a complete performance and learn from its defeats in the last two games. Oakland will face Cincinnati at home on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

UPCOMING ACTION: Sept. 30 at home vs. Cincinnati; Oct. 3 on the road against Northern Kentucky