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The recent release of "Mission Impossible-Rogue Nation" shows that Tom Cruise is still able to do the impossible. His character, Ethan Hunt, has been saving the world from villains for 19 years. Check out the review at www.oaklandpostonline.com.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Could you knock a girl out in 34 seconds?

- A** Easily, I'm like a punching machine.
- B** After some intense training, I could hold my own.
- C** Maybe if I tried, but I don't want to try.
- D** Never. I don't hit girls.

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

What's been the hardest part of summer so far?

- A** Changing the poll. 1.000%
- B** Being away from OU and my friends. 13.9%
- C** There's nothing left to watch on Netflix, I watched it all :(27.8%
- D** Remembering to wear pants when I go outside. 36.1%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

August 5, 1995

More than 300 classic cars were on display during Meadow Brook Hall's 17th annual Concours d'Elegance. As an elite car show, it showcased fashion and art with some of the most iconic cars of the past.

August 14, 1996

After nearly a year on hold, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) finally gave the okay for OU's "long awaited" FM station, WXOU. It hit the airwaves a month later.

August 1, 1996

Distance learning classes, such as via the Internet, were in full swing. The 12 classes, which included history, Spanish, communication, sociology and nursing, became available that fall.

— Compiled by Morgan Dean, Copy Editor



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

EXPERIENCING SCIENCE // Middle school students spend one week of their summer with Oakland University's School of Engineering and Computer Science. Through the OUTREACH program, these students learn about science through experiments, ranging from shooting off homemade rockets to dropping eggs off the roof of the Engineering Center (shown above).

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TEDx TAKES ON OU TWICE

For the second consecutive year, TEDx is headed to Oakland University on October 23. The volunteer-oriented conference emphasizes the local talent and innovators that OU has to offer.



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Aireal Taylor, CEO of Kidz Cab, is an OU student with a new transportation service under her belt. Her business transports students from school, to activities, to grandparents' houses, and everything in between.



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GRIZZLIES WELCOME NEW ATHLETES

Incoming freshmen athletes are receiving a warm hello from their teammates throughout summer. Athletes who are on campus for summer classes have been spending time with the incomers, making them feel at home.

BY THE NUMBERS

ROARING FOR THE LIONS

49

lion trophies (the head) were taken from Zimbabwe from hunters in 2013

665

wild lion carcasses are exported every year by foreign hunters

13

is the age of Cecil, a black mane lion who was stalked and killed by Walter Palmer

2008

is the year that Walter Palmer, the man who killed Cecil the lion, plead guilty to lying to federal wildlife officials about where he killed a black bear

200,000

is the number of African lions in Savannah a century ago. In 2012, only 32,000 were left

Perspectives

STAFF EDITORIAL

This student-centered campus has few students centered in

We've said this before, and we'll say it again: You, the students, need to speak up. Seriously.

Last month the Board of Trustees made some rather large and sudden decisions regarding students without any student consent or discussion. It was shocking and unpleasant for most students, to say the least.

While the board is no stranger to secrecy and shunning, we aren't saints either. We stay silent until it's too late.

It is the board's duty to serve the students, but not all of the responsibility lies on them — there is just as much responsibility on us, the students they serve, to maintain a healthy relationship and discussion.

It's their job to serve, and it's our job to inform them on what best fits our needs and wants.

We at the Post feel our fellow students are failing miserably at this job.

Yes, there are student representatives that are trying. The Oakland University Student Congress and student liaisons do a wonderful job of putting themselves out there and working to be the best rep-

resentatives possible.

But how can they really represent when there is no one TO represent? How can they share students' voices when there are very few voices to hear?

With these tuition increases, campus renovations and constant construction, OU's students are floating in an uncomfortable gray area, unsure and uncertain. But answers can't be found if no questions are asked in the first place.

If this student-centered campus is looking for changes, it's up to the students to work just as hard to provide input for these changes.

We need to be active in holding our university's administration accountable. An involved student body is the key to having a campus voice, and there are quite a few ways to get involved already.

The Oakland University Student Congress is located in the basement of the Oakland Center and is always ready to talk in personal or general body meetings.

The Board of Trustees hosts monthly formal sessions, where resolutions and plans are frequently

discussed and passed.

Agendas for these meetings are generally posted at www.oakland.edu/bot.

Oakland Post staff members attend these meetings, and we find they are always filled with middle aged men and women in classy clothing with polished folders and notebooks. There are a few students sprinkled about, but not many. Those students are generally the liaisons and representatives.

These are the people that make the time to attend the board's formal sessions. These are the people who actively stay informed on campus and administrative movements. These are not OU's students. Yet students cry "wolf" when something happens without them knowing about it.

We're not arguing that the board is perfect, but we want to refocus these discussions on the administration and change and remind you that this is a two-way relationship.

This is our campus, and our voices deserve to be heard by our administration. But in order to be heard, we must first say something.

So speak up, students.

Corrections Corner

In the July 8 issue, on page 6, we published a logo with the "Queer Peers at OU strengthens and unites" story. This logo is not affiliated with the Queer Peers mentor program, but with the SAFE On Campus training program, also hosted by the GSC.

Regarding the same article, the author wrote the term "heterosexual orientation" to describe Caitlyn Jenner and her situation. We would like to acknowledge Rhianna Marks' concern (read on page 5); that term refers to sexuality, not gender, and Jenner is not focusing on sexual orientation, but on gender transformation.

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



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The President's Report: A higher cost for education

OUSC not consulted before tuition increase, now working to keep students informed

Nick Walter
Student Body President

This issue of the President's Report will be shorter than usual, due to the fact that instead of telling what Student Congress has been doing this past month, I will be talking bluntly about the tuition increase: how it happened, why it happened, and what we can do about it.

One of the things that has been the most frustrating to me is the number of students (and parents helping with students' tuition costs) who have approached me and asked, "Why didn't you do

anything?" Don't get me wrong, I am not aggravated that they are coming to me; far from it. What I am frustrated by is the fact that I, and the rest of Student Congress, could do nothing to help them. Let me explain.

I heard rumors that tuition was going to be raised a few months ago. Whispers, here and there, but nothing specific, and nothing from the administration. Not once, in the entire process of deciding to raise tuition, figuring out where the money would go, and working out the specifics, was I or any member of Student Congress consulted. So, then, to students who say

to me (and there have been many), "Why didn't you speak out on students' behalf about tuition going up?" my answer is simple: I didn't know about it either. That grieves me, and especially because Oakland has traditionally been extremely supportive of and open to student input. Why this did not happen in the case of the tuition increase remains a mystery.

There is good news, however. As you are aware, the Oakland Center is far too small. Students are lining the hallways at lunchtime, looking for a place to sit. It's gotten so bad that we've run out of floor space, as well as table space. In the tuition increase, there is \$40 million allocated to an expansion of the Oakland Center. That is excellent. However, there is no

timeline for completion of the OC, which troubles me. The fact that the money has been earmarked is superb; however, action needs to occur. The next step for Student Congress is for me to meet with members of the administration and ensure that they are getting a timeline to you, the student body, so we know exactly when the first brick will be laid and the last ribbon cut on the OC.

There you have it: the tuition increase. To sum it up, we weren't told it was happening (which is bad). There's money earmarked for the OC (which is good). There isn't a timeline for completion of the OC (which is bad). We are working to ensure that the administration gets this timeline (which is the next step).

As always, if you have any

"Not once, in the entire process of deciding to raise tuition, figuring out where the money would go, and working out the specifics, was I or any member of Student Congress consulted."

Nick Walter
Student Body President

questions about this, or would like to discuss further, come see me in my office in the basement of the OC, shoot me an email at nwalter@oakland.edu, or text me at 248-818-2875. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I will see you in the fall!

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Home is where the heart is

Postie shares how getting involved has improved her OU experience

Kristen Davis
Sports Editor

Going from a place that you call home to a college campus with over 20,000 students and dozens of buildings is scary.



Photo By Dongfu Han
Kristen Davis
Sports Editor

It's easy to feel lost and it can be hard to find where you belong, regardless of whether you are an on-campus resident or a commuter.

I came from a high school of 600 students, with a graduating class of just over 100. I knew the same people I was graduating with and my school's staff for many years.

If I wasn't at school, I was somewhere playing basketball. That's what I spent my time doing and that's where all my friends, my teammates were.

Everything was familiar to me, and there's a sense of safety in familiarity. That safety is something you don't realize is there until, well, it's gone.

Then I moved to Rochester, a city an hour from my home that I've visited less than five times, into a dorm with a girl I had just met a few months before earlier, onto a campus where I knew less than five of thousands of people.

I was looking forward to the opportunity to "start fresh," but I didn't know just how different it would be.

I no longer had my teammates. I went from seeing the same faces every day to rarely ever seeing the same face twice in one week, with the exception of those in my classes.

I spent several months not knowing what to do, not knowing where I truly belonged at this place that was supposed to be my new home for eight months of the year for the next four years and I was scared.

And then I decided to get involved.

I joined a student organization, simply by attending a meeting. I made friends, had something to do in my free time and became passionate about being able to contribute to something bigger than

myself.

I learned valuable lessons about the importance of communication and how to properly lead, and it felt good to finally become a part of something again.

But it isn't just about me, it's about being able to represent Oakland University in a positive way - through fundraising, volunteering, informing people of campus news and so on.

Student organizations saved me from completely hating college, helped me make friends and gave me something to belong to again.

There's something for you at Oakland University. Go out and find it.

There are over 200 student organizations offered at Oakland University, ranging from categories like academic, to faith-based, to social awareness and even club sports, to name a few.

You can join an organization to have fun and socialize, take a stand on social issues, express your religion with others or help you with your major. The possibilities are endless.

One can start by visiting GrizzOrgs, which is found on Oakland's website and Sail. The website allows you to browse student organizations and provides contact information for E-board members.

Many organizations update GrizzOrgs with events, meeting times and locations, and most organizations advertise their meetings on posters in the Oakland Center too. Attending a meeting is the first step in joining an organization.

Also, attend events on campus that student organizations are showcased at, like involvement fairs and jump start, where you can meet members, see what organizations are about and find out when upcoming events and meetings are scheduled.

I know this year, many new Golden Grizzlies are going to feel the same way I did when I came here in 2013, but I want you to know that first, it's normal. New things are supposed to make you uncomfortable.

That is why I challenge you to get involved. I challenge you to try things you've never tried before. I challenge you to find your passion and find other people with the same passion, too.

How to Get Involved

Jump Start for First Year Students

Tuesday, Sept. 1
10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Banquet Rooms A and B
in the Oakland Center

Involvement Fair

Wednesday, Sept. 2
during New Student
Orientation part two.

Grizz Org. Categories:

Academic (business, education, engineering, health sciences, nursing, pre-professional)
Club sports
Departmental
Faith-based
Graduate students
Greek
Honorary
Media
Multicultural
Performing
Political
Professional development
Recreational
Service
Social
Social awareness
Student governance

Visit Grizz Orgs at www.orgsync.com/home/339

Letter to the Editor: Views on the last issue

Dear Editor,
I was happy to see The Oakland Post's quick response to the tuition increase the Board of Trustees approved. I hope the Post continues to fight for transparency, and also keeps the public updated on whether or not President's Hynd's "strategic plan" follows through. Kayla Varicalli's article was a good introduction to the tuition hike, how it will effect OU's rankings, and also how much it will cost individual students.

I do wonder why John Beaghan, Oakland CFO used a statistic for 1972. While I couldn't find a statistic for 1972, or specifically for Oakland University, The National Center for Education Statistics listed total tuition and board for 4-year universities in 1976 as \$2,275.

Here's the link for the chart: http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d07/tables/dt07_320.asp.

Perhaps, (and I truly hope The Post will continue to question the tuition hike and its' benefits) there will be further inquiry to the BOT and other OU officials to explain why universities in general continue to hike their tuition.

And, as happy as I was to see the articles about the tuition hike I was just as disappointed to see ANOTHER article about the infamous Chick-Fil-A.

Especially, after the LAST article was met with such negativity. Hosting one of the only Chick-Fil-A's in the State certainly brings people to campus (I have had my fair share of "where is Chick-Fil-A" questions), but to continue promoting it in such a way is disappointing. It is a fast food chain.

Printing articles like these promote the idea

that Chick-Fil-A is an asset (in some way) to Oakland University.

Sure, we draw a handful of "chikin" (as the article title said) hungry non-OU individuals to campus every year, but is it really something to write about? Shouldn't we, as an educational institution, look to promote...Oakland University? And not the corporations who rent out our food space? Shouldn't we be concerned that people come to our university for "chikin" rather than anything the university has to offer? As we just here to promote Chick-Fil-A?

Lastly, what might be considered a small complaint, but in my mind is a very distinct mistake is in Rachel William's "Queer Peers at OU strengthens and unites."

The first sentence states that figures like "...Caitlyn Jenner and actress Laverne Cox has increased awareness of those who do not fit into a normalized heterosexual orientation." Gender should not be confused with sexuality. Jenner and Cox are fighting for public awareness and support for transgender issues.

A "heterosexual orientation" refers to sexuality, not gender. Jenner has even spoken out, in the interview with Diane Sawyer, against conflating the two identities.

Whenever Sawyer pushed in Jenner to talk about sexual orientation, Jenner tried to side step the issue because the interview was supposed to be about gender transition, not sexual orientation.

Sincerely,

Rhianna Marks
2015 Graduate of
Oakland University

Campus

Grizzlies on the Prowl



Maidereyee Kulkarni, post grad, information technology management

"I'd like to see tuition fees reduced. As an international student, ours are even higher than in-state, so lower tuition fees would be reasonable."

"What would you like to see President Hynd change next year?"



Kshitij Sadav, post grad, mechanical engineering

"There isn't much funding for international students. I hope that the profits made from the tuition increase could go towards more funding for us."



Shelbie Wright, junior, art and art history

"I wish there was more attention given to the art department. Our labs are pretty low quality compared to other universities."



Myles Harper, senior, history

"I'd love to see Hynd answer one of my tweets. It would be cool to see him use more social media."

— Compiled by Kayla Varicalli, Managing Editor

POLICE FILES

Possible larceny committed at the Recreation Athletic Center

OUPD was contacted by the Recreation Athletic Center after a missing duffle bag wasn't found.

On June 24, a young woman left her black Adidas duffle bag in an empty locker, located in the hallway outside of the women's locker room on the lower floor. Roughly 30 minutes later, she noticed the bag was missing from the locker.

The young woman returned to the Recreation Athletic Center on June 25 in an attempt to look for her missing duffle bag. She believed she may have left it in another locker. The staff assisted in her search, but the duffle bag was not found. The staff then dispatched OUPD, who advised the woman to contact them if it was ever found or if new information surfaced.

The bag contained a grey Northwestern University sweatshirt, a pair of workout shorts and the recreation center key fob on a keychain that resembled an eyeball.

OU student arrested over warrant from SVSU

An OU student was in the OUPD on June 30 for court-ordered fingerprints. It was then discovered that the student had a confirmed and valid warrant from Saginaw Valley State University.

The OUPD officer and the SVSU officer met at Flint Bishop airport for a subject custody transfer. Before being transferred, the student was handcuffed behind his back and double locked. He was placed in the rear passenger seat of the OUPD's vehicle and offered to be seat belted for protection, which he then denied.

Once arrived at Flint Bishop airport, the student was transferred to the custody of the SVSU officer and OUPD returned back to campus without any further incident.

— Compiled by Kayla Varicalli, Managing Editor

THIS MONTH AROUND CAMPUS

8.7.15 - Last Summer Carillon Concert

Elliott Tower, 6 p.m.

All are invited to this free concert. This concert will feature John Gouwens of Culver Academies. Bring a picnic and enjoy the fountain. Bring your friends to enjoy this unique and newest feature of Oakland University, with the newest carillon in the world. Tower tours will follow each recital.

8.7.15 - Are You Ready for College?

Oakland Center, 1-4 p.m.

Come to this event to find out! We'll discuss the college selection process, transitioning from high school to college, and how to finance your education. Our admissions and financial aid experts will be ready, so bring your questions! Reservations are required.

8.10.15 - GrizzOrgs - Joey Travolta Inclusion Film Camp

Pawley Hall, All Day Event

Volunteers are needed for the Joey Travolta Inclusions Film Camp! Please join us

for a day or two of this fun, action-packed, exciting camp!

Contact OUCARES to get involved: oucares@oakland.edu

8.13.15 - Training: Panopto Kresge Library - 430R, 3-4 p.m.

Panopto is a lecture capture system that will record the video/audio in the classroom. The recording can then be edited and housed in a Moodle course for easy access for students. This workshop will cover the steps for using Panopto.

8.14.15 - Fridays at Noon Carillon Series

Elliott Tower, 12-12:30 p.m.

Every Friday at noon, Oakland University's carillonneur plays a live concert for a ½ hour. The program is selected by Dennis Curry and will generally relate to something happening on campus or in the world.

— Compiled by Megan Carson, Chief Copy Editor, from the OU calendar



Contributed by Oakland University

Oakland hosts second TedX conference, this time open to the public. Tickets will go on sale online in mid-August.

TedX conference in O'rena

Volunteer-organized conference will be open to public

Rachel Williams
Staff Intern

Many college students may know TED through the various thought-provoking videos that appear in their social media feeds.

The corporation TED (technology, entertainment, design) promotes the presentation of solutions to problems. TED has moved from nationwide, large-scale talks to conferences held at numerous universities emphasizing local talent and innovators.

These conferences, known as TedX, can be held at any university so long as there are willing and able volunteers who fill out a license and attend training by the TED corporation.

Professor Laura Dinsmoor and Special Instructor Amy Rutledge applied for a TedX license back in 2013, bringing the conference to Oakland in 2014. This will be its second year at the university, and it promises to be bigger and better than before.

This year's conference will be open to the general public as opposed to the conference last year, which was limited to only 100

tickets. After receiving great interest from the surrounding community, Dinsmoor and Rutledge received special training in order to remove the ticket restriction. The instructors allowed the conference to be open to the public, bringing it to a much larger scale.

Last year's conference caught the attention of Oakland County, who has partnered with the university to help with the promotion of TedX at Oakland.

Irene Spanos, director of economic development & community affairs of Oakland County, commented on the county's enthusiasm to help with these talks, stating that they will be "promoting the conference through the county's existing marketing channels, OaklandCountyProsper.com...and through social media venues" as well as sitting on the speaker selection committee.

Dinsmoor and Rutledge sat down with the speaker selection committee in mid-July and have not yet released any of this year's line-up. Two of last year's speakers received over 100,000 views on TED's YouTube channel.

What is even more impressive about this conference is that it is entirely volunteer-coordinated. None of the volunteers receive compensation for their work and speakers do not receive money for presenting.

Through donations by the

county, President Hynd and Provost James Lentini, Dinsmoor and Rutledge, as well as others, are making this a reality with the help of the TedX student organization (check them out on GrizzOrgs).

The current vice-president of the TedX student organization, Mark Wright, describes his experience with the 2014 conference as "absolutely incredible."

Wright noticed the heightened interest in the event, stating that the "conference turn-out itself was humbling...and to see other people's passions was truly an experience I will never forget."

Those interested in purchasing tickets for the conference will experience different labs and presentations by local and national speakers. Tickets go on sale mid-August at tedxoaklanduniversity.com. A limited number of student discounted tickets will be available.

The TedX conference will be held Oct. 23, 2015 in the O'rena. Dinsmoor hopes the event will "bring people to campus...inspire students...and give students an opportunity to volunteer."

TedX puts Oakland on the worldwide stage, highlighting the respect that is held for the university. Find the conference on Facebook at TedX Oakland University and at their website for ticket sales and speaker information.

Hynd reviews first year at Board of Trustees meeting

President discusses past and future plans for OU

Kayla Varicalli
Managing Editor

Nostalgia was passed through the auditorium as Oakland University President George Hynd reflected on his first year in office during Monday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Hynd, who was appointed president just over a year ago, reviewed his past and future strategic plans to a packed crowd on August 3.

Shortly after taking office, Hynd started a 90 day strategic plan where he looked to achieve a strong media outreach, legislative visits and alumni engagement.

During his first year, OU established six new leadership positions throughout the schools and colleges.

The university achieved accomplishments that Hynd mentioned during the meeting, including the graduation of OU's 100,000th alum.

"This year has been a turning point for the university," he said. "It's been a very busy last year."

Hynd didn't focus on just the past, though. As his first year as president comes to a close, his second-year strategic plans are externally focused.

The president plans to connect with more alumni and donors throughout the community, while filling in the remaining open leadership positions across campus.

Hynd also looks to continue reporting with the faculty and staff twice a semester, and presenting President's Reports at each formal session of the Board of Trustees meetings.

Aside from Hynd's presidential update, Robert Folberg, dean of Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, discussed the school's growing popularity.

On Monday, August 3, the school received 6,100 applications for the class of 2019, while only 125 students will be selected.

Folberg said the secret doesn't come from just the technical skills that are taught, but also how the students are taught to care for their patients.

"We have the reputation as a school that cares," he said. "For both our students and our patients."

Along with the reports presented by Hynd and Folberg, the board reappointed chairman Mark Schlusel and vice chairman Richard DeVore for another year.

The next formal Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for October 22 in the Elliott Hall auditorium.



Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Hynd presents his President's Report on August 3 at the Board of Trustees meeting. The report summarized his first year as president.

Opening up on closed meetings

Student representatives and trustees take a stand on public meeting legislation

Kaylee Kean
Editor-in-Chief

Members of the OU community are taking a stand regarding a new piece of state legislation that may require university boards to keep all sessions open to the public.

Last month the Board of Trustees passed a resolution supporting the board's right to keep only formal sessions open to the public, and the right to keep informal sessions closed off from public view and participation.

This resolution was passed in response to Michigan's House Joint Resolution (HJR) O, which seeks to further clarify how Michigan's institutions of higher education hold meetings. Michigan's constitution has currently phrased that "formal sessions" shall be open to the public, which is contradictory to the Michigan Open Meetings Act. HJR O would have this amended to the more general term "meetings" and align the state constitution with the Open Meetings Act.

This would mean university boards, including OU's own Board of Trustees, would be forced to hold all meetings open to the public, whether formal or informal.

HJR O should be hitting the ballots later this year, but OU community members are already making their positions known.

Valuable tools

Mark Schlusell, chairman of the board, said this House Joint Resolution O would make it very difficult for the board to make effective decisions and fulfill its duty to the students.

Nothing can be officially approved outside of formal sessions, Schlusell said. Informal meetings are generally held by committees comprised of board members who meet to discuss their areas of responsibility and expertise. The discussions can be held more frankly and can cover more detail due to their informality, Schlusell said, and no decisions are made.

Those committees, such as the academic, athletic or ad hoc committees, consult one another and many campus members, then make their recommendations on important matters to the board as a whole. The board can formally approve or deny recommendations at the public formal sessions.

The board frequently interacts with



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The Board of Trustees meets once a month at formal sessions to approve decisions and recommendations regarding OU-related activities.

professors and leadership on campus throughout this process, Schlusell said.

"The discussions that they carried out were with a number of constituencies that are important to the decision-making process," Schlusell said of the tuition increase.

The board has a responsibility to the students and OU community to provide the best educational experience possible, he said, and informal sessions are valuable tools in fulfilling this duty.

"If we were handcuffed by this legislation, we would forfeit our ability to do so," Schlusell said, saying discussions in all-public sessions would not be nearly as effective.

Student Congress' stand

At its own meeting in July, the Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) passed its own resolution in favor of HJR O and the opening of all board meetings to the public.

OUSC's legislative affairs director had actually been researching the matter for some time, according to Sam Harris, OUSC legislator and sponsor of the OUSC

resolution. It just so happened that the board's resolution and OUSC's resolution were passed around the same time.

"The biggest idea behind this (HJR O) is that these public universities are primarily funded by the public, or the students that attend them and pay tuition," Harris said. "It's important for the students... it really increases the transparency of what the boards are doing by allowing the public to actually go and see how (the board) is running things."

Harris said the intent is not to criticize the board — he and the other OUSC members simply want to share their support for HJR O and that ability to participate in or view discussions.

"I don't think it stops them from having frank discussions," Harris said. "I think it shows to their character if they can have those discussions in front of the people that they're serving. At the end of the day, really, those frank discussions impact us."

He said even if students can't speak or vote, it would be so much better to at least see what is happening and have a better understanding of the decision making process.

Rocky relationship

Annie Meinberg, senior student, previous Student Body President and now student liaison to the board, said she wants students more involved in the discussions, but she's not sure opening all meetings to the public is the best idea.

"You know that a lot goes on behind the scenes; sometimes I think it's just not reasonable to have a public meeting for every informal meeting," Meinberg said. "But you also want to be transparent. I do think the trustees do have the institution's best interests in mind."

Best interests or not, Meinberg said it's hard for the trustees to truly think about the students here and how they work, when \$1,000 a year may be a small amount to a board member.

"It may be small to the board but not to me," Meinberg said. "I think it's unfortunate that our board even has to consider a number that high, 8.48 percent, because our state legislature finds it difficult to fund our universities."

"We welcome input," Schlusell said. "We're always looking for people who can provide us with expertise and insight."

As for student involvement, Schlusell said he is "all in favor of students being involved in their academic experiences," and highly recommends students get involved in the political process of the state and of the country.

While there are liaisons in place to help, Harris said he thinks the relationship between trustees and students is still rocky at best, especially after the most recent tuition hike.

"It makes it look like they don't want our input," Harris said. "While that may not be the case, it's what it comes across as."

He said OUSC's president and vice president will be taking the resolution to the board to show their support, and can only wait to see how the board responds.

As for students, Harris said it's important to speak up.

"Be engaged. Don't take a back seat. It's your education and if you're not going to speak up about the things that you want to see and the things you want changed, it's not going to happen."

More information on the Board of Trustees and its activities can be found at www.oakland.edu/bot.

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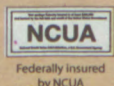
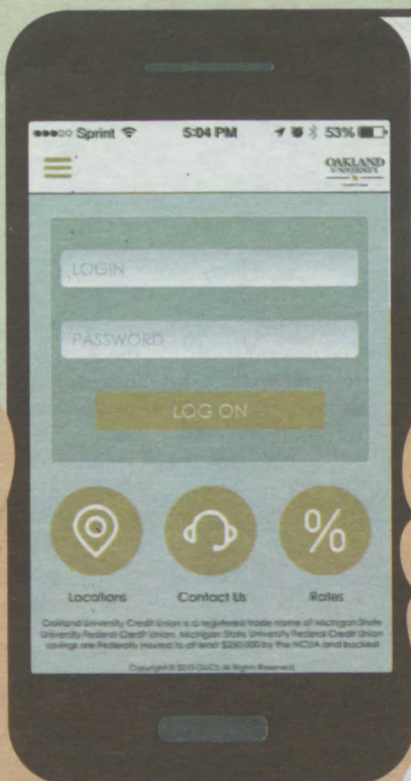
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Grizzlies gone Greek

OU students follow drama back to its roots

This summer, 14 Grizzlies had the chance to rediscover drama at its roots.

For a little more than two weeks in June, OU theatre students traveled to Hydra (pronounced EE-dra), Greece to study and perform "Iphigenia At Aulis" as part of the Classical Theatre Study in Greece program. The play was directed by three faculty members and the program served to complete the students' theatre capstone requirements.

Karen Sheridan, director and playwright, has directed at OU for over 20 years. She has been in charge of the program since its creation in 2011, based on a similar program the University of Detroit Mercy had. She said it took a few years experimenting with UDM's program to warm up to Greek culture and discover the learning opportunities and experience it had to share with students.

The program runs every other year and aims to bring theatre students back to the "birthplace of western theatre," as it says on the program website. It's also meant to broaden students' cultural awareness and experiences.

"Once a student has gone that far and immersed themselves in a culture that is that different, everything in between seems possible to them," Sheridan said. "That is part of what this program is, to make them feel that things are possible."

According to Sheridan, each day began with a variety of lectures,

workshops with guest artists, and hands-on classes. The afternoons consisted of "siestas", which all of Greece takes due to the high temperatures. In the evening students rehearsed the play, and afterwards they would have a late dinner together at a local tavern and explore the fun the island had to offer. They performed the place in English, since all Greeks are raised with English as a second language.

Throughout all of this, students were housed in the Hydrama Theatre and Arts Centre, the home of director and teacher Corinna Seeds. It had an intimate amphitheater in the back yard with the mountains and sun setting behind it, which was where the students performed the play for Greek citizens during their last night on the island. During the end of the show, fire was projected onto the trees in the background as part of the destruction in the play.

"It was very cool," said Jake Daley, a senior musical theatre major who attended and performed in the play. "It was so cool to do it there of all places. It was just so surreal — I've never experienced anything like that before."

A few students said they went with the intention of learning more about using the body as an acting tool and using their surroundings and audiences to influence their performances. The play, "Iphigenia At Aulis," does not rely on a big set, and costumes are minimal. As a result, it is a very character-driven

play and relies heavily on the acting the students bring to the table.

After performances, they spent another week traveling and sight-seeing ruins, museums, larger amphitheaters and more. They ended with four days in Athens, where they saw ancient constructions like the Parthenon.

"It's unbelievable how much stuff they preserve. It's unreal," Daley said. Since there are no motorized vehicles

on the island, the students and faculty had to walk to all destinations — museums, Greece theatres, markets and taverns, a monastery from the play "Iphigenia At Aulis," which is at the highest point of Hydra, and more. They watched other plays and learned about Greek drama style as well.

"Very gravelly, and very deep in your chest, even the women," Daley said. "You project so everyone can

Students from a previous trip rehearse for "Antigone," which was also performed in Greece as part of the Classical Theatre in Greece program.





The town of Vlchosa on Hydra. This is where students live and perform in for the duration of the program.

hear you and it's just such a rooted sense of acting that you just feel everything."

"I definitely took a lot of culture back with me, and I definitely took a lot of learning experiences I can apply to my technique when I'm rehearsing

and a sense of pride they have for their country," Daley said. He said one night they saw an orchestra perform the music of a Greek composer, and everyone in the audience began singing along with one of the songs. "There was so much culture and

It's just a rooted sense of acting that you just feel everything."

and performing."

It was a few students' first time out of America, and while it was eye-opening in many ways, students said it wasn't as big of a leap as they had anticipated. The students learned a few basic Greek phrases, but all of the Greek natives knew would willingly converse in English with tourists.

"I got a sense of their community

pride that they had in it," Daley said. "The most rewarding part is watching them grow and blossom, become more independent," Sheridan said. "That never leaves them. They might leave it, they may close up again, but they cannot deny that they have had it. Though they tend to stay open; the kids that have come back have very strong success on their return."

Story by Editors & Susan Tiley

Photos provided by Karen Sheridan & Jack Daley

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The Herodian Theatre, which students attended to watch a play performed in the native Greek language by Greek actors.

A production of "Iphigenia At Aulis" will be presented for OU audiences on Friday, Sept. 11 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 12 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. Each performance will be in the Varner Studio Theatre.

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A mish mash of all things fun.

WHAT YOU CAN DO IN 34 SECONDS

Did you see the fight between mixed martial artists Ronda Rousey and Beth Correia that occurred Aug. 1, in which Rousey knocked out Correia within the first 34 seconds of the first round? Of course you did.

In honor of this terrifyingly great accomplishment, we thought we'd take a look at what else you can do in that mere 34 seconds.

1. GO TO THE BATHROOM // Only if you're a guy and there isn't a line and you're not at Cedar Point on a Saturday. If you meet these conditions, going to the bathroom should take you about 34 seconds or less.

2. CHANGE LANES // You can turn on your blinker, check your mirrors and change lanes all within 34 seconds. But no one does this because no one knows how to drive, apparently.

3. RUN 200 METERS // The world record for the 200 meter race is held by Usain Bolt with 19.19 seconds for men and by Florence Griffith with 21.34 seconds for women. Break out those running shoes!

4. WATCH 5 VINE VIDEOS // Vines are only six seconds long, so in the time that Correia got KO'd you could watch five six-second cat videos. Or Vines of people screaming. Whichever you prefer.

5. MAKE OVER 72 MILLION RED BLOOD CELLS // Our bodies produce 72 million red blood cells (the ones that deliver oxygen to your entire body) every 30 seconds. *Gasp*

6. ATTEMPT TO SPELL SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS // Saying it in 34 seconds is possible, but can you spell the entire word in 34 seconds or less? Try it and see for yourself! (And don't look at this paper when you do it. Don't cheat it.)

7. CHANGE YOUR PROFILE PICTURE ON FACEBOOK, AND THEN CHANGE IT BACK BEFORE ANYONE "LIKES" IT // You thought your eyebrows were on fleek, but after a second glance you realized you had better delete that before anyone notices — which only takes a few seconds.

— Compiled by Nick Kim, Copy Intern & Megan Carson, Chief Copy Editor

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



1. "Why don't I have a gf, my bros ask. I'll tell you why. I have bigger goals, such as... Becoming the Batman."

2. "Yik Yak took the place of writing on bathroom stall doors."

3. "Diet tip: Your pants won't get tight if you don't wear any."

4. "Mr. Krabs gave me trust issues."

5. "I'm really good at exercising. I run (out of money) all the time!"

6. "Come to the fat side..... we have cookies."

7. "My favorite machine at the gym is the one you put a dollar into and get snacks."

8. "Are you in college?"
"No, I'm in pain."

9. "As I near the end of college and these final three semesters I am beginning to realize how many friends I truly made... Turns out not that many."

10. "When I get into the shower naked, the shower gets turned on!"

11. "You can tell a lot about someone by how they roast their marshmallow."

12. "What I want: Snuggles. What I get: Struggles."

— Compiled by Kaylee Kean, EIC

TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the month

1. Tame Impala — "Currents"
2. Jack and Eliza — "Gentle Warnings"
3. EZTV — "Calling Out"
4. Unknown Mortal Orchestra — "Multi-Love"
5. Leon Bridges — "Coming Home"
6. Ducktails — "St. Catherine"
7. Thee Oh Sees — "Mutilator Defeated At Last"
8. Walter TV — "Blessed"
9. Part Time — "Virgo's Maze"
10. Bird and the Bee — "Recreational Love"



Tame Impala — "Currents"

On their third studio album, Tame Impala successfully makes the jump from psychedelic guitar rock to a more danceable sound.

The club is now ready for Kevin Parker. Parker is an Australian native who records under the moniker Tame Impala but has a full band of touring musicians to help him play his songs live.

His new album "Currents" is his poppiest, funkier record to date. "Lonerism", his last album from 2013, toyed with synth and electronic elements, but was still held together by many of the same psychedelic rock sensibilities that made "InnerSpeaker" a favorite of fans and critics in 2010.

Songs such as "The Moment" and "Eventually" feature the same rich drum bass tones as the first two albums, but have a different kick to them than heard before. These songs flirt with 1980's pop styles, rather than Tame Impala's previous classic rock-inspired sounds.

Recommended if you like: MGMT, Michael Jackson, Unknown Mortal Orchestra.

Start with: "The Moment", "Eventually", "Cause I'm A Man."

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

SPB postpones fall concert

Due to scheduling conflicts, SPB concert moved to April 2016

Anthony Spak
Life Editor

The Student Program Board has postponed its annual fall concert until the winter semester, according to a press release sent out last week. SPB will now host a concert in April at Meadow Brook Music Festival, with tickets going on sale in March.

"We as a board decided that it is definitely better for students," Cody Ramsey, chair of SPB, said. "It was definitely an intentional move to the spring for students."

Ramsey sees the concert delay as a benefit for students. He says SPB will now have more time to plan, will have April weather on their side and can take advantage of college tours, which are usually more cost-effective than major tours.

A search for talent to perform at the fall concert began this past April. The difficulty with booking at this time is that most artists already have their summer tours booked by April, according to Ramsey.

"We sent offer letters to three major artists and they were all declined," Ramsey said.

Another major conflict with the fall concert planning was with scheduling.

According to Ramsey, the concert was planned for Sept. 18 at Meadow Brook Music Festival. iHeart Radio Music Festival, an annual festival held in Las Vegas, is being held on Sept. 18 and 19. Artists performing at iHeart were already booked on the intended SPB concert date or were not able to book the day before and travel to the festival the next day.

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Cody Ramsey, Chair of Student Program Board

concert], but it wouldn't have been a big name. It would have been someone that didn't really draw too much attention that students may or may not have wanted to go to," Ramsey said.

Over the past few years, SPB has hosted acts such as Kendrick Lamar and Steve Aoki, Big Sean, and MAGIC! and Iggy Azalea, last year's fall concert duo. These concerts have all featured major artists as well as discounted ticket prices for OU students to encourage student attendance.

"When you are trying to sell out Meadow Brook Music

Festival, it's a lot of tickets so you're trying to appeal to the masses," Ramsey said. "You're trying to sell as many tickets as possible."

SPB sent out a survey earlier in the summer to poll students about concert input.

Lena Mischack, an Oakland University Student Congress legislator and host of alternative music show "The Flipside" on WXOU, completed the survey. Mischack requested alternative artists such as Flume and Childish Gambino for the SPB concert.

"I haven't heard of them bringing an alternative artist,



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so they could try something like that," Mischack said. "I think [SPB] assumes that students are into the bubblegum pop stuff, but a lot of people aren't."

To get involved with the Student Program Board, fill out their committee application form on GrizzOrgs or visit their office at 64 Oakland Center.

TOP The concert planned for mid-September will now be moved to April.

BOTTOM Performers that have come to Oakland University in the past include Iggy Azalea, MAGIC!, Kendrick Lamar and Panic! at the Disco.



Food trucks are growing due to their versatile menus and ability to be on the move. Oakland University's new food truck will be serving barbeque. Dave Jackson / The Oakland Post

Smokey Paws BBQ debuts this fall

New roving option from Chartwells leaves some more excited for fall

Anthony Spak
Life Editor

Earlier this summer, Chartwells, Oakland University's on-campus food provider, announced the addition of a new food truck. Now, more details are available on the upcoming mobile food destination.

Dubbed "Smokey Paws BBQ," the truck will serve barbeque-inspired food around campus.

"The truck will be open on a regular basis, Monday through Friday, during limited day time hours," said Patrick Strzyinski, director of operations for Chartwells. "For the first year, we anticipate the truck being used through October and then being brought out of hibernation in March."

Chartwells chose the name after a Facebook post that called

upon students and faculty to give options for the truck by leaving a comment. Other suggested names included "Chartwheels," "Grill and Bear It," "4.0 BBQ" and "Bearly Edible," amongst others.

"We started with over 100 suggestions and the Chartwells management team narrowed that down to five choices as requested by the university," Strzyinski said. "From there, the suggestions were forwarded to representatives from OU that picked the final name."

The truck is an 18 foot by seven foot GMC Utilimaster Workhorse. These trucks are designed for commercial sales use and are popular among food truck owners.

"We are exploring options of what can be done to enhance the truck," Strzyinski said. "One thought was having portable high top tables for our guests that can be set up and broken down at the locations."

At this time, Chartwells has yet to announce when the truck will make its debut on campus. Setup and serving locations are also still being worked over.

"We are awaiting approval from OUPD but we have identified areas near P-24 in the corner near P-36, P-18 between O'Dowd and the rec center and on the sidewalk just south of South Foundation Hall [as potential spots]," Strzyinski said.

"I think it's pretty exciting," said Nick Hooper, an academic advisor in the School of Nursing.

Hooper, who holds a master's degree in counseling, has lived on campus for the past seven years and is no stranger to Chartwells, eating from a meal plan every semester.

"It's something new that the students can look forward to and can be used for events like the tailgates and games," Hooper said.

Smokey Paws BBQ will bring an urban flare to a campus that is lacking in both urban and traditional college-town scenery.

"When you add a food truck into the scene, it changes the community a little bit," said Emily Myers, an on-campus student. "[A food truck] adds a city vibe."

Student CEO drives new service

Parents can now spend less time chauffeuring their children around

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

A 2012 study found that one third of parents spend between 10 and 49 hours driving their child around to their activities. Now in 2015, Oakland County native and Oakland University student Aireal Taylor has created a solution.

Taylor had to come up with her own product for an assignment in a class she was taking at Oakland Community College. After a brainstorm session with her husband, she came up with "Kidz Cab."

Kidz Cab is a transportation service for parents who don't have the time to drive their kids to various activities. Kidz Cab will take care of transporting children anywhere they need to go.

"I started thinking maybe I can do this in real life," Taylor, founder and CEO, said. She put those ideas to action and hosted the Kidz Cab launch event in Bloomer Park in West

Bloomfield Township this past Saturday. The event served as her introduction to Oakland County, where she will begin her company's service.

Maintaining the children's safety is a big concern for parents, and Kidz Cab has a variety of safety measures to ensure that parents are comfortable. Every vehicle is equipped with safety seats for any age child, so parents won't have to provide their own.

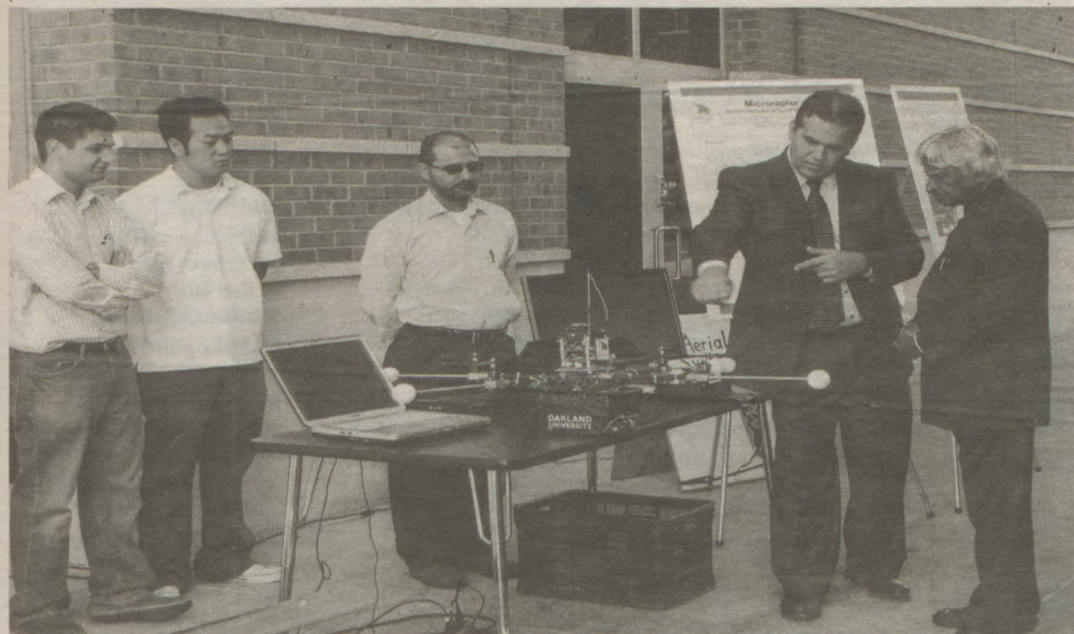
Kidz Cab is also using technology to ease parents' concerns. Parents can monitor the trip with a real-time map and vehicle tracker and will receive a destination alert when their child reaches their designated stop.

"I think it's going to benefit the adults in a huge way," Taylor said. "One of my big taglines is 'What will you do with your time?' Many parents spend so much time in the car chauffeuring their kids around."



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Aireal Taylor, an Oakland University business student, is the founder, president and CEO of Kidz Cab.



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Dr. Abdul Kalam examines demonstrations from the Aerial System Club and Oakland Robotics Association.

Dr. Kalam leaves unforgettable advice with OU community

India's 11th president and previous OU visitor died at 83

Kayla Varicalli
Managing Editor

Dr. Abdul Kalam, the 11th president of India and an esteemed Oakland University visitor, died on July 27, 2015. He was 83 years old.

Kalam was five minutes into a lecture at the Indian Institute of Management Shillong when he collapsed. After being rushed to the hospital, Kalam confirmed dead from a sudden cardiac arrest an hour after collapsing.

In 2009, Kalam visited Oakland University to receive an honorary degree and give lectures in education and engineering science.

At the time of earning his honorary degree at OU, it was one of 32 he gathered over his career. His global perspective for an up-and-coming community aided his reward.

"His visit to Oakland University provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to the campus and the regional communities to experience the views and intel-

lect of a respected world leader," Virinder Moudgil, former provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, told Oakland University in a previous interview.

Kalam met with small groups after receiving his honorary degree, where students were able to hear insight from an international leader.

On September 17, 2009, Kalam was a visitor on campus, joining the Varner Vitality lecture series. He spoke to students and faculty in a sold out presentation at the O'rena.

That same day, student members of the Aerial System Club and Oakland Robotics Association demonstrated their unmanned aerial and unmanned ground vehicles to Kalam.

"We are fortunate that Dr. Kalam has generously given his time so our students, faculty and staff can interact with him, in addition to listening to his message in the scheduled public lecture," Moudgil said in a previous Oakland University interview.

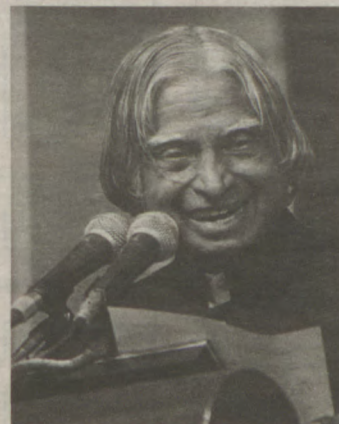
Known as the "people's president," Kalam was an engineer, politician and professor. He was also given the nickname of the "missile man of India" from his development of ballistic mis-

siles and launch vehicle technology.

He served as India's president from 2002 to 2007 and was named "India's Best President" by a CNN-IBN poll in 2007.

His OU honorary degree is one of many awards, which include the Bharat Ratna, which India's government gives as its highest civilian honour.

The Oakland Post will continue to update more information on Kalam's connection to OU once more information and sources become available.



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Dr. Abdul Kalam, the 11th president of India, died on July 27, 2015.

Professor Dow's memory will continue to live on

Long-standing member of anthropology department died this semester

Rachel Williams
Staff Intern

Professor of anthropology James W. Dow died on July 13, 2015. He was first hired at Oakland University in 1970 after teaching at Northeastern University for four years.

It was then that he began working as a special instructor, working his way up to the role of professor emeritus of anthropology and eventually retiring in 2006.

He earned his B.S. in Mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during 1957.

Former colleague and fellow professor emeritus of anthropology, Peter Bertocci, said that after working in applied mathematics, Dow spent "10 years working on a PhD in anthropology from Brandeis University."

According to the departments of sociology, anthropology, social work and criminal justice, his research was largely "conducted in the Caribbean and Mexico, with an emphasis on the religious and shamanic practices of its indigenous peoples."

In total, Dow penned four books, edited two, and wrote over 90 scholarly articles.

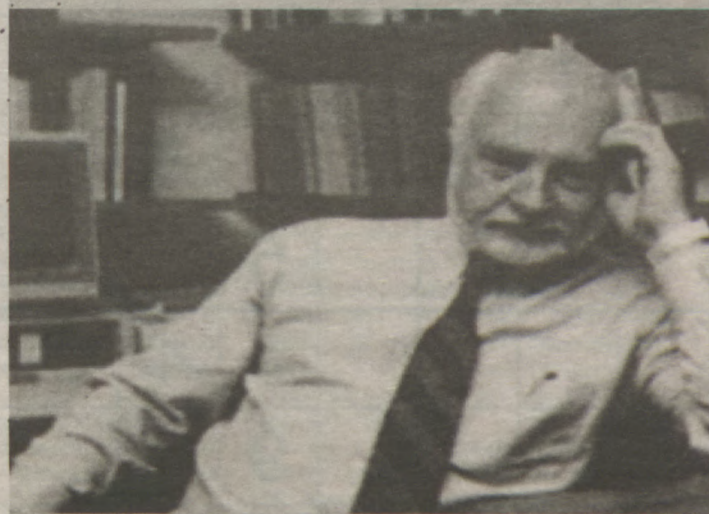
Dow encouraged and wrote about the application of the scientific method into his work and created the first anthropological discussion groups called the Applied Anthropology Computer Network (ANTHAP) in 1991.

Additionally, he was a member of the executive board and other committees within the American Anthropological Association and served a term as the President of the Central States Anthropological Society, according to Bertocci.

To his colleagues and students, he was a beloved professor and innovative man.

Professor Spencer Wood stated that he was "a wonderful colleague," while Bertocci emphasized how students benefited "from learning about his innovative use of computers" in anthropological research methods.

Dow made a mark on anthropological research and Oakland University, leaving a legacy that, for many, will last far beyond his lifetime.

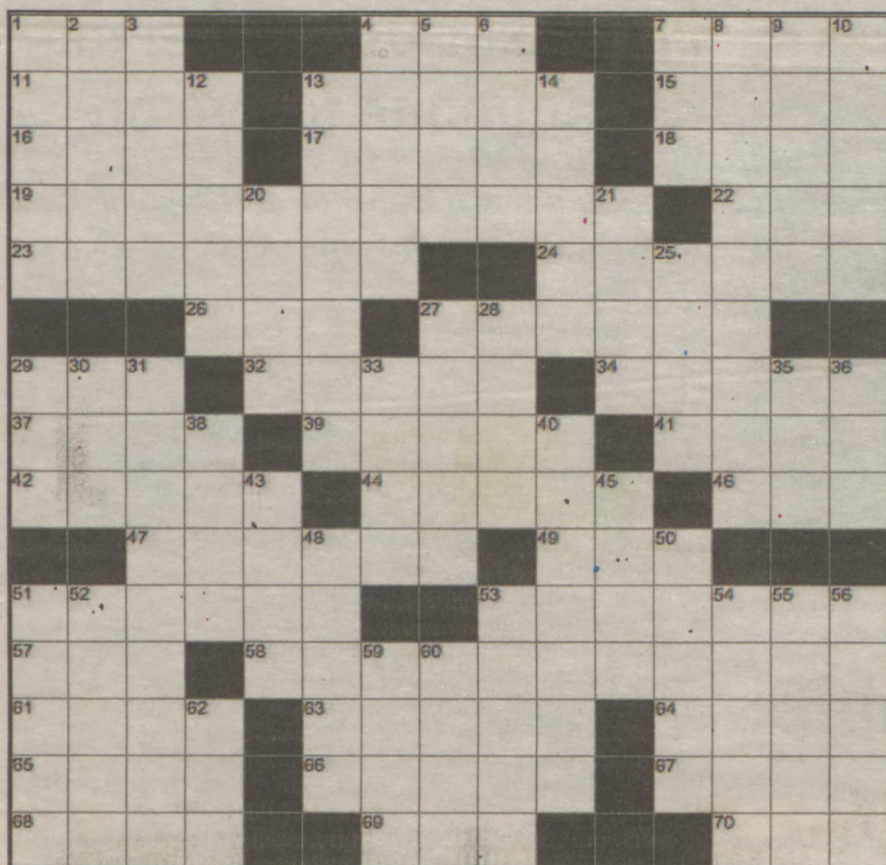


Provided by Peter Bertocci

James W. Dow was a beloved anthropology professor at Oakland University. He died on July 13th, 2015.

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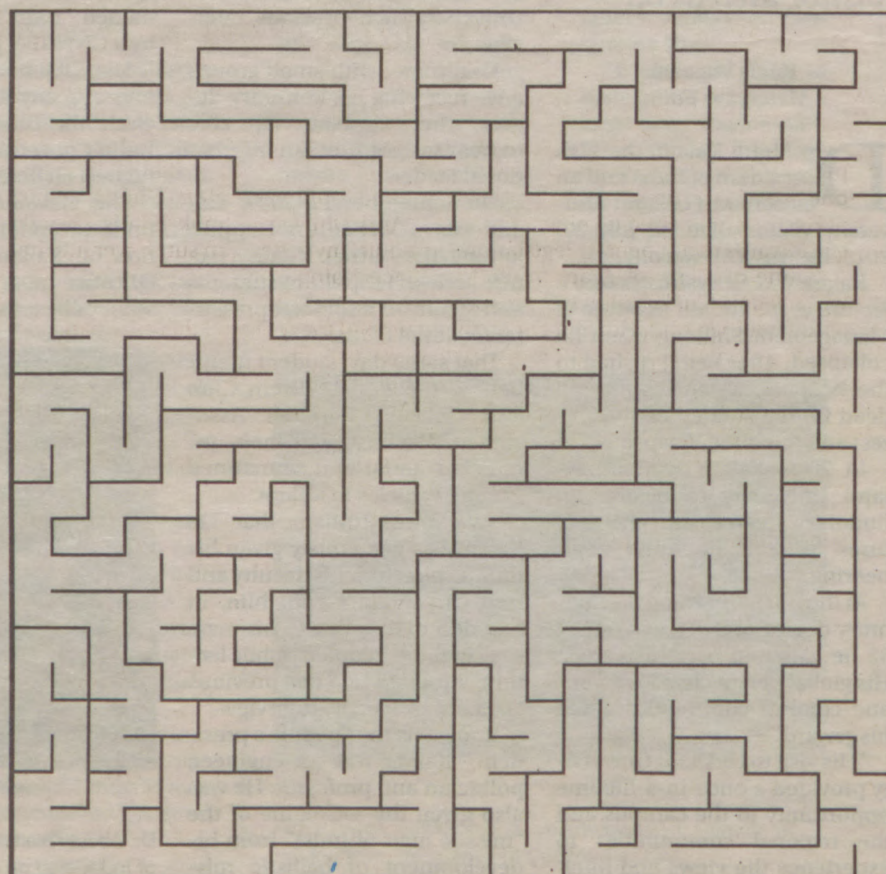
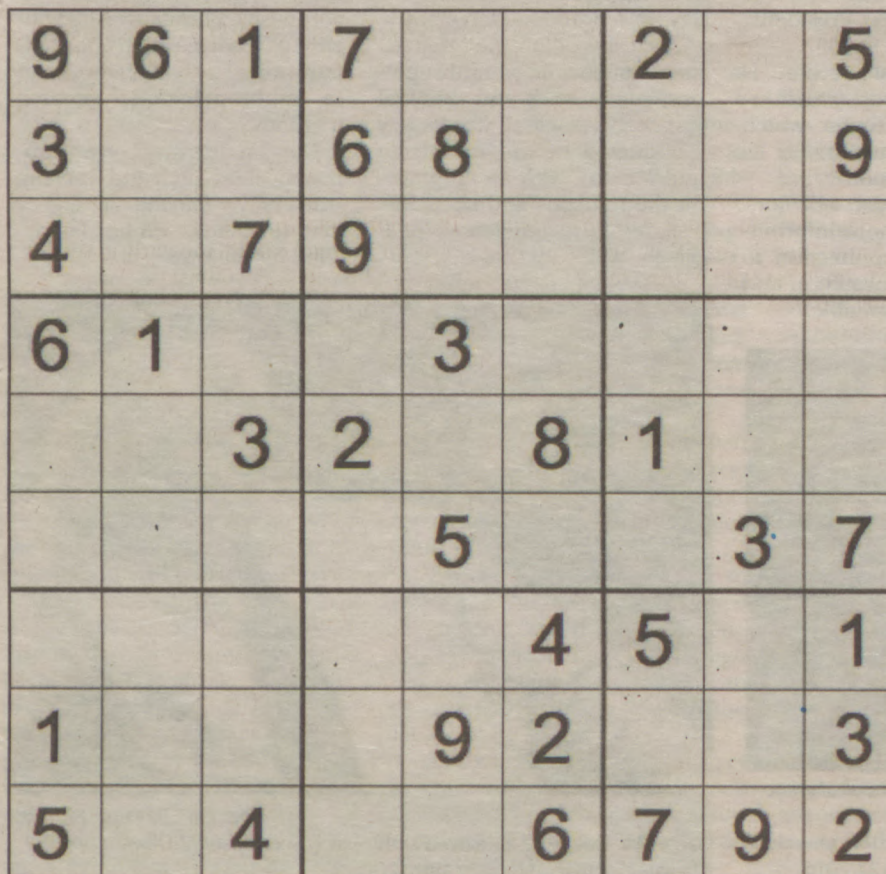
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ing?
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7: Biting midge
11: Wire diameter units
13: Wanted poster word
15: Roof rim
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17: Send payment
18: Hang decorations on
19: Takes back
22: Biretta or beret
23: Jumps to conclusions
24: Some session starters
26: Merlot cask
27: Blasphemes
29: 15 min. on the gridiron
32: Inner legbone
34: Assumed a false identity
37: Golf ball pegs
39: Podiatrist's concern
41: [I'm in trouble!]
42: Fancy party site, some-
times
44: Vast extents
46: Biathlon need
47: Paired up
49: Center of activity
51: Junior rocker
53: Handled differently?

57: Turn tail

- 58: Foundation
61: Bacchanalian blast
63: Interlace
64: Use a whetstone
65: Far from ruddy
66: S and M
67: Riffraff
68: Did in, old-style
69: Diddly-squat
70: 'To each ___ own'

Down

- 1: Blackest part of a shadow
2: Employs
3: Pilots put them down
4: Mirthful states
5: Goals
6: Speaker's place
7: Obtain
8: 'I will pay more attention
to my appearance,' said ___
9: Like a roc
10: Office aides
12: Porter's beer
13: Poison used in a play
14: Inscribed pillar
20: Porn
21: Word before opera or
dish
25: Rum drink
27: Bred winners?
28: Gradual decline
29: Amt.
30: Afternoon brew
31: Oblong
33: Portend
35: Man in a lodge
36: Printer spec.
38: Let fall
40: Heavenly bodies
43: Baby powder
45: Phoenix roundballers
48: Asks for catnip
50: Ancient Roman gather-
ing place
51: Soybeans and wheat,
e.g.
52: Of the countryside
53: Whoop it up
54: Freeloader
55: Weariness
56: Judges
59: Curb
60: 'Schindler's List' extra
62: Archery bow wood



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Kaylee Kean

Secretly the Next President

Last Tuesday Boingo, everyone's favorite clown, announced his clown candidacy for President of the United States. He will be running as the only humorist.

"We can't take this lineup seriously and it's only just begun," Boingo said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon. "I figured that was my cue to step in. Be the change you want to see, you know? Boingo!" He squeezed his big red nose after each sentence and it squeaked.

Political agenda

Boingo said the first thing on the agenda is to bring a little more color to the country. He would color coordinate roads, signs and buildings, and would eliminate black and white from everything. He would also paint everyone's skin a pleasant shade of blue so there would not be any more racial disagreements.

"That way we can spend more time focusing on our comedy routines and gags," Boingo said.

He also said he would introduce more bounce houses and colored ball pits to public areas, and would place a priority on funding animal genetics projects in the hopes that unicorns will one day be a reality.

He also mentioned turning a serious eye towards death penalty legislation.

"Some of these jokes are to die for. We need to make sure we are prepared," Boingo said. He then ended the press conference with a balloon animal for each person in attendance.

"I believe in Boingo," said John McPatty, while proudly sporting his Boingo shirt and American flag. "He can change this country. He can fix this. I know there are many others who feel the same, and if we all speak up for once, we can give this country the president it deserves."

McPatty encouraged others to join him on the newest social media revolution he is starting. The hashtag is #BoingIsTheOnlyClownForMe and #FeelTheBoingo. Twitter is already in a firestorm with this hashtag - a total of five millennials and one 70-year-old have been Tweeting at least seven times each hour using this hashtag.

After the conference a reporter asked



#FEELTHEBOINGO

Brian Figurski / Former Postie, part-time clown

Boingo what he would do if Hillary Clinton won the presidency.

"I would congratulate her," he said. "And while we shook hands I would squirt my water-gun sunflower into her face. Boingo!"

Behind every legend there's a man

But it's not all fun and games. While Boingo shoots to the forefront of the American people's eyes and hearts, there's someone special to Boingo who remains hidden in the darkness, and plans to stay there.

That is Ima Weiner, Boingo's first and only daughter. She is 21 now and will be pursuing the new Master of Science in Nursing: Forensic Nursing degree in the fall. She one day hopes to go into death investigation.

Dressed all in black, with a stylish spiked choker from the 90's and generously applied makeup that says "I tried too hard to let you know I don't care what you think," Weiner is sure to inform anyone who asks that she does not support her father's choices.

"He's an idiot," Weiner said.

While she protects her father's true identity, she said Boingo used to be a much different man.

"He was cool, once. He only made normal dad jokes. They were groan-worthy, but not like this. He was a normal dad."

But then one day Boingo fell into a vat of toxic acid; on his way home from Weiner's friend's twin sister's ninth birthday party. He was walking with the party's clown when they both mysteriously fell into the vat. Boingo crawled out after two days, forever changed. He made headlines for a few years and was even featured in some Marvel-copypat film that helped him slowly elevate to the top of American entertainment.

After that, Weiner couldn't stand him, and turned to her rebellious phase.

"It's not a phase," she told reporters. "Anyway, my dad is an idiot, and I don't want people knowing we are related. Go away."

She blasted "I'm Not Okay" by My Chemical Romance from her black Walkman and left the scene. As of press

time, she had not responded to our reporter's five emails and 22 calls.

The colorful clown rises

As for Boingo, it's still too early to see whether he will make it past primaries.

OU's own Chief of Police, Mark Gordon, said he's not necessarily interested in how this one will go; all he wants is the safety and happiness of the students he protects and the Americans he serves with.

Is Boingo the one to help his cause? He's not sure.

"He might be the president this country deserves," Gordon said. "But not the one it needs right now."

"So we'll hunt him," Lieutenant Nichole Thompson said. "Because he can take it. Because he's not our hero. He's a silent guardian, a watchful protector. A dark knight."

Gordon looked at Thompson with a raised eyebrow. Thompson blushed. "Ah, sorry. Got carried away."

The Oakland Post will continue to update on the presidential race and Boingo's journey.

Redshirt sophomore aims to ace captaincy

Sammy Condon returns as leader of women's volleyball for coming year

Ally Racey
Staff Intern

The Oakland women's volleyball team is projected to repeat its success this season after winning the Horizon League and appearing in the NCAA tournament last season.

One of the team's top players who helped lead the team last season, Sammy Condon, is returning back to the court as a redshirt sophomore.



Sammy Condon, sophomore

Last season, Condon was captain of the team and was named to the all-league team.

"It is such an honor. It is amazing that my team trusts me and believes in me enough to name me a captain," Condon said.

The Illinois-native started playing volleyball in grade school. She participated in camps in fifth grade and began club volleyball in seventh grade.

Condon's best friend led her in the right direction to play volleyball when she was younger.

"She dragged me along to some camps and then I instantly fell in love with the sport," Condon said.

As she became more competitive and experienced, Condon played for organizations including her high school team and Sports Performance Volleyball Club in Aurora, Illinois. The organization didn't allow Condon to play any other sports because they wanted her to focus only on volleyball.

She attended Naperville Central High School before she chose to further her volleyball career miles away at Oakland University.

Before her decision to become a Golden Grizzly, other universities like Univer-

sity of Illinois-Chicago, Bowling Green State University and Evansville were interested in Condon.

Condon said the awesome campus, coaches and team is what ultimately led her to Oakland.

"I can't wait to be back spending all my time with my teammates," Condon said. "We have such a funny group of girls and always are laughing and goofing around and it's nonstop fun."

As captain of the team, Condon explained that a leader puts their team's needs before their own. She said they strive to serve others and do things in the best interest of others and people trust them enough to lead them in the right direction.

"It's such a team sport. There are so many important parts to the team and everyone is involved in every single play," Condon said.

She thinks that's one thing that sets volleyball apart from every other sport.

Now as a college student, Condon's only focus isn't just on the sport she loves.

Condon is majoring in elementary education and minoring in language arts and mathematics.

Last season, the team finished with a record of 22-10. Condon said it was amazing that all of the team's hard work paid off in the end.

"It was so rewarding. Every day we were in the gym working hard for the same goal," Condon said.

According to Condon, the team has similar goals for this season, but they plan on pushing themselves harder and further.

"We just want to get in the gym every day and work hard and we know that we will get the outcome we hope for in the end."

The team will start practicing Aug. 10 in preparation for its first game on Aug. 28 against West Virginia at The University of Michigan.

Team is looking to serve up another Horizon League win this year

Ally Racey
Staff Intern

Oakland University volleyball is back and ready to claim a winning title once again.

After winning the Horizon League last season and making it to the NCAA tournament, the Golden Grizzlies are projected to do the same this year with hopes of taking home the final win.

"It's another opportunity to get better and perhaps reach newer opportunities," head coach Rob Beam said.

Aug. 28 is the Golden Grizzlies first match against West Virginia at the University of Michigan, and Sept. 24 is the first league match against Milwaukee Wisconsin in the O'rena.

This will be Beam's ninth year coaching at Oakland. His team of new and returning players will be the first to play on the blacktop court with new lighting and sound.

"It will be a great way to kick off the Horizon League play,"

Beam said. "We get to renew the rivalry with the 2013 champion and then the team that we played in 2014 to win the championship ourselves."

After finishing with a record of 22-10, the team said goodbye to seniors Taylor Humm and Brooke Wadsworth.

Freshmen Jordan Lentz and Jordan Massab are this season's key newcomers.

Beam is eager to play the notable match-ups from last season once again. Teams that finished toward to bottom have new coaches that have had time to build their program and get their expectations where they want them.

"Those teams are on the rise for sure," Beam said.

The teams that were competitive last year are expected to be even better this season.

"I think overall the Horizon League is going to be as talented and deep as it's ever been," Beam said. "This is just going to be a really fun, deep season."

Beam added that because

"Sometimes you have an idea who your team leaders are...but then you're always surprised, in a good way, as to who steps forward."

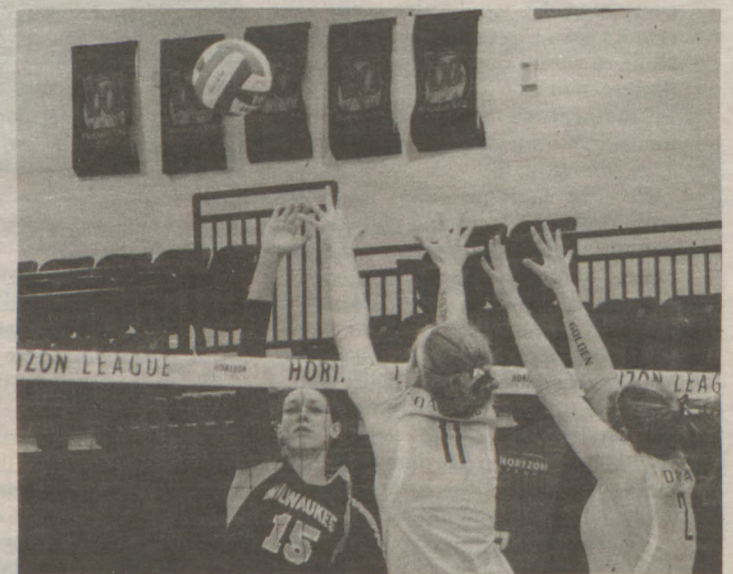
Rob Beam,
Head Coach

of the high-level competition, there is going to be more tough matches and possibly some upsets along the way, just because of the nature of how all the matches play out.

Beam thinks it will have some determining factor of who makes the conference tournament.

Senior Cassie Pelloni and red-shirt sophomore Sammy Condon are this season's top returners and are expected to once again lead their team to success.

"I think seniors are always good leaders," Beam said. "Sometimes you have an idea of who your team leaders are



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Sammy Condon and fellow teammates at the Horizon League Finals. After winning the game, they were declared the champions of the League.

or what those leaders offer, but then you're always surprised, in a good way, as to who steps forward or who takes on the new role that a former senior embodied."

The team looks strong and excited for their first match. Just like last season, every match has a theme.

The first game in the O'rena is a throwback night. Other themes

include a blackout game, hometown heroes, service personnel (police officers, firemen, and all branches of the military) night, a Halloween game, breast cancer game with the Dig Pink Organization and a senior, parent and alumni night.

Dates for these events and other upcoming matches can be found on the Golden Grizzlies website at goldengrizzlies.com.

Golden Grizzlies welcome incoming freshmen

Incoming student-athletes already feel accepted into sports families

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Intern

Starting college may seem intimidating for an incoming freshman, with the process of moving away from home, having no one to clean up after a mess and sharing a room with a stranger.

College athletics can be just as intimidating. Stepping off the high school court and into a competitive Division I program brings changes and challenges for a freshman athlete.

However, Oakland athletic teams do a phenomenal job of reaching out to the freshman before they step foot on campus, according to Ben VanderWeide, incoming freshman and future Oakland swimmer.

"The team provides a welcoming atmosphere by being so friendly towards everyone," VanderWeide said.

"For example, when I went to my freshman orientation, the kids on the team that were there for summer classes all came and ate with me during the lunch period. It made me feel like I was already apart of the team even before I've ever swam a practice with them."

According to VanderWeide, the swim team invites incoming freshmen to all team functions taking place in the summer. The team spends a weekend at head coach Pete Hovland's house and extends the invite to the incoming class.

Current junior point guard Kahlil Felder reflects on how the basketball team welcomed him as a freshman and how he now welcomes the freshmen class.

"They welcomed me with open arms," Felder explained. "They answered all my questions and whenever I needed help, I knew I could go to any of them. Before [the freshmen] get here, I reach out to them and tell them what is expected.

We have a friendship before they even arrive and when they get here, I try to teach them what was taught to me as a freshman."

One tradition that was taught to Felder when he was a freshman still stands out to him now.

"We read a creed before every game," Felder said. "The newcomers are expected to learn that. It talks about being a warrior and an Oakland University student-athlete, and the importance of team."

Incoming freshman Xavier Hill-Mais and future basketball player can already feel the importance of the team that Felder described.

"I feel more than welcomed, I feel accepted," Hill-Mais said. "These guys are like family now and I couldn't ask for more. They share their experiences with me, good and bad, to help me along the way. Times can get hard but at the end of the day they all are my brothers."

College athletics vary from university to university, as well as from sport to sport.

"The team provides a welcoming atmosphere by being so friendly towards everyone."

Ben VanderWeide
Freshman

One common ground found in all athletics at Oakland is the welcoming, safe and friendly atmosphere that is not found at most colleges.

"Out of all the other colleges, I would consider Oakland's team atmosphere was the best by far," VanderWeide said. "Everyone seems like they are together most of the time. It has more of a family feel than a team feel, but a family who has a lot of fun. I think the team atmosphere is one of the driving forces behind the success of the team. The fun team atmosphere makes it really easy to work hard together."

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OU athletics netting profits

Oakland toward middle of spectrum, spending on athletic department

Michael Keenan
Staff Intern

Each year, universities earn and spend a certain amount of money toward their athletic programs, usually depending on the size and support of the school along with the success they've been experiencing as a whole.

According to a study by USA Today which examined the 2013-14 academic year, Oakland University had a total revenue of \$11,891,893 and total expenses of \$11,537,425 from their athletics.

"Oakland athletics is committed to the principle of financial efficiency and responsibility," Director of Athletics Jeff Konya said. "We collaborate with officials across the university quarterly in formal reports to make sure the athletics budget from a revenues and expenditures perspective is in line with expectations."

As far as where these earnings and expenses are generated from, there are many contributing factors for the university.

"From a revenue perspective, our budget is primarily constructed through institutional allocations and external funding sources," Konya said. "The external funding sources include all kinds of things like donations, sponsorships, grants, ticket sales, merchandise sales and facility rentals."

These funding sources are what fuels the fire for Oakland athletics. Donations and sales contribute greatly to the total revenue.

In addition, Oakland has a total subsidy of \$9,340,386, which comes from donations and helps level out the expenses while subsequently adding on to total revenue.

Compared to the total revenue of other Division I universities in the NCAA listed in the USA Today study, Oakland ranked at number 187, placing them at the lower-end of the middle. Oregon topped the list in revenue with a grand total of \$196,030,398.

There are 230 schools on this list, though many of the Division I private schools, like the University of Notre Dame, are left out because they are not obligated to report earnings and



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Director of Athletics Jeff Konya discusses financing of Oakland athletics and the excitement for the 2015-16 school year.

expenses or participate in studies like these.

As for the total revenue of other universities around Michigan, the University of Michigan comes in at number three on the list (\$157,899,820), followed by Michigan State at 18 (\$104,677,456), Eastern Michigan at 81 (\$30,081,523), Central Michigan at 86 (\$29,281,777) and Western Michigan at 87 (\$28,927,072).

In the Horizon League, schools ranged from \$8,000,000 to upwards of \$16,000,000 in revenue, putting Oakland's annual budget near the median of the league.

"Oakland has made great strides since moving into the Horizon League. The early success has led to additional opportunities and strategic hires that will hopefully grow incoming revenue streams, which will add to the budget," Senior Assistant Athletic Director of Public Relations Scott MacDonald said.

"We have great students that are very enthusiastic about athletics here at Oakland University and understand the importance of team spirit."

Oakland currently ranks fourth in

the conference in revenue behind Illinois-Chicago, Youngstown State, and Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and in front of Cleveland State, Wright State and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

To break it down further, Oakland has certain things that contribute more to spending and bringing in money than others — salaries and scholarships.

Oakland operates 18 sports, for which they have to employ coaches and staff. The university has about 350 student-athletes and is also responsible for operating Spirit programs.

"In terms of revenue generation, ticket sales, facility rentals, donations, and special events provide the ultimate backbone for bringing in external dollars. This is an area we need to grow in, and quite frankly, we have plans in motion to do just that," Konya said.

"We have several naming opportunity campaigns ready to go, we are inclined to tweak our Golden Grizzlies Athletics fund and we want to increase our sponsorship base through more visible and interactive media presence and also look to increase planned giving to athletics. We want to increase

external fundraising by 50 percent over and above what we do today by the end of 2017."

Oakland is always looking to make changes that will benefit the university's revenue to expenses rate and bring in more money to use for certain projects while still keeping the student body happy.

A given Oakland student spends around \$450 of their tuition on Golden Grizzlies athletics, which is one of the lowest numbers out of all mid-major schools.

Students are also able to enjoy free admission into over 50 contests and sporting events.

Oakland continues to take steps in the right direction financially for their athletic department and the students play one of the biggest roles in this positive change, according to Konya.

"I love our Oakland students, and the way they embrace intercollegiate athletics is truly a great thing," Konya said.

"They are going to see some amazing things this coming year from the Golden Grizzlies."