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Check out our photo album from GrizzFest 2 on our Facebook page. Student organizations gathered in the Oakland Center to show their stuff and decorated for the winter carnival theme. PHOTO / Elyse Gregory
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT // The Residence Hall Association put on Open Mic Night in the Vandenberg Dining Center at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5. Students, who had just moved back into University Housing this week, got on stage to sing, dance, rap and recite poetry. ELYSE GREGORY // *The Oakland Post*

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Students studying opera present Mozart's fairy tale "The Magic Flute" Jan. 12, 14 and 15 in Varner Hall. Student tickets cost \$12. PHOTO / Oakland University



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Men's basketball has welcomed a new associate head coach and an assistant coach to work with longtime Head Coach Greg Kampe. PHOTO / Ian Levinson

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How was the first week of classes?

- A** It was k
- B** Trash
- C** I have 53 questions already
- D** The professor didn't show up

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What was your favorite memory of 2016?

A) Zika virus

9 votes | 11%

B) Political corruption

20 votes | 24%

C) All the celebrity deaths

7 votes | 8%

D) When it ended . . .

49 votes | 58%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

JANUARY 9, 1984

There was a bomb threat on Dec. 11 in South Foundation Hall, postponing final exams for more than 200 students. A trial date was set for Paul Gunther, an international management major who was charged with filing a false bomb threat. The misdemeanor carried a 90-day jail term.

JANUARY 10, 2001

The Fiscal Year 2002 Capital Outlay Budget Request was voted on, pushing Varner Hall renovations and additions to a lower priority. The BOT decided an Automotive Technology Facility should take precedence over the Varner project.

JANUARY 12, 2011

Days after Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was shot in Arizona, reporter Sarah Wojcik wrote a perspective piece on news organizations' premature reports of her death. "I find it both surprising and disheartening that news organizations could fall prey to such widespread folly in this day and age," she wrote.

BY THE NUMBERS

MINIMUM WAGE

\$8.90

Michigan's minimum wage as of Jan. 1, 2017

19

states raised their minimum wage beginning in 2017

\$3.38

Michigan's tipped employee minimum wage as of Jan. 1, 2017

29

states have their own minimum wage higher than the federal rate, including Michigan

\$9.25

Michigan's minimum wage beginning Jan. 1, 2018

www.michigan.gov
www.dol.gov/whd/minwage/america.htm
www.ncsl.org/research/labor-and-employment/state-minimum-wage-chart.aspx

Looking Back

Future of Red China Outlined By Hucker

The Oakland Post Archives

Professor offers perspective on communism in China

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

In 1962, a professor of history at Oakland University gave a World Report lecture on Chinese industrialization. In his lecture, he predicted four things. The first was that China would not likely be “overwhelmed” from within. The second, Beijing would not be overwhelmed from within. The third was that the Chinese would not start a war, and the fourth was that communist China would be successful in their economic development.

One hypothesis that Dr. Charles O. Hucker had was that one of the biggest threats to China would be the U.S. In addition, The Republic of China (more commonly known as Taiwan) and the Soviet Union posed threats as well. However, he hypothesized that the U.S. and the Soviet Union would not have the motivation to pick a fight with China, and he believed that Taiwan would not have the means to instigate a fight.

This year, after President-elect Donald Trump tweeted about accepting a phone call from the president of Taiwan, many suspect he will be giving up the “One China” policy. A state-run newspaper in China reported that Beijing would “take re-

venge” if this were the case.

Another proposed belief is that there will be a “trade war” between the U.S. and China over comments Trump has made about the trade policies currently in place between the two countries. According to a CNBC article, he promised to make these reforms concerning Chinese trade on day one of his presidency.

Despite beliefs that differing opinions between politicians would be the downfall of Beijing, Hucker believed that these disagreements between leaders actually made the regime stronger, rather than weaker. Furthermore, he hypothesized that China would not start a war because it did not have the economic means to do so.

Hucker outlined major things China would have to accomplish to obtain the means to instigate a conflict and have economic prosperity.

The first was the problem of having resources. Because China was still industrializing at the time, the economic capital needed to come from within the country, not from outside trade, as Hucker said it was “unlikely” for China to receive such foreign aid.

Second, Hucker said there was a population crisis in China. He guessed that the Chinese population could reach

one billion people by 1980.

He wasn’t far off. The actual population of China in 1980 was almost 974 million people. He said the biggest challenge that China would face would be trying to feed all of these people, citing the examine of a famine between 1959 and 1961, during which up to 30 million people died of hunger in China.

He also hypothesized that the “traditional” lives that many Chinese people lived would be changed by the communist party’s efforts to change from a village setting to a more urban one focused on economy.

However, today, China’s one-child policy, initiated in the 1970s, is harming the nation’s economy. According to a 2015 PBS article, by 2035, almost 20 percent of the population will be over the age of 65, meaning there will be significantly fewer people in the workforce.

Ironically, Mao Zedong, former chairman of the Communist Party of China, encouraged population growth leading up to the famine in order to generate more laborers for economic prosperity.

“It is not enough that the masses merely accept the regime, but rather it is necessary that they support it enthusiastically in order to provide the necessary man hours,” Hucker said at the end of his lecture.



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Corrections Corner

The Oakland Post corrects all known errors of fact.

In our Jan. 4 article “Online campus magazine set to launch,” we referred to the new student magazine as Grizzly Outlook. However, since the publication of the article, student organization has renamed it Gold Magazine.

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Survive and thrive with OU resources

Stay academically strong with various helpful locations on campus

Ethan Fogle
Staff Reporter

For students who are in their first year to those who have senior status, Oakland University offers a variety of student services designed to help them thrive academically and stay on track to graduate.

Scattered throughout campus, students may be unaware of the helpful tools that the university offers.

First Year Advising Center

The First Year Advising Center is an on-campus student service available to help students fresh from high school decide their futures.

In person, FYAC offers one-on-one advising sessions that help students with any questions or concerns about their educations. Staff members also point students in the right direction when it comes to other campus resources.

Online, FYAC offers services to help undecided students pick their majors based on a series of questions regarding the students' interests, skills and values.

The FYAC office is located in 121 North Foundation Hall and can be reached via email at FYAC@oakland.edu. Students can also visit the office to make an appointment.

Second Year Experience

The Second Year Experience is a branch of Academic Advising that helps keep second-year students and transfer students on track to graduate.

SYE assists students in prepping their résumé early by suggesting opportunities on and off campus that will help them be more employable.

To help keep students on the path of graduation, SYE suggests a simple five-step process: fall academic advising, engagement, winter academic advising, registering for classes and third-year academic advising.

SYE can be reached via email at sye@oakland.edu or in 157 North Foundation Hall.

OU Help Desk

On Oakland's website, the OU Help Desk lists its top priority as keeping the university operating efficiently.

Crammed inside tiny room 202 of Kresge Library, the Help Desk is available



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

Writing Center, located on the second floor of the Kresge Library, offers writing assistance during the semester with tips and editing for papers.

for any tech issues faculty and students have both on and off campus.

Although students can go to the Help Desk in-person for any of their troubleshooting needs, staff can be reached via phone at (248) 370-4357 or email at helpdesk@oakland.edu.

Technology Help

Although there is no formal website for Technology Help at Kresge Library, staff can assist with any computer problems a student may have while at the library.

"We are here to help students deal with tech issues, viruses, Microsoft Word issues, Wi-Fi and most commonly, printing," desk employee Stavros Kashat said.

Located on the second floor of Kresge Library, it offers a quick response time for students' simple tech problems.

Research Help Desk

Also located in Kresge Library, the Research Help Desk is a service run by librarians who assist students with research at OU.

"We help suggest books valuable for research, background information not easily accessible to the public, government documents and scholarly sources," Social Science Librarian Anne Switzer said.

Located on the second floor of the Kresge Library, the Research Help Desk is also accessible online through Kresge's chat with a librarian feature.

Writing Center

Another service for students on the second floor of the Kresge Library is the Writing Center, which offers writing as-

sistance during the semester with tips and editing for papers.

Whether someone is a nursing or journalism student, the Writing Center can help at any level of experience, any style of writing and through all steps of the writing process.

Appointments can be scheduled Sunday through Friday. Staff can be reached via phone at (248) 370-3120 or emailed at ouw@oakland.edu.

Student Technology Center

Headquartered in room 44 of the Oakland Center, the Student Technology Center's purpose is to teach students how to use new technologies and help them become comfortable with programs like Adobe Photoshop or Microsoft Office.

"We have Macs and PCs full of all the latest programs that the university offers," Lead Mentor Lauren Corneliussen said. "We help mentor students with the newest software and rent out equipment like GoPros for students that need cameras for their classes."

The Tutoring Center

Offering study assistance to students at OU, The Tutoring Center staff works in 103 North Foundation Hall and offers both one-on-one and group tutoring.

"We tutor most 000-299-level courses with CLRA-certified tutors who are Oakland students themselves," said Pam Meyer, office assistant.

Offering unique resources like extra-large monitors and previous exams from low-level classes, The Tutoring Center can help prepare students for upcoming exams.

Presidential search forums continue

Paige Brockway
Editor-in-Chief

Chair of the Oakland University Board of Trustees and presidential search committee, Richard DeVore, released a schedule on Jan. 3 of upcoming open forums regarding the search.

The goal of the forums is to gather input on "the kind of leadership the board should be seeking," DeVore said in a press release.

Consultants from Academic Search, the firm selected to conduct the search, are visiting campus and will be present at all forum sessions.

"The role of the consultants is not to select the next president, but rather to support the work of the search committee," DeVore said. "The consultants will help ensure that the search and selection process is managed effectively so that the Board of Trustees can achieve the goal of securing the best possible leader."

DeVore also restated the committee's goal of having up to three finalists selected by the spring. The position will be advertised following Academic Search's visit to campus.

Anyone who is unable to attend the forums is welcome to send a confidential email regarding the search to jsk@academic-search.com or wfh@academic-search.com.

One open forum was held Tuesday, Jan. 10. The complete schedule for Wednesday's forums is listed below. All sessions will be held in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

Presidential Search Open Forums

Wednesday, Jan. 11

8-8:45 a.m. — Staff and administrators

9-9:45 a.m. — Faculty

10-11 a.m. — Students

11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. — Student congress and student leaders

1:15-2:15 p.m. — Faculty, students, staff and administrators

POLICE FILES

Yes, you do have to listen to the police

On Saturday, Nov. 19, the Oakland University Police Department dispatch was informed of a possible MIP (minor in possession) on campus. Two officers made their way to a residential building and knocked on a door through which they could hear loud music. The officer attempted to key into the room after receiving no response, but the door was blocked with furniture. After the officers made their way inside the room, they found beer cans, and many of the occupants in the room fled outside. One of the women in the room was uncooperative, stating at one point, “You guys can’t tell me what to do. My friends said that I don’t have to.” She was subsequently arrested and placed in handcuffs. At the station, she was charged with an MIP because she was in the presence of open alcohol. Her preliminary breath test revealed no intoxication.

North Hamlin drinker

OUPD was dispatched at 11:37 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 to investigate reports of minors drinking alcohol in North Hamlin Hall. When two officers entered the room, they found four people: two males and two females. The females stated that they were residents of the room. The males, however, were guests. The two officers asked for IDs from the two males, but neither of them had identification on them. A Housing staff member was sent to retrieve one of the male’s IDs. When the staff member returned, the ID revealed that the male who had been drinking would not turn 21 for another month. Officers noticed that he reeked of alcohol and his eyes were red, bloodshot and watery. OUPD issued an MIP citation and confiscated two SVEDKA bottles, one bottle of Smirnoff, one bottle of Burnett’s Raspberry and nine Miller High Life beer cans.

Compiled by Robert Ogg
Staff Reporter

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Presidential Search Open Forums
Oakland Center Banquet Rooms:
8 - 8:45 a.m. — Staff and administrators
9 - 9:45 a.m. — Faculty
10 - 11 a.m. — Students
1:15 - 2:15 p.m. — Faculty, students, staff and administrators

7 - 7:50 P.M.
Wellness in the House: “New Year, New You”
Vandenberg Hall Glass Rooms

THURSDAY 1/12

12 - 1:30 P.M.
Study Away National Student Exchange Information Meeting
Oakland Center, Lake Huron Room

7:30 - 10:30 P.M.
“The Magic Flute”
Varner Recital Hall

FRIDAY 1/13

7 P.M.
Men’s basketball vs. Detroit Mercy (Black Out)
O’rena

SATURDAY 1/14

9 A.M. - 6 P.M.
OU Percussion Day
Varner Hall

6 P.M. - 12 A.M.
Casino Night Hosted by the Student Program Board
Oakland Center

7:30 - 10:30 P.M.
“The Magic Flute”
Varner Recital Hall

SUNDAY 1/15

2 - 5 P.M.
“The Magic Flute”
Varner Recital Hall

MONDAY 1/16

NO CLASSES — MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MLK Day of Service
OU William Beaumont School of Medicine
O’Dowd Hall

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Keeper of the Dream Scholarship awards Celebration featuring Holly Robinson Peete
Oakland Center Banquet Rooms

4 P.M.
Women’s basketball vs. Wright State
O’rena

7 P.M.
Men’s basketball vs. Cleveland State
O’rena

TUESDAY 1/17

12 - 1 P.M.
Neurological First Aid with a Paramedic/Firefighter
Hosted by the Neurology Club
128-129 Oakland Center

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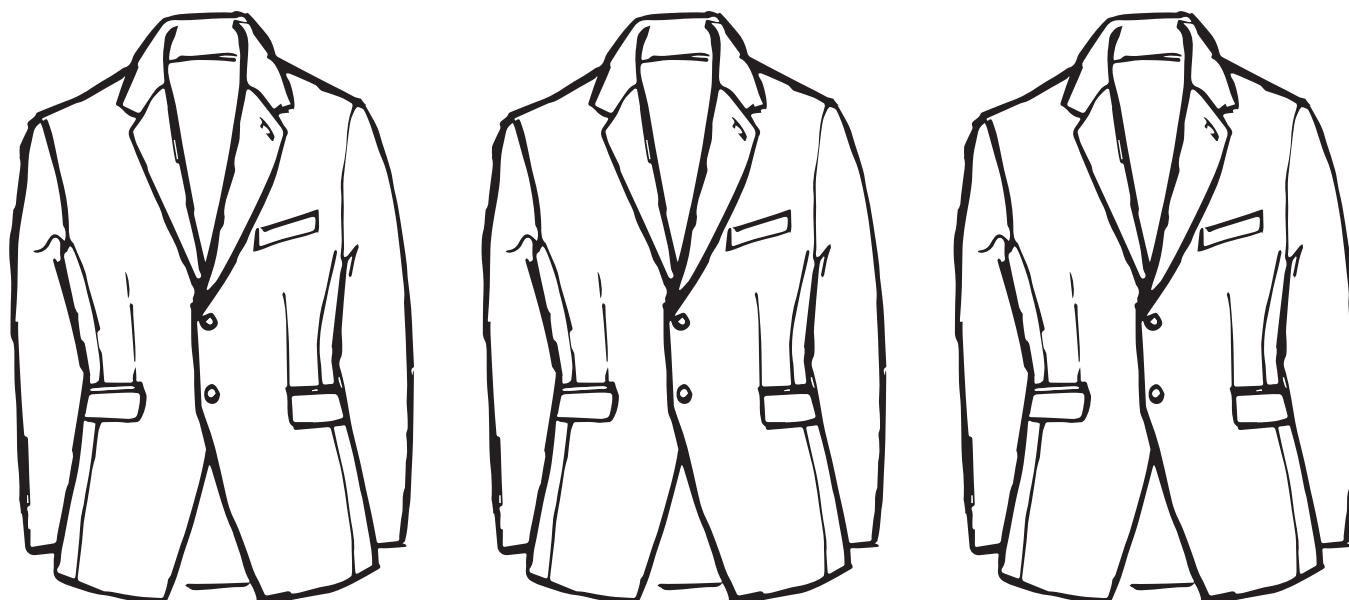
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Featuring a screening of *Suited*, a documentary about custom suits,
accepting difference, and living bravely in one's skin

Conversation to follow, refreshments provided

Oakland University Campus
Dodge Hall Building, Room 201





Taylor Stinson / The Oakland Post

The minimum wage for employees across Michigan was changed from \$8.50 to \$8.90 on Jan. 1, 2017.

Minimum wage has been increased throughout state

Michigan has 15th-highest minimum wage in U.S.

Laurel Kraus
Staff Reporter

On the first of the year, Michigan's minimum wage was raised from \$8.50 to \$8.90 as the second installment of the Workforce Opportunity Wage Act (Act 138) passed through state legislature, which outlines a sizeable increase each year from 2016-2018.

According to The Detroit News, this secures Michigan's minimum wage as the 15th highest in the country.

When this law was passed on May 27, 2014, minimum wage petitioners had hoped it would grow to as much as \$15.

At the end of this three-part installment, however, the state minimum wage will settle at \$9.25 with continued increases each year after for inflation only.

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs reported that guidelines limit Act 138 to Michigan employers who have two or more employees at or

above the age of 16. The law also placed tipped workers in a separate category.

Those who receive tips as part of payment now have a minimum wage of \$3.38, a 15-cent raise from the previous year, with the assurance that it will continue upward to \$3.52 on Jan. 1, 2018.

Act 138 also provides overtime requirements, stating that employees who work over 40 hours a week will earn time and a half.

In an effort led by Oakland University Student Congress, OU, which employs about 1,800 on-campus student workers each year, recently raised the university minimum wage by 75 cents.

"OU . . . adopted the \$9.25 wage rate [early,] effective 9/1/2016, at an annual incremental cost of \$155,000, to help offset the tightened management of the number of hours students are allowed to work in order for OU to be compliant with the Affordable Care Act," said John Beaghan, vice president for Finance and Administration and treasurer to the Board of Trustees, via email.

Some students are concerned, however, that the state mini-

mum wage will catch up to OU's pay increase too soon for the pay increase to make much of a difference.

"If the administration does not raise the minimum wage again by 30 to 40 cents, the minimum wage change, though significantly higher than the state minimum wage at this time, will have only had a temporary effect," Student Congress President Zack Thomas said.

At this point, it is unclear whether Oakland administration will support this position.

However, according to Director of Financial Aid Cindy Hermesen, most student employees earn more than the minimum wage, as the average hourly paid rate to OU students last academic year was \$9.79.

"This is a battle that we plan on beginning, but it is up to the next OUSC administration, whoever they may be, to follow through on this, because OU budgetary confirmation takes place in the summer," Thomas said. "The next OUSC administration will be exponentially more powerful in this fight if they have a strong campaign message from the very beginning, and more importantly, if there is vocal and consistent student support."

'The Magic Flute' brings opera to OU stage

Famous opera with music from Mozart to be performed

Robert Ogg
Staff Reporter

Romance, comedy and classical music will be combined in "The Magic Flute" by Oakland students studying opera.

The opera is directed by Drake Dantzler, professor and opera program coordinator and will be open to the public Jan. 12, 14 and 15 in Varner Recital Hall.

"The Magic Flute' is one of the most famous and frequently performed operas of all time," Dantzler said. "It's written by musical and theatrical genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The story follows a fairy tale theme: a prince must rescue a beautiful princess, aided by his comical sidekick. The princess's mother is an evil queen in a bitter fight with a noble king. The story is fleshed out with incredible music and comic moments."

Dantzler was drawn to direct this project because it stood out from other operas.

"This musical form [Singspiel] combines operatic vocalism and orchestral music with spoken dialogue, somewhat like a modern audience would think of when they go to a Broadway musical," Dantzler said. "Our students' voices and personalities were particularly well-suited to this show."

Dantzler showed an im-

mense amount of respect for the students involved in the opera.

"Working with young performers is always a richly rewarding experience," Dantzler said. "Finding and solving the unique problems of each set, dramatic moment and performer's personality is akin to solving a puzzle. At first you might not be able to see the answer, but once you do, it's both obvious and deeply gratifying."

Experiences with the students in the music program is overwhelmingly positive, according to Dantzler.

"People I'm related to have been involved in concerts here," said Linda Bacon, a mother of an OU alumna. "After hearing some of these students in-person, I wouldn't be shocked if a lot of them went on to be professional musicians in Broadway plays and so forth."

Bacon said that the students involved in the music program sing because they love to, and that the passion shows at performances. She encouraged others to go out and see for themselves with "The Magic Flute."

"['The Magic Flute'] features a fable-like setting," Dantzler said. "I hope the audience leaves the performance with a fond memory of the story and characters, a sense of the morality of the story and the remarkable tunes of Mozart bouncing around in their ears."

Tickets are on sale at Star Tickets and can also be purchased from the box office in Varner Hall.



Courtesy of JLBoonePhotography

"The Magic Flute will be shown in Varner Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 and 14 and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 15.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

The current exhibit at the Oakland University Art Gallery, "Hiberna Flores," will be on display until Feb. 19.

Floral exhibit blooms to life

"Hiberna Flores" on display at OUAG in Wilson Hall

Amy Swanson
Staff Reporter

Art admirers gathered on Jan. 7 for the opening reception of Oakland University Art Gallery's latest exhibition, "Hiberna Flores." The show features the work of photographer Laurie Tennent and installation artist Lisa Waud.

The gallery was transformed for this exhibit.

Tennent's incredibly detailed, large-scale photographs of flowers hang on new black walls. Each of the pieces has a black background, and with the addition of well-placed spotlights, her colorful and vivid subjects appear to float on the surface.

Multiple areas of the gallery are enlivened by Waud's lush floral installations, including a stunning display draped over the entryway.

"The exhibition started with the question: What is the difference between an object and a photograph of an object?" OUAG curator Dick Goody said. "Furthermore, if the object is a living thing, how does this inform its photograph?"

Over time, Waud's fresh arrangements will decay, while Tennent's photographs will re-

main intact. Goody said this changes a person's perception of the nature of an image.

"Photographic scholarship has long since described how a photograph of a living thing is a memento mori (a reminder of death) because if it survives over time, it will be inevitably rendered into a memorial of that thing," Goody said.

He said the installation emits hope in this bleakest part of winter.

"Using flowers as object and imitation, signified and signifier, life and art, the gallery becomes a place to contemplate the living and the dead and the interplay between the joy of existence and the grief of memorialization, which is in essence at the core of our preoccupation with the meaning of a photograph of the living, to inevitably become a remembrance of the once alive," states the exhibition's catalog.

Laurie Tennent is a Detroit-based photographer who has been working with flowers for 30 years.

Her work has been featured at The Chicago Botanic Garden, and her pieces were also chosen by the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy to display along the Riverwalk as part of a three-year installation, according to her website.

Elizabeth Bacon, Tennent's assistant and artwork manager, said the work is fun to be around.

"It's cold and wintery outside, but in here it's still blooming,"

she said.

Tennent meets with botanists and horticulturalists at different greenhouses, selecting a smattering of plant clippings to use. For example, Bacon pointed out one photograph of a fern that came from the Belle Isle Conservatory.

Lisa Waud is the founder of Pot & Box, a socially and environmentally friendly floral design company that uses flowers from its own garden and local farmers, according to its website.

She creates large-scale floral installations in places anywhere from restaurants to residential homes. Her work includes the Flower House Detroit in 2015, a project in which the walls and ceilings of an abandoned Detroit home were filled with American-grown fresh flowers and plants.

Goody believes this unique gallery will stand out to its viewers.

"I vouch that they will never have seen an exhibition of this sort before, and that they will remember it as something particularly touching," he said.

"Hiberna Flores" will run through Feb. 19.

For a chance to hear Tennent and Waud discuss their work, there will be an Artists' Talk and Catalogue Launch from 2-3 p.m. on Feb. 12. It will be held in Wilson Hall Room 208 and is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit ouartgallery.org/.

Bond, James Bond to gamble at Casino Night

Gina Navaroli
Staff Reporter

The Oakland Center will become a full-on casino on Jan. 14 for the Oakland University Student Program Board's annual Casino Night.

With games, food and raffle ticket prizes, students can expect a night of celebrating the new semester.

This will be the eighth year of Casino Night festivities. This year's theme is James Bond 007, the event will be distinguished from previous iterations of the event.

SPB President Cassie Hock explained the process of planning Casino Night and campus events.

"Planning started in October," she said. "We spend a lot of time researching different types of events that would be fun for students. We also look at what other colleges and universities are hosting. Then, we try to bring the coolest and the best events to students."

Casino Night is free for all students, and the event will run from 6 p.m. until midnight. Cashier stations will be giving attendees poker chips for the night, which can be gambled and submitted for raffle tickets to win various prizes. Students can also look forward to watching an illusionist while enjoying mocktail drinks.

Hock hopes students will come to Casino Night to have a great time and to enjoy free food, games and entertainment.

"When you come to Casino Night, you will get to understand how awesome the transformation is [going to be]," she said.

Chris Winter, SPB technical director and a junior majoring in theater design and technology, added more detail about the upcoming event.

He explained the promotional efforts that SPB has put into the event to reach students.

He said promotion took place "mostly over social media, but also lots of print marketing," and noted that the event is a collaboration between SPB and the Residence Hall Association.

The entire Oakland Center will be decked out for the event.

"Lots of decorations, lots of lighting," Winter said. "We are clearing the tables in the food court and bringing in poker tables. It's not just the Pioneer Food Court, it goes into Fireside Lounge, the Gold Rooms and even the Banquet Rooms."

Though nonstudents are allowed to attend the event, only OU students are able to submit tickets into the raffle for prizes.

At coat check, attendees will be able to donate hats and gloves for children in need.



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On Saturday, Jan. 14, SPB will host a James Bond 007-themed Casino Night in the Oakland Center from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Police recruits decrease across state, country, Oakland campus

Wage, job security concerns may cause potential officers to reconsider joining law enforcement

Laurel Kraus
Staff Reporter

Police departments throughout Michigan, including the state police and even the Oakland University Police Department, are reporting a decrease in officer recruits.

According to Lt. Nicole Thompson, OUPD went through the process of hiring an officer in the fall of 2016 and received approximately 38 applicants. In the past, they received hundreds. This is becoming a common occurrence across the state and country.

There is no simple explanation for this situation, but in all likelihood, a number of causes are adding to the overall situation.

The most obvious setbacks in this field are the recent controversial views toward police.

"Some of the things that are going on currently, with respect to our government institutions, generally are particularly felt by the police because the police is the most visible representative of government on a day-to-day basis," said Jay Meehan, professor of criminal justice and sociology at OU. "Hence, they can also become the easy object in target of people's discontent with government institutions and the like."

Policing has always been considered a dangerous job, but according to The National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, there has been a 10-percent increase in officer deaths, from 123 deaths in 2015 to 135 in 2016.

"The highly-publicized ambush of police officers and the increase of police officer deaths as a result of firearms appear to have made law enforcement a less-sought-after job," Thompson said.

Television's distortion, romanticizing of the complexities that officers face in reality also place a barrier between some perspective recruits and the actual career.

"The police motto on its surface is 'To protect and serve,' but really from

"I think that the way that officers are viewed in the media has to change, and there has to be more reporting on positive things that officers do, rather than just the negative actions."

Patricia Dolly
Lieutenant, OUPD

society's standpoint, it's 'To intervene and prevail,'" Meehan said.

Low wages, loss of benefits and schedules uncondusive to family life are other potential deterrents.

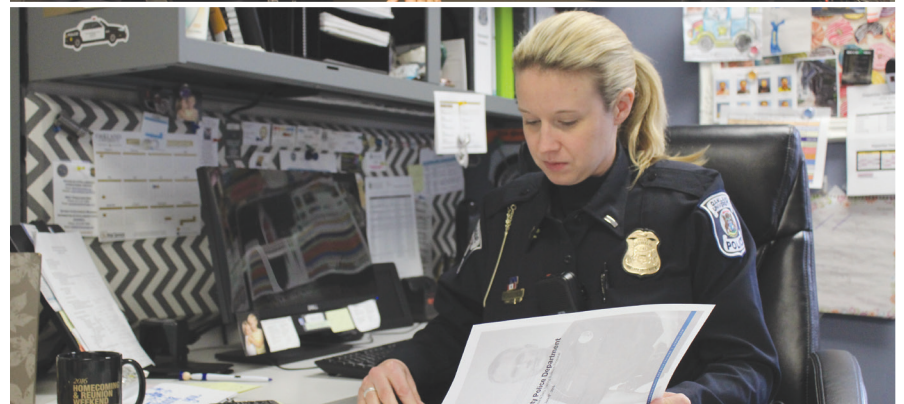
However, Meehan suggested that a significant percent of the decrease in applicants is not a decrease at all, but rather a shift.

"You have an increase in the private security area," Meehan said. "For every public police officer, you might have close to five people in the private security area. There's other options that people have. Your growth in homeland security post-9/11 is another one."

Meehan reported that this has not affected the number of students interested in studying criminal justice at OU, as the major is quickly approaching 500 students. So, something is quite clearly shifting between the classroom and the working world.

"Unfortunately, I do not see a change in this trend happening in the near future," Thompson said. "I think that the way that officers are viewed in the media has to change, and there has to be more reporting on positive things that officers do, rather than just the negative actions."

"I also think that police agencies need to reach out to the community they serve in order to form positive communication avenues and outreach initiatives which benefit the community as a whole," Thompson said.



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TOP: Officer Dwayne Rodriguez (left) and Lt. Nicole Thompson (right) chat inside the Police and Support Services building. BOTTOM: Lt. Thompson sits at her desk on the job.

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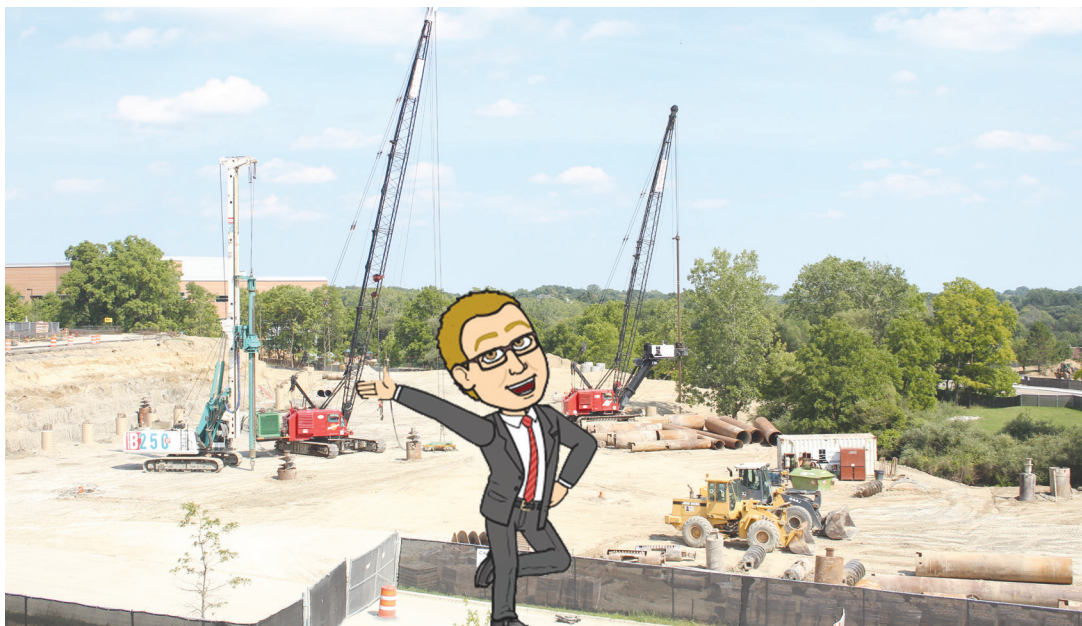


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The university is excited to announce the building of a "East Foundation Hall" instead of a new parking structure.

OU to name new building after comedian Drew Carey

Robert Ogg
Staff Reporter

As a new building rises, so do suspicions. Construction has occurred just off Pioneer Drive for several months. The shape of a building is starting to form, but until now, little information was released about what is being built.

Some faculty members have stated that it's additional housing, but there are students who think it's something else entirely.

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Tell your family, tell all your friends. Tell 'em that come fall 2017, you'll be able to say, 'I've been inside Drew Carey.'

Grover Smith
Construction team leader

"My bet is it's a second recreation center with a spa and an indoor tennis court," said Rocco Botte, a junior majoring in women and gender studies. "One that will only be open to the elite staff of the school.

They'll be in there enjoying their espresso machine and mud baths. You can be damn sure I'll be flippin' 'em off while I'm looking for a place to park."

Botte went on to say that he hates Facilities Management.

When Facilities Management was asked about the construction, it confirmed that the building won't be new housing, as originally planned.

"What we're building is a East Foundation Hall," said Walter Donaldson, a low-level Facilities Management employee. "We have a North and a South Foundation Hall, so we thought to ourselves, 'Why not build an East or West one?'"

The planning committee was enthusiastic about the idea.

"I loved the idea since the minute it was pitched to me," said Grover Smith, the construction team leader. "I signed the contract under one condition: I get to pick the name."

"Grover decided that the new building was going to be named after the person he idolizes most," Donaldson said. "The person who he said, 'embodies the very spirit of OU.'"

"The Drew Carey Foundation Hall," Smith said, beaming at the pile of displaced dirt and

concrete. "I thought it had a nice ring to it. I like Drew Carey, and I know the students love him too. I saw him on TV that one time in the OC. He was hosting some game show or something. You know, the one that Bob Barker hosted before he died. He is dead, right?"

Smith said construction on the building is going to end in late summer, and the building will officially open this fall.

"There's going to be a big bronze statue of Drew right inside the entrance when you walk in," he said. "It's going to be the first thing you see when you walk inside, and there's going to be portraits and artwork of Drew all around. It's gonna be great."

The building is expected to be the most expensive building at OU to date, costing over three times what the Engineering Center cost.

"Tell your family, tell all your friends," Smith said. "Tell 'em that come fall 2017, you'll be able to say, 'I've been inside Drew Carey.'"

When asked about the new building, Drew Carey declined to comment. His legal team is expected to press charges against OU.

No-show prof, students dismiss class themselves

Instructor misses first day thinking semester starts next week

Nowshin Chowdhury
Photo Editor

As the beginning of the semester rolled around, so did the students in their beds to wake up for the first day of classes. For some, the first day was Wednesday, Jan. 4. For others, it was Thursday, Jan. 5.

But for some, school didn't start until next week, at least in their heads.

"I am not in denial," professor Ian Denyle said to his wife on Jan. 4. "School starts next week. I'm still on vacation. Oakland is a great institution that recognizes our hard work and rewards us with much-deserved, long holiday breaks."

Meanwhile, on campus, students began filing in to his fundamentals of algebra class, which was scheduled to start at 4 p.m. They sat in awkward silence as time passed by.

No one knew each other, so they pretended to check messages on their phones. They opened and closed their social media apps over and over, like children opening and closing the fridge in hopes that something new will appear.

At approximately 4:15 p.m., the silence was broken when one student exclaimed, "I say we leave at 4:20."

The whole class burst into laughter at the lame joke and nodded in agreement.

"Why? We're allowed to leave after 15 minutes, aren't we?" asked freshman Chloe Less.

It took Less a minute to get the joke, but as soon as she did, she put her head down in shame. At 4:20, students left the room, and the lights went out in the empty classroom.

Ping! Professor Denyle's email notification went off. The email's subject was "Missed Class."

Ping! Another email from

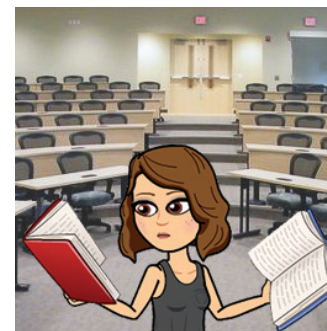


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Algebra students were confused when their professor failed to show up on the first day.

a student titled "You Missed Class."

Denyle's eyes opened wide with horror. His stomach turned into a knot as he stared at his iPhone. He sat up on his living room couch and put down the hot cup of coffee that he had really been enjoying about a minute before.

"It was like that feeling when you're in high school and you wake up an hour after your alarm went off, and you realize you're late for class on the day of the final exam," Denyle said. "Except this time, I was the professor and it was supposed to be the first day of class."

Nita Fourpointe, a senior who has had perfect attendance in all of her years at OU and holds a perfect 4.0 GPA, wrote to Denyle that she was disappointed with his absence and how much it affected her education.

Fourpointe plans on reporting Denyle to the dean.

"I was really embarrassed," Denyle said. "But the students shouldn't be complaining. They got to go home early. It's not like we were going to do anything, anyway. It was syllabus and icebreaker day."

The professor might not have shown up, but there's nothing like a dramatic start to the semester to bond the students in a class.

"I was really looking forward to playing the icebreaker games," Fourpointe said. "They're my favorite part of the semester."

Breaking: Roommates struggle to get along

Shelby Tankersley
Campus Editor

Thousands of students live in the on-campus housing here at Oakland University. Many of those students go in blind at the beginning of the academic year, meaning that they won't know their roommate until move-in day arrives.

Many students meet their new best friend, or at least someone they get along with enough to share a space for a couple of semesters. Going in blind isn't often seen as a scary experience because most people can work out their differences.

Others aren't so lucky.

Francine Freshman, a freshman studying biology, said that her roommate isn't the ideal choice, and she's not sure if she can make it through the rest of the semester. She reached out to The Oakland Post this week to voice her concerns.

"It's just awful," Freshman said. "I thought I knew how to live with someone else, but she just acts like I don't even exist. I don't know what I'm doing wrong."

Freshman elaborated, saying that her roommate plays loud music while she's asleep, doesn't help clean, uses sticky notes as her only form of communication and refuses to get new toilet paper rolls from the Hamlin Desk.

The Post caught up with Freshman's roommate, Suzy Psychopath, a freshman studying journalism, so she could defend herself. According to her, the situation is not that simple.

"My mom did everything for me at home, so I don't see the problem with my roommate doing the same," Psychopath said. "My boyfriend says I should be treated like a princess. That obviously means that she should be treating me as such."

Daniel Doctor, a doctor, said that Psychopath suffers from a common illness referred to as jerkitis.

This is more commonly known as being a total jerk to everyone around you. Symptoms include passive-aggressiveness, appearing unable to help with anything and enjoying Nickelback music.

"She does play Nickelback a lot," Freshman said.

Doctor said that in order to help Psy-



Photo Illustration by Nowshin Chowdhury

Roommates don't always get along. Sometimes they annoy each other and disrupt sleep schedules.

chopath, her roommate should put up a whiteboard and throw away her sticky notes, as well as offer to clean the room together.

He also said that getting lunch together sometimes would help strengthen their bond as roommates.

"Psychopath is only a stage-two jerk, so there is still hope," Doctor said. "If her roommate acts now, she can help save Psychopath from a lifetime of being a to-

tal jerk to everyone."

The Post will follow this case as Freshman sets off to cure her roommate of being a total freaking jerk.

Is your roommate a jerk? Call a doctor today and get him or her some help, before it's too late. Help the people around you get their acts together and not be insufferable their whole lives.

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'La La Land' steals the show, musical delivers on all fronts

Lawson Robinson
Movie Columnist

In 2012, Damien Chazelle penned and directed the film "Whiplash," which garnered five Academy Awards, including Best Picture. I found this film to be a bleak masterpiece based in music with strong performances. Upon discovering that his next film was to be a musical, I was skeptical, but with "La La Land," Chazelle has produced yet another musical masterpiece.

I myself am not one who seeks out musicals, but I hold respect for the genre. Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone are both perfectly cast in this film as charming romantic counterparts. They match one another in terms of acting and singing their musical pieces.

Gosling founded his band Dead Man's Bones in the year 2009, thus his musical talents are well-known enough. Lead actress, Emma Stone, however, was truly surprising with her singing and tap dance sequence. Stone commands the film with her performance and even outshines Gosling in a few scenes.

The film begins with a delightful full-cast performance on a Los Angeles freeway that immediately grasps the audience. From that point on, "La La Land" overwhelms the viewer with two charismatic characters and a supreme soundtrack. The film swept the Golden Globes, claiming the awards for:

- Best picture, comedy or musical
- Actress, comedy or musical — Emma Stone
- Actor, comedy or musical — Ryan Gosling
- Director — Damien Chazelle
- Screenplay — Damien Chazelle
- Original score — Justin Hurwitz
- Original song — "City of Stars"

The aspect of this film that is the most underrated, however, is the script itself. Chazelle's dialogue is witty, full of zest and crafted to perfection. "La La Land" truly shines as a cinematic achievement and is worthy of repeat viewings.

Rating: 5 out of 5 stars



♪ Drew's Review: Music to look forward to in 2017 ♪

Drew Hagge
Music Columnist

As virtually every rapper dropped an album in 2016, it can be difficult to drum up the same amount of excitement for the new year. Luckily, for those who can't get enough hip-hop in their daily lives, music's landscape has changed.

The days of artists releasing an album then going into hiding for a couple years before putting out another project are seemingly over. Even Kendrick Lamar, today's rapper who most closely follows old-school traditions, released his compilation album "Untitled Unmastered" last March to tide his fans over until his forthcoming album.

Lamar waited roughly 29 months after the release of "Good Kid, M.A.A.D City" to put out "To Pimp a Butterfly," a strategy that not even Lamar himself was willing to continue into 2016.

This is a strategy that Drake has

been hip to throughout his entire career, which has kept him atop the rap game for the past three years. Drake's release of "Views" in mid-2016 won't stop the Canadian rapper from putting out "More Life" within the first months of 2017, even if he doesn't write all of his own lyrics.

The most anticipated albums of 2017 include a wide, diverse range of hip-hop artists, starting with the genre's newcomers, 21 Savage and Metro Boomin, who are set to follow up their critically acclaimed "Savage Mode" with "Savage Mode 2."

Rap's possibly oldest superstar, Jay Z, is rumored to be dropping an album in 2017, but the type of album remains up in the air. Hopefully, he'll return to his Mafioso-era rap, which brought about his best work to date, "Reasonable Doubt." However, in response to "Lemonade," a collaboration album between Jay Z and Beyoncé is the odds-on favorite to dominate the year in music.

Review of 'A Woman Looking at Men Looking at Women'

Siri Hustvedt's book
examines connection
between science, art

Simon Albaugh
Staff Reporter

The wealth of potential knowledge from multidisciplinary studies easily presents itself in Siri Hustvedt's book "A Woman Looking at Men Looking at Women: Essays on Art, Sex, and the Mind."

The book is composed of a series of essays that were written over four years of Hustvedt's career as a cultural critic, psychiatric lecturer and essayist. It was released Dec. 6, 2016.

The book is separated into three sections. The first features essays on legendary visual and performance art pieces, important figures in contemporary literature and the origin of existential philosophy (philosophy regarding the human condition) in Søren Kierkegaard. The second is on the important distinction of mind versus body in epistemology, or the philosophy of knowledge. The third section is composed of lectures on psychiatry, specifically mental illness.

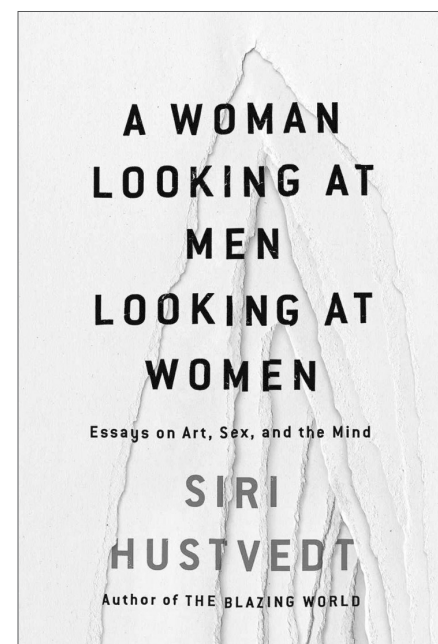
The essays, written on a variety of subjects, all have the purpose of illustrating and connecting concepts in psychology, psychoanalysis and neuroscience in regard to different forms of artistic expression. They allow for an intense understanding of the appreciation of art, literature and the humanities from the perspective of such strict scientific concepts.

Hustvedt provides one of the first more-or-less accessible explanations of one of the major goals of interdisciplinary studies by making an impressive attempt at connecting the scientific components of being human with artistic expression.

The book itself reads like a cross between existential philosophy and a textbook on cultural studies. And while there are a lot of people who will see this as a major turnoff, some will see it as a welcome challenge.

One essay compared the speculation that led to the stock market crash of 1929 to today's art market. Using Jeff Koons' piece "Balloon Dog," which is a sculpture of a giant balloon-animal dog made of stainless steel, Hustvedt questioned the long-term value of investment in pieces in today's art market.

Many of the problems this book has are minor. In addition to its intermediate-level style, the length (576 pages) can be a little off-putting. This only adds to its level



of difficulty.

The more glaring problem of this book is its lack of clear purpose in some essays. Some of them are seemingly only written to illustrate interdisciplinary concepts, rather than to point to any larger conclusions. However, most provide a context that can strongly justify the conclusions in the essays.

Hustvedt's authority in the field of psychiatry is also semidubious because of her lack of a formal education on the subject. This can almost be forgotten because of her appointment as a lecturer on the history of psychiatry at Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

The biggest reason to read this book is to gain a better understanding of the terms that are used in the sometimes falsely dichotomous worlds of science and the humanities. This book teaches an appreciation for the artistic qualities and soothingly logical nature of both worlds all at once.

It's a book that I would highly recommend to anyone majoring in psychology, philosophy, English or studio art. It brags a clear and contemporary appreciation for art and literature while putting it in psychiatric and neurological terms.

For a challenging and richly rewarding guide through the connecting factors in neuroscience and the humanities, take the time to read this book. It's worth it.

Rating: 3.5 out of 5 stars



Political Focus: State bathroom bills

Melissa Deatsch
Sports Editor

In the first days of 2017, five states have introduced new legislation limiting access to public bathrooms to the gender assigned at birth, not preferred gender identity. The “bathroom bills” fuel the debate surrounding transgender rights.

North Carolina is the only state to bring this bill to law, and it has done so at a cost. As CNN reported, the bill “has caused huge economic losses for the state, such as businesses cancelling plans to expand and the NBA moving its All-Star game from Charlotte to another city.”



However, this has not deterred the states of Minnesota, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas and Virginia from making moves to adopt similar legislation.

Why would legislators call for such a law?

The argument in favor of these laws focuses on privacy.

As now-former Governor of North Carolina Pat McCrory explained, “Legislation was passed to protect men, women and children when they use a public restroom, shower or locker room. That is an expectation of privacy that must be honored and respected.”

There is also a necessary discussion over the possibility of someone with bad intentions gaining access to the bathroom of the opposite sex by claiming that is their gender identification. The laws aim to protect against that situation.

Why has there been backlash?

The laws are seen by many to be blatant acts of discrimination. In North Carolina, activists took to the streets to protest and businesses released condemnations of the law.

Some organizations have stated they will have the same response if the bills

become law in the additional states where the bill is up for consideration.

The NCAA and certain conferences have said they will move their events from states that pass the legislation, following the lead of the NBA last year in North Carolina.

Though some argue that laws would protect bathroom-users against people sneaking into the opposite gender’s bathroom with bad intentions, there have been no such incidents in states without laws preventing people from using the bathroom that aligns with their gender identity.

Additionally, sexual assault is still illegal.

What’s to come?

The bills are in direct opposition with the guidance put out last May by the Obama Administration regarding this issue in public schools.

The U.S. Departments of Education and Justice sent schools a letter noting the importance of transgender students having a nondiscriminatory education experience.

Though the letter served as a guideline with no legal binding attached, it did threaten to pull federal funding from school districts that didn’t abide.

The letter struck several lawsuits, one of which has made its way to the Supreme Court.

The case concerns Gavin Grimm, a transgender male high school student from Virginia.

While Grimm’s principal allowed him to use the men’s bathroom, the school board changed its policy to require students to use the bathroom of their biological sex.

Grimm is suing the school board, and the case has climbed the court system’s ladder through the appeals process.

The Supreme Court is expected to hear the case in April and make a decision in June.

Grimm’s case is specific to bathroom bills in education settings; however, the decision will presumably have major impact on these bills in other settings, as well as transgender rights in general.

Second-youngest state rep. encourages involvement in government

Isaac Martin
Political Contributor

Do youth possess the ability to influence the affairs of state, or is that just a line peddled by practiced politicians hoping to win over a few votes?

If you ask State Representative Lee Chatfield (R - Levering), one of the youngest speaker pro-



tempores in the country, the answer would be a rather emphatic, “Yes, your voice can make a difference!”

Sporting a close-cropped haircut reminiscent of his days as a Division II soccer player for Northland International University, Representative Chatfield, or Lee, as he prefers to be called, doesn’t fit the stereotypical mold of a staid statesman.

And there’s a good reason for that: He isn’t your stereotypical politician.

Sworn in as the second-youngest member of the 98th

session of the Michigan Legislature at age 26 in 2014, Lee has often been overlooked, even within his own district, because of his age. Once, while he was knocking on doors during his first campaign for state office, an elderly voter told the youthful Lee, “Tell your dad I’m voting for him.”

During his freshman term in Lansing, however, Lee proved to be the picture of professionalism with a perfect voting record during his first term.

Recently, I had a chance to catch up with the new speaker pro-tempore and ask him a few questions.

Q: You chair the committee on local government, one of only two freshmen representatives to be given such a distinction. What are some things your average college student doesn’t appreciate about local government?

A: I think it’s important to know that we have different levels of government, and it’s important to know and differentiate what the roles are of those govern-

ments, and you will find the role of each particular government in each state and federal constitution.

For younger people who might not know what their elected officials do, I would argue the reason they aren’t interested necessarily in what the local governments do is that they don’t understand it, and the more they understand it, the more they’ll appreciate it.

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Younger people are losing out on an opportunity . . . rather than protesting elections, let’s get involved in them.

Lee Chatfield
State Representative

I think it is important to form a relationship with your local government elected officials and understand that you can

have a real impact.

Many people in America, as evidenced by the recent election, feel disenfranchised and feel out of the loop, and a part of that stems from the fact that they haven’t reached out and attempted to form relationships with any of their representatives at any level of government.

I think that is a reason we feel that the system might be rigged because we’re not participating in it to the same level we should.

Q: How can young people, who perhaps feel that their voice is not being heard, be effective when they try to wade into the morass of government?

A: I would argue that perhaps the reason their voice is not being heard is that they are not communicating.

Now, that is not always true, but you will find in life, to be successful, it operates on two fundamental things, and politics is no different. It operates on communication and building relationships.

I would say, attempt to com-

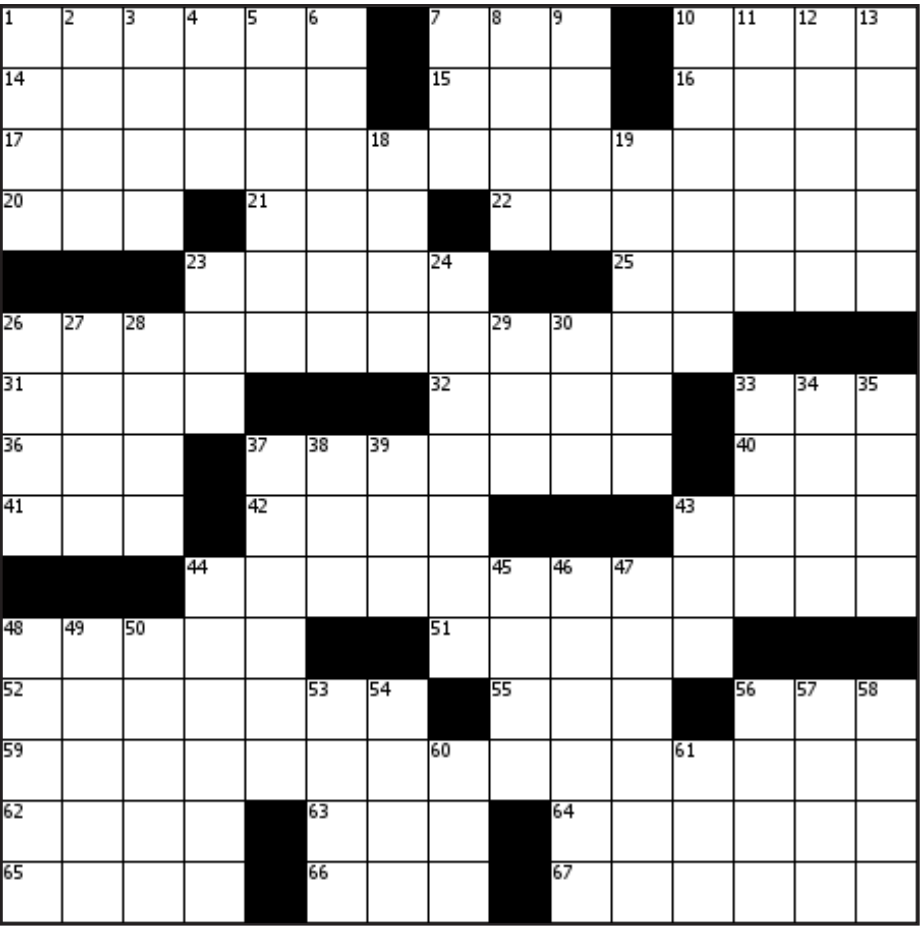
municate with your legislator, whether it’s your city council, whether it’s township, whether it’s your county commissioner, state or federal, attempt to communicate, and over time, you will form that relationship with them, and you will feel you’re being heard.

I do believe younger people are losing out on an opportunity to have some real influence, and rather than protesting elections, let’s get involved in them.

I guess, in some ways, representative Chatfield doesn’t differ from a lot of other politicians: He enjoys talking to almost anyone and can sometimes talk his way onto a rabbit trail. Yet, as I listen to him, I hear different voices speaking, some in warning and others in instruction. I hear a history teacher rebuffing his students for being lazy, I hear a father encouraging his children to work hard, and I hear a soccer coach cheering for his players to go for the goal.

It is the wise pupil who heeds the voice of instruction, even if it does come from a slightly spryer source than usual.

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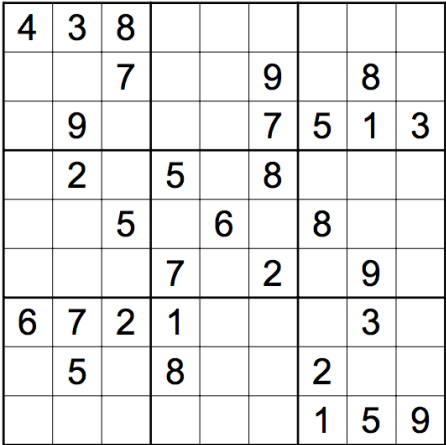
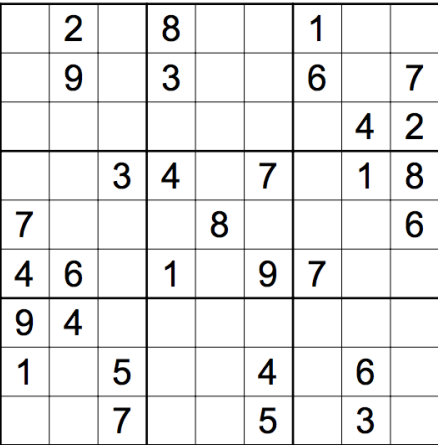
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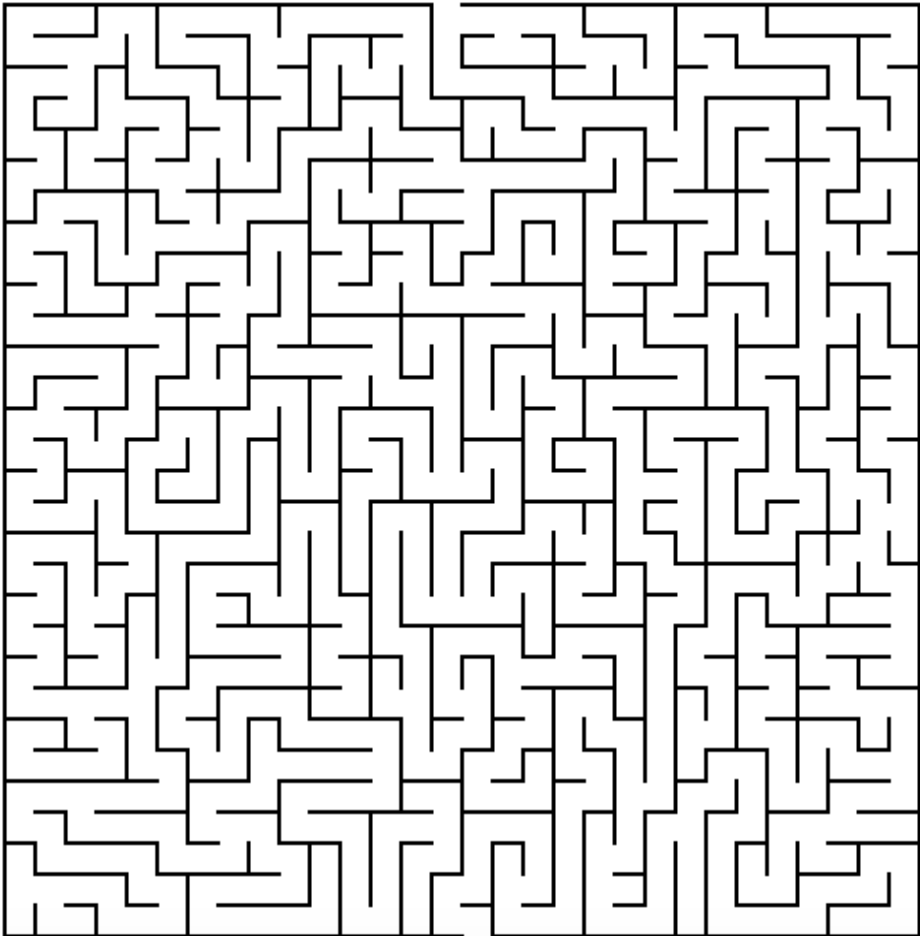
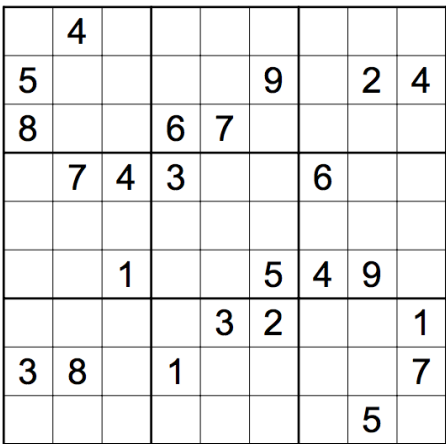
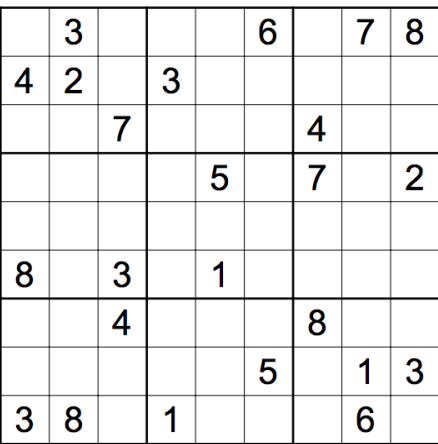
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6. Sitting pretty?
7. Bumbler
8. Against
9. Oscar nominee Madeline
10. Symphony crasher?
11. Eliminate more squeaks
12. Set things right
13. Is resentful about
18. Present and potent leader
19. Certain baldy's baby
23. With-it
24. Sweet and well-behaved
26. Punxsutawney fellow
27. First-rate
28. Harness
29. Moroccan topper
30. Debunked mentalist Geller
33. Don or San follower
34. Impulse
35. Bite away at
37. Rodriguez of golf
38. Attila, notably
39. Unit of energy
43. Monetary unit of Japan
44. Gold medal gymnast in 1984
45. Film --- (moody movie)
46. Story connector
47. Give a hard time to
48. Slaughterhouse waste
49. Skeptical
50. "We Married ---" (2000)
53. Verve
54. Start from scratch
56. Secure against leakage
57. Start of a Susann title
58. Magi's interest
60. Word with bell or boy
61. Bus. school grad

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With 32 points from University of Detroit Mercy's Rosanna Reynolds (11), Oakland lost 80-71 at the O'rena.

First league loss for women's basketball

UDM rivalry heats up conference play

Katie LaDuke
Intern Reporter

Coming off a three-game win streak, Oakland women's basketball looked to keep the momentum going heading into another Horizon League game on Jan. 7.

Oakland ultimately fell to rival University of Detroit Mercy, 80-71.

The Golden Grizzlies move to 2-1 in conference play with an overall record of 8-6.

Per the usual when the Golden Grizzlies and the Titans meet, emotions were running high.

"We had players that just wanted to win so bad that they tried to take over the game on their own," Head Coach Jeff Tungate explained in a post-game Grizz Vision interview.

Despite the bitter taste of a dropped Metro Series matchup, Oakland put up an admirable fight.

Taylor Jones tied a career best of 10 successful free throws, making up half of her 20 points. Trailing Jones by one point, Sha'Keya Graves put up 19, which included her career best of four 3-pointers.

Taylor Gleason added 12 of her

own points to the Golden Grizzlies' 71-point total.

The Black and Gold started off strong with back-to-back 3-pointers by Graves to gain a slim lead on the Titans in the beginning of the first quarter.

Detroit Mercy was quick to answer and put up matching numbers. This ended the quarter 18-18.

The second quarter seemed to mirror the first-quarter efforts of Oakland, even with the gap growing slightly.

The Titans made their presence known with a 6-point lead after the second quarter.

"We weren't running good offense, and we weren't playing the way we needed to play," Tungate said. "We talked about it at halftime. We came out in the third quarter and did what we needed to do."

Responding to their struggle to hold the lead during the first two quarters, the Golden Grizzlies pressed the Titans more aggressively coming out of the halftime break.

With this strategy came an increase in fouls. The Golden Grizzlies committed 16 fouls in the second half, including four offensive fouls in the first seven Oakland possessions of the fourth quarter. These fouls resulted in a 4:07 drought for the Golden Grizzlies. Both Leah

Somerfield and Hannah Little exited the game early with five fouls each. By this point, the score had moved tremendously in the Titan's favor. The Titans held on to finish with 80 points over the Golden Grizzlies' 71.

"It's not a selfish thing," Tungate said. "The players just want to win so bad that they lose their poise a little bit. I thought that in the fourth quarter, Detroit just showed more poise than we did."

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Jeff Tungate
Women's basketball head coach

Even with a disappointing outcome, Oakland rallied through several controversial calls and intense exchanges on the court to deliver an electric rivalry showdown.

Oakland hits the road to play Milwaukee at 8 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Catch the game on ESPN3.

Men's basketball breaks league, program records

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

It was a busy weekend on the road for Oakland men's basketball. The team secured important wins against opponents Valparaiso and University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) on Friday, Jan. 6 and Sunday, Jan. 8, respectively. The victories bring the Golden Grizzlies to 4-0 in the Horizon League and 14-3 overall.

Oakland never trailed behind the league's top team, Valparaiso, on Friday.

Stevie Clark, assisted by Sherron Dorsey-Walker, was the first athlete to score with a good 3-pointer at 19:45, giving Oakland an early edge. The Golden Grizzlies sustained their opening momentum, garnering 38 points to Valparaiso's 34 at halftime.

Outnumbering Valparaiso 10-2 in turnovers, Oakland used this advantage to contribute to its score. Although Valparaiso acquired 21 rebounds to Oakland's 17, the Golden Grizzlies assured their lead by converting four fast breaks into crucial points. At the end of the first half, Oakland overshadowed Valparaiso 4-0 in fast breaks.

The second half saw Oakland maintain and expand its lead, outscoring Valparaiso 40-32. Ultimately, the Golden Grizzlies concluded the game 78-66, conquering the Crusaders.

Martez Walker, a key facet to the win, was responsible for scoring 25 points for Oakland, as well as garnering five rebounds and three steals.

The win is sure to send a message to the league, as the Crusaders were picked to finish first in the Horizon League preseason poll. The Golden Grizzlies followed directly behind with a predicted second-place finish.

Golden Grizzlies hit the road once more on Sunday, this time to take on the UIC

Flames.

The Flames proved to be a formidable opponent, trading the lead with Oakland twice during the first half. Despite Oakland's offensive efforts, its inability to make 3-pointers put the Golden Grizzlies down 31-37 at the intermission.

Recharged and focused, Oakland worked to correct key mistakes regarding blocking UIC defensively.

In the second half alone, the Golden Grizzlies overpowered UIC 11-3 in blocks. Defensively, this was crucial as the second half continued.

Midway through the half, Oakland unleashed an 11-1 scoring drive, propelling the Golden Grizzlies ahead of UIC 50-45, but the Flames were quick to respond. K.J. Santos drained a 3-pointer for UIC, giving the home team the lead and Oakland just 2:05 on the clock to answer.

Jalen Hayes' layup at 1:37 allowed Oakland to retake to lead 58-57, but he was not finished there. Determined to deny a UIC victory, Hayes sent back a UIC layup attempt, giving Oakland the win.

Oakland's performance against UIC was one for the record books. The Golden Grizzlies blocked 18 out of 71 shots from UIC. Eighteen blocks in a single game is the new record in the program and Horizon League - three away from matching the NCAA's record of 21.

"It was a defensive battle," Oakland Head Coach Greg Kampe said. "Going to Valpo and holding them to 35 [percent] on the floor, then coming here and holding UIC to 24 [percent] on the floor, I think you have to look at your defense and say 'Hey, that's pretty good.'"

The Golden Grizzlies will take on rival University of Detroit Mercy at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN3.

Men's basketball adds coaches

After Saddi Washington and Dionne Phelp's departure, OU hires some new blood

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In early May 2016, the Oakland University men's basketball team had an opening for a new associate head coach. The former associate head coach, Saddi Washington, took a job at University of Michigan after 10 years at Oakland (2006-2016).

At such a crucial time in the recruiting process, Oakland hired Dan Hipsher, a long-time friend of Kampe's, as an emergency hire to fill the missing hole in the coaching staff.

After Hipsher was hired, Oakland had to make it official by going through University Human Resources' process, which included conducting an open search, since OU is a public university. Hipsher was ultimately agreed upon as the best candidate for the position, and he received a letter from human resources on Jan. 2 that made his hire official.

In addition to Hipsher, Cornell Mann joined the program this season as assistant coach after former coach, Dionne Phelps left to be with his family in Arizona.

"I am really, really happy and excited," Head Coach Greg Kampe said during a Grizz Vision interview. "We took a big hit in losing Saddi Washington and Dionne [Phelps]. When you lose [the experience], and to be able to come up with what we came up with, I am just really, really excited."

Associate Head Coach Dan Hipsher

Hipsher played basketball for Bowling Green State University from 1973-1977. For three of those years, he played with Kampe.

"He knows me," Kampe said. "He knows how I do things. We have talked so many times for years and years and tweaking offenses and all that. It's seamless to transfer from [Washington] as associate head coach to [Hipsher]."

Hipsher started out as a pre-med student, but got the chance to coach basketball during a graduate assistantship in Miami, Ohio. He said that once he started coaching, he "loved it and never got out of it."

With 39 years of experience in his pocket, Hipsher has coached at colleges in the junior level, Division III



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Assistant Coach Cornell Mann (left) and Associate Head Coach Dan Hipsher (right) joined the Golden Grizzlies men's basketball team.

and Division I. He was the head coach for Stenson University (1993-95), the University of Akron (1995-2004) and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (2013-16).

He also spent time as an assistant coach at the University of Alabama, the University of Dayton and the University of Arkansas.

During the four years he spent at Alabama, the team made two National Invitation Tournament appearances, finishing second in 2011. The Alabama Crimson Tide also made it to the NCAA tournament in 2012.

Hipsher has learned over the years about what it means to be a coach and the players he coaches.

"No matter what level you are at, the coach is the same," Hipsher said.

"The levels kind of even out, and you do the same things recruiting. You do the same things developing players, practices and game prep. You learn that it's about the kids and giving them every chance they have to be successful."

Assistant Coach Cornell Mann

A native to the metro Detroit area, Mann brings with him not only experience, but a notable reputation.

While attending Ferndale High School, he was an All-State performer

who earned league MVP accolades and a nomination to the McDonald's High School All-American Team.

Mann comes from a family of athletes. Many of his uncles and one of his brothers coached while he was in high school. At that point, Mann and his cousin, Dwayne Stephens — former Oakland University assistant coach and current Michigan State University associate head coach — both knew that they wanted to go into coaching. After graduating from the University of Akron in 1995, Mann went right into coaching with Stephens.

"We grew up like brothers and always talked about it," Mann said. "We started working camps every summer, and that was our segway to get into coaching. Back then, that was what it was all about. If you wanted to be a coach, you worked a lot of camps and let people get to know you, you get to know them and so forth."

Mann has been coaching for 20 years, 15 of which have been at the Division I level. He has coached at the University of Dayton, Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University and, most notably, Iowa State University.

From 2011-2015, Mann stayed at ISU and helped its team achieve groundbreaking success. Mann was

the lead defensive coach and helped get Iowa State to four consecutive NCAA tournaments and attain an overall record of 99-40.

He also coached Sherron Dorsey-Walker at ISU before he transferred to Oakland, as well as Oakland basketball alumnus Percy Gibson.

Kampe expressed his gratitude toward Mann joining the staff.

"He is a guy that could have been an associate head coach too," Kampe said. "He is at that high level. He's almost legendary in the Detroit area . . . everybody knows Cornell Mann. He's a very, very intelligent young man and knows the game extremely well."

The new coaches' experience, recruiting abilities, connections and overall knowledge of the game make them valuable to the Golden Grizzlies.

"The kids that come play at Oakland are going to be associated or surrounded by an unbelievable staff," Kampe said. "Add [Assistant Coach] Drew Valentine to that with what he has done and his enthusiasm . . . and obviously, when you get that type of experience, you have to pay. I have to be very thankful to Oakland University to increase the assistant pool here at Oakland, and they went out of their way to have a staff like this."