

# THE OAKLAND POST

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY'S INDEPENDENT STUDENT NEWSPAPER

OCTOBER

12

— 2016 —

## ASSAULT & ARREST.

OUPD arrests suspect after  
student reports assault  
PAGE 7

## SUPPORT SERVICE.

Relay for Life raises funds  
for cancer awareness  
PAGE 12

## ISAIAH BROCK.

NCAA denies Army veteran  
eligibility for basketball  
PAGE 20

# OAKLEY @ OAKLAND

YOUTUBE PERSONALITY TYLER OAKLEY SPEAKS AT THE O'RENA

PAGE 11

Photo by Elyse Gregory / The Oakland Post





## ontheweb

The Bear Buses, which shuttle students around on and off campus, are currently understaffed and accepting applications for new drivers. Read the full story online.

[www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com)



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**BUBBLE TROUBLE** // The Student Program Board hosted their second annual Bubble Soccer Tournament the night of Friday, Oct. 7. Teams of five competed against one another. Team Tiki Taka won the competition and received a \$500 prize. *MARY MITCHELL // The Oakland Post*

Submit a photo to [editor@oaklandpostonline.com](mailto:editor@oaklandpostonline.com) for a chance to be featured. View all submissions at [oaklandpostonline.com](http://oaklandpostonline.com)



5

### YEAR IN HYND'S SIGHT

President Hynd shares his thoughts on the upcoming presidential search and the year ahead.

Photo / Nowshin Chowdhury



10

### INFLUENZA IN THE AIR

OU competes with other Michigan universities to earn a trophy for the most flu vaccinations.

Photo / Nowshin Chowdhury



19

### CLOSE CALL ON THE FIELD

Men's soccer lost 1-0 against Wright State at home Oct. 8. Their next game is Oct. 15 in Milwaukee.

Photo / Nowshin Chowdhury

## BY THE NUMBERS

LGBT History Month

42%

of LGBT individuals say they live in an unwelcoming environment

6/10

LGBT students say they feel unsafe at school

77%

of LGBT individuals say they know things will get better

80%

of gay and lesbian youth report severe social isolation

4/5

stars were given to OU for its LGBT friendliness in the Campus Pride index

## POLL OF THE WEEK

What's your favorite fall activity?

- A** Dragging my lover to the cider mill
- B** Going out of my way to crunch leaves
- C** Carving Donald Trumpkins
- D** Watching the American political system crumble

Vote at [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com)

## LAST WEEK'S POLL

You see a clown on campus, what do you do?

**A)** Run the f\*ck away

45 votes | 32%

**B)** Approach it and ask for a balloon animal

16 votes | 12%

**C)** Shoot first, ask questions later

33 votes | 23%

**D)** Ain't nobody got time for that!

45 votes | 32%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### OCTOBER 13, 1986

Four male residents of East Vandenberg Hall were successful in climbing to the top of the Oakland Center to advertise their annual Toga Party. They were warned not to do it again.

### OCTOBER 12, 1994

A \$37-million student recreation center was approved by the Board of Trustees. The proposal allowed for the step of drafting architectural sketches and bond work to begin on the Recreation and Wellness Center.

### FALL 2012

Kresge Library changed its hours to be open 24/7. An Oakland Post article published Oct. 31 said students were the most vocal crowd in encouraging the change. Usage of the library increased by over 45% thanks to the new hours.

# Perspectives

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Isaiah Brock deserves a break

**Paige Brockway**  
Editor-in-Chief

At 22, U.S. Army veteran Isaiah Brock has seen far more than your average college freshman. He spent four years serving in places including Kandahar, Afghanistan and Kuwait as a mortuary affairs specialist.

His daily reality was retrieving the bodies of fallen soldiers from the battlefield and preparing them to be sent back to American soil.

In summer 2015, 6-foot-8 Brock was recruited for Oakland University's men's basketball team after meeting Oakland head coach Greg Kampe in Kuwait during a Troops First Foundation program.



Now, an NCAA technicality is holding him back from joining the team on the court.

Last week, Brock was declared ineligible to play in the upcoming season because of his high school grades. The NCAA requires a minimum core courses GPA of 2.3.

But Brock has been out of high school for five years. He graduated from Forest Park High School in Baltimore in 2011 and finished his Army service in April 2016.

Brock lived on campus and trained with the basketball team this summer. He has taken four college courses so far — two at Oakland — and has proven his ability to succeed in these college courses by earning all A's and B's.

I had the unique pleasure of getting to know Brock this summer when I was placed in his first-year writing class as an embedded writing specialist. He took the course with two other basketball players. All three sat in the first row, squeezed into the tiny South Foundation Hall desks with their long legs sprawled out in front.

The first course assignment was to write a personal narrative about an experience with food.

While other students wrote about learning to prepare their favorite meal or missing their parents' cooking, Brock wrote a piece about choking down an MRE (Meal Ready-to-Eat — a premade, dehydrated ration) after processing the remains of fallen soldiers in the blistering heat of Afghanistan. He drew parallels between teamwork on the battlefield and teamwork on the basketball court.

Most of the other students in the class were non-native English speakers who might have been otherwise hesitant to engage with the three student-athletes, but Brock consistently broke barriers down with simple, compassionate ges-

tures like high fives or compliments on new haircuts. He came to every class period ready to contribute to discussions and build relationships with his peers.

Later in the semester, when a classmate expressed frustration with using public transportation to get to campus, Brock offered to pick her up from Pontiac. That's just the type of generous person he is.

In watching Brock interact with his teammates and classmates, it was easy to see his natural leadership and mentorship abilities. It was also easy to see why Coach Kampe returned from Kuwait determined to bring Brock to Oakland on a basketball scholarship.

The NCAA has stipulated that Brock will be eligible to play in 2017-18 if he demonstrates "academic preparedness" in the current academic year. But what does he have left to prove?

As Kampe put it in a Detroit Free Press article, "This guy came eye-to-eye with the Taliban, and you're going to tell him he can't play basketball?"

While the NCAA is already facing media and public pressure, Oakland will appeal Brock's ineligibility. No matter whether the appeal goes through, he will retain his scholarship.

High school grades become irrelevant after five years for any college student, let alone one who has given four years of service to his country.

In a college sport that is driven by rules and regulations, I would implore the NCAA to examine Brock's appeal holistically and allow him to fully participate in the college basketball experience. He's earned it.

*For a more in-depth look at this issue, see Sports Editor Sam Schlenner's article on page 20.*



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Brock served four years as an Army mortuary specialist before coming to OU on a basketball scholarship.



THE OAKLAND POST

**Address** 61 Oakland Center  
312 Meadow Brook Road  
Rochester, MI 48309  
**Phone** (248) 370-4268  
**Web** www.oaklandpostonline.com  
**Email** editor@oaklandpostonline.com

## editorial board

**Paige Brockway**  
Editor-in-Chief  
editor@oaklandpostonline.com  
(248) 370-4268

**Grace Turner**  
Managing Editor  
gmtturner@oakland.edu  
(248) 370-2537

**Nowshin Chowdhury**  
Photo Editor  
photos@oaklandpostonline.com  
(248) 370-4266

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor  
ckkramer@oakland.edu

## editors

**Shelby Tankersley** Campus Editor  
srtankersley@oakland.edu

**Faith Brody** Life Editor  
flbrody@oakland.edu

**Sam Schlenner** Sports Editor  
swschlen@oakland.edu

**John Bozick** Social Media Editor  
jbozick@oakland.edu

## copy & visual

**Megan Carson** Chief Copy Editor  
**Brian Curtin** Copy Editor  
**Nicholas Kim** Copy Editor  
**Lizzie Novak** Copy Editor  
**Sarah Lawrence** Graphic Designer

**Bohdanna Cherstylo** Photographer  
**Elyse Gregory** Photographer  
**Dongfu Han** Photographer  
**Mary Mitchell** Photographer

**Olivia Krafft** Web Designer

## writers

**Robert Andrews** Staff Reporter  
**Amy Swanson** Staff Reporter  
**KeyVonna Taylor** Staff Reporter

**Melissa Deatsch** Political Columnist  
**Isaac Martin** Political Columnist  
**Alex Stevens** Political Columnist

## distribution

**Jacob Chessrown** Distribution Director  
**Medina Taylor** Distribution Manager  
**Hanna Boussi** Distributor  
**Rachel Burnett** Distributor  
**Christrian Hiltz** Distributor  
**Lauren Osgood** Distributor  
**Maxwell Pelkey** Distributor  
**Theo Price** Distributor  
**Nicholson Reed** Distributor  
**Ian Scott** Distributor

## advertising

**Hailee Mika**  
Ads Director  
ads@oaklandpostonline.com  
(248) 370-4269

**Jacob Semanco** Ads Assistant  
**Kurtis Sexton** Ads Assistant

## advising

**Garry Gilbert**  
Editorial Adviser  
(248) 370-2105

**Don Ritenburgh**  
Business Adviser  
(248) 370-2533

follow us on Twitter  
@theoaklandpost

find us on Facebook  
facebook.com/theoakpost

find us on Issuu  
issuu.com/op86

## Corrections Corner

The Oakland Post corrects all known errors of fact.

If you know of an error, please email editor@oaklandpostonline.com or call (248) 370-4268. You can also write us at 61 Oakland Center, 312 Meadow Brook Road, Rochester, MI 48309.



# Looking Back

## A history of LGBT acceptance on campus

Cheyenne Kramer  
Web Editor

The month of October is recognized in the U.S. as LGBT History Month, with Oct. 11 designated as National Coming Out Day.

On Thursday, Oct. 13, Oakland University's Gay-Straight Alliance will host its Coming Out Monologues in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms at 7 p.m. But this isn't the only way that LGBT history has been shared on campus since the university's beginning.

In the fall of 1992, discussion began at OU about including sexual orientation in the Equal Opportunity Policy. At the time, Oakland was one of three Michigan universities that did not include such a policy. The other two universities were Northern Michigan University and Lake Superior State University.

In 1993, OU psychology professor David Lowy spoke on homophobia, sharing his belief that homophobia wasn't a fear as much as it was an "-ism," like racism or sexism.

"If it's a phobia, it's an irrational fear," he said.

The April 14, 1993, issue of The Oakland Post discussed the OU Student Congress' passage of a policy that would include sexual orientation in the Equal Opportunity Policy.

The next year, on Oct. 12, 1994, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) expressed outrage at further delays by the Board of Trustees to approve OUSC's proposal. Different student organizations debated whether denying gay and lesbian students access to religious-based organizations was allowed under First Amendment rights of religious freedom.

Sandra Packard, president of Oakland at the time, told one GALA student that OU was a safe space for gay and lesbian students. She told students to "come and see" her if they faced problems based on their sexual orientation.

Rex Schlaybaugh, a Board member at the time, asked what other universities' policies looked like.

GALA president Michael Petroni said, "If the university is as diverse as it claims to be, then sexual orientation should be included."

On Nov. 15, 1994, an ad-hoc committee from the Board of Trustees recommended that no changes be applied to the current policy. Schlaybaugh signed in support of this.

Packard was quoted in the Nov. 30 issue of The Post saying, "The campuses that went first on this [policy] are getting the

“

They don't want anyone to know gays go to their school ... but we refuse to play around.

Delayne Elyse  
Former GALA Member

lawsuits, we didn't want any part of that."

On April 12, 1995, the Board of Trustees shot the proposal down once more with a 3-3 vote, citing a need for more discussion and research. At this point, the fight had been going on for three years.

"They don't want anyone to know gays go to their school ... but we refuse to play around," GALA member Delayne Elyse said at the time.

GALA called other Detroit-based media outlets and organized a march in protest.

In June 1995, the proposal was passed with a 5-2 vote. A March 21, 2004, article explained the coverage offered to OU employees through this act, which included health insurance benefits.

Also in 2004, OU hosted its very first drag show, raising \$409 for Affirmations BGBT Center in Ferndale and the Triangle Foundation.

Between when the policy was amended and the first drag show, GALA became the Pride Forum, adopting its current name, the Gay Straight Alliance, in 2004. The organization is as old as the drag show is.



The Oakland Post Archives

A photocopy from the April 12, 1995, issue of The Oakland Post.

# FREAKY FAST SANDWICHES



## SERIOUS DELIVERY!™

★ JIMMYJOHNS.COM ★

## TO FIND THE LOCATION NEAREST YOU VISIT JIMMYJOHNS.COM

©2018 JIMMY JOHN'S FRANCHISE, LLC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



## President Hynd on final year: Done a lot, still more to do

*Past three years' progress outlined, emphasis on future*

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

Oakland President George Hynd struck a positive chord at the first president's report since it was announced that the Board of Trustees will not renew his three-year contract. Hynd's contract ends Aug. 15, 2017.

"It will be an exciting time on campus," Hynd told a packed Oakland Center Banquet Room on Wednesday, Oct. 5, referring to the upcoming presidential search.

The search will begin this fall and is expected to close in late spring 2017. Board of Trustees Chair Richard DeVore will chair the search committee.

"You all will have an opportunity to voice your thoughts on the move forward with the new president and the objectives you might want he or she to achieve through that process," Hynd said.

Hynd jumped into a presentation of all the Oakland administration has accomplished during his time in office, including the following:

- A revision of the university's mission statement and strategic plan
- A \$12-million budget increase (fueled by the 2015 8.48 percent tuition increase) to support the strategic plan
- An update to the Campus Master Plan
- Approval of construction on the Southern Student Housing Complex and Oakland Center renovations
- A five-year contract with the American Association of University Professors (the faculty union)
- Community engagement through the OU/Pontiac Initiative and other partnerships
- The hiring of Angie Schmucker, the new vice president of Development and Alumni Relations

Hynd still has 10 months left on his contract.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's pedal to the metal," he said.

He said he'll keep up with business.

"I will continue to work on our community engagement," Hynd said, adding that he'll keep thinking about Oakland's organizational structure.

"We're not talking about new vice presidents or anything like that," he said.

Hynd said that although the new president will have different ideas, the fundamental goals of the university will not change.

“Let's not get distracted by things that could be classified as drama, and let's just keep the pedal to the metal.”

George Hynd  
Oakland University president

"It's going to be hard to argue with strategic objectives like increase our retention rate, increase our graduation rate, hire more faculty and so on and so forth," Hynd said.

He tried to put the roughly one-percent enrollment drop in perspective by mentioning that registered credit hours have stayed the same.

Hynd also made a comparison between the five-year enrollment changes among public Michigan universities: eight increased (Oakland led the pack), seven decreased, though overall the decrease outweighed the gain.

He said it's estimated that 52 percent of all OU students indicate that Oakland was their first choice school.

"We're a changing institution, but I'd like to think in a very positive way," Hynd said. "In fact . . . in this last year, '15-16, we had the highest number of undergraduate degrees ever awarded: 3,199."

The average ACT score for an incoming freshman rose to 23.6.

"I have absolutely no regrets," Hynd said of his time at Oakland. "Let's not get distracted by things that could be classified as drama, and let's just keep the pedal to the metal."

The floor was opened up for questions from the public.

A member of the audience asked Hynd what Oakland could do to make the subsequent president stay longer than three years.

"I think it's going to be up to the Board of Trustees to really frame their conceptualization of what it is they want in a president, so that they can have a president who's here for five or 10 years," Hynd said.

The board would only offer a three-year contract when he was hired, Hynd explained after the meeting. This might have been a result of the times.

Former university president Gary Rusi resigned in the summer of 2013, the same day his wife and former Oakland



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

President George Hynd speaks to the crowd about his accomplishments at the university and his plans for his last year as president.

women's basketball head coach Beckie Francis was fired. Betty Youngblood, current senior adviser to the provost for Macomb strategic initiatives, served as interim president until Hynd was hired in July 2014.

"I will not be actively involved in the search process," Hynd said.

But he has some advice for the next president:

"Take advantage of the incredibly strong foundation and accomplishments we've had over the last three years," Hynd said. "The university will be incredibly well-positioned. They're not going to inherit a university that has financial problems, or alumni problems, or student problems, or crime on campus."

The general sentiment was "don't waste it." Run with it.

"Retirement's a possibility," Hynd said. "Actually, staying on the faculty here is a possibility because I have a tenured position in psychology, so I could stay here and teach. I could pursue another presidency or another employment opportunity."

But for now, he's got a final year to go. "I think he's done an outstanding job," said James Lentini, senior vice president for Academic Affairs and provost. "I think there's a lot to feel good about."

Lentini wants to see the next president continue to build a fundraising mechanism, one of Hynd's priorities.

"The next president will certainly have to be externally facing," Lentini said. Though the main focus will be the students, he added.

"It's very important to have somebody who comes from academia," Lentini said.

Chief Operating Officer Scott Kunselman wants the next president to be empowering and to accept input from his or her subordinates.

After Hynd spoke, Graeme Harper, dean of the Honors College, gave a presentation on its state of affairs.

"No other honors college has grown at the level that we've grown at over the last four years," Harper said. Only the University of Michigan is competing.

Harper said 414 freshman entered the Honors College this academic year, about 14 percent of the total freshman class. Thirty-eight percent are presidential scholars, which requires a high school GPA of at least 3.9 and 31 ACT score.

"These are not students that other people don't want," Harper said.

The requirements for entry to the Honors College were raised about two years ago to a minimum 3.7 GPA and 27 ACT score. Ironically, enrollment grew.



# Student Org Spotlight: Student Nurses of OU

**KeyVonna Taylor**  
Staff Reporter

The Student Nurses Association of Oakland University (SNAOU) is just one organization that is available for nursing and pre-nursing students.

SNAOU's mission statement is centered on promoting and encouraging community involvement, student activities and educational opportunities, and is why senior nursing major Sara-Jane Dakroub became involved with this group.

She has been a member of this organization since her first semester of nursing school in winter 2015 and is now the president of the organization.

"I joined SNAOU in an effort to learn more about my future profession," Dakroub said. "SNAOU offers various volunteering, academic, networking, and social opportunities for nursing students."

"I have made so many awesome friends within my nursing program," she said. "It has brought me closer to students within my cohort and others. I have also met several pre-nursing students, which is so exciting to me because one of my goals as president was to increase the participation level among pre-nursing students. In this way, they are prepared for the program before even being accepted."

Bianca Shieu, junior nursing major, holds the image and breakthrough po-

sition on the board. She publicizes activities and coordinates events and guest speakers.

"SNAOU is an awesome platform for student nurses to discuss current issues, get involved in all the activities SNAOU has to offer, and so on," Shieu said. "I get to stay in touch with what is going on in my school and each month we have speakers that present different topics. By participating in SNAOU activities, it helps me in finding an area of nursing that I am truly interested in."

Dakroub encourages other pre-nursing and nursing students to get involved.

"SNAOU gives students the opportunity to be a student leader, maintain

humanitarian experience through volunteering and meet new people as well as nursing professionals."

"I have had the privilege of networking with a variety of successful and accomplished individuals, such as the dean for our nursing school, Dr. Judy Didion," Dakroub said.

There are no requirements to join, but interested students must fill out a membership form, available on GrizzOrgs. Students who want a graduation cord must collect points by participating in SNAOU activities.

For more information on SNAOU and other student organizations, visit the student org directory on GrizzOrgs.

## Registrar ditches three-digit course system

**Laurel Kraus**  
Intern Reporter

Oakland University's Office of the Registrar sent out an email notice on Monday, Oct. 3 informing students that course numbering will convert from three digits to four, effective fall semester 2017.

This modification will include all undergraduate and graduate courses, but all subject codes (i.e., WRT, BIO) for these courses will remain the same.

The decision to add a fourth digit was made on the basis that with only three digits worth of course numbering options, the university was steadily running out of numerical availability to add new courses.

"The primary impetus for the change is that we typically do not reuse former course numbers in order to ensure the accuracy of the information within our degree audit system," University Registrar Steven Shablin said.

The university began planning this change in 2014 in anticipation of this inevitability.

Most of Michigan's public institutions and even many community colleges have already transitioned into this four-digit system.

"It puts us more in line with our sister institutions," Shablin said. "This project has been on our to-do list, and now with the need of the academic units, we thought this was the time to do this."

Although it is not an original system, much work went into deciding how it would be integrated into OU. The Office of the Registrar collaborated with the academic departments, undergraduate

education and graduate study in order to create a version of this system tailored to OU.

It was left up to the academic departments to determine which numeral would be added. For some courses, a simple zero will be applied to the end of the original course number, but for many, the number will change completely.

A full guide to the conversion for each course number can be found online.

As for courses that students have previously taken or are taking currently, the course numbers will remain the same three-digit numerals on students' transcripts that they were at the time of their enrollment in the class.

In order to avoid confusion, the Office of the Registrar has created a communication plan, meeting with the academic advisers who will now offer information on the conversion as part of their advising sessions with students.

"As we get closer to full-year registration, which opens on March 17, we will do some additional communications to the university community," Shablin said.

Aside from course renumbering, the Office of the Registrar has two other projects in the works. It is currently planning to meet with OU Student Congress President Zack Thomas to discuss a new method of registration, which may be implemented as a soft launch as early as next month.

It is also creating plans surrounding a new degree-auditing system called DegreeWorks that the university has recently purchased.

For more information and/or questions on course renumbering, contact your academic adviser.

## What to do when OUPD's phone service goes down

**Robert Andrews**  
Staff Reporter



Mary Mitchell / The Oakland Post

There are 125 blue light emergency phones on campus that can be used to reach OUPD.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, Oakland University's telephone service was in limbo as its telecom provider suffered an outage, putting Oakland University Police Department's (OUPD) dispatch out of service.

"Inbound and outbound calling on campus was not functional at the time," said Kenneth R. Kiley, director of police IT. "That's why we made the decision to put out the announcement to go to the code-blue emergency phones because we were able to verify at that time those were working... they don't rely on an outside telephone provider."

Cell phones were also unable to connect to dispatch.

OUPD used several platforms to notify the campus, including social media, text, digital signage and announcements on both OU's and OUPD's website.

Level 3 Communications, the telecom provider at Oakland, suffered a technical problem that caused a network outage that affected customers across the United States, according to Network World.

The company fixed the problem, and Oakland phone services were back up within hours.

### If phone services go out again

If you're calling OUPD with a cell phone and cannot get through, dial 3331 from a campus phone. Oftentimes, phone outages only impact calling from off-campus telephones.

If you can't get through using the above phone number, call 911 from a cell phone. Your call will likely be answered by the Oakland County Sheriff. Tell them you cannot get through on OUPD's phone line. They will take down the details of the emergency and relay the information to OUPD's dispatch center.

You can also text OUPD by sending "OUPD + your message" to MRAVE (67283). OUPD cannot accept pictures or videos.

Lastly, there are 125 blue-light emergency phones on campus that are a good option, as they do not rely on outside an telephone service to work.



# Arrest made after male student commits assault

Shelby Tankersley  
Campus Editor

When a female student took a male student up on a cup of coffee, he decided to try and take advantage of her. On Oct. 3, that male student committed a simple assault and was arrested a few days later.

Lieutenant Nicole Thompson from the Oakland University Police Department gave an account of what happened and how the suspect was found.

### What happened

The suspect approached the female outside of the Oakland Center, made a comment about what she was wearing and asked if he could buy her a coffee, which she accepted. After they had some coffee, he offered to walk her to her car in Parking Lot 24.

When they arrived at the lot, the suspect made attempts to hold the female's hand, put his arm around her waist and kiss her. She had a slit in the side of her pants, which he slid his hand into. That particular incident was reported as assault.

The female made loud protests to his advances and drew the attention of a witness nearby, which led the suspect to hesitate. While he was distracted, she was able to get in her car and drive away unharmed.

The next day, the female student came into the police station and reported what had happened to her.

In response, OUPD made sure the female was OK, then sent out a description

of the suspect and the incident to the OU community via email. There was no video of the incident, so OUPD hoped their description would help identify the suspect.

A student was able to identify the suspect as someone they knew based on OUPD's email and called OUPD to report him. Based on that report and several others that all implicated the same man, OUPD was able to find and arrest the suspect.

### What to do when this happens

Thompson stressed that the female in this situation did exactly what she should have done. Thompson said that reporting the incident right away was a big part of OUPD being able to find and stop the suspect from doing this to someone else. She said calling OUPD or reporting incidents shortly after they happen can make a difference.

She also pointed out that the witness to the situation, who became a distraction during the assault, did what bystanders should do. Thompson said that being an "active bystander" means keeping an eye out for problems and being willing to help when they do happen.

OUPD also teaches Rape Aggression Defense, also known as RAD, to female students on campus, free of charge. Thompson said the course helps empower and educate female students on how to protect themselves.

OUPD currently offers several RAD courses. To sign up or find more information, visit [oupd.com/services/rad](http://oupd.com/services/rad).

## Classifieds

61 Oakland Center, 312 Meadow Brook Road  
Rochester, MI 48306

**Rates:**  
\$0.35 per word (\$7 min.)  
Unlimited Frequency  
STUDENT DISCOUNTS!

Call or email us and place your ad today! [ads@oaklandpostonline.com](mailto:ads@oaklandpostonline.com) 248.370.4269

### HELP WANTED: VALET PARKING

Valet parking attendants, must be 21 or older, must know how to drive a stick-shift, make up to \$30/hour

(248) 740-0900 or apply online at <http://firstclassvalet.com/valet-parking/employment-application/>

### ADVERTISE ANYTHING\*

Need something?  
Want something  
Want to provide something?

Books  
Cars  
Garage Sales  
Rent

Babysitting  
Help Wanted  
Carpools  
Misc., etc.

\*All advertising submitted for publication in The Oakland Post is subject to acceptance by the newspaper, and The Oakland Post reserves the right to reject copy at its sole discretion at any time prior to publication.

## POLICE FILES

### Guns and grams found in vehicle on campus

On Monday, Sept. 19, OUPD noticed a black Dodge Challenger blocking several parked cars in one of the lots. The owner of the vehicle returned to his car and offered to move it. Soon, the officer noticed the smell of marijuana coming from the man's car. The officer looked into window of the car and saw a bag of marijuana in the cupholder.

When police searched the vehicle, they discovered \$84 in cash, a second cell phone, a handgun and fully-loaded magazine. All of these items were confiscated, along with 16 grams of marijuana. The suspect was transferred to the station, given a violation for the possession of the firearm and told to leave campus. A warrant is currently being pursued for possession of marijuana.

### Larceny in Vandenberg Hall

OUPD received a report of larceny on Friday, Sept. 23. A pipe-fitting company had done repairs and maintenance on campus in late August. One of the employees left a suitcase welder in Room 115 of Vandenberg Hall in case further repairs needed to be done. When the man returned for the welder on Sept. 21, it was missing. He inquired about its whereabouts, but no one he spoke with knew where it was. He asked OUPD if any other trade contractors had done work on campus recently, and OUPD recalled one other company that had been working in the building at the same time.

The welder was blue and approximately \$2,200 in value. A suspect for the theft has yet to be identified.

Compiled by Robert Ogg  
Intern Reporter

# Let us keep you posted.

THE OAKLAND POST | YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR NEWS | EVERY WEDNESDAY







Courtesy of Student Program Board

SPB's Wheelchair Basketball will take place Oct. 17 in the Recreation and Wellness Center from 4-9 p.m.

# Wheelchair Basketball will have students ballin', rollin'

*SPB event will educate, entertain participants*

**Amy Swanson**  
Staff Reporter

Looking for a spin on the traditional basketball game?

On Oct. 17, a Wheelchair Basketball tournament will take place from 4-9 p.m. in the University Recreation and Wellness Center's three-court gym.

Hosted by the Student Program Board (SPB), the event will include free food and drinks and music provided by WXOU. All athletes will get a water bottle for participating, and the first 200 to show up will score a pair of boom sticks.

Students can sign up as individuals or in teams of five.

There will be a \$500 cash prize for the winning team, and \$250 will go to second place.

The event will be a great opportunity for groups on campus. If an organization's team dominates, SPB can put the money right into the their flex account.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. for athletes to sign waivers and learn how to play the game.

After the last round, an awards ceremony is planned, during which the Oakland University Student Congress will discuss some of its accessibility initiatives.

There will also be a representative from the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan Foundation (RIM Foundation), a non-profit that works with the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan hospital to raise money for research and healthcare programs and initiatives, according to its website.

RIM Foundation also works with other organizations, all to develop programs and initiatives that will better the health and lives of those with disabilities.

Sean Foe, diversity director for the SPB, got the chance to talk to a member of The RIM Foundation.

"A representative from the RIM Foundation says that in order to get her counseling certification, she has to spend a day in a wheelchair, and that when most people do this event, they don't understand how much athletic ability is required to do this," Foe said.

"She said that many people do this and develop a lot of respect for people in wheelchairs."

There was a rumor circulat-

ing that only able-bodied people could participate in the event. However, this was dispelled by Foe.

"A big reason why we are doing this program is to offer an event that everyone can participate in regardless of ability," he said. "The Student Program Board will not refuse anyone who wants to participate based on ability."

Foe was responsible for the idea of this tournament.

"I was brainstorming different events that I could possibly do with this position," Foe said.

"I really wanted to try and do an event that SPB hasn't done before, and it was right around the time of the Olympics this year."

Foe believes events like this are incredibly valuable to the Oakland University community, as they spread awareness about the diversity of its campus.

"OU has so many different diverse communities ranging from race, gender, ability, sexual orientation, religion and many more," he said. "These events are aimed to educate, spread awareness, and sometimes to end stigmas and stereotypes."

And even if not on a team, people are encouraged to come out and watch the tournament.

## 'Ask the Latina' empowers, educates Latin Americans

*Conference includes visiting speakers and participant workshops*

**Simon Albaugh**  
Intern Reporter

For one day, the Banquet Room of the Oakland Center was filled to the brim with empowered Latinas.

As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Latina Empowerment Conference on Oct. 8 worked to educate and improve opportunities for Hispanic-American women from Oakland University and the surrounding communities in the area.

The conference was a product of one member of Michigan's Latina community, Teresa Beltrán, CEO of Beltran Media. Her work for the Latina community focuses on media efforts to provide social and career resources for Hispanic-American women.

The Ask the Latina conference, along with its accompanying website, [www.AsktheLatina.com](http://www.AsktheLatina.com), was created to "benefit Latinas at different stages of life by building valuable social, economic, and business connections," according to the Ask the Latina event program.

The event itself hosted a score of speakers, all ranging in experience and vocation. The more

notable speakers included OU's Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn McIntosh and Christine Chavez, granddaughter of Hispanic rights activist Cesar E. Chavez.

The event started with opening statements by Beltrán and a speech by McIntosh.

"We have a lot of power within our grasp," McIntosh said during his opening speech. "We just have to use it."

The event was then organized around various workshops and panel discussions, some offered in both English and Spanish, and others only in one language or the other.

The workshops were on issues pertinent to the Hispanic-American community.

Each workshop featured a presentation prepared by Hispanic-American professionals in their career fields, as well as a panel discussion of Latin American practitioners in the featured fields.

Workshop topics included diabetes in the Latino community, career options financial security, immigration in Michigan and tips for starting a business. Each workshop lasted approximately an hour.

For more information on the resources provided in this conference and similar events in the future, students can visit [www.AsktheLatina.com](http://www.AsktheLatina.com).



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Students and faculty gathered Oct. 8 to attend the conference. Participants discussed various aspects of Latin American lifestyle.



# Second presidential debate breakdown

John Bozick

Social Media Editor

Many presidential historians and media critics labeled the town-hall debate last Sunday in St. Louis one of the most brutal examples of mud-slinging in the annals of U.S. presidential elections.

For much of the 90-minute clash, candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton brawled and bickered about sex scandals in their pasts.

Clinton and Trump were tasked with answering questions provided by the moderators, the audience at Washington University and undecided voters online. Let's try to focus on the key issues each candidate addressed.

## Affordable Care Act:

**Trump:** Trump began by saying he thinks the Affordable Care Act and "Obamacare" have been a disaster. Trump said that if he is elected president, he will repeal "Obamacare" and replace it with something that works better.

**Clinton:** Clinton said she wants to fix what is broken about the current system instead of completely abolishing it. Clinton also said she wants to work toward lowering the costs of health care so that everyday Americans can afford basic health care.

## Refugees and Islamophobia:

**Trump:** When pressed on his past Islamophobic comments, Trump emphasized "extreme vetting" of immigrants. Trump said he no longer supports a ban of all Muslims entering the U.S. He said he wants to limit Syrian refugees entering the U.S.

He also called the war in Iraq a disaster and said that, had he been president in 2001, the war never would have happened. Trump once again said that he never supported the war in Iraq, despite documented evidence proving otherwise.

**Clinton:** After hearing Trump's remarks, Clinton said that his policies could be used as a "terrorist recruiting tool." As Clinton put it, the U.S. is a country founded on freedom of religion, which means that

Trump's stance on banning Muslim refugees would never work in the U.S.

One of the major topics Clinton announced was that she wants to increase the number of Syrian refugees that the U.S. takes in to 65,000, a vast increase from the Obama administration's goal of 10,000.

## War in Syria:

**Trump:** When it comes to Syria, Trump said he thinks that the entire foreign policy of the U.S. is a disaster. He also said he believes that the U.S. should leave the job of destroying ISIS to the Assad regime and Russia. He also said that Russia, Syria and Iran have all joined forces due to the foreign policy of the U.S.

Trump contradicted his running mate Gov. Mike Pence on Syria policy. "He and I haven't spoken, and he and I disagree," Trump said in response to a question about whether he backs the possible use of military force against the Assad regime in Syria as staked out by Gov. Pence.

**Clinton:** Clinton said she would not use American ground forces in Syria. She said she thinks that would be a very serious

mistake. She recommended the continued use of special forces and trainers in Iraq.

She said she hopes that by the time she becomes president the U.S. will have pushed ISIS out of Iraq.

"I do think that there is a good chance that we can take Mosul. And, you know, Donald says he knows more about ISIS than the generals. No, he doesn't."

## What they respect in each other:

**Clinton:** While not naming anything about Trump himself that she respects, Clinton said his children are "very able and devoted," and that this says a lot about Trump.

**Trump:** He thanked Clinton for her comments about his children and said that he hopes it was meant to be a compliment. He followed this up by saying he respects the fact that Clinton is a worthy opponent who despite all odds, never gives up.

The third and final debate between both nominees will take place on Oct. 19 at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas. This debate will be held in the same format as the first debate.

## 'Pepe the Frog' meme becomes mascot for hate group, Trump supports the movement

Ethan Fogle

Intern Reporter

"Alt-Right," sounds like a key-board key, and many of those who know what it means wish that were actually the case.

NPR defines Alt-Right as a group that supports anti-Semitic and white supremacist ideology. The primarily online movement stands against multiculturalism, immigration, feminism and (most proudly) political correctness.

According to The Economist, the political movement only recently gained traction when Republican Party presidential candidate Donald Trump fired the CEO of his campaign and hired Steve Bannon.

Steve Bannon is former executive chairman of Breitbart News, a conservative political news website that has posted stories and shown support for the Alt-Right movement. Trump himself has tweeted several pictures that were made by the hate group.

Taking a step back from the

possible implications of the Alt-Right movement and its support from Trump, there is also its mascot to consider.

Political parties have their own mascots. The Republicans have the elephant and the Democrats have the donkey. Alt-Right has decided to troll the nation and make its mascot the wildly popular meme Pepe the Frog.

## Pepe's a hostage

Since the Alt-Right was founded on the internet, it only makes sense that it chose a meme to be its mascot.

According to VICE writer Roisin Kiberd, Pepe first appeared in a series of blog posts by MySpace blogger Matt Furie in 2005.

The Alt-Right started on sites such as Reddit and 4chan, where Pepe remained popular even after the fall of MySpace.

In 2015, ten years later, Pepe was declared the sixth most popular meme of the year. By that point, he had also been used by mainstream stars like Katy Perry

and Nicki Minaj.

Pepe's popularity is what makes his adoption by the Alt-Right so troubling.

Many people have retweeted or posted Pepe in some form or another on social media. Sometimes, the frog appears with Trump's signature hairstyle.

However, now that the Alt-Right has claimed Pepe for its own, unsuspecting posters might appear to support the Alt-Right's ideals, when they often do not.

## Alt-Right efforts

Through sites like Reddit and 4chan, the Alt-Right has been able to grow and cause the kind of havoc that internet trolls create.

For example, following the first 2016 presidential debate on Sept. 26, the Alt-Right got together online to help swing polls put out by popular news sites.

Members flooded the polls, saying that Trump won the debate. Many early polls said Trump had won the debate, but later polls that weren't skewed by the



Screenshot from Donald Trump's Twitter

Presidential candidate Donald Trump has tweeted several memes and images created by the anti-Semitic, white supremacist group Alt-Right.

Alt-Right showed the opposite.

Alt-Right has been so successful in propping up Pepe as its mascot that he is now classified by the Anti-Defamation League as a hate symbol, residing in the

same category as the swastika and the burning cross.

"What am I going to say?" Furie asked. "Hey, you anonymous white supremacists, stop making my frog Trump?"



# It's a "Flu-ApalOUza" at Graham Health Center

*Oakland provides information on ways to easily get vaccinated*

**Faith Brody**  
Life Editor

Getting a flu shot is no fun. But what's worse than getting a shot? Probably getting the flu itself.

The Graham Health Center recognizes that students are busy and health often gets put on the back burner. That's why the center is offering free flu shots for the third year in a row.

Most colleges in Michigan are part of a competition to see who can get the most students vaccinated against the flu. Last year, Oakland won "Most Improved Flu Doses" by 690 vaccinations, according to the Graham Health Center's webpage. Wayne State University won the challenge last year by 0.4 percent.

Oakland is competing against schools like Wayne State, Fer-

ris, Grand Valley and Western for the most flu immunizations given out.

According to a report that students voluntarily filled out, 1,564 students were vaccinated last year, which means 9.2 percent of students at OU were vaccinated.

Nancy Jansen, director of the Graham Health Center, stressed that getting immunized against the flu is important.

"It's available to everybody," she said. "And [for] people with certain chronic conditions, it's even more important to get the flu shot, like students with asthma or diabetes or any other chronic health problems."

Jansen recommended getting the shot as early as possible, since flu season tends to peak in January and February. The flu virus also changes every year, so the vaccination changes as well.

A full list of off-campus flu clinics can be found on the health center's website.

"Walk-in Wednesdays" are being held at Graham Health Center from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Students can also get a flu shot by calling and making an appointment.

"Oftentimes, we can get people in on the same day," Jansen said.

Jansen said that it's required to bring an ID and proof of insurance. Even for students who have no insurance, the vaccine is administered free of charge.

Some students who are terrified of needles (which Jansen assured is a very common phobia in the college-aged group), may remember getting the flu vaccine via a nasal mist in the past. However, according to research done by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention,



Danielle Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Oakland students are encouraged to come to the GHC to get their flu shots.

researchers found the nasal mist is overwhelmingly ineffective at preventing the flu. Therefore, they recommend an intradermal needle, which is smaller than the end of a fine-tipped Sharpie.

Jansen said it's important that, regardless of where students get the shot, they should report that

they are immunized on Graham Health Center's website. This will help Oakland win the flu challenge.

The Graham Health Center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (248) 370-2341 or visit its website at <https://www.oakland.edu/ghc/>.

## OU Students Receive our **Lowest Rate!**

Whether you want to begin building credit or have an existing high-rate credit card from another institution, an OU Credit Union Visa Credit Card is the perfect option for every student.



**8.9% APR!**

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**  
Credit Union



[oucreditunion.org/visa](http://oucreditunion.org/visa)

APR is Annual Percentage Rate. 8.9% APR is lowest rate offered for Platinum Visa Credit Card.

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**

## GRADUATE OPEN HOUSE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15 | 5-7 p.m.**  
**Oakland Center Banquet Rooms**

- Explore more than 130 master's, doctoral and certificate programs.
- Learn about financial aid and payment options.
- Speak directly with program faculty.

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY.**  
[oakland.edu/grad/openhouse](http://oakland.edu/grad/openhouse) | (248) 370-2700





# Social media star takes the stage

*YouTube personality, author, activist shares insight with students*

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

**T**yler Oakley, YouTuber and LGBTQ+ activist, came to Oakland University on Oct. 5 to talk about his book "Binge" and answer questions about his life in the entertainment industry.

Oakley might have been made famous by YouTube, but he now partakes in numerous other endeavors including starting his own summer camp, hosting his own talk show with Ellen DeGeneres and writing "Binge." In addition, he has participated in the reality TV shows "Catfish" and "The Amazing Race."

"Middle-aged moms always come up to me, and I mean, that's how you know me?" he said, in reference to his time on "Catfish."

"But I was disappointed the guy who was catfishing me in the show was a real person," he added.

Oakley took to the O'rena

stage with Corey Kuhl, his college friend, former roommate and partner on "The Amazing Race."

"I'm here to help moderate," Kuhl said. "If we left Tyler alone for an hour and a half it'd never go anywhere."

Prior to the lecture, Oakley joined student volunteers in walking around campus and helping students register to vote.

"Oakland University is very beautiful," he said. He wore an OU shirt onstage, along with a keychain of The Grizz on his belt.

## Advice on YouTube and college

Oakley never received formal training on how to be a YouTube personality. He shared in his lecture that he moved to San Francisco after college and got a job doing social media for a company.

He told the audience that he would go home and apply the techniques he wanted to try at

work to his own social media.

"I just made videos about my life to keep in touch with friends," he said.

Oakley explained that he has never made a viral video. Instead, he slowly grew a following.

"Five years into my time on YouTube, I decided to make it my full-time job," he said.

Since then, more opportunities have opened up for him, like appearing on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and starting his own talk show with her, writing his own book and going on a worldwide slumber party tour, complete with onesies.

When asked what advice he had for aspiring YouTube talent, he told the audience to never give up.

"I know that's stupid and cliché," he said. "It might take you forever to get where you want to go . . . but have fun. The people I watch, I watch because they're having fun."

He said all it takes to be a You-



**LEFT** Oakland University welcomed Tyler Oakley and Corey Kuhl at the O'rena Wednesday night. Fans with Oakley's book were able to get his autograph after the event. *Photo by Elyse Gregory* **RIGHT** Oakley snapped a video during his talk. *Photo by Nowshin Chowdhury* **ABOVE** A fan brought Oakley a handcrafted gift. *Photo by Nowshin Chowdhury*

Tuber is to upload one video.

"Just upload your first video. In a year, you'll wish you would have started uploading sooner because your first video always sucks. My first video is private."

He was asked at one point during the lecture what advice he'd have for college freshman. Being a former resident assistant, he told freshmen to get involved.

"Do more things your RA tells you to do! You might meet some really cool people, and chances

are your RA is telling you to go because it might be beneficial for you."

## Success of the event

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, said that about 1,300 tickets were picked up for the event, which was more tickets than were distributed for the Laverne Cox speech last year.

"There's a wide range of ages showing up," Miller said.

## Fast Facts on Tyler Oakley

- His real name is Matthew Tyler Oakley
- He was born March 22, 1989
- He attended Michigan State University and earned a degree in communication
- He's single
- He has 8,132,590 subscribers on his YouTube channel as of this publication. Across all of his social media platforms, that number is close to 21 million.
- According to his page on CBS from "The Amazing Race," he and his fans raised over \$1,000,000 for suicide prevention and awareness.



# Relay for Life event raises thousands

Gina Navaroli  
Intern Reporter

Oakland University's American Cancer Society (ACS) supported cancer awareness by holding a Relay For Life event on Friday, Oct. 7.

Participating organizations included the Neurology Club, Sigma Sigma Sigma, American Medical Women's Association, Students Promoting Empathy Action Knowledge, Pre-Medical Society and Alpha Phi Omega.

The event provided a variety of entertainment for students, including the Pre-Medical Society's Bras for a Cause game, the Neurology Club's raffle baskets, a doughnut-eating contest, Minute to Win It, as well as food and music.

ACS prepared the event months in advance.

"We've been preparing for six months now," ACS member Jessica Akl said. "We've been having a bunch of meetings with Rachel [Scheich], from the American Cancer Society. She helped us plan and find sponsors to help support our

event. We have a website through ACS that allows organizations and students from OU to create teams to raise money."

Joshua Hermiz, another ACS member, explained the difficulty in arranging and promoting the event. Planning took more effort than expected, due to collecting numerous sponsors and engaging donors for a mostly commuter school.

Junior Nicholas Elias publicly shared his experience with cancer and how it has affected his life. Earlier this year, Elias was diagnosed with stage three Hodgkin's lymphoma.

He explained his experience as not just a physical battle, but a mental battle as well.

"[Cancer] is a life-changing experience," Elias said. "Having this type of event go on is a beautiful thing. People coming together for a cause — even if it's just a stranger, knowing that person is supporting you cheers you up. It affected my life in a lot of ways. My health style and my perspective on life drastically changed. I take action and care more."

Elias described how his diagnosis has affected his loved ones and his lifestyle.

He experienced a moment of transition from a lifestyle of "being active, outgoing and always smiling, to someone afraid to leave their house."

That made him realize, "you wanna push yourself to beat it [cancer], rather than just let your mind eat at you."

Elias is scheduled to have his last chemotherapy treatment on Oct. 10.

Relay For Life Community Manager and OU alumna Rachel Scheich explained how the event gave the Oakland community a chance to come together and fight back against a disease.

Scheich proudly announced that Relay For Life has raised over \$2,000 in the past two weeks.

She recommended people educate themselves to build awareness.

"The ACS provides so much," Scheich said. "Cancer.org is a good source — they can get rides to treatment and can get support where they need it and programs in their area . . . Early detection is key, staying healthy, getting your proper



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

The Relay for Life event provided a variety of entertainment for students, including the Neurology Club's raffle basket's.

screening. This is a starting point and we can only go bigger from here, [as we] allow students to have this avenue to fight cancer and getting other organizations involved."

Scheich shared that Relay For Life has been an on-and-off event for the past couple of years at OU, but it is something she hopes to sustain.

## This Week.

12 Wednesday	13 Thursday	14 Friday	16 Sunday	18 Tuesday
<b>11 A.M. - 2 P.M.</b> Talkin' Trash, OU Student Congress Elliott Clock Tower	<b>11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.</b> La Pittura Tie-Dye Lunch Meeting 109 Wilson Hall	<b>12 - 1 P.M.</b> Hispanic Heritage Month Closing Ceremony Oakland Center, Gold Room A	<b>3 - 5 P.M.</b> Oakland University Brass Band Performance Varner Recital Hall	<b>12 - 1 P.M.</b> Second Year Experience: Pumpkins and Professors Oak View Hall
<b>12 - 2 P.M.</b> Immigration Debate Oakland Center, Banquet Room A	<b>11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.</b> President's Colloquium "The Role of Sleep in Emotional Health" Oakland Center, Banquet Rooms	<b>6 P.M.</b> Women's Volleyball vs. Milwaukee O'rena	<b>5 P.M.</b> AC Oakland Summit 2086 Human Health Building	<b>5 - 7 P.M.</b> Student Organic Farmers: Halloween Bash Campus Student Organic Farm
<b>3 - 7:30 P.M.</b> Student Organic Farmers Harvest Night Campus Student Organic Farm	<b>6 P.M.</b> AC Oakland Base Camp Oak View Lobby	<b>8 - 9 P.M.</b> Residence Hall Association: Laugh Out Loud with Tommy Ryman Vandenberg Dining Hall	<div>17 Monday</div>	<b>5:30 - 8 P.M.</b> China Club: Movie Night "The Piano in a Factory" Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge
<b>6 P.M.</b> Women's Volleyball vs. Valparaiso O'rena	<b>7 - 11:45 P.M.</b> Student Program Board: Drive-In Movies, "Finding Dory" & "The Purge: Election Year" Parking Lot 35	<div>15 Saturday</div>		<b>6 P.M.</b> AC Oakland Base Camp Oak View Lobby
<b>11 A.M. - 2 P.M.</b> AC Oakland Base Camp West Vandenberg Hall, Second Floor Lounge		<b>9 A.M. - 4 P.M.</b> Music, Theater & Dance Day Oakland Center and Varner Hall	<b>4 - 6 P.M.</b> OU Student Congress General Body Meeting Oakland Center, Oakland Room	
		<b>7 P.M.</b> Women's Soccer vs. Green Bay Oakland Soccer Field	<b>4 - 9 P.M.</b> Student Program Board: Wheelchair Basketball Recreation and Wellness Center	

Holding an event you'd like to add to the calendar? Send the details to [editor@oaklandpostonline.com](mailto:editor@oaklandpostonline.com).

# Student overcomes celiac disease obstacles

Amy Swanson  
Staff Reporter

Imagine getting progressively sicker and doctors not knowing why. What starts with stomachaches turns into the difficulty to speak and inability to walk.

This was the life of Kiera Becker, a senior at Oakland University. It was many long months before she finally got the diagnosis: celiac disease.

## What is it?

"Celiac disease is a serious genetic autoimmune disorder where the ingestion of gluten leads to damage in the small intestine," according to Celiac.org.

Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley and rye. When someone with the disease ingests it, their body's immune system mistakenly identifies the protein as a danger. However, instead of attacking the protein, the body targets the villi. These are tiny, finger-like projections that line the small intestine, according to Celiac.org.

"When the villi get damaged, nutrients cannot be absorbed properly into the body."

Celiac disease is believed to affect one in 100 people around the world.

## The battle for an answer

"I've kind of always been sick, even when I was first born," Becker said.

When she was a couple of months old, a trip to the emergency room informed her family she had a low white blood cell count. Doctors believed it could be meningitis and she was therefore given heavy doses of antibiotics.

As it turns out, her test results had actually been switched with another patient's. While her white blood cell count was low, she only ended up having a urinary tract infection. As autoimmune issues often begin with a trigger, the family believes this heavy dose of medication may have gotten the ball rolling.

Throughout her life, Becker would get throbbing headaches and excruciating stomach pain.

However, her condition worsened rapidly her freshman year of high school. She was often weak, had a hard time focusing in class and could barely stay awake.

One symptom of celiac disease is called brain fog. This makes thoughts foggy, and so it took a long time for Becker to verbally reply.

Eventually, she even lost the ability to walk on her own.

"I was basically close to a vegetative state. I was still conscious but wasn't very responsive," she said.

During this time, Becker saw many

specialists who tossed around different possibilities. For instance, one doctor thought she was depressed and prescribed anti-depressants. At the time, her family was mainly focusing on the neurological side, or the possibilities that dealt with the brain.

Looking back, Becker said her lowest point was during a visit with her primary care doctor, whom the family had seen for years.

"She basically said 'You might just have to be like this,'" Becker said. "I can't believe someone whose job it is to try to help sick people just gave up on us."

While she was used to seeing doctors most of her life, it eventually began to take its toll.

"It got a little sad after a while. You keep seeing doctors who just tell you the results are negative."

## Light at the end of the tunnel

After months of struggling, Becker's family decided they would take a break and go see a friendly face, their pediatric gastroenterologist Dr. Belnap.

"He came into the room, looked at me and said, 'She has celiac disease,'" Becker said.

Although he had given her tests when she was younger, celiac disease was not well understood in the U.S. around the late 1990s, so the diagnosis was dismissed. However, as time went on, Belnap contacted European colleagues and continued to study celiac's causes and markers, so he became very familiar with all of its symptoms.

After Belnap performed an endoscopy, Becker was then put on a gluten-free diet, and the process of recovery began.

While the diagnosis was a little hard to hear, it also came with some relief.

"You just want a name to what's going on. It's not curable, but it was just so nice to know that it's not going to be like this forever, I just have to stay off gluten," Becker said.

## Road to recovery

At first, things were pretty rough. "I slowly started to realize how many things have gluten," Becker said.

The first Thanksgiving was the worst. "I sat down and it was like, so, I can have mashed potatoes."

Starting out, her family sat down and learned how to read labels, as it's important to decipher what the words mean. Becker gave the example of malt flour, which is actually made from barley. Therefore, she can't eat things like Whoppers candies.

As for eating out at restaurants, she's gotten the hang of researching the food beforehand, although the trip can some-



Mary Mitchell / The Oakland Post

Senior Kiera Becker deals with the struggles of celiac disease daily, as one out of 100 people do.

times prove difficult. She must always be aware of the potential for cross-contamination.

"The most painful thing is when they advertise having a gluten-free menu and you're all excited, but when you go, all that's on it is salad. It's like no, I wanted food."

Becker said it's gotten easier, as more people are now eating gluten-free, despite no actual rise in celiac disease.

A study published this year found that between 2009 and 2014, the number of non-celiac people who avoid gluten has more than tripled, according to The Guardian. This may be because of the diet's trendiness.

Some use it as a weight-loss diet, which Becker said is very inaccurate.

"A lot of bread substitutes have more sugar in them to compensate for the flavor, so they can be healthier," Becker said.

While finding the fad a little annoying, Becker said it does have some benefits.

"On one half, they're getting into it for their own reasons, but on the other half, I'm getting more food to eat."

Becker was officially deemed healed two years later.

## A serious disease

Becker is not alone with her struggle. Celiac disease can have over 200 symptoms, and many people show little-to-no signs, so a diagnosis can be challenging, according to Celiac.org.

In fact, it's believed that two and a half million Americans have the disease but don't know it, which can cause long-term health problems, according to celiac.org.

Becker said she was fortunate to have caught the disease in a couple of months. "Mine was the worst case [Belnap]

had ever seen," Becker said. "I was very lucky. I've known people who have gone through that for years without getting diagnosed."

Becker made it clear that this disease can be dangerous.

"It's not the end of the world, but it is still very serious. If you find out you have that diagnosis, you must stay gluten-free or you will get very sick and maybe even die."

Becker said she knows people who should be gluten-free but cheat because their symptoms aren't as extreme. However, they may not realize the damage that's happening to their body. This may cause an increased risk of other problems.

Studies have been done that lead scientists to believe those with celiac disease have a higher probability of getting certain types of cancer, according to Gluten-FreeLiving.com. However, it is rare and the risk declines when the body begins healing.

Therefore, Becker said it doesn't hurt to be proactive.

"If you get the opportunity to get tested, do it. Sometimes the symptom might be as simple as being tired all the time."

All in all, there were some takeaways from this journey.

Through this experience, Becker learned how compassionate and unified her community can be, from gluten-free food fairs to websites where people can swap recipes.

"In being in this gluten-free community, I met people I never would have otherwise. They're almost like a family. Even in the harshest situations, you can find someone who's going through the same thing and really support each other through it."



## Political Focus: Clinton's plans for student loan crisis

*Exploring history of the crisis and Clinton's proposed solution*

**Melissa Deutsch**  
Political Columnist

Last week, we began taking a look at Hillary Clinton's proposal for higher education. Specifically, we examined her plan for free tuition at public, in-state universities and community colleges.



That part of her plan is an attempt to ease the burden on future students. However, according to Student Loan Hero, there are already 43 million borrowers sharing \$1.3 trillion in debt.

### How it all began

Until 1965, students in the U.S. had to find ways to finance themselves through college. A college education was, therefore, a luxury for the rich. President Lyndon B. Johnson set to fix this problem and signed the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Among other things, this essentially created the student loan system. Students were now able to go to banks for cheaper loans insured by the government.

The program has since been tinkered with and expanded upon in many ways. For example, years later, President Richard Nixon expanded the program by creating a government agency called Sallie Mae. Students now got loans from the banks and Sallie Mae bought those loans from the banks, giving the banks more money for more loans.

When President Bill Clinton was elected, he aimed at eliminating the middle man and allowing the government to issue loans directly to students. After years of political conflict, Clinton was able to pass that provision. As a compromise, he agreed to privatize Sallie Mae, freeing it from governmental power.

In 2010, President Barack Obama signed a student loan program "overhaul," eliminating private

banks from federal loans and expanding grants and investments in community colleges.

### Who's to blame for the crisis?

The crisis we currently face is the result of a perfect storm, and people want to point the finger in a couple of different directions.

For some, the answer is Sallie Mae. After privatization, the organization grew tremendously. As debt increased, Sallie Mae's profits grew to \$3.5 billion. This is where many people have an issue. Students in debt struggling to get an education while the rich get richer off their struggles doesn't sit right with a lot of people.

Others blame government involvement. The more money the federal government poured into paying for college, the more colleges could charge for tuition.

The government responded with more spending and more legislation, putting a huge financial burden on taxpayers.

A more recent explanation for tuition increase is a decrease in state funding for higher education. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, per-student funding in Michigan has decreased by 21 percent since 2008. In turn, the average tuition at four-year public universities in Michigan has gone up by \$2,276.

### Clinton's solution

The democratic candidate's proposal is designed to help borrowers in a couple of different ways. Her website states, "Borrowers will be able to refinance loans at current rates," adding that they won't pay back more than 10 percent of their income and any outstanding debt will be forgiven after 20 years (both of the latter provisions were already signed into law by President Obama in 2010).

Let's make sure we understand what that means.

The interest rate on federal student loans is at 3.76 percent this year, down from 4.29 percent, according to CNN Money. However, in the past, it has been up to almost 7 percent, justified by the high risk of students defaulting.

This means some students are

paying back their loans at that fixed interest rate, instead of interest adjusted to the current rate of 3.76 percent.

Under current legislation, if you find a job with a high-enough income after college, you can refinance your student loan payments at a lower interest rate because now there's less risk involved for the lender.

Under this provision of Clinton's plan, anyone would be able to refinance his or her loans at the current rate, regardless of income.

### Does the government really make money off students?

Clinton's plan is based on the answer to this question being "Yes," and even Donald Trump has said he agrees students are "probably one of the only things the government shouldn't make money off... it's terrible that one of the only profit centers we have is student loans."

But analysts seriously debate whether the government is really making a profit off the student loan program, or if it's actually losing money.

CNN Money explained that the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) makes two estimates on this matter. By the calculation that they are required to follow, the federal student loan program could turn a profit of \$1.6 billion in 2016.

However, as CNN explained, "The CBO itself says there is a better way to calculate the money coming in and out of the loan program."

When accounting for the risk of students falling behind or defaulting on their loan payments, the CBO estimates that the loan program would result in a loss of \$20.6 billion. Clinton also states in her proposal that she would cut the interest rate even further, making loans even riskier for the government.

The truth is, there's no real way to measure this until the loans are paid off, which takes years. Therefore, the CBO has to make a lot of guesses to calculate the risk.

However, CNN interestingly notes that, no matter how you do the math, the government is not making money off of loans to undergraduates. Any profits come from loaning to graduate students or parents.

# FOLLOW THE POST



@theoaklandpost



facebook.com/theoakpost



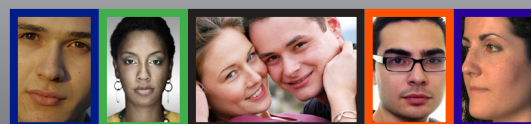
issuu.com/op86

**FREE Pregnancy Tests**  
**FREE Limited Ultrasounds**  
**FREE STD Testing and Treatment**  
~ Comprehensive  
~ Confidential  
~ Caring

p ~ 248.293.0070  
(Appointment preferred)



www.crossroadspregnancy.org  
e ~ cpctesting4u@gmail.com



# A Closer Look: Trump's campaign makes great case for limiting government power

Alex Stevens  
Political Columnist

Last week, audio uncovered by The Washington Post confirmed what most of us already knew about Donald Trump: he's a pretty awful human being.



If that wasn't clear before, consider that from the start of Trump's campaign, the emphasis has been more about getting the American people to despise or fear certain groups (immigrants, China, Syrian refugees), instead of getting us to like him.

His approach has been to invent fake threats and present

himself as the strongman who is uniquely qualified to step in and "make America great again." What this strategy has demonstrated — and what The Washington Post's audio makes very clear — is that Trump lacks a fundamental respect for other human beings.

It isn't a coincidence that a man boasting about how his social status grants him the right to assault women is also running on a platform that appears unbound by constitutional or legal constraints.

Unlike previous candidates who have at least nodded to the existence of the U.S. Constitution, Trump's campaign has been a constant assault on the limitations of powers outlined in the Constitution.

At various points, his campaign has called for the sanc-

tioning of religious institutions on the basis that some of their members' beliefs are dangerous (a violation of the First Amendment); the support of torturing enemy prisoners, as well as the targeting and killing of their families (a violation of the Eighth Amendment); the shutdown of Muslim immigration into the U.S. (a policy that would essentially shred the Constitution, but is most notably in violation of the Equal Protections Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment).

The campaign has also demonstrated overall ignorance of the idea that the powers of government are separated across three distinct branches.

It's likely that we will be spared from these ridiculous policies, as the emergence of this new audio from Trump will likely destroy his chances of winning the

election.

However, the 2016 election should serve as a wake-up call to Americans in that Trump has been able to get this close to becoming the most powerful man in the world.

**"This campaign cycle has demonstrated that a platform rooted in racial collectivism and nationalist protectionism can be politically successful in 2016."**

This campaign cycle has demonstrated that a platform rooted in racial collectivism and nationalist protectionism can be politically successful in 2016.

Because Trump's strategies and policy positions have been

well-received by some, it's likely that they will be emulated by others seeking elected positions going forward, on the left and the right.

As the nature of democracy is such that eventually, someone you disagree with will be in power, those who are concerned with the implications of a Trump presidency — or the presidency of any particular candidate, for that matter — should shift the conversation away from who is going to be elected this November.

The conversation we should be having — one that reflects more on the nature of government and politics — is about just how much power we should be giving our elected leaders. Because the one thing we can count on is that Trump won't be the last terrible person to run for office.

## 🎵 Drew's Review: 🎵 Top 10 Kanye West songs

Drew Hagge  
WXOU Sports Director

1. "Power"
2. "Can't Tell Me Nothin'"
3. "Stronger"
4. "Get 'Em High"
5. "Runaway"
6. "Good Life"
7. "We Major"
8. "All Falls Down"
9. "Blood on the Leaves"
10. "Father Stretch My Hand, Pt. 1"

Yeah, I'll say it, Kanye West is the greatest musician of the 21st century. Thus, he has made this the hardest list I've constructed so far. So, before anybody overreacts because their favorite song from "Cruel Summer" or "Watch the Throne" is absent, just listen.

In order to make a list of Kanye's greatest songs manageable, there needs to be some guidelines.

In this instance, I gave

myself limits. The only eligible Kanye songs can come from his solo albums. These range from "College Dropout" in 2004 to his most recent work, "The Life of Pablo," which debuted earlier this year. Additionally, the list must include at least one song from each of his seven solo albums.

Naturally, the rules made creating this list more intriguing because, just like you, I didn't really rock with "Yeezus" either. However, the most compelling argument for Kanye's greatness lies in his consistency. At worst, your least favorite Kanye album is still pretty good, a feat no other hip-hop artist can claim.

A final testament to 'Ye's genius stems from his ability to bring out the best in other artists featured on his songs. No other rapper can make boring lyricist Talib Kweli sound exciting quite like Kanye does in "Get 'Em High."

## Let us keep you posted.



**THE OAKLAND POST**  
YOUR CAMPUS, YOUR NEWS



# Puzzles

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14						15					16			
17						18					19			
20						21					22			
				23				24	25					
26	27	28	29				30	31						
32					33	34				35		36	37	38
39				40		41				42				
43						44			45		46			
			47		48				49	50				
51	52	53						54						
55					56	57	58				59	60	61	62
63					64					65				
66					67					68				
69					70					71				

Across

- 1: Quick flash  
6: Not whole, as milk  
10: Sign of healing  
14: Kind of union  
15: Subordinate staffer  
16: Dixie bread  
17: Part of PABA  
18: Campbell of country music  
19: Clearasil target  
20: Profaned  
22: Hit the \_\_\_\_ (get mad)  
23: 'To each \_\_\_\_ own'  
24: Test answers in blue books  
26: Took advantage of  
30: Lively outing  
32: Bringing up the rear  
33: Fly alone  
35: Feeling expressed in many a Woody Allen film  
39: Kind of fee  
41: Slimy stuff  
42: More dry and withered  
43: Purple Heart, e.g.  
44: Whistle-blowers, of a sort  
46: Farm tower  
47: Biblical weeds  
49: In conclusion  
51: Rock layers

54: Temp

- 55: Math subj.  
56: 'Swan Lake' leads  
63: Get ready to shine?  
64: Soft cheese  
65: Well-versed  
66: Short newspaper piece  
67: Chilled, in a way  
68: Backs, anatomically  
69: Cons' confines  
70: Like so  
71: Adjective for some statesmen

Down

- 1: Tickled pink  
2: Like some excuses  
3: Sacred bird of Egypt  
4: What the fourth little piggy had  
5: Throat soother  
6: Epic accounts  
7: Tartan wraparound  
8: \_\_\_\_ fixe  
9: Tailor or tinker  
10: Boondocks quality  
11: Post-skiing beverage, for some  
12: Get one's goat  
13: Bellyaches  
21: Disposes (of)  
25: Geographical seven

- 26: Grad  
27: Pyramid bottom  
28: Secondhand  
29: Schemes  
30: Blackthorn shrubs  
31: Magic show exclamation  
34: Shrek, e.g.  
36: Determination  
37: Unload, as stock  
38: 'Aeneid' city  
40: Trellis piece  
45: Turn on an axis  
48: Trix craver  
50: Wear away  
51: Rural landing place  
52: Overused, as a phrase  
53: Ascended  
54: Iditarod entries  
57: Foot part  
58: Stead  
59: Object of pagan worship  
60: Geek's cousin  
61: Church recess  
62: Name on the marquee

Solutions to last week's crossword can be found at <http://freecrosswordpuzzles.com.au/printablecrossword.aspx?cw=M3-10-2016>

NOVICE

4	7						
2	8			4			3
			6	3	8	7	
7	6	1				8	
		9				2	5
		8	4	5	9		
3				8			4
							1

3		1					7
	8	2					4
	4	5	2	9		6	8
			8	2		4	9
2		8		1	9		
1	3	6		8	5	9	2
	2					1	6
8						3	5

INTERMEDIATE

	1						
4				2	1	9	5
	8				3		1
	4				9		6
		5				7	
6			5				3
	7		8				2
8		2	6	3			9
							7

6	2		1			5	
	3		2		9		4
				4	7		3
	6						7
		1		9		3	
	9						2
	4		5	7			
	1		3		4		6
		5			1		8

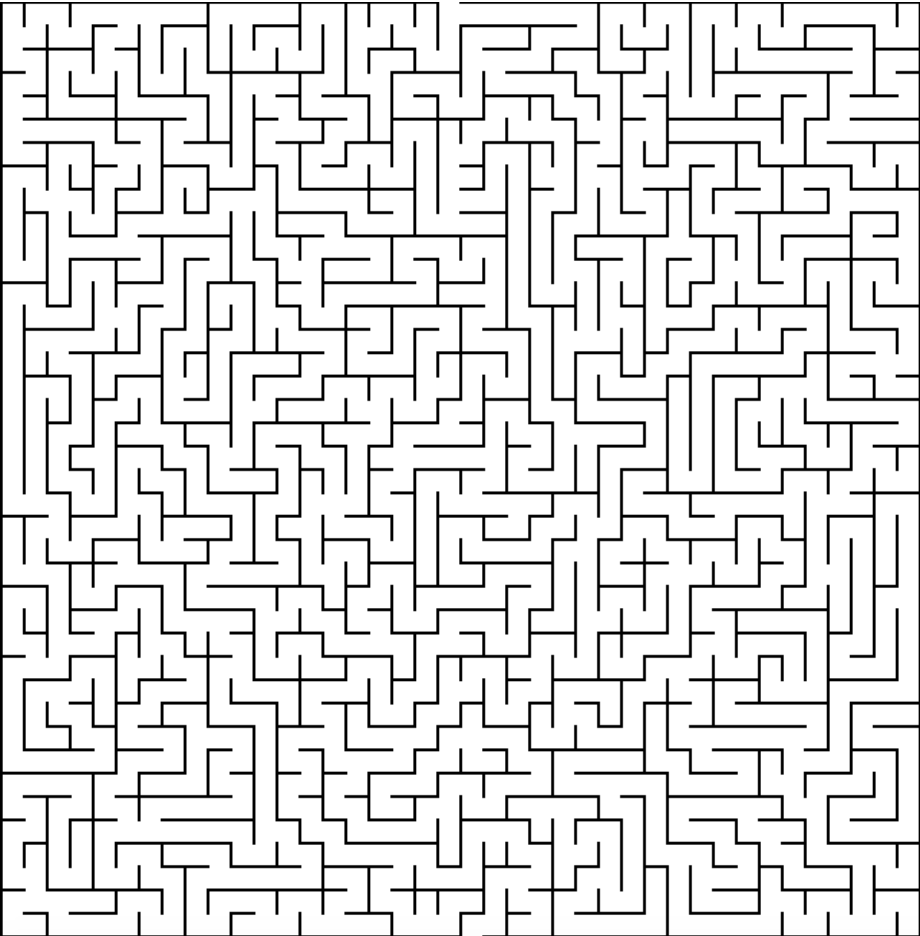




Photo Illustration by Megan Carson / The Oakland Post

Oakland Post employees eagerly claim their spots at the Elliott Clock Tower. Best friends and Golden Grizzlies forever.

## Limited time only: Buy a burial plot at Elliott Tower

**Shelby Tankersley**  
Campus Editor

College: the greatest time of our lives. A time of making friendships, learning new things and finding ourselves. If only it never came to an end, then we could all stay at our beloved Oakland University forever.

Have you ever found yourself wishing that very same thing? Well, ladies and gentlemen, look no further.

For a limited time only, OU will be selling burial plots near the Elliott Clock Tower. This will allow students to not only hold the home of the Golden Grizzlies in their hearts, they can actually be here for eternity.

Be sure to show the ultimate level of school spirit and take advantage of one of the 100 spots before they run out. They've been set at an affordable price: the cost of one semester here at OU.

Sure, we're all young and full of life, but why wait to secure your body's future? Act now and the plot will include:

- A personalized headstone made from the Golden Grizzly statue outside the Recreation and Wellness Center.

- Special graduation cords to show you have the most school spirit.
- Hearse services provided by the Bear Bus.
- A funeral lunch catered by Chartwells.
- A eulogy by The Grizz.
- Free OU T-shirts for you and your loved ones.

OU is also offering a more cost-effective option. Special urn stands will be installed in both the clock tower and the nearby fountain for those who do not wish to be buried or cannot afford the cost.

These smaller, more affordable spots will make great gifts. Christmas, anyone?

"This isn't exactly what we were thinking when we made the donation," said a representative from the Elliott family, "but frankly, we're jealous that we didn't come up with the idea on our own."

OU students don't have to be jealous, though. We now go to the only university where students can be buried in the place they call home for four or more years.

Prospective student Maddie Baese said that this new feature cemented her choice to attend Oakland this coming fall.

"I was looking for a school with lots of features," Baese said. "I thought it was so neat that students can be buried here, I basically threw my tuition money at the school."

Current students see it as the ultimate convenience after the difficult workload becomes more than their bodies can handle.

"I mean, final exams are going to kill me anyway, so I might as well just stay here," said junior Phoebe Wojciechowski. "And the free OU T-shirt really sold it for me. I'm trying to build my collection."

Others see it as a way to spite the clowns recently spotted on campus.

"When one of those clowns kills me, they'll think that I'll be gone from Oakland forever," said senior John Gossett. "Well, jokes on them, because this school can't get rid of me."

In fact, The Oakland Post feels so strongly that these burial plots are a good idea that we are throwing all ethical practice to the side and outright telling you our opinion. The entire staff of The Post will be purchasing these plots.

Space is limited and plots are selling fast. To reserve a plot, visit [www.oakland.edu/sixfeetunder/](http://www.oakland.edu/sixfeetunder/).

## Pokémon Go leads to tuition increases

**Matthew Noey**  
Contributor

Pokémon Go's popularity exploded (and then declined) across the country, and Oakland University plans to cash in big.

Within the game, special spots called Pokéstops and gyms can be found at real-world locations like churches, libraries and monuments. These locations allow players to battle for control of gyms or restock on Pokéballs. Elliott Tower, for example, is a gym in the game.

To gain more of these gaming locations, Oakland's administration plans to build additional monuments all over campus. This will naturally require that tuition be increased by an additional 50 percent every semester in order to pay for the massive number of planned building projects.

"The raise in tuition in the short term will produce a large increase in tuition dollars in the long run," said dean of the newly-established Pokémon Studies Department Phillip Katchoo, assuring students that paying tuition is to their benefit.

"Oakland will be the premiere destination for future Pokémon masters, both as tourists and as students," he added.

Katchoo is known for making his first million by trading Pokémon cards before joining academia to study the Pokémon phenomenon from anthropological and biological angles. The Pokémon Studies Department plans to offer many courses, from remedial classes in cell phone use to advanced classes in locating hard-to-find Pokémon.

Many have questioned the quality of Katchoo's papers and the validity of his conclusions. One such paper argued that "playing Pokémon games can reverse aging," citing the youthfulness of the majority of Pokémon players.

Many monuments are planned, such as statues of famous Grizzlies, statues of famous bears, actual bears in cages and giant photos of celebrities posing with The Grizz. Gift shops full of Pokémon-themed snacks and memorabilia will be placed near the monuments to increase profits.

Some students have accused the administration of wasting money, saying Pokémon Go is a dead fad.

"I don't understand why anybody is even playing this game," said a student sitting alone at a large table, who wished to remain anonymous. "I don't even get the whole cell phone fad. I am doing just fine without them."

Katchoo insists on the game's popularity, saying, "My top eight on MySpace constantly post about it."

Some students are as enthusiastic as Katchoo.

"I am changing my major to Pokémon studies," said sophomore Amber Evelyn as she shook with excitement. "My parents say I am wasting my life, but I just got an Arcanine. Being a doctor is going out of style anyway."

Katchoo announced to the Board of Trustees that he estimated Oakland will make "over \$1 trillion" and followed the declaration with a maniacal laugh.

Time will tell whether make OU the top university in the country or cause it to fall into bankruptcy.



## Oakland downs UIC in five sets

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

After dropping a drag-out fourth set, Oakland volleyball gathered itself and defeated the University of Illinois at Chicago in five sets on Friday, Oct. 7 at home.

Alli Gutschow marked her 1,000th dig, and Oakland head coach Rob Beam marked his 150th win at the school. Gutschow is the seventh player in Oakland history to break 1,000 digs, and Beam is second all-time for coaching wins at Oakland.

Oakland won the first set 25-22 and lost the second by the same margin. Things looked up for the Golden Grizzlies when they prevailed in the third 25-18.

The fourth began with Oakland up 8-4, but UIC clawed back to 13-10. Oakland timeout.

The mood changed. The Golden Grizzlies were regaining control. At 17-13 Oakland, UIC called a timeout.

The Flames climbed to within a point of Oakland, 19-18. Oakland timeout. UIC tied it up after, and the match was then tied at 24.

UIC pushed it to 25-24. Set point.

Oakland's Darien Bandel got a kill and tied it up at 25.

Then it was tied at 26. Oakland pulled ahead this time on a UIC attack error.

Match point, but the Flames got a kill and tied it at 27.

Then, UIC's Darrin Rice got a service ace. After an attack error by Oakland's Sammy Condon, the teams were headed to the fifth set.

Oakland got ahead 4-1 this time. UIC gassed it and went ahead 6-5. After the set was tight at 10-9 Oakland, the Golden Grizzlies got five in a row and won 15-9. Match.

"[Head coach Rob Beam] really wanted us to push the middles in the fifth set," setter Jordan Lentz said.

Oakland had been using the

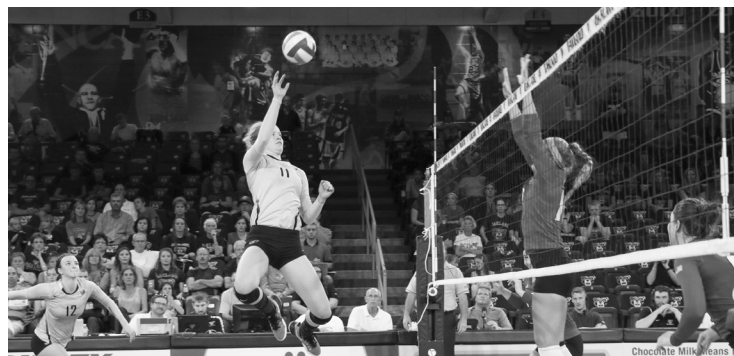
outside hitters and right side heavily in the first four sets. The UIC blockers were used to the outside attack. For a change in the fifth, Beam pushed the attack to the middle. It worked.

More importantly, it worked after losing that long fourth set. Beam didn't talk much at the break between the fourth and fifth sets, outside hitter Melissa Deatsch said.

"Rob kind of let us take it into our own hands," she said. "We just kind of turned to each other and refocused and got ourselves confident . . . That's what you need in the fifth set because it's only 15, so there's no time to mess around, and there's no time for any lulls."

Beam agreed. Limit the lulls. "They happen to everybody," he said. "Everybody's good in our league. The current reporting is either the 11th or 13th best conference in the country for volleyball."

Beam gave a shoutout to the



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Sammy Condon recorded 14 kills at the game against UIC.

Oakland reserves.

"Their energy level is out of the park," he said.

For Oakland, Deatsch led with 20 kills (her first time recording 20), followed by Condon (14) and Bandel (11). Lentz put up 49 of the team's 59 assists. She also led with 17 digs, followed by Gutschow (12). Condon and Krysteena Davis each got six block assists.

Gutschow said she wouldn't have been able to get those 1,000 digs without her team.

"Makes a really big difference when there's a really good solid block up," she said. "We've been

working a lot on our blocking. They've been doing phenomenal, and it makes my job so much easier."

This team isn't a stranger to big numbers. Melissa Deatsch recently surpassed 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs, the second person in Division I Oakland history to do so. But they're not thinking of those. They're just playing.

"You're just out there doing your job every day, and then the milestones just come," Deatsch said.

Beam didn't even realize it was his 150th win at Oakland until it was announced over the PA.

## Volleyball destroys undefeated Green Bay

*Golden Grizzlies now sit third going into Valpo game on Wednesday*

**Christian Miller**  
Intern Reporter

Oakland women's volleyball swept undefeated Green Bay in a 3-0 victory on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The victory was but one of many achievements inside the O'rena on Player Family Night.

Krysteena Davis recorded two digs, four block assists and eight kills with a hitting percentage of .677. Davis' hitting percentage tied with the seventh-highest in Oakland history for a single match.

Melissa Deatsch and Darien Bandel complemented Davis' efforts. Deatsch added two service aces and 10 digs, while Bandel contributed 10 kills, three block assists and one block solo.

Head coach Rob Beam praised the team's efforts, as well.

"I thought this was a match where the team came in focused," Beam said in a GrizzVision interview with Max King. "They really had a purpose today, and it showed."

Beam was also quick to express the significance of the win.

"This is a really good Green Bay team," he said. "Their record and their results speak for themselves. I think we just played maybe the most complete match — defensively, serve reception, service blocking and offense — that we played all year."

The first set saw both teams competing at the same level. Green Bay was first to score, but the Golden Grizzlies rebutted with three successive points of their own.

After trading points back and forth, Green Bay managed to tie the game up at 7-7.

From there, Oakland broke out in another scoring streak, leaving the score 11-7. Answering this, Green Bay returned with a successful rally again, tying the game this time at 11-11.

Identifying weaknesses in the Green Bay defense, Oakland turned up the heat, scoring an additional three points, and forced a Green Bay timeout.

Oakland continued the pressure as Green Bay returned, scoring an additional point and solidifying its 15-11 lead.

Oakland managed to suppress any significant Green Bay resurgence and ended the first set 25-21.

The second set was a testament to Oak-

land's offensive ability.

Oakland took the first point, but Green Bay came back with two of their own. The game returned to its back-and-forth pace with the teams tied at six points each.

It was here that the Golden Grizzlies began to dominate the court.

Oakland earned three consecutive points before Green Bay could interrupt. The Green Bay drive was short-lived, as Oakland regained possession of the ball and pushed to a comfy 12-9 lead.

The Golden Grizzlies then rained down on Green Bay, scoring seven consecutive points and forcing two Green Bay timeouts. Now 18-9, Green Bay struggled to overcome the bombardment.

Green Bay relinquished control to Oakland after scoring three points.

The Golden Grizzlies fortified their lead with an additional scoring blitz that yielded five additional points. Ultimately, Green Bay could not close the game and ended the set 25-15.

The play of the third set mimicked the second, with Oakland sweeping it 25-16.

The Golden Grizzlies will return to the O'rena Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. ET to take on Valparaiso. Because of the decisive win against Green Bay, Oakland sits at third in the Horizon League going in.

### THE SPORTING BLITZ

#### Tennis

Samantha Galloway (5-7, 6-3, (10-5)), Allison Motea (6-3, 6-3), Sofia Borcuti (6-4, 6-2) and Amanda Nilsson (6-4, 1-6, (10-8)) won their matches in the consolation final at the Bronco Invitational.

#### Men's swimming and diving

At Notre Dame: Joe Smith made NCAA Zone Qualifying cuts in the 1M dive (305.40, second) and 3M (325.28, second). Freshman Micah DeJonge got second in the 500 free (4:40.68) and 400 IM (4:20.68). Oakland lost 175-107.

#### Women's golf

Morgan Smith came in fourth overall at the Roseann Schwartz Invitational with a 151 (+7), followed by Fiona Schmidt (155, T8), Kylee Sullivan (155, T8), Zaafina Naqvi (158, T10) and Maddie Zack (159, T14).

#### Women's soccer:

Game story on [oaklandpostonline.com](http://oaklandpostonline.com).



# Cross country sweeps second annual Golden Grizzly Short Course

*Weather cooperates, women sweep; Stroede, Wuori win for men*

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

To say the weather cooperated is an understatement. The sun shined as Oakland cross country beat Central Michigan in the Golden Grizzly Short Course race on Friday, Oct. 7.

Rachel Levy won the women's 3K in 10:24, followed by Ashley Burr (second, 10:30) and Miranda Haas (third, 10:35).

For the first minute and a half, Levy was in second, but when the group went back in the woods, she took the lead.

"I knew I didn't want to go out first," Levy said. "I wasn't sure what the pace was going to be. So I let someone else take it and when I realized I had it in me to go a little faster, I went for it."

She often doesn't set the pace right away.

"She will feel a race out a little bit early on, but she's aggressive," Oakland head coach Paul Rice said. "She'll only give it so much distance before she really starts

pushing into it. They all kind of have that mentality."

This was evident in the 5K in the Joe Piane Invitational at Notre Dame on Sept. 30, Rice said. The women were in 14th place at the mile and ended up finishing tied for third.

"They chase each other in practice," Rice said. "We have a very competitive team."

Bryce Stroede won the 4K in 11:59, followed by Connor Wuori (third, 12:15) and Brad Mallory (eighth, 12:35).

"Today, the whole focus was to run better than what we did last week at Notre Dame through the 4K mark," Stroede said. "Pretty much everyone did that."

Wuori has been sick the past two weeks, but said that it's no excuse. He ran quicker than he did at Notre Dame.

The team's performance didn't come easy.

"We had one of the hardest, if not the hardest workouts we've run this whole season two days ago," Rice said. "We did hills, and

it was a killer workout. We weren't exactly thinking 'Let's go into this one fresh.'"

Not only that.

"They were in the weight room two out of the last three days," Rice said.

They train for fatigue and back off at the end of the season to take off.

"It's definitely tough," Stroede said. "That's the name of the game, though."

The idea for the short course came from necessity. The NCAA requires a certain amount of meets per season. But there was a problem.

"We don't like to race a lot in September," Rice said. "We like to train hard, take the racing out of the equation . . . So we have to fit another meet in somewhere."

Rice is friends with Central's coach, Mark Guthrie, who had a similar situation.

"Would you come down to our place and run a little short course workout type deal?" Rice said. "We'll run hard, but we won't



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Bryce Stroede and Jacob Bowman lead the men's short course race.

make it something that'll kill our guys and our women, so they'll still feel good for next week."

Guthrie was on board. Friday's meet marked the second annual race.

The Pre-National Invitational in Terre Haute, Indiana, is up next on Oct. 15.

The women's team got regionally ranked at the Notre Dame meet, Rice said, so now the job is to move up. Pre-Nationals has a lot of good teams, so it's possible there.

And the men?

"We need to bounce back from last week," Rice said. "We had three guys that were sick last week in Notre Dame, didn't race well. They're starting to come back around. One of our guys coming off an injury [Michael Cox] is going to run the full race next week for the first time."

Stroede's got a target.

"Youngstown's going to be there," he said. "They whooped us last week. We're not very happy about it."

## Oakland 0, Wright State 1: Men's soccer misses chances in second half

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

If you walked in at halftime of Saturday night's Oakland men's soccer game, didn't look at the scoreboard, and viewed the final 45 minutes, you'd have thought Oakland won.

But, already down 1-0, the latently dominant Golden Grizzlies (4-6-0, 3-2-0) lost on Oct. 8 by the same score to Wright State (7-4-1, 3-1-1), which was incredibly vigorous in the first half.

The Raiders' sole goal came in the 41st minute, but it very well could have come any time, as Wright State's attack ate up a good portion of the first 45 minutes.

Wright State's Peguy Ngatcha advanced quickly, hurdled an Oakland player, dribbled right and launched the ball, scoring a fierce one from 20 yards out. Eric Lynch got the assist. It was Ngatcha's ninth goal of the sea-

son.

"Disappointed with the effort in the first half," Oakland head coach Eric Pogue said. "We're a better team than we showed there."

Getting the whole team to defend is important, Oakland captain Nick Strack said. He knew the Raiders would be aggressive.

"[They're a] team full of seniors, juniors, a lot of upperclassmen," Strack said. "The last two years, we've been in the [Horizon League] finals with them, so they really got it out for us."

Oakland got it together at the half.

"We pushed [Nebosja Popovic] up top, pushed [Austin] Ricci underneath, put [Alex] Serwatka back out wide just to kind of mix some stuff up," Pogue said.

In the 56th minute, Serwatka passed to Ricci, who ripped a low shot wide left. It was one of the best attempts of the night.

In the 74th, Williams took it all

the way up to the top of the box, checked for passes and shot it. The ball nailed the right post and the crowd acted like somebody'd been shot. Williams didn't look too happy, either.

AJ Shaw shot it wide left in the 78th from 20 feet away from the top right side.

None of the chances stuck.

"We've just got to be a little more critical in the final third of their half," Shaw said. "Build-up was real well, we just couldn't get that final pass to get through. Just getting unlucky with a couple of the shots."

Williams had the only shot on goal for the Golden Grizzlies. Ricci led with four shots, followed by Williams with three, Popovic and Serwatka with two and Shaw with one.

Liam McQueenie spent 90 minutes in goal, made one save and let one in.

The freshman Shaw was quite visible at the end of this game.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Captain Nick Strack drives the ball forward at the Oakland soccer field as his teammates gather to assist the advance.

"I used to coach him back in the Vardar days when he was 10 years old," Pogue said. "He was that exact same guy. Tons of energy, hard-working guy, just buzzes up and down the line."

Three more years of that is looking pretty good, he said. Oakland has nine true freshmen altogether.

"I think the future's bright," Pogue said.



# NCAA denies vet opportunity to play

*Oakland appealing league's decision to keep Isaiah Brock from competing*

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

The NCAA has rejected Army veteran Isaiah Brock's waiver to compete for Oakland men's basketball this season. The university is appealing the NCAA's decision, which Oakland men's basketball head coach Greg Kampe became aware of on Sept. 30.

"Isaiah Brock did not meet initial eligibility standards based off his high-school transcript in 2011," said Jeff Konya, Oakland's athletic director. "Therefore, we had to ask for a waiver because he was deemed a non-qualifier, and we asked for him to receive athletic financial assistance, for him to practice and for him to compete."

Oakland's pitch invoked the 22-year-old's Army service, personal growth and four college classes that he has passed. The NCAA allowed him to practice and receive athletic financial assistance, but not to compete.

"It wasn't an ultimate rejection," Konya said.

Oakland has one chance to appeal. The university's basic argument is still the same: Based on the time passed, life lived and learned, and four college classes completed since high school, the initial eligibility requirements shouldn't apply to Brock like they do to a student-athlete coming straight from high school.

"We have to enhance and strengthen our arguments that we put in the initial waiver," Konya said. "We have to comb through his story to make sure that we don't leave any rock unturned that could assist in telling the story of who Isaiah Brock in 2016 is."

Oakland then must collaborate with the NCAA to work out what Brock's competitive eligibility will be. Konya expects the appeal will be filed before Thursday, Oct. 13. With the men's basketball season beginning Nov. 7, he thinks the matter will be processed quickly.

"We are working with the NCAA right now," Konya said. "We are trying to get to a result with them. They are in contact with us as we prepare the appeal."

The official appeal is an online form, but a case manager will also work with Oakland to examine submitted materials. As of Thursday, Oct. 6, the case manager had not met Brock, nor had the NCAA requested to interview him.

"We thought the waiver was a slam dunk," Kampe said. "Turns out it's not."

The competition waiver would be more than minutes and TV time, he said.

"Being allowed to play means you can travel, you can experience college basketball," Kampe said. "You warm up for the game, you can dress . . . If he were 18 years old, OK, no big deal. But he's 22. When he graduates, he's going to be 26. Why should he come back for 27? It's time to get on with your life at 27."

The Golden Grizzlies play a closed scrimmage against Central Michigan University on Halloween, and Kampe wants a yes or no by then.

"My question is, what's it hurting?" Kampe said. "It's 100 percent evident that he's academically prepared to be a student-athlete."

Brock's story is what you want in the NCAA, he said.

"Right now, in this day and age, everybody's talking about how veterans are treated so poorly when they come back," Kampe said. "Here's the NCAA's chance to stand up to that and give him special consideration, thank him for what he did for our country."

Brock is an exception to the initial eligibility rules, he said.

"He needs to be made whole," Kampe said. "He needs to be allowed to participate and experience college basketball."

Brock found out that he wouldn't be able to compete this season through a phone call from Kampe. In its partial rejection, the NCAA did not mention his military service or the college courses he has taken, Brock said.

"Definitely disappointed," he said. "[Filing the waiver] was a long, strenuous process. I wrote a lot of letters to them explaining that I was worthy of the opportunity to play here, go to school here. For them to deny me, I was just devastated. I didn't know what to say."

But there is nothing for him to do, except appeal.

"I have faith in the process," Brock said. "I'm just going to continue to work hard out here on the court every day and [go] hard in the gym."

On top of the letters he's written, what does he want to say to the NCAA?

"I would just like to tell them that I'm worthy of this opportunity, and I definitely won't disappoint them," Brock said. "I understand what happened in high school. I was young and immature



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Though currently ineligible to compete in the NCAA, Isaiah Brock still practices with teammates.

at the time, but going in the military, taking those few college courses, coming here, really changed me as a person and helped me mature as a man."

Brock didn't focus on his studies in high school, the Detroit Free Press reported, which is why, for him, his 2011 high school transcript is an inconvenient reference point for NCAA eligibility. But when Brock was in the Army serving as a mortuary affairs specialist, he noticed himself changing.

"The experiences I was going through while deploying, or just day-to-day life in the Army, I was definitely starting to pick up things," Brock said. "My mind was definitely maturing. I was starting to actually think like an adult instead of a child."

Kampe brought Brock on the squad primarily for this life experience, to bring some additional leadership to the team.

"He's had tremendous impact," Kampe said. "He's on the [Student-Athlete Advisory Committee]. He's already tutoring . . . He's got life experiences that no one else has and that our kids can talk to him about. It's been everything I

wanted it to be."

Brock took some classes with other freshman student-athletes over the summer.

"They're trying to get in the groove of things," he said. "I stayed on their back, made sure they were doing their work, motivating them every day to do the right thing and get good grades, compete in practice."

But he said the team is pretty self-motivated. Besides, the younger guys are not the only ones learning something. Brock has never played college basketball.

"I'm going to . . . soak up all the knowledge I can from these guys, no matter if they're young or if they're older than me," Brock said. "If you know something I don't know, I want to know."

Brock is pursuing a psychology degree and has four years of athletic eligibility remaining. If the NCAA denies the appeal, he would have to wait till next year to compete.

"I would sit on the sideline, cheer my team, go hard in practice, compete everyday," Brock said. "It would just make me work harder."