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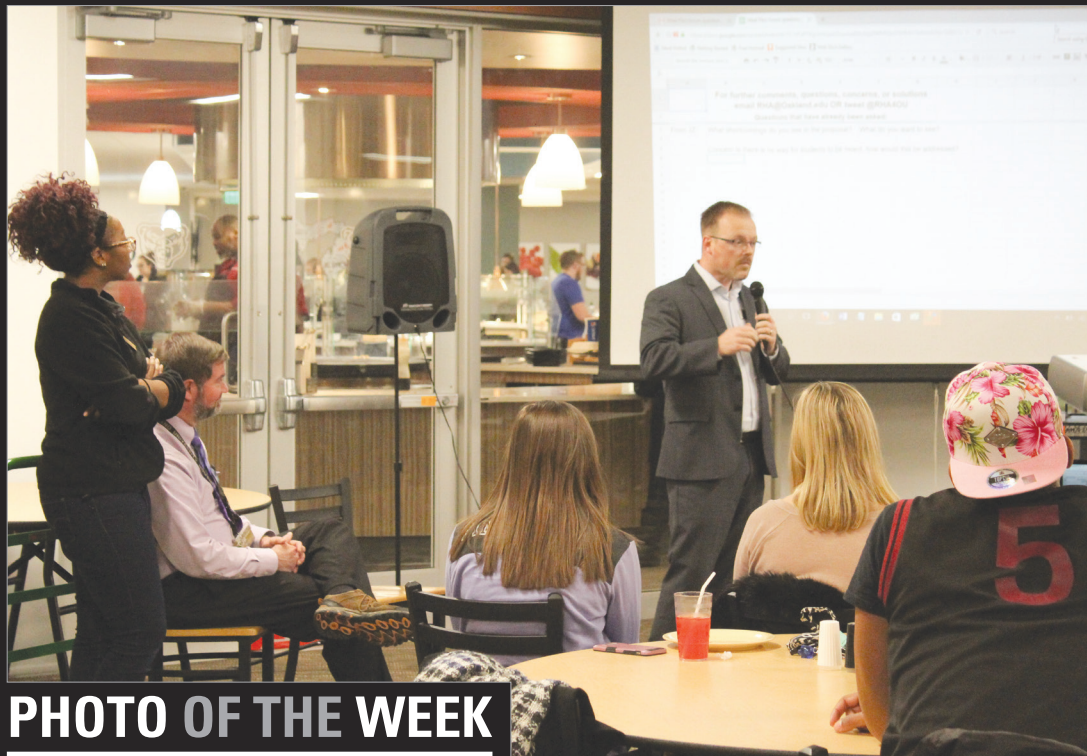




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### What it's like to be a Meadow Brook Ball-er

The first Meadow Brook Ball of the year was held Saturday night. Check out our campus editor's first-hand account online. PHOTO / Shelby Tankersley  
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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**HANGRY STUDENTS RESIST MEAL PLAN CHANGES** // Mark McCormic, resident district manager of Chartwells, answers students' questions at a forum about changes to the meal plan policy. The proposed plan would increase students' declining points, while eliminating transfer meals. Students' reactions in the forum were generally negative. **JOHN BOZICK** // *The Oakland Post*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

How do you deal with being sick?

- A** Suffer in silent dignity
- B** Go home to be coddled
- C** Whine until someone brings me soup
- D** Accept my inevitable death

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

What's your favorite alternative fact?

- A) The Earth is flat**  
10 votes | 10%
- B) OU is affordable**  
47 votes | 48%
- C) Climate change is a myth**  
17 votes | 18%
- D) We need guns to fight the grizzly bears on campus**  
23 votes | 24%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### JANUARY 29, 1965

The Oakland Observer ran a story about how illegal parking on campus was leading to an increased number of tow truck calls. Three areas were listed as the most popular places to park illegally: the North Foundation Hall delivery area, the "dorm circle" outside of Vandenberg Hall and parking along main roads. Towed cars could be retrieved for a \$3 charge.

### JANUARY 27, 1971

Jane Fonda, an activist who was outspoken against the Vietnam War, came to speak at OU. She was raising funds for the Winter Soldier Investigation, in which 100 veterans were planning on testifying during a three-day hearing. Part of the investigation focused on Vietnamese victims of the war, as "the U.S. government had denied them visas to enter the United States."

### JANUARY 30, 2013

Greg Kampe, men's basketball head coach, reached his 500th win. He told The Oakland Post, "I'm just happy I have a chance to go get 501."

## BY THE NUMBERS

### AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

74.5 million

Projected African American population in the U.S. on July 1, 2060 (this would be 17.9 percent of the total population)

108,473

Estimated number of black-owned employer firms in 2014

2.2 million

Number of African American military vets in the U.S., as of 2015

84.7%

of the African American population aged 25 and over has high school diplomas

U.S. Census Bureau

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## President Hynd's statement on the executive order on immigration

To all Oakland University students,  
On January 27, 2017, President Trump signed an executive order that, among other things, prohibits individuals from the following countries from entering the United States for a period of ninety (90) days: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. The prohibition includes individuals who currently hold valid visas (e.g., F, H and J visas) and possibly U.S. permanent residents and dual citizens.

Additional countries could be added to the list and the prohibition could be extended for some or all of those countries.

Fostering an environment that promotes education and research is among my most important responsibilities as your president.

OU leadership is committed to protecting the rights and opportunities currently available to all members of our campus community, and to do what is within the law to continue to recruit, support and retain academic talent from around the globe.

There is an extraordinary amount of confusion, misunderstanding and uncertainty regarding the scope, application and enforcement of this executive order.

In addition, various legal actions have been filed, and judicial orders issued, that will likely affect its implementation. We are monitoring these developments and will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Faculty and students should contact C. Michelle Piskulich, Ph.D. at (248) 370-2190 with questions.

In the meantime, we strongly recommend that faculty, staff, students and their family members from the listed countries refrain from traveling outside of the United States until the issues regarding the executive order have been clarified.

Anyone from the listed countries who must travel outside of the United States should immediately consult with an immigration attorney.

In addition, because other countries could be added to the list, we recommend that all foreign nationals consult with an immigration attorney before traveling outside of the United States.

This has been an active and even fluid series of events.

OU leadership has been monitoring the

changes. Provost Lentini sent a message to the deans on Friday asking them to alert international faculty of our concerns about the potential difficulty they might have in re-entering the U.S. if they traveled abroad.

Also, the General Counsel's office has been reviewing the executive order and available legal information in order to offer advice and counsel that will assist in providing appropriate guidance in the coming weeks.

I want to assure you that regardless of what is taking place in national politics, Oakland University will remain committed to providing a warm, welcoming and supportive environment that embraces diversity, equity and inclusion for all people, whether they come from near or far.

Sincerely,

George W. Hynd  
Oakland University President



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Gold Vibrations performed its concert "Love Is" at Avondale High School on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016.

## Gold Vibrations wins quarterfinals

*A capella group advances, takes individual awards*

**Simon Albaugh**  
Staff Reporter

The future is paved with gold for Oakland University's own a cappella group, Gold Vibrations, as it rides the momentum of a quarterfinal victory toward the semifinal competition.

On Jan. 21, Gold Vibrations won the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella Great Lakes Quarterfinals, earning 443 points, with University of Illinois' group, No Comment, trailing at 377 points.

The competition was held at University of Chicago's Mandel Hall.

Brian Baylor of Gold Vibrations also nearly swept the special awards. Baylor won Outstanding Soloist, Outstanding Vocal Percussionist and Outstanding Arrangement. There were only four special awards given.

According to Varsity Vocals, Gold Vibrations took home the highest score among nine ICCA quarterfinal competitions, with one quarterfinal held for British universities, as well.

Gold Vibrations' president, journalism major Erin Ben-Mo-

che, talked about the enthusiasm after winning the quarterfinal competition.

"It was nuts," Ben-Moche said. "The fact that we were able to pull through and win was a really great feeling."

She also described the goal of each practice session.

"We all have to work on our tone," Ben-Moche said. "That way we have one voice, which is really difficult in a cappella because we don't have any instruments, so we're really relying on each other."

William Raveau, Gold Vibrations' music director, also discussed his role in organizing a group of talented singers into what Ben-Moche described as "one voice."

"It's just about listening to the group and tweaking and listening and trying to make us sound as one as possible," Raveau said. "I control the sound of the group and just make sure we're telling the story we want to be telling."

For a group like Gold Vibrations, nothing comes without hard work. The group practices together for six hours a week, excluding the week directly before a competition, when they practice for eight hours.

"It really depends on what we need to work on," Ben-Moche said, describing their practice sessions. "So, if there's a song we really need to work on, we'll work on it a couple times. Other-

wise we're memorizing a 12-minute set."

There isn't a moment wasted in practice. Each person is either watching the music director or the sheet music for a clear sense of direction.

Their focus is seamlessly translated into a full and impressive sound that might propel them to finals in New York City's Beacon Theatre on April 22.

“It's just about listening to the group and tweaking and listening and trying to make us sound as one as possible . . . just make sure we're telling the story we want to be telling.”

**William Raveau**  
Music Director

"We're just looking at semifinals right now," Ben-Moche said. "But if we do really well, we advance to the finals."

Semifinals will be held March 4 at Roosevelt University's Auditorium Theatre. Gold Vibrations' performances from previous years can be found on YouTube.

## Service-based student groups dine with the Hynds

*OU president and first lady open historical Sunset Terrace*

**Grace Turner**  
Managing Editor

While much of the Oakland University community prepares for a transition period, President George Hynd and his wife, Alison, continue to work with students this semester.

The Hynds invited student representatives from at least nine on-campus programs, including student organizations and Greek life, to have dinner with them at Sunset Terrace, their on-campus home.

Guests are also treated to self-guided tours and an explanation of the history of the house, where OU's founder Matilda Dodge Wilson and her husband Alfred Wilson lived during some of their later years.

In return, students give short presentations about the work their programs do.

The Hynds have hosted the event once so far this semester, inviting students from Global Brigades-Medical and Alternative Spring Break. Alison declared it a success.

"They represent OU well," she said.

Cassie Stoutenburg, president of Alternative Spring Break and a senior studying biomedical sciences, enjoyed the event and the opportunity to share her organization's work.

"Just having the president recognize us was such a great feeling," she said.

During her presentation, Stoutenburg stressed the financial and personal sacrifices students make to go on service trips like the ones that Alternative Spring Break plans.

"I think they [the Hynds] definitely understood how difficult it can be, but how rewarding it is," she said.

Stoutenburg also liked that she got to interact with President Hynd for the first time.

"It humanizes the president and his family," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development.

Miller helped organize the dinners and worked with Glenn McIntosh, vice president for Student Affairs, and Omar Brown-El, senior director of the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, to select the participating organizations.

Miller said most of the selected programs were chosen because they are service-based.

Five more dates are scheduled for dinners with other student groups, and the Hynds said they are looking forward to them.

"We've always enjoyed interacting with students," Alison said.

She added that George was previously an elementary school teacher and has mentored doctorate students.

"He liked opening up people's worlds," she said.



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Dr. Alison Hynd sits in the living room of the Sunset Terrace. The Hynds moved into the on-campus home in early November 2015.



# Recruiting the finest for Greek life at Oakland

Katie LaDuke  
Staff Reporter

The beginning of the semester at Oakland University can be very hectic for students getting used to new classes and getting back into the swing of things after break. The same is true for organizations on campus, like the Greek community, with its five Panhellenic sororities and five Interfraternity fraternities.

A major component to both sides of the Greek community comes from their recruitment during the fall and winter. Just as each chapter is unique, the process to finding the best new members is just as individualized.

For sororities, recruitment is referred to as “formal” or “informal.” Formal recruitment takes place in the fall a few weeks after school starts, and informal recruitment takes place anywhere from a few months into the school year to a few weeks after the winter semester starts. Although these two types of recruitment end with the same outcome, they are very different.

Formal is first, and the more elaborate of the two. It can take up to eight months to plan. Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Sigma Tau, Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Sigma Sigma show off their chapters at the same time for four days.

“From about January to September is nothing but planning, with several processes that take place including selecting Rho Gammas, collaborating with members of the Panhellenic Council and marketing for the actual week of recruitment,” said Makayla Trivett, the 2016 vice president of recruitment for the Panhellenic Council.

One part that is exclusive to formal recruitment is the use of Rho Gammas. These women are “recruitment counselors” who disaffiliate from their chapters to help guide prospective members to the right sorority, without bias for their own sororities.

“As a Rho Gamma, you really see the other side of recruitment and help women find their home in Oakland’s Greek life by showing them why I and many others chose to go Greek,” said Andrea Kumm, a Rho Gamma in fall 2016.

Informal recruitment requires less planning than formal recruitment.

“Each night, the sorority’s room is decorated and used to talk about topics specific to each chapter,” said Maria Chura, vice president of growth for Alpha Sigma Tau. “During formal, each chapter sees all of the girls who are interested in Greek life and if they uphold our values, since they visit each sorority at least once.”



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Sororities’ winter recruitment is less formal than their fall recruitment, but fraternities maintain similar recruiting styles throughout the year.

There are four days consisting of general information regarding recruitment, starting with Information Night, where each sorority talks about its chapter’s interests and values. The following night’s topic switches to philanthropy, to showcase the groups’ volunteer work.

The final informative night is Preference Night, where each sorority shows something special about their chapter to the girls who are invited back. The last day of formal recruitment week is Bid Day, which is when interested girls find out which sorority they’ve been accepted to, nearly everyone’s favorite day.

“The best day of recruitment is definitely Bid Day,” Trivett said. “It is so rewarding to see all of the hard work pay off when girls run home to their chapter.”

On the other end of the spectrum is informal recruitment. There are no Rho Gammas, no specific nights the sororities have to follow and a smaller Bid Day celebration. Sororities do not have to recruit informally at the same time. Informal recruitment also allows women the option to rush one specific sorority, instead of having to visit them all.

“Informal recruitment is a lot more casual and relaxed, since it can be put on by just one specific sorority at a time,” Chura said. “During informal, the days revolve more around the interested women, and they only have to come to one event in or-

der to be eligible for a bid.”

Just like the ladies of the Greek community, men in fraternities also look for the best to represent their chapters. However, unlike the formal and informal recruitment done by the sororities, similar processes are used for both fall and winter recruitment by Alpha Sigma Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Pi, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi.

“For the fall and winter rush, fraternities do a lot of the same things for both,” said Brian Petty of Alpha Sigma Phi. “We talk about our chapter and show pledges all about our fraternity at the events we hold. The main thing that varies is the amount of men we recruit and offer a bid to.”

Many activities and events the fraternities put on during Rush Week happen at their houses, around campus or sometimes off campus, depending on the event. These events allow potential members to interact with the active members of each chapter in meet-and-greets, basketball matchups and other private functions.

“The difference between fall and winter rush is the number of new people on Oakland’s campus,” said Sam Sartin, recruitment chair for Theta Chi. “The fall rush is extremely fast-paced compared to the winter rush, which is slower and more easily controlled. Also, with winter

rush, you have had an entire semester to get to know interested men, which often makes the transition into the fraternity easier.”

Just like any organization on campus, Greek life introduces students to new people who can help them make connections and friendships.

“By going Greek, I have made everlasting friendships while bettering myself, getting involved on campus and giving back to the community,” Kumm said.

Going Greek can help with networking and gaining skills for future jobs through various leadership positions that are offered in the chapters.

“OU often gets a bad reputation for being a commuter school,” Trevitt said. “Joining Greek life can help give you a social life on campus while building a résumé and amplifying your overall professionalism.”

Greek life also promotes involvement with the community while pushing members to become better versions of themselves.

“Since joining Theta Chi, I have been pushed to my limits as a man, while still being supported by all of the brothers,” Sartin said. “I would recommend that anyone who gets a chance to experience Greek life should do so. It has been a truly life-changing experience for me, and it could be for anyone.”



# Unique, cheap dates around metro Detroit

Amy Swanson  
Staff Reporter

**M**etro Detroit is hopping with unique things to do. With Valentine's Day right around the corner, take a gander at these possibilities for a memorable, yet inexpensive, date.

## Enjoy Campus Martius

Before getting into the heart of downtown, stop at Green Dot Stables for a quick bite. This equestrian-themed restaurant was called a Detroit slider gem by Eater Detroit.

With a lengthy list of original selections at \$2 or \$3 each, go splitsies on a bunch — from BBQ bacon and Buffalo chicken to fried bologna and PB&J.

Afterward, drop your car off at The Z Garage, located at 1234 Library Street. While going up each of its 10 levels, take time to admire the unique array of bright murals done by different artists. Then walk through a stretch of alleyway called The BELT, decked out in pop-up artist exhibits.

Once you're at Campus Martius, enjoy the stunning Detroit skyline while ice skating for \$8.

Then, grab a drink at The Rink Side Bar, a heated indoor area with cocktails and Atwater craft beers, according to The Detroit Hub.

Venturing outside of Campus Martius, explore the temporary outdoor art installation LuminoCITY. On display until Feb. 18, these 16 large-scale sculptures are located around Detroit's Central Business District, according to Opportunity Detroit.

Walk hand-in-hand while hunting the sculptures down together, each a five-minute walk from the last. Emitting colorful light, sound and even projected videos, this spectacular display would make for a great end to a memorable evening.

## Visit the Detroit Zoo

Bundle up while roaming the zoo's various exhibits, seeing animals from polar bears and red pandas to arctic foxes and grey wolves.

"The Detroit Zoo is a popular place for a first date, a Valentine's Day date — or any date," said the zoo's communications director, Patricia Mills Janeway. "In fact, many couples have become engaged at the zoo — 14 couples (that we know of) at [the] Wild Lights alone!"

Janeway also mentioned many indoor areas to explore, like the lush Butterfly Garden, Edward Mardigian Sr. River Otter Habitat and Matilda R. Wilson Free-Flight Aviary.



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The Detroit Institute of Arts is one of many unique locations in metro Detroit available for a cheap date. Admission is free for residents of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne Counties.

There is also the recently-opened Polk Penguin Conservation Center, the world's largest exhibit of its kind, according to USNews.com.

After visiting the animals, ice skate on the new Winter Rink, open until the end of February. It is \$7 for 25 minutes, or \$3 for those who bring their own skates.

## Bombowl at The HUB Stadium

This 30,000-square-foot facility just opened in Auburn Hills. While staff calls it "bombowling," the concept is also known as fowling. A combination of football and bowling, players use a football to knock down their opponent's pins.

With 16 bombowling lanes, the place is complete with the largest TV wall in Michigan and a 50,000-watt sound system and DJ booth, according to The HUB's website.

After working up an appetite, visit its restaurant and wait 90 seconds for pizza made in a 1,000-degree oven. Wash it down with one of the rotating premium craft beers served from a "bottoms up" beer tap, which fills the cup from a magnetic bottom that prevents a foamy head, according to the Oakland Press.

## Wander one of many art galleries

Of course, there are bigger museums like the Detroit Institute of Arts, with free admission for Oakland, Macomb and Wayne County residents.

Stroll through its many rooms while admiring temporary exhibits like "Detroit After Dark," a collection of photographs

that depict the city's streets, architecture and nightclubs.

Then, relax in the airy, elegant Kresge Court and chat over some Starbucks and snacks.

Another option is the Cranbrook Art Museum, which costs \$6 for students with their IDs, according to its website. Current exhibits include "Cranbrook Time Machine: Twentieth-Century Period Rooms," where one can walk through four distinct rooms based on the domestic landscape of different time periods, like the mid-century modernist "Bachelor Pad" or the 1970s "Cosmic Cave."

Or, you can opt for smaller, more intimate galleries nestled throughout the city. Many don't have an entry price.

Wasserman Projects in the Eastern Market has a thought-provoking exhibit opening Feb. 3, titled "After Industry." It will feature sculptures, paintings and photographs that comment on the world's infatuation with consumption, according to the gallery's website.

Then, there's the Detroit Artists Market, a nonprofit gallery on Woodward. Its exhibit, "Inspired by Nature," will display the work of various artists until Feb. 13, according to its website.

## Go to a Pistons game

This is the last season to catch a basketball game at The Palace.

Buy tickets ahead of time to score the cheapest prices, some as low as \$6 on StubHub.com.

While there, sit with your boo and

cheer on the home team as the game unfolds. The stadium's booming playlist adds to the hype, along with energizing halftime acts by the entertainment team.

The concessions will cost an arm and a leg, but the cheap ticket pretty much balances out the price, right?

## Test your knowledge at Quizzo

This free trivia game is hosted on different nights at restaurants and bars all over the area and may be a great option for a group date.

After gathering a team and deciding on a name, the Quizmaster will facilitate different rounds, according to Quizzo-Detroit.com. Categories range from over 1,000 topics and ask participants to do things like identify famous faces or sing song lyrics.

Winners may be rewarded with free drinks or gift cards.

Venues include Red Ox Tavern in Auburn Hills, the Hamlin Pub in Rochester Hills and Rosie O'Grady's in Ferndale.

Another option is at the restaurant in The Maple Theater in Bloomfield. Landis Spencer works at its joining coffee shop and has witnessed the fun many times.

"The atmosphere is very lively," he said. "Although Quizzo is competitive, everyone around is usually happy and enjoying time with their friends."

## Escape a room

In an interactive adventure game, groups are locked in a room where they have 60 minutes to find hidden objects, figure out clues and solve increasingly difficult puzzles in order to escape.

Whether arriving as a couple or part of a group, getting grouped with other people may help take some pressure off.

One option for \$28 is Escape the Room Detroit. The Great Escape Room in downtown Royal Oak has a Sherlock-themed adventure for \$23.

Or, you can check out the Escape Room Zone in Farmington, Canton or Waterford. It has multiple options like "Bank Heist" and "Prison Break," with tickets running between \$25 and \$30.

Assistant manager of the Farmington Escape Room Zone, Sean Cavanaugh, said his personal recommendation is "Haunted Room 13."

"A lot of couples and smaller groups go to that one," he said. "It can be quite scary and is great for the same reason couples see scary movies in theaters."

These escape rooms make for a more memorable date.

"[Participants are] part of the experience and really go on an adventure," Cavanaugh said. "If they share it, they won't forget it."



# 'Rumors' has it at Varner Hall

Play full of humor, 'hilarious characters' takes the stage, select shows will be shadow-signed for the deaf

Amy Swanson  
Staff Reporter

Neil Simon's zany show "Rumors" is set to premiere Feb. 2 at Oakland University's Varner Hall and will run for two weekends.

The show takes place at a gathering to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the New York deputy mayor and his wife.

Soon after guests arrive, the mayor is discovered to have been fatally shot in bed, and his wife is nowhere to be found.

"From there, the hilarity ensues with cover-ups, deceptions and mistaken identities," states the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance website.

"Rumors" is directed by Anthony Guest, associate professor of theatre at OU.

Guest said it is Simon's only real farce, or comic dramatic work, and highlights the playwright's ability to make the mundane insane.

"The character obsessions and distortions are a delicious mix of slapstick and wit," Guest said.

He continued: "A run-of-the-mill, high-society party turns into a 'run for your lives' scenario," he said. "We find it funny to see those higher on the social ladder fall from the comfort of their everyday lives."

The cast and crew have harmonized in celebrating the story and bringing it to life, according to Guest.

"The actors are a stellar ensemble that have worked diligently to capture these hilarious characters found in this wonderfully funny script," he said.

Grace Rosen, who plays the character of Cassie Cooper, said the six or so weeks of rehearsal have been a blast.

"People can expect to escape from real life for a little bit and laugh a lot," she said. "This show is pure silliness and chaos, and we can't wait to share it with everyone."

Guest would like these performances to be a much-needed break from life's chaos.

"In today's political climate, I hope that theatergoers can leave their cares and



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worries at the door and just simply enjoy this story and share the laughs," he said. "Laughter is a universal action that we all share, regardless of our differences. It creates a catharsis which can keep us moving through life."

There will be nine performances of "Rumors" between Feb. 2 and Feb. 12 in the Varner Studio Theatre.

The shows on Feb. 5 and Feb. 11 will be shadow-signed for the deaf by performers from Synergy on Stage. The company's interpreters are also experienced thespians,

according to its website. Dressed in costume alongside the other actors, they will be fully integrated into the show.

"By harmonizing the signing and speaking actors into one stage picture, the ASL performers are no longer seen as an appendage or distraction — but instead become subtext of the script brought to life," say Synergy on Stage's website.

Tickets cost \$8 for students and \$15 for general admission, and can be purchased on StarTickets.com. They are also available at the Varner Box Office.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1	THURSDAY, FEB. 2	FRIDAY, FEB. 3	SATURDAY, FEB. 4	MONDAY, FEB. 6	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
<b>11 A.M. - 1 P.M.</b> Student to Professional Conference Kick-Off Hosted by Career Services, Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge	<b>12 - 1 P.M.</b> "How Terrorists See Themselves" with the CIA Sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha Oakland Center, Oakland Room	<b>8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.</b> Mental Health First Aid OU Rec Well Recreation Center, Herman Room Register by RSVPing on GrizzOrgs and emailing ehwallac@oakland.edu	<b>3 P.M.</b> Women's basketball vs. Milwaukee O'rena	<b>12 - 1:30 P.M.</b> "The Civil Rights Movement, Freedom Schools and the Transformation of America" discussion by John Hardy Hosted by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives Oakland Center, Gold Rooms B and C	<b>11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.</b> Rock and Registration Hosted by Academic Advising Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge
<b>11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.</b> Business Connection and Mentorship (for class of 2020) Hosted by the School of Business Administration Oakland Center Gold Rooms	<b>12 - 1:30 P.M.</b> Teaching Social Justice and Human Rights through Poetry Hosted by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives 242 Kresge Library	<b>11 A.M. - 1 P.M.</b> Active Minds Wellness Fair Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge	<b>8 - 10 P.M.</b> OU Contemporary Music Concert Varner Recital Hall	<b>4 - 6 P.M.</b> Black Faculty Research Symposium featuring De Witt Dykes Oakland Center, Oakland Room	<b>1 - 2 P.M.</b> "Brother Outsider" film screening and panel Oakland Center, Gold Room
<b>7:30 - 9 P.M.</b> Euchre Club: Pick it up! 125 Oakland Center	<b>4 - 5:30 P.M.</b> Circle of Brotherhood Hosted by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives Oakland Center, Gold Room C	<b>4 - 7 P.M.</b> Taste of Africa Hosted by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives Oakland Center Banquet Rooms	<b>8 - 11 P.M.</b> "Rumors" Varner Studio Theatre	<b>5:30 - 6:30 P.M.</b> Students Towards Understanding Disabilities meeting 126 Oakland Center	<b>5 - 7 P.M.</b> Explore Business Careers Hosted by the School of Business Administration - Accounting and Finance Elliott Hall, Stinson Center - Economics and Actuarial Science 224 Elliott Hall
	<b>Circle of Sisterhood</b> Hosted by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives Oakland Center, Gold Room B	<b>5 P.M.</b> Swimming and diving vs. Bowling Green Oakland Aquatic Center	<b>8 P.M. - 1 A.M.</b> Meadow Brook Ball Meadow Brook Hall Tickets Required		<b>6 - 8 P.M.</b> "Brother Outsider" film screening and panel Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge
	<b>7 P.M.</b> Women's basketball vs. Green Bay O'rena	<b>8 - 10 P.M.</b> OU Jazz Band with Michael Dease Varner Recital Hall			<b>6 - 9 P.M.</b> Black Lives Matter panel discussion Hosted by the Center for Multicultural Initiatives Oakland Center, Lake Michigan Room
	<b>8 - 11 P.M.</b> "Rumors" Varner Studio Theatre	<b>8 - 11 P.M.</b> "Rumors" Varner Studio Theatre			





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Margaret Saurin (left) has served as Oakland's women's soccer head coach since March 2014.

# Saurin steps down as head coach for women's soccer

Melissa Deatsch  
Sports Editor

Margaret Saurin has resigned from her post as head women's soccer coach at Oakland University, as announced by the Athletics department on Friday, Jan. 27. Saurin cited a job opportunity for her partner as her reason for stepping down.

Saurin took over the women's soccer team for the 2014 season and coached the team to its first-ever Horizon League tournament championship in her second season as head coach.

"I would like to thank Oakland University, and Director of Athletics Jeff Konya for the opportunity to work with the women's soccer team for the last three seasons," Saurin in a statement. "It has been a very exciting time in my coaching career, and I leave with fond memories of, and admiration for, what the ladies achieved on the field and in the classroom. It has truly been an honor to serve these student-athletes, and I am confident that this group will continue to bring success and pride to Oakland University and the athletic department. I am excited for the new chapter in my life and appreciate that Oakland has helped prepare me for what lies ahead."

Saurin finished her career with an overall record of 23-27-11 with the Black and Gold and a Horizon League Record of 15-8-3. In her three years, the Golden Grizzlies finished twice in the semi-fi-

nals of the Horizon League tournament, and once in the first round of the NCAA tournament with a loss to No. 10 Notre Dame.

Konya offered Saurin well-wishes from the department.

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Margaret Saurin  
Former women's soccer coach  
Oakland University

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"We wish Mags the very best as she pursues new opportunities in her career," he said in a press release sent out by Athletics. "We thank her for her dedication and passion for the women's soccer program and helping our team achieve a Horizon League title in 2015."

A national search for a new head women's soccer coach is now underway. In the meantime, assistant coaches Claire Scanlan and Stew Givens will control the daily operations of the team.

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Nomination forms are available at [oakland.edu/deanofstudents/dean\\_awards](http://oakland.edu/deanofstudents/dean_awards). The deadline for all application materials is Monday, February 13, 2017.

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Jalen Hayes led Oakland with 23 points and 13 rebounds. The Green Bay Phoenix defeated the Golden Grizzlies 80-72 on Friday, Jan. 27 at the O'rena, where Oakland wore throwback jerseys.

## Comeback efforts fall short

### Men's team drops the ball, loses 80-72 to Green Bay

Melissa Deutsch  
Sports Editor

The Oakland men's basketball team suffered another conference loss on Friday, Jan. 27 to University of Wisconsin-Green Bay 80-72. The loss to the second-place Phoenix (12-8, 7-2 HL) brought the Golden Grizzlies to 5-4 in the Horizon League and 15-7 for the season.

Oakland trailed Green Bay the entire game, struggling offensively. With less than a minute left on the clock, the Golden Grizzlies narrowed the gap to within 5 points, but they ultimately came up short.

The Golden Grizzlies continued their trend with another rough 3-point performance. Oakland finished 4-for-21 from behind the arc.

Additionally, Oakland struggled with some uncharacteristic troubles from the free-throw line. The Black and Gold went 5-for-11 from the line in the first half, and finished 12-for-21 despite heading into the game with a .763 percentage in that category.

Jalen Hayes spoke to the team's offensive woes in the postgame press conference.

"That's not us at all," Hayes said of the team's 57-percent free-throw performance. "We've been missing shots we know we can make . . . we've got to make shots."

Head coach Greg Kampe spoke of the team's confidence issues through this rough stretch of games. Hayes had said the team remains confident. However, Kampe later disagreed, saying their offensive struggles from the 3-point line had now moved to the free-throw line, and he suspected it was due to a lack of confidence.

"I heard [Hayes] say that we haven't lost our confidence," Kampe said. "I would fully disagree with him in the shooting with that. Now we can't even make free throws . . . I think confidence probably has something to do with it."

Hayes led the Golden Grizzlies offensively with 23 points. Martez Walker followed with 18, and Sherron Dorsey-Walker finished with 15. Hayes had his 21st career double-double, adding 13 rebounds.

Absent again from the lineup and sporting a hard cast was guard Stevie Clark.

He has missed the past three games due to a thumb injury. Clark is expected to be re-evaluated on Feb. 7, when he has his cast removed and will get a follow-up X-ray.

Playing in Clark's place was freshman Brailen Neely, who went 1-for-3 from the field with a 3-pointer.

Kampe discussed the difficulties of players who aren't used to playing point guard having to step up and run the point. He said his solution going forward will have to be to let Neely stay in through his mistakes.

"Brailen really struggled out of the gate, as he did at Wright State, and I sat him," Kampe said after the game. "I put [Neely back] in and he finally made a shot, and then I just let him play. He made a bunch of mistakes . . . but I got to let Brailen play through his mistakes and let him get better."

Playing through his mistakes may better prepare Neely for the Horizon League tournament, which is now the team's main focus due to the improbability of a regular season championship.

The Golden Grizzlies later took on the Milwaukee Panthers (4-5 HL) at home on Sunday, Jan. 29. See page 13 for the full game story.

## Winterfest Tailgate heats up cold night in P16

Faith Brody  
Life Editor

Outside, it was cold, and snow was swirling. Inside, blaring music and the aroma of hot chocolate filled the air.

A heated tent was set up in the middle of P16 for the Winterfest Tailgate. Students, faculty and alumni were invited to BYOB and party before the men's basketball game against the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the men's basketball program.

Domino's pizza, DiBella's subs, Buffalo Wild Wings, swag from Oakland University Student Congress and hot chocolate tempted tailgaters of all ages, while WXOU kept the party atmosphere going.

Water pong was set up in a corner of the tent, which many students tried their hands at. Hardier visitors could try fowling, a classic tailgate game that involves throwing a football at bowling pins, set up outside the tent. This game was provided by the recently-opened HUB Stadium. If fowling was a little too much, they could try the more traditional game of cornhole.

Men's basketball head coach Greg Kampe also made an appearance to give a pep talk and fire up the crowd before taking on Green Bay.

"Tonight is a very special night," Kampe told those gathered inside the tent, explaining the ceremony that would occur at halftime to honor the men's basketball program.

Kampe went on to say that representatives from ESPN, the channel that often airs Oakland games, told him that Oakland had one of the "top game-day atmospheres," which was met with loud cheers from the crowd.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, helped plan the tailgate with OUSC and explained that the Winterfest Tailgate came about after homecoming, which was originally in January, was moved to September for more temperate weather.

"It was created to generate excitement about something, particularly around the basketball season," she said. "Especially since this is the main part of the basketball season."

Leanne Schnurer, graduate assistant for the Golden Grizzlies' marketing and promotions department, also closely helped plan the tailgate.

"Obviously students love it," Schnurer said. "They come out for it, and they're our biggest crowd. Alumni come back for it, and they really love it. A lot of our basketball fans usually stop by before they go into the game. Everyone is invited."

Unity and pride were strong themes that ran through the evening of festivities. Miller said she believes that these types of events are important to boost morale and instill school pride.

"It's a good time," Miller said. "It's a good feeling, and it makes you proud to go to Oakland University."



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Attendees of the Winterfest Tailgate participated in activities, such as water pong and cornhole, under a heated tent in P16 on Friday night.



**ONE** The men's basketball team wore throwback jerseys, replicas of Oakland's first-ever team's jerseys, in celebration of the All Half-Century Team that was honored at halftime. The team consists of Travis Bader (2010-14), Keith Benson (2007-11), Scott Bittinger (1984-88), Dan Champagne (1997-02), Kay Felder (2013-16), Reggie Hamilton (2010-12), Mike Helms (2000-04), Johnathon Jones (2006-10), Rawle Marshall (2002-05) and Carvin Melson (1969-73).

**TWO** The Grizz stood with the Oakland cheer team for the national anthem before the 9 p.m. tipoff on the Blacktop.



**FIVE** Golden Grizzlies fans and freshmen Jacob Marczewski (center) and Michael Prestininzi (right) were interviewed at the tailgate. "We both just wanted to do something special because of Winterfest, and it was a bigger game," Marczewski said. "We love going to the games and just wanted to express that. We figured the earlier we go, the bigger the impact we could have."

**SIX** A crowd attendance of 3,239, including Grizz Gang members, cheered on the Golden Grizzlies against the Phoenix.

# Winterfest 2017

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# Golden Grizzlies honor All Half-Century Team

**AuJenee Hirsch**  
Staff Reporter

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the men's basketball program, Oakland University Athletics organized a search for an All Half-Century Team, comprised of Oakland's all-time top-10 players. The team was announced Friday, Jan. 28 at halftime during the men's basketball Winterfest game against Green Bay.

In order to decide who would be honored on the All Half-Century Team, a committee of faculty, staff, longtime season ticket holders, Oakland alumni and a former player came together to make a list of 50 players, then fans voted online for the top 20. Over 7,000 people voted, and 21 players were selected, due to a tie.

After the top 21 players were selected, the committee came back together and debated which 10 players would make the All Half-Century Team.

Scott MacDonald, senior assistant athletic director for public relations, was head of the selection committee. He has been following Oakland's men's basketball since 1999, when he started out as a graduate assistant.

"It seemed like the right time to do a



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The All Half-Century Team was announced at halftime during the men's basketball game against Green Bay on Friday, Jan. 27 at the O'rena.

half-century team," MacDonald said. "We really wanted the fans to have a part of that, too. That's why we wanted them to vote on the top 20."

After discussion, the committee selected Travis Bader (2010-14), Keith Benson (2007-11), Scott Bittinger (1984-88), Dan

Champagne (1997-02), Kay Felder (2013-16), Reggie Hamilton (2010-12), Mike Helms (2000-04), Johnathon Jones (2006-10), Rawle Marshall (2002-05) and Carvin Melson (1969-73).

Jones is an American professional basketball player who last played for KK

Igokea of the Bosnian League and Adriatic League.

"For myself, it was a great honor just being nominated," Jones said. "With the history that we have, there's so many great players who paved the way for myself and others. Just being nominated with them and being mentioned in the same name as them was a big honor in itself."

Melson was one of Oakland's first stand-out players. Upon his graduation in 1973, he held the school record in almost every offensive category and still holds the school record for most career points and rebounds.

"I was a little overwhelmed because I played so long ago," Melson said. "I am really, really, really honored because we've had several great ball players that have come through here. For me to be selected as one of them, I'm very, very thankful."

Seven of the 10 players were present at the Green Bay game and honored at halftime. The three players who were not able to attend were playing professionally; Bader plays for Basket Recanati of the Serie A2 in Italy, Benson in the NBA D-League for Sioux Falls Skyforce, and Felder for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

## All Half-Century Team Stats:

### Travis Bader

- NCAA career record holder in 3-pointers made (504) and 3-pointers attempted (1,246)
- Recipient of Coleman Award, given to Horizon League's top senior student-athlete
- Ranks No. 2 in school history with 2,351 career points

### Keith Benson

- Lou Henson Award winner (2010), given to the country's top mid-major player
- Named Summit League Player of the Year (2010, 2011) and Defensive Player of the Year (2011)
- Second player in the Summit League and school history to surpass 1,500 points and 1,000 rebounds

### Scott Bittinger

- Became Oakland's first-ever All-American player (1988)
- Named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year (1988)
- Inducted into Hall of Honor (1994)

### Dan Champagne

- School record-holder in field-goal percentage (.624)
- No. 10 on all-time scoring list with 1,721 points
- All-Mid-Con performer and ranks in top 10 for games, games started, minutes played, field goals made, scoring, field-goals percentage, blocked shots and offensive rebounds in Oakland history

### Kay Felder

- Named Associated Press All-America Third Team (2016)
- Horizon League Player of the Year (2016), Mid-Major All-American, two-time All-Horizon League
- Led the NCAA in assists per game (9.3) and fourth in scoring (24.4 per game)

### Reggie Hamilton

- Led the country in scoring (26.2) in 2011-12
- Broke the single-season school record with 942 points
- Led Golden Grizzlies to the 2011 NCAA tournament and scored 25 points against No. 8 Texas in 85-81 loss

### Mike Helms

- Finished third in the NCAA with 26.9 points per game, No. 2 in school history
- Scored 2,314 points and stands third on all-time scoring list
- First-ever Division I All-American (2003), Conference MVP and Player of the Year and three-time All-Mid-Con

### Johnathon Jones

- Broke all-time Summit League record in assists (814)
- Led NCAA with 8.1 assists per game (2008-09)
- First player in program history to surpass 1,300 points and 800 assists

### Rawle Marshall

- Named Mid-Con Tournament MVP after leading Oakland to first-ever D1 NCAA tournament (2005)
- First-ever player to compete in NBA (Dallas, Indiana)
- Scored 1,671 points in three seasons at Oakland (14th all-time)

### Carvin Melson

- NCAA District 4 All-Star and NBA Coaches Bulletin All-American
- School record-holder with 2,408 points and 1,204 rebounds
- Inducted into Hall of Honor (1984)

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# Overtime win for men's basketball

Melissa Deatsch  
Sports Editor

Men's basketball pulled through with an overtime win over the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (8-15, 4-6 HL) on Sunday, Jan. 29, on the Blacktop at the O'rena. The 79-70 win moves the Golden Grizzlies to 6-4 in Horizon League play and 16-7 on the season.

The Golden Grizzlies had the lead for 33:08 of the 45-minute game, but never separated far enough to keep the Panthers out of the fight.

Milwaukee battled through the entire game, and the Panthers were able to tie the score at 62 with 1:18 remaining in regulation and then again at 64 with just 33 seconds to go.

On its next possession, Oakland's Martez Walker committed what, at the time, appeared to be a costly foul on one of Milwaukee's best shooters, Cody Wichmann. The shooting foul was called behind the 3-point line, sending Wichmann to the line to shoot three free throws with just under 30 seconds to play.

Wichmann, a .778 percent free-throw shooter, missed all three, keeping the Golden Grizzlies alive and sending the game into overtime.

"We caught a heck of break," head coach Greg Kampe said after the game. "He's a very good player who's having a tremendous senior year . . . I felt bad for him because after so many years in the business, you feel bad for kids."

In the five minutes of overtime, the Golden Grizzlies returned to the team that started the conference season. Martez Walker had a clutch second-attempt 3-pointer, Sherron Dorsy-Walker added one of his own, and the Golden Grizzlies made all 10 of their free throws.

"In the overtime, we were the team we were earlier in the year," Kampe said. "That was the first time since we walked off the floor at Valparaiso that for any length of time . . . we looked like a good basketball team. That five minutes was outstanding."

Oakland was able to separate for their biggest lead of the game in overtime, emerging victorious at 79-70.



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The Golden Grizzlies defeated the Panthers 79-70 in overtime on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the O'rena.

"This game was just about getting our swagger back," freshman Brailen Neely said after the game. "As everybody knows, we've been struggling, dropping games we shouldn't. So it's a big confidence booster to come in and get a win like this."

Neely, averaging 14 minutes a game, saw 43 in Sunday's matchup. After Friday's loss to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenixes, Kampe noted this as an adjustment he planned on making to his team's offense.

Kampe said it was time to leave Neely in to play through his mistakes instead of forcing his other players to run the point in Stevie Clark's absence. Neely contributed 10 points for the Golden Grizzlies, his first game in double digits. Neely went 8-for-8 from the free-throw line with 6 of those 8 coming in overtime.

"I told myself, 'I'm playing him,'" Kampe said. "I'm going to let him play through all of his mistakes. If we're going to be good in March, I've got to do that. And he made me so mad in the first half."

Kampe touched on Neely's wild passes and two turnovers as points of frustration and times where, in the past, he would have pulled him. However, as promised, he left him in.

"He said he was just going to let me play," Neely said of Kampe. "That gave me more confidence to believe in myself that I can run the offense and do a

great job."

Kampe commended Neely's efforts late in the game.

"I thought in the last five minutes of regulation and the overtime, Brailen Neely just grew up," Kampe said. "And now I feel a lot better about our future just based on that performance."

Jalen Hayes had another solid performance for Oakland, contributing a team-high 22 points and 11 rebounds. Through the Golden Grizzlies' five-game struggle, Hayes has contributed double-digit points in all but one matchup, scoring 39 in the loss against Detroit Mercy, 25 in the loss to Cleveland State and 23 in the loss to Green Bay.

All this is in spite of the added defensive efforts of their opponents, who have scouted his success combined with Oakland's struggles to shoot from outside and adjusted accordingly.

It looked as though the Golden Grizzlies were overcoming their struggles from the 3-point line as Nick Daniels went 3-for-4 in the first half and Walker added two of his own. The dry spell resumed, however, as the game went on, and Oakland finished shooting 27 percent from the 3-point line.

Oakland looks to carry this momentum into this week's road trip. The Golden Grizzlies head to Ohio to take on Youngstown State and Cleveland State. The matchup against Youngstown State will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2.

## The Sporting Blitz

Melissa Deatsch  
Sports Editor

### Swimming and diving

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams emerged victorious in their matchup against Cleveland State University on Friday, Jan. 27. Oakland brought home many first-place finishes in a variety of events.

Micah DeJonge won the 500 free and 1,000 free (4:41.52; 9:38.72). Grace Shinske brought back three first-place finishes in the 100 back (57.57), 200 back (2:04.87) and 200 medley relay (1:44.64) with teammates Rachel Waite, Takara Martin and Holly Morren.

Wait also won the 100 breaststroke (1:04.96) and Patricia Aschan won the 200 butterfly, 200 breaststroke and 100 IM (2:06.60; 2:20.59; 59.07). Also adding wins for the women: Hannah Burgess in the 1,000 free (10:40.37), Katie Colwell in the 100 free (52.23) and Alysse Fischer the 500 free (5:07.89). Additionally, the relay time of Morren, Arynn de Leeuw, Amber Lefler and Colwell won the 200 free relay (1:35.13).

On the men's team, Jacob Pearson won the 200 free (1:41.86), and Aaron Helander won the 200 fly (1:52.08). Following suit were Paul Huch in the 50 free (20.90), Joe Smith in the 1- and 3-meter boards (343.05, 362.40), and Ayrton Kasemets in the 200 breaststroke (2:09.22).

The women's team will return to action for their final regular season competition of the year, taking on Bowling Green at 5 p.m. on Feb. 3 at home.

### Women's basketball

The women's basketball split their road trip this past weekend. The two-game stretch began with Northern Kentucky University on Friday, Jan. 27. The Golden Grizzlies took down the Norse 61-47. Leah Somerfield led the way with a game-high 17 points and eight rebounds.

The Golden Grizzlies were not as successful, however, against the Wright State Raiders on Sunday, Jan. 29. Despite

Taylor Gleason's team-high 16 points, four steals and four assists, and Taylor Jones' 12 points and season-high eight rebounds, Oakland fell to the Raiders 84-66.

The split road trip brings the Golden Grizzlies to 5-5 in the Horizon League. Oakland returns to the Blacktop to face Green Bay at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2.

### Track and field

Both track and field teams traveled to Saginaw Valley State University to compete in the Jet's Pizza Invitational. Four student-athletes broke school records and Oakland recorded nine first-place finishes.

Dana Tessmer broke her own pole vaulting school record, placing third with a mark of 11 feet, 11.25 inches. Bryce Stroede won the 3,000m, breaking his own school record of 8:10.7.

Corey Goodloe also won and broke his own school record in the 400m (48.69). Zach Stadnika finished second and shattered the school record in the heptathlon (4,910 points).

Other first-place finishers included Andriana Smith in the 60m (7.84), Ashley Burr in the 3,000m (9:54.85), Andrew Storm in the 60-meter hurdles (8.44), Austin Dawn in the 800m (1:55.07), Nick Girodat in the 200m (21.64) and Gino Vitella in the shotput (55 ft., 5.75 in.).

The 4x400m relay team consisting of Zach Joyce, Nathan Holland, Storm and Goodloe also took home the gold, with a time of 3:20.36.

### Women's tennis

The women's tennis team fell to Eastern Michigan University 6-1 on Saturday, Jan. 28. Samantha Galloway won the No. 5 singles match (7-5, 6-0) and was the only one to win her singles matchup.

The Golden Grizzlies also dropped their doubles matchup, falling to the Eagles 6-2 and 6-3 with an unfinished No. 3 doubles match.

The Black and Gold return to the court Saturday, Feb. 11, to take on Morgan State at the LaTuchie Tennis Center in Stow, Ohio.





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Oakland's Division I hockey team played against Davenport on Jan. 28 at the Onyx Ice Arena.

## Double the trouble

*Golden Grizzlies boast not just one, but two hockey teams*

**Christian Miller**  
Staff Reporter

One men's hockey team is standard for most universities, but two? That's the Oakland difference.

Boasting both Division I and Division III teams in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, Oakland University's men's hockey program draws on traditions that have been accumulating for nearly 20 years.

Established in 1991, the ACHA is a chartered nonprofit corporation that is the national governing body of nonvarsity college ice hockey in the U.S. OU first joined the ACHA as a Division II team in 1999.

Having experienced several seasons as a Division II program, Oakland Golden Grizzlies Hockey set its sights on a championship title. The team was successful twice, winning the ACHA Division II national championships in 2004 and 2006.

With the titles under its belt, the team sought to move to the next tier.

This goal was accomplished in 2005, when the men's team progressed to Division I status. In its Division I premiere, the team concluded the season with a 30-9-1 record.

Mirroring the accomplishments of previous seasons, the team earned its first ACHA Division I national championship in 2007.

In 2015, Oakland's Division III Hockey Club team also contributed an ACHA Division III national championship win over Aquinas College.

Along with success in the ACHA, Golden Grizzlies Hockey's Division I team has obtained consecutive accolades in the Great Lakes Collegiate Hockey League. In 2011, it appeared in the GLCHL playoff championships and followed this feat with a GLCHL regular season championship win in 2012.

Oakland's Division I team, currently in its 18th season, has found a home at Onyx Ice Arena in Rochester, Michigan. With the site now secured, the program is looking to expand on its achievements.

Matthew Kendziuk, assistant coach and recruiting coordinator of the Division I team, discussed some obstacles facing the present team.

"This season has been very unique," Kendziuk said. "We have been dealing with adversity and injuries from early on in the season. This caused our first-year athletes to get more play time and improve their own abilities."

Kendziuk, a former team member and 2013 OU alumni, also focused on his leadership role.

"I have pride in this institution and the opportunities it has given me," he said. "I made the right choice coaching here. Understanding how to give back and help players balance school, family and hockey has been rewarding."

Colin Ronayne, head coach of the Division I team, reiterated challenges facing the team.

"We've had a good roster, but we lost a lot of seniors last year," he said. "We have a lot of young kids, freshmen, that have growing to do. Learning how to deal with all those personalities and being creative in the ways I teach them has been something to focus on."

Ronayne continued by discussing the current season.

"We spent the first semester feeling each other out," he said. "They had to get used to my style and I to theirs."

He is focusing on creating a positive atmosphere.

"I think it's very important to establish the right culture in the locker room," he said. "We have to be good role models for them because it's more than just hockey. Being one big family and not just about winning helps the players become more comfortable."

The Division I team next hits the ice at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3 at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube to take on Eastern Michigan University. The game will be broadcast on [www.oaklandhockey.org/](http://www.oaklandhockey.org/).

## Little makes a big name for herself in Oakland's lineup

**Katie LaDuke**  
Staff Reporter

Starting at a young age, Hannah Little was introduced to the game of basketball by her dad and brother with early-morning trips to the gym. Since then, Little has played Amateur Athletic Union basketball and has played for Andover High School, St. Bonaventure University and Oakland University.

"This is my job [at Oakland]," Little said. "I'm getting a scholarship to play basketball, so it is much more serious, and the maturity level is a lot higher."

After joining the Golden Grizzlies in the 2015-2016 season, redshirt senior Little has returned to the Blacktop for one final season as one of the most reliable starters on the team. Not only has she put up impressive numbers across the board, Little is also an essential energy source for the entire team.

"[Little] plays extremely hard, and she practices just as hard," said head coach Jeff Tungate. "She is one of the hardest-working players I have ever been around. She gets energy every single day and has an unbelievable amount of energy in practice and games every single day."

One goal that Little locked in her sight was accumulating 20 rebounds in a game. Coming close to achieving this, Little set a career high of 19 rebounds in the game against Youngstown on Jan. 22 at home.

"The season's not over yet, but as of today, I would say the 19-rebound game is my biggest accomplishment," Little said. "I set a goal to get 20 rebounds, so I'm still working on it, but the 19 [rebounds] was my career high, so that was exciting."

After averaging 18 points and 13.5 rebounds in the Jan. 20 and Jan. 22 games against Cleveland State and Youngstown, Little was named Oakland Student Athlete of the Week for the week of Jan. 16-22. This came just after Little's career high of 19 rebounds and her seventh double-double of the season.

"[Little] is one of the top rebounders in the country," Tungate said. "She rebounds on both ends of the floor, and she is one of the best rebounders we have ever had in our program."

As the Golden Grizzlies get deeper into conference play with a little less than halfway to go in the season, Little leads the Black and Gold in games started (20), total free throws (69) and rebounds (245), while being No. 2 in total points (223). As a result of these numbers, Little has achieved eight double-doubles so far this season and has flirted with a triple-double.

"I think [Little] has improved by adding a little range to her jump shot and her decision making," Tungate explained. "Sometimes, she plays with such energy, but I think she has worked really hard with making her decisions on the break."

With graduation looming in April, Little is making the most of her last season in a collegiate uniform and is turning her sights toward continuing her basketball career, this time overseas.

"This season, I'm having a lot of fun," Little said. "I truly enjoy my teammates and my coaches. We trust each other on and off the court. There's no pressure. I am just going out there and enjoying my last season. I'd love to play overseas, so hopefully an opportunity presents itself."



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Redshirt senior Hannah Little was named Oakland Student Athlete of the Week during the week of Jan. 16-22.



## 🎵 Drew's Review: 🎵 Migos release sophomore album, 'Culture'

**Drew Hagge**  
*Music Columnist*

As I sit here writing, Migos is the biggest act in hip-hop, and possibly all music. The lists of which artists are the best are rather consistent, but the biggest and hottest can change from moment to moment. Right now is Migos' moment.

During the week of Jan. 21, 2017, Migos' "Bad and Boujee" became the group's first song to reach No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100 list. This is a feat that hasn't even been reached by some of music's greats, like Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan.

Additionally, it shouldn't be interpreted as a coincidence that as soon as Migos has reached a number one song in the country, the Atlanta Falcons are making their first Super Bowl appearance in the 21st century.

Now, at the height of their culture-influencing powers, Migos released their second studio album, "Culture," over the weekend. The project features guest spots from some of Atlanta's most-talented artists, Gucci Mane and 2 Chainz.

As anticipated, the album's singles, "T-Shirt" and "Bad and Boujee," set the tone for an all-around Migos showcase. The songs often float inside and outside the pocket of the beat, then reach back for the often-imitated Migos-triplet flow. Simply put, the flow is a rhyme scheme that calls for three notes per one beat.

Migos is patient zero for a lot of trends within the genre, whether you're a fan of the trends or not. And starting with a shoutout from Donald Glover (Childish Gambino) during the Golden Globes, 2017 seems to be the year Migos' praise comes full circle.

## 'Hell or High Water': Thrilling bank heist film draped in generational poverty

**Lawson Robinson**  
*Movie Columnist*

In 2015, writer Taylor Sheridan struck gold with his screenplay "Sicario." A year later, and Sheridan has penned another great film. "Hell Or High Water" is a thrilling bank heist story based in generational poverty in Texas. As a film, it satisfies fans of both action and compelling storytelling.

Veteran director David McKenzie does a solid job of capturing a sense of realism in this film. The direction is not bold or eccentric, but rather simple. McKenzie allows the strong screenplay to take root in the film and his actors to take control of their characters.

A film can reach its true potential when the right actors/actresses are chosen for the right characters. Jeff Bridges has received the shine he deserves with his Academy Award nomination for best supporting actor. Bridges stars as Marcus Hamilton, a brave sheriff whose blatant racism conflicts the audience.

I've been poor my whole life, like a disease passing from generation to generation. But not my boys, not anymore.

- Toby Howard (portrayed by Chris Pine)

Unlike Bridges, Chris Pine and Ben Foster have not received the praise that they truly deserve. Pine abandons his normal methodical look and goes gritty, using a southern accent to establish his character's Texan background. Foster, on the other hand, delivers another great method-based performance.

"Hell or High Water" hasn't received the attention that other Best Picture Nominations have, but it's worth your watch.

**Rating: 5 out of 5 stars**



## The birth of the Islamic State — 'Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS'

**Simon Albaugh**  
*Staff Reporter*

The history of the most notorious international terrorist organization is proof of the devastation that can result from minor but consistent mistakes. Joby Warrick's "Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS," released Sept. 29, 2015, is one of the most important nonfiction testaments to disastrous lapses in logic.

Beginning at ISIS founder Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's imprisonment, Warrick takes readers to the world outside the notorious Jordanian prison's bars, where minor unrest was brewing, and newly-instated King Abdullah II was looking desperately for public approval.

It was on this quest for public approval that Abdullah II enacted a general amnesty for all nonviolent prisoners. But in the overload of paperwork, al-Zarqawi, the mastermind behind various suicide bombings around Jordan, was released and took advantage of every recruitment opportunity after.

Al-Zarqawi's first task after his release from prison was to seek the approval of then-terrorist celebrity Osama bin Laden. But while bin Laden saw the danger of supporting former-thug al-Zarqawi's

pursuit of radical Islamist ideology, systematic mistakes made by the American government provided the exact support al-Zarqawi would need.

The pivotal moment in the development of ISIS came in a decision to ignore established intelligence that ultimately created a celebrity persona for al-Zarqawi and his cause. This disregard was in order to justify the invasion of Iraq, but according to Warrick, it ultimately would provide for the skyrocketing numbers that compose The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria today.

Warrick's work won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction for its "remarkable clarity showing how the flawed rationale for the Iraq War led to the explosive growth of the Islamic State."

But what this book really provides is an exclusive look at the disastrous nature of national government when diplomacy has ominous intentions.

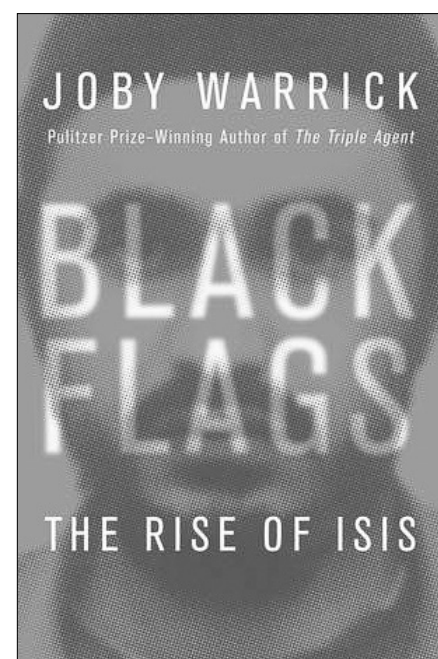
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The increased focus on Islamic extremism, publicized by the current president, is bound to make immense changes in Middle Eastern relations. And as interest in these issues flourish, so does the incentive to establish intelligent dialogue. The hope, then, is that a comprehensive solution will present itself in the midst of such a dialogue.

I would recommend "Black Flags" to political science and international relations majors for its immediate application of political concepts to the issues we face today. I would also recommend this book to history majors for its application of the long-established cultural idiosyncrasies that have played an important role in the development of these issues.

For an enriching look at the issues plaguing American and Middle Eastern relations, search no further than Joby Warrick's "Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS."



**Rating: 4 out of 5 stars**





# Political Focus: Trump exaggerates claims of voter fraud

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Sports Editor

Though President Donald Trump was elected by the Electoral College, he lost the popular vote by a greater margin than any other previously elected U.S. president. This margin of almost 3 million votes has fueled Trump's allegations of voter fraud and prompted him to call for a full investigation into the matter.

Trump claims 3 million to 5 million votes were cast illegally on Election Day, though he hasn't provided any evidence to accompany the claim.

## Does voter fraud really exist?

There are many different types of voter fraud. On Twitter, Trump said the investigation will focus on voter fraud in which people are registered to vote in two states, votes are cast by noncitizens and votes are cast in the names of people who are dead.



It is important to note that it is not illegal to be registered to vote in multiple states. It is, however, illegal to cast a vote in multiple states, which is presumably the voter fraud Trump was referring to in his tweet.

Both of Trump's other two examples are indeed instances of voter fraud. Being a U.S. citizen is one of the requirements to vote in a U.S. election, and dead people may remain on the voter registry, allowing people the ability to fraudulently cast votes in their names.

Studies conducted in the past have shown that, yes, voter fraud does exist. However, not on the scale that Trump is claiming.

A 2007 study by the Brennan Center for Justice, discussed in Justin Levitt's "The Truth About Voter Fraud," found that voter fraud rates were between 0.0004 and 0.0009 percent at the time.

## A registration system in need of an upgrade

On Jan. 24, when asked why Trump is convinced of such a high rate of voter fraud, Press Secretary Sean Spicer cited a 2008 Pew Research Center study that claimed 14 percent of votes cast in 2008 were cast by noncitizens. This citation is false for a couple of reasons.

First, Spicer appears to have been combining two different studies.

The Pew Research Center study he was presumably attempting to refer to came out in 2012 and was conducted on outdated voter registrations, not fraudulent votes. It found that one in every eight voter registrations in the U.S. is outdated or inaccurate. It showed that the U.S. registration system is "inaccurate, costly, and inefficient" and in need of an upgrade or better management. However, the report made no claims in regard to voter fraud.

There is however, an Old Dominion University study that shows 14 percent of its sample of noncitizens were registered to vote. However, this study has been widely dismissed by credible researchers due to its methodology.

As Politifact explained, the claim that 14 percent of votes cast in 2008 were by noncitizens would add up to "more than 18 million fraudulent votes — an implausible assertion, considering the total noncitizen population was about 22.5 million in 2010."

## The debate over voter ID laws

The issue of voter fraud stems into the greater debate surrounding voter ID laws. CNN reported that 34 states require some sort of identification at the polls. Some of those states require photo IDs, which opponents argue are sometimes difficult for minorities and those living in poverty to obtain.

Opponents see these laws as infringement on the right to vote. However, supporters say they are a simple way to maintain the integrity of the voting process.

# Remembering black history: Racism, slavery and Frederick Douglass

Isaac Martin  
Political Contributor

When President Barack Obama took the oath of office eight years ago, it was widely hailed as a great symbol of how far we have come as a nation with respect to race relations. Yet, today a man who once hesitated to denounce the Ku Klux Klan now stands in the Oval Office.



It certainly begs questions: Has something changed in the past eight years? Are we now a racist country? Have we always been a prejudiced people?

## Black history matters

There is no better time to ponder and discuss these questions than February, Black History Month. During this month, we set aside time to celebrate the achievements and reflect on the past of our African American brothers and sisters.

Over the next four weeks, I invite you to join me in examining critical questions regarding race and our lives today. As we answer these important questions, we will also hear from prominent African Americans of the past and present.

## The Constitution: Racism enshrined?

Many today feel America is an inherently racist nation, pointing no further than our own Constitution as evidence. Why did the Constitution say that a black person is worth three-fifths of a white person, unless it was written by racists? To answer that question, we must look to one of the most prominent historical voices on race: Frederick Douglass.

## From former slave to friend of presidents

Born and raised as a slave in Maryland, Douglass escaped to New York in 1838 at the age of 20. Three years after his escape, he delivered a powerful anti-slavery speech and was promptly hired by the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society.

A tireless worker and brilliant orator, Douglass advised President Abraham Lincoln on the Emancipation Proclamation. Following the Civil War, his relentless work ethic and invaluable perspective won him posts in four out of the next six presidential administrations.

## The Constitution: Pro-slavery or anti-slavery?

Having taught himself to read at an early age, Douglass was well-read, particularly when it came to the beginning of our country. Did he believe the Constitution was a

racist document advancing slavery? The answer is yes . . . and no. This is what Douglass had to say about the Constitution in his book "My Bondage and My Freedom":

"I was, on the anti-slavery question . . . fully committed to [the] doctrine touching the pro-slavery character of the Constitution . . . I advocated it with pen and tongue, according to the best of my ability . . . upon a reconsideration of the whole subject, I became convinced . . . that the Constitution of the United States not only contained no guarantees in favor of slavery but, on the contrary, it is in its letter and spirit an anti-slavery instrument, demanding the abolition of slavery as a condition of its own existence as the supreme law of the land."

How could Douglass pen such words? Had he missed the Three-Fifths Compromise? No, Frederick did not miss it. Rather, when he examined the debates surrounding the adoption of the Constitution, he discovered that the clause was actually anti-slavery.

In the Constitution, a congressional representative was apportioned for every 30,000 citizens of a state. During the Constitutional Convention, it became clear that certain Southern states were going to game the system by keeping their slaves in subjugation, yet counting them as voting citizens. In states like South Carolina, where a quarter of the population was slaves, this would have greatly boosted slaveholder's clout in Congress.

The anti-slavery delegates from the North howled, stating that if South Carolina would treat these poor people like property and count them as citizens, then Massachusetts and other Northern states would count their chickens and cows as voters, too. After much wrangling, the Three-Fifths Compromise was born — not as a pro-slavery victory, but as a blow to the forces of racism.

## Caution: The truth is closer than it appears

Our country has suffered much from the blight of slavery, but it isn't inseparable from our national DNA. From the beginning, there have been those who desire to restrict liberty and restrain justice. Indeed, as we will see next week, the KKK was conceived by a major political party (can you guess which?) interested only in consolidating its own power.

If we are to be successful in our fight against modern-day prejudice, regardless of the form it takes and whom it may be perpetuated against, we must learn from Frederick Douglass. We must do the things he did.

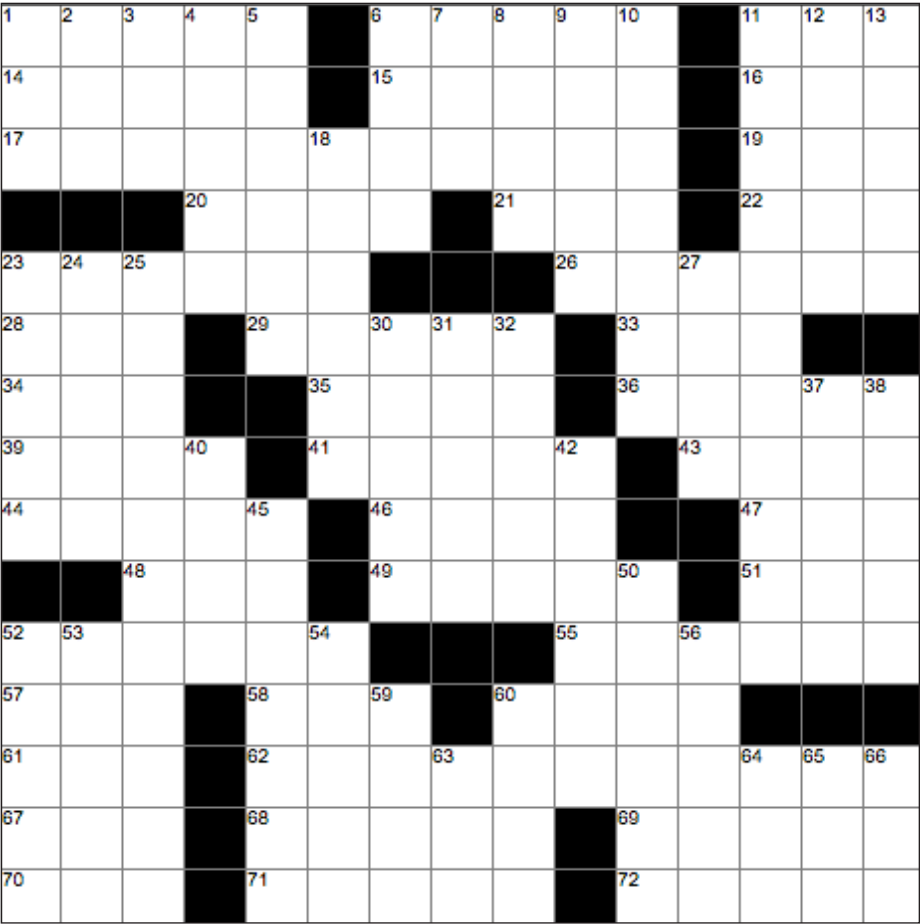
We must study well.

We must work hard.

We must speak the truth.



# Puzzles







Mary Mitchell / The Oakland Post

Construction continues on the new residence hall, "Building No. 9."

## New residence hall progress

*Construction for new building is on budget, on time*

**Laurel Kraus**  
Staff Reporter

At the beginning of fall 2016, there were around 100 students living in a nearby Extended Stay America hotel because there weren't enough dorm rooms. Even more students were on a waiting list.

"We're finding that our largest growth in on-campus housing demand is our returning students, and although we are seeing some increases with regard to incoming freshman, the percentage of returning students is increasing faster than that," said Director of University Housing James Zentmeyer.

Oak View Hall, which added 500 beds to the campus, was completed in fall 2014 and filled the first semester it was open.

As part of Oakland University's Campus Master Plan, a new housing facility, designed for sophomores and up, is being constructed between Pawley Hall and the university's newest parking structure, P32.

"The new construction is on-budget and on-time and is scheduled to be complete the summer of 2018," Zentmeyer said.

The structure will have seven stories and will be made up of four sections, labeled A, B, C and D.

Sections A and B will include mainly public spaces and a 400-seat dining facility, while sections C and D are set to be completely residential, consisting of layouts with four single bedrooms sharing a common room.

According to Zentmeyer, the building will also hold a small recreation center, four general-use classrooms and a 100-seat restaurant on the third floor.

It was designed by Neumann/Smith Architecture, and the Rochester-based construction team that built Oak View Hall, Frank Rewold and Son Inc., is constructing the building.

Crews are currently putting up concrete planks for the fourth level, with structural steel for sections A and B arriving on Feb. 1.

The facility will be over 289,000 square feet and cost a total of \$78 million.

"University Housing is not related to student tuition whatsoever," Zentmeyer said. "It's completely an auxiliary service and completely self-sufficient financially, so our operation runs based on the fees that we receive from the students that live on campus."

The Center for Applied Economics and Policy Research reported that students who live on

campus have 0.19 to 0.97 higher GPAs than those who commute.

"When I am on campus, I'm more attuned to studying," said Amy Weed, a sophomore who lives in Oak View Hall.

"Whenever I go home, I have to make sure that I already have all my homework done and all my studying done [and] there's no exams I have to worry about."

According to OU Fast Facts, there are 2,700 students living on campus, which is approximately 13 percent of the student population.

Renovations of Vandenberg Hall are also underway. The \$20-million project is currently in its second phase of the three-year plan.

Phase One was renovations to West Vandenberg last summer, costing \$11 million; Phase Two will be East Vandenberg this summer, at \$6.5 million; and Phase Three will be middle Vandenberg, at \$2.5 million.

Renovations include the replacement of the switch gear for all electrical systems, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for emergency generation and the installation of a fire-suppression sprinkler system.

"We're really unique nationally in that along with this heavy reinvestment in the infrastructure, we're also building new at the same time," Zentmeyer said.

## Repairs in Oak View keep maintenance busy

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

Broken pipes, malfunctioning dryers, overactive fire alarms, oven problems and elevator mishaps have all plagued Oak View Hall since it opened in September 2014.

However, as of last week, both the oven in Tilly's and the upperclassmen side elevator have been repaired following student complaint.

The Tilly's oven was replaced following a fried motherboard, leading the entire unit to be replaced with a spare that Chartwells already owned.

"Although problems like these are always bound to happen, what bothers me the most is the fact they remain unresolved for so long," said Zachary Pascua, an Oak View resident. "These are mostly minor inconveniences, and I still enjoy living in this building, but the problems that arise could be taken care of much more efficiently."

James Zentmeyer, director of Oakland University Housing, said that these problems are usually handled in a timely manner once they are reported.

"We are always looking for faster response times," he said.

The elevators breaking down has been a hot-button topic for Oak View residents. Bailey Lynch, another resident in Oak View, said the north elevator was down "more times than she could count" last year.

"It was kind of insane," she said. "It seemed like we didn't have enough people on maintenance to solve the problem efficiently."

Zentmeyer said that the east elevator, which most-recently went down, has been the elevator with the fewest service calls since Oak View opened. The one with the most service calls has been the main north elevator, which is a different type than the two wing elevators.

In addition, in order for the

elevators to be repaired, a call needs to be made requesting an off-campus service provider to come on site.

OU has its elevators serviced by Schindler Elevator, the same company that produced the elevators in Oak View Hall.

Zentmeyer believes that Building No. 9, the new Housing facility, will use a different elevator firm than Schindler.

In terms of general building repair, Zentmeyer said the biggest problem has been the lack of a paper trail.

He said that, oftentimes, students assume that the right people have been told, rather than talking about the problems to the appropriate people.

"I can see people thinking, 'Oh, I better not report a problem or I am being a problem,' which should never be the case," he said.

If students face any kind of maintenance problems, Zentmeyer recommends they contact the maintenance number themselves at (248) 370-2381. This number allows for students to place a work order, which will be prioritized according to importance.

Problems can also be reported to the RA on duty or to the building director.

"We also have student employees called 'maintenance assistants' that are on call overnight, so they can handle a clogged drain or other rudimentary issues," Zentmeyer said. "But if it's an issue that goes beyond their capability, we also have a Housing professional trade staff on call every evening."

Zentmeyer said that issues pertaining to water and electricity should always be reported as soon as possible, as these can escalate quickly. He said that, although issues are assessed over summer, that's hard to do when the buildings are occupied during the academic year. Thus, Housing relies on students to report when problems occur.



# Flash Fiction Contest accepting student and alumni submissions

*Contest entries can be submitted until March 1*

Robert Ogg  
Staff Reporter

Members of the campus community who enjoy writing can participate in the Flash Fiction Contest underway at Oakland University. The contest is hosted by OU's Department of English.

The contest is a celebration of short fiction, including micro fiction, short stories and flash fiction. Authors are welcome to write stories of any genre.

The only criteria for the contest is that the stories are between 250 and 1,000 words in length.

There will be two contests, each with their own entry criteria: one for undergraduates and another one for graduate students, alumni and staff.

"I usually write fiction," said Kaitlyn Radoicic, an English major.

"I've been looking more into poetry lately because I'm taking a poetry and fiction workshop. I usually like stuff that is sci-fi or fantasy, or some sort of not realistic [genre]. I usually write longer stuff."

Radoicic said the contest intrigued her, and she will most likely enter it.

"I've been getting more into flash fiction recently, which is why I'm interested in the contest," she said.

Radoicic gave advice to those who wish to write their own submissions for the contest.

"Just [try] being open with what you write about," she said. "There's a lot of things I never thought I'd write that I ended up writing and ended up really liking. [My advice is] being open about your inspiration."

Contestants can draw from anything that they are inspired by, including music, nature, their experiences and their thoughts.

Although not an English or creative writing major, Stephanie Sharpy, a double major studying information security and computer science, enjoys writing short stories. She shares her writing with friends and even brings her writing into tabletop role-playing games.

Students like Sharpy show that writers can come from any major, and one doesn't have to be an English or creative writing major to enter the contest.

"Tropes and stereotypes exist for a reason," Sharpy said. "As much as you may want to write the most original story on earth, overloading a reader with an abundance of foreign concepts and information only serves to alienate them."

She added advice on how to avoid overwhelming the reader with creativity.

"If you want to put twists on familiar concepts, give the reader something to anchor to, so they don't feel completely lost," Sharpy said.

The deadline to enter the Flash Fiction Contest is March 1, 2017.

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Kaitlyn Radoicic  
English major

Cash prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 will be offered to the first, second and third place winners.

Participants may submit as many as three stories.

The Department of English is asking authors not to include their names on the stories and instead attach cover pages with the contestants' names, email addresses, phone numbers and titles of the stories.

Entries may be emailed to OUFash-Fiction@gmail.com with "Flash Fiction Contest - Grad/Alum" or "Flash Fiction Contest - Undergrad" in the subject line.

Entries may also be submitted to Assistant Professor Jeff Chapman's mailbox on the fifth floor of O'Dowd Hall.

Winning entries will be published on the Department of English's website, and an open reading of the winners' work will take place from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center.

More details can be found on the Department of English webpage.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Through the SFH looking glass

On Jan. 5, officers from the Oakland University Police Department were sent to the Oakland Center to talk with the Chartwells manager. The manager demanded an employee be escorted off campus after she threatened to kill another employee. The suspect waited in South Foundation Hall's Fishbowl Lounge for her father to pick her up, and officers monitored her until she left campus.

When the officers interviewed the victim, she alleged that the suspect became upset because the suspect and another person liked the same guy. The suspect became agitated when people began butting into the situation through Facebook posts. The victim told officers she was surprised by the threats because she had made no Facebook posts. She also told officers she feared her vehicle would be vandalized and she would be assaulted in the future. Officers told her to call OUPD if she saw the woman again. The woman making threats was terminated by Chartwells' human resources department.

### Just Five

OUPD dispatch received a call on Jan. 14 at 2:24 a.m. regarding an intoxicated male attempting to enter Hamlin Hall. When officers arrived on the scene, they found a male lying on an outside bench, snoring. The suspect's wallet and driver's license were in front of him. While attempting to wake him up, officers noticed the stench of alcohol. The suspect told officers he had "five" when they asked how much alcohol he had consumed. A breathalyzer test confirmed a BAC level of .15, and the male was issued an MIP ticket. Officers made contact with a friend of the individual, and he was safely escorted to her room for the night.

- Compiled by Robert Ogg  
Staff Reporter

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# CMI hosts annual African American Celebration Month

AuJenee Hirsch  
Staff Reporter

All throughout the U.S., Black History Month is celebrated during February to honor the African Americans who fought during the civil rights movement.

Every year at Oakland University, the Center for Multicultural Initiatives kicks things off early by hosting the African American Celebration Month with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 16, marking the start of the celebration.

Denise Thompkins-Jones is a retention coordinator for the CMI. She is one of the CMI liaisons for AACM and has been overseeing the event for the past four years.

"AACM promotes diversity, inclusion and acceptance across campus," Thompkins-Jones said. "By gaining exposure to cultures and traditions that differ from

your own, you can further your own awareness of others' experiences."

The monthlong celebration is planned by a committee of Oakland faculty who come together from various departments.

"As a committee, we assisted with some of the logistical planning for all the events," Thompkins-Jones said. "We specifically oversee all the planning for Opening Ceremony, Taste of Africa and Closing Ceremony."

AACM kicked off with its Opening Ceremony and the Keeper of the Dream Awards, both held Jan. 16 in the Oakland Center. The ceremony paid tribute to the heritage and culture that stems from African roots, as well as historical and cultural contributions African Americans have made in the past, present and future.

Mina Fuqua, a freshman at OU, has attended all of the AACM events thus far. She continues to attend because she sees

the events as opportunities to learn about her heritage.

"I really enjoyed the opening ceremony," Fuqua said. "I loved seeing where a part of me came from and learning about a huge part of my heritage."

Some of the most successful events so far have been the Opening Ceremony, Hump Day and Black Cinema Movie Night. At each event, students got the chance to experience something different.

During the Hump Day event, students learned about black historical features, and during the Movie Night, students watched the film "13th," which depicts the hardships African Americans have faced in the past.

"As an African American, I try to stay informed on the things that are going on among the black community, but watching '13th' really shook me to the core,"

Fuqua said. "Seeing the challenges many African Americans face definitely made me not want to take the little things, like using a public restroom, for granted."

With AACM halfway over, there are still 14 more events students can attend. One of the celebration's biggest events, Taste of Africa, will be held 4-7 p.m. on Feb. 3 in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

Taste of Africa is one of the few events open to the general public during AACM. Attendees will be able to taste authentic African cuisine and see African drumming and spiritual music. Thompkins-Jones expects a big turnout for the event.

"Taste of Africa generally will bring in more than 500 attendees," she said.

AACM will end with the Closing Ceremony 12-1 p.m. on Feb. 15 in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. For a full calendar of events, visit <https://oakland.edu/cmi/aacm/>.

## Book drive part of African American Celebration Month

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As part of Oakland University's Center for Multicultural Initiatives' African American Celebration Month, the Book Club at OU is hosting a book drive, accepting donations Jan. 16 through Feb. 15. The books will be given to the PEACE Academy in Pontiac, Michigan.

The CMI's chosen theme for this year is "Transformative Education: Gateway for the future."

"The president of the Book Club at OU and other members of the committee have been working directly with each other and PEACE Academy to coordinate the details," said Amy Joa, retention coordinator at the CMI.

The CMI's work with PEACE Academy has given the school new books in its libraries and classrooms.

Myshia Liles-Moultrie, a senior social work major and president of the book club, said book drive planning began in October. This is Liles-Moultrie's first year on the AACM Committee.

"Books help feed that imagination and creativity in all children," Liles-Moultrie said. "It also allows children to get ahead

of someone that is not like them. They can learn many life lessons and skills from reading books."

Liles-Moultrie is also a former Keeper of the Dream Award recipient, which demonstrates her responsibility for promoting diversity.

"It is extremely important that everyone takes the time to learn about a culture different from their own and try to see life through the other person's eyes," Liles-Moultrie said. "It makes for a more accepting and inclusive community."

Joa said AACM will help tie the OU community together more.

"It [AACM] reflects OU's ongoing commitment to celebrating the historical and cultural contributions that African Americans have made in the past, present and future," she said. "AACM allows our campus community to share, grow and celebrate African Americans together."

The drive has collected about 60 books so far. Students can contribute by dropping off books at 104 North Foundation Hall and the Oakland Center near the Office of the Dean of Students and the OU Credit Union. The drive is not accepting activity books.

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN CELEBRATION MONTH

### BOOK DRIVE 1/16 - 2/15

Drop-off locations: CMI Office (104 NFH) and Oakland Center (near Deans of Students Office, near Credit Union, GSC)

### TEACHING SOCIAL JUSTICE & HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH POETRY: "WE ARE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS." - MAYA ANGELOU 2/2

12 - 1:30 p.m.  
Kresge Library, Room 242

### TASTE OF AFRICA 2/3

4 - 7 p.m.  
OC Banquet Rooms  
Free & Open to the public

### THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, FREEDOM SCHOOLS AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICA 2/6

12 - 1:30 p.m.  
OC Gold Rooms B and C  
History Department

### THIRD ANNUAL BLACK FACULTY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM 2/6

4 - 6 p.m.  
OC Oakland Room  
School of Education and Human Services

### BROTHER OUTSIDER FILM SCREENING & PANEL 2/7

12 - 2 p.m.  
OC Gold Rooms  
6 - 8 p.m.  
OC Fireside Lounge

### BLACK LIVES MATTER PANEL DISCUSSION 2/8

6 - 9 p.m.  
Lake Michigan, OC  
Association of Black Students

### CLOSING CEREMONY 2/15

12 - 1 p.m.  
OC Gold Rooms A and B