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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**MOVING FORWARD** // On Friday, Nov. 18, a post-election forum titled "Tolerance, Unity and Dialogue: Where Do We Go from Here?" was held in Fireside Lounge. Professors and students had the opportunity to express their outlooks on the country's future. Professors discussed various political topics and students shared their personal experiences with the audience. *BOHDANNA CHERSTYLO // The Oakland Post*

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Professor Claude Baillargeon told of his experiences visiting the site of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

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A 12-hour volunteer event brought students together to craft, donate and collect resources for the needy.

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Cierra Bond and Taylor Jones led the women's basketball team to a 99-32 win over Concordia University.

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

As the semester comes to an end, what did you learn this fall?

- A** How to procrastinate until the last second
- B** Never trust Michigan weather
- C** Voting third party does nothing
- D** Making polls is hard

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

How will you be spending Thanksgiving?

**A) Eating**

**65 votes | 61%**

**B) Working retail**

**7 votes | 7%**

**C) Waiting in line for Black Friday sales**

**7 votes | 7%**

**D) Fighting my conservative family**

**27 votes | 25%**

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### NOVEMBER 16, 1985

Four OU students were killed in a collision between a Volkswagon and a train. Police reported that the students went around a traffic barrier and were hit by an eastbound train. Dental records were used to identify the bodies, and toxologist Phil Phredmore revealed that all four had been drinking.

### NOVEMBER 19, 1990

OU adopted an affirmative action place in May 1989, and The Post ran an article a year and a half later reporting that it contributed to a higher faculty employment average for women and minorities, but no statistical increase in hiring of Native Americans.

### DECEMBER 2, 2015

Scott Kunselman entered the newly created chief operating officer position. He earns \$325,000/year and receives \$750/month for transportation. His term ends Nov. 30, 2018.

**BY THE  
NUMBERS**  
FINAL EXAMS AT OU

21

days between the end of finals and the beginning of winter classes

45

days between the beginning of winter classes and spring break

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max exams students are expected to take per day. Students with 3+ scheduled for the same day should contact their schools' deans

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call this number if your professors schedule tests, quizzes or exams Nov. 28-Dec. 5, as this is against University Senate policy

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# Looking Back

## 'Hot For Teacher': Student sues, citing free speech violation

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

Joseph Corlett, a 56-year-old writing and rhetoric major, sent a Letter to the Editor to The Oakland Post about gun control. He was critical of an editorial written by The Oakland Post staff about said issue.

In part, he wrote: "How sad and unprofessional those emotions of current events cloud your journalistic judgment and you renege on written promises to freelancers, denying critical balance to readers . . .

"I hope Oakland University institutes a ban on poorly reasoned and researched editorials and that the ban stays in place."

At the beginning of the winter semester in 2012, he was suspended from campus after writing a piece in his writing course titled "Hot for Teacher." He was to complete what was called a "day journal," where he'd take note of any thoughts he had and turn them in.

In this assignment, he wrote about how his teacher was "stacked." Part of his piece read: "I've had a few worries lately, the first that Lynn Anne, my wife, would read this."

After the first few entries, the professor asked him to cease writing them or risk being reported to the dean of students.

This didn't deter him. He continued his "Hot for Teacher" entries. The professor sent an email to concerned faculty, stating, "I am feeling increasingly uncomfortable and unsafe," citing his opinions on gun control and the lewd comments in his writing.

Corlett was asked to withdraw from his winter semester classes, as he broke University Regulation 6.02 that read in part, ". . . nor shall any person in any way intimidate, harass, threaten or assault any person engaged in lawful activities

on campus."

At first, Corlett and the professor both remained unnamed in media coverage to protect their privacy. However, soon their names were being used in various news outlets.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) claimed that Corlett was constitutionally protected via free speech to say what he wanted about his professor. FIRE aided him in suing the university.

Following the news coverage of the student's suspension, The Oakland Post staff ran an editorial. The editorial said the vice president of Student Affairs at the time wrote a letter dated Dec. 7, 2011, citing numerous instances of inappropriate behavior conducted by Corlett.

Some of these instances included a late-night phone call to a female student who never gave out her phone number, unsolicited sexual stories told to a female faculty member during an off-campus meeting initiated by Corlett and an incident involving a former editor-in-chief of The Oakland Post.

"The student was not suspended for voicing that he found his professor attractive," the editorial said. "He was suspended for his 'threatening' behavior around campus. While we are all for freedom of speech and student rights, those rights were not violated."

The lawsuit did not hold up in court, with U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan writing in an opinion accompanying the ruling, "When Plaintiff referred to his Oakland University English professor as 'stacked' and graphically compared her to a sitcom character he fetishized in a writing assignment, he brought a pig into the parlor."

*The Oakland Post has consciously withheld the name of the professor in an effort to respect her privacy.*

**"Hot for Teacher" lawsuit  
doesn't hold up in court**

*The Oakland Post Archives*

This article was published in the August 7, 2013, edition of The Oakland Post.

### Corrections Corner

The Oakland Post corrects all known errors of fact.

In our November 16 issue's By the Numbers, we erroneously wrote that there were 18.8 billion military veterans in the U.S. as of 2015. The actual figure is 18.8 million, according to the United States Census Bureau. Visit [factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov) for more information.

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Attendees prepare to watch the documentary "The Luft Gangster: Memoirs of a Second Class Hero," which details the World War II experiences of the Tuskegee Airmen.

## SVOU hosts movie night with Tuskegee veteran

**Laurel Kraus**  
Staff Reporter

The Student Veterans of Oakland University (SVOU) honored Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson on Nov. 22 through a screening of the award-winning documentary "The Luft Gangster: Memoirs of a Second Class Hero."

Born and raised in Detroit, Jefferson is one of few Tuskegee Airmen still alive today. The event took place on his 95th birthday.

"Happy birthday to me . . ." Jefferson sang when a group of attendees asked him about it.

SVOU President Ivan Rose spoke about how rare it is to have the chance to experience history before introducing Mike Rott, producer and director of "The Luft Gangster," and Rott's father, Sheldon Rott, who was also co-producer and music director of the film.

"The way this all came about, I met a friend about three-and-a-half years ago now, and he said, 'The organization I'm in is sponsoring a lecture and we're having a Tuskegee Airman speak,'" Sheldon Rott said.

"When I had the opportunity to hear this lecture, it was Lt. Col. Jefferson, and it was overwhelming. Mike, who had been with Apple Company, opened his own studio at that time. I said, 'Mike, we have to do something.'"

Starting just a few minutes after 6:30 p.m., the documentary opened with the definition of "luft gangster."

"Luft' means 'air,'" Jefferson's voiceover played through the speakers. "The Germans called American fighter pilots 'Luft Gangsters.' 'Air gangsters,' from a German point of view. To us, we were simply doing our job."

The documentary went on to recount the racial hardships of Jefferson's life, long before he even made it to the military.

Then, through firsthand accounts, including Jefferson's, the film described what it was like to be a part of the first African American aviators in the United States Armed Forces.

The documentary even delved into Jefferson's time in a German prison camp and what he experienced there.

Afterward, when an audience member asked Jefferson about the comparison between slavery and the Holocaust he stated, "There is no comparison."

The audience erupted in a standing ovation for Jefferson after the film ended. He was then handed a microphone and answered audience questions for over 20 minutes.

Representatives from Team Rubicon and Pontiac Vet Center were in attendance, as well as Nick Star from the VFW National Home for Children, who accepted monetary donations and Christmas gifts for the children of veterans and active-duty military families.

At the end of the event, a birthday cake was brought out for Jefferson and the audience was invited to share.

## Professor follows photographer to visit site of nuclear disaster

**Simon Albaugh**  
Staff Reporter

In places too dangerous for anyone to go, it's both curiosity and hope for fame that attracts those who document these locations.

Professor Claude Baillargeon, a member of Oakland University's art history department, recounted his experience going through an area so dangerous that access has been restricted for decades.

It was after an invitation by world-famous photographer David McMillan that Baillargeon was guided through the areas surrounding the site of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear meltdown.

Chernobyl is considered one of the worst nuclear disasters, if not the worst, according to History.com. Entire villages in Ukraine were leveled, and countless lives were lost in the wake of a nuclear reactor surge near a heavily-populated area, according to Baillargeon's lecture.

A guide employed by McMillan conducted the tour through Chernobyl. He showed Baillargeon scenes photographed by McMillan and areas that, despite being heavily restricted, provided subjects in both McMillan's and Baillargeon's photography, Baillargeon said.

Baillargeon presented some of what he thought to be the most striking dilapidations and progressions in the environment surrounding Chernobyl. These changes have also been the stated focus of McMillan's more than 20 photographic expeditions.

Despite high levels of radiation, the wildlife and foliage of the area has progressed at an exceptionally healthy level, which Baillargeon said was due

to the near-void of human contact with the area.

But possibly the most surprising aspect of Chernobyl is its recent reopening as a tourist destination.

With radiation levels that exceed 40 times greater than average background radiation levels people encounter in everyday life, the area is deemed safe for staying in up to a month, according to Chernobyl Tour, a tourist organization.

Much of the area surrounding the meltdown features elaborate memorials and commissioned murals painted by professional artists that also function as commemorations for the lives lost in the accident. Baillargeon provided pictures of the memorials in his lecture.

Baillargeon's privileged access was a little more than just inserting himself into a tour group.

He said that on some occasions, while photographing certain areas, the tour guides would yell that they weren't supposed to be there.

The guide who took Baillargeon through some of the most privileged-access areas of Chernobyl was the same guide who took McMillan through the site. The guide was paid \$40 a day, according to Baillargeon.

Baillargeon showed some of the efforts being made to contain the radiation exposure. As of right now, a structure "the size of two Manhattan blocks" is soon to cover the destroyed reactor, Baillargeon said. Workers spend around 10 days working at the site before they return to safety.

This story was told to an audience that couldn't be contained in the provided seating at the OU Art Gallery on Nov. 16. It was titled "Spellbound by the Potency of the Invisible: A Chernobyl Travelogue."



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Claude Baillargeon, an associate professor of art history at Oakland University, recently traveled to Chernobyl, Ukraine, to take photographs and experience the abandoned city.



# Deaf student in ASL program shares her story

Amy Swanson  
Staff Reporter

In fifth grade, Jenna Varosi-Garavaglia was moved to the front of the class. She didn't understand why and asked her teacher.

"He said, 'You just don't pay attention without me looking at you,'" Varosi-Garavaglia said.

Little did she know, this was the first sign that her hearing was fading. It took until the age of 12 for doctors to realize she was missing half of her audible ability.

To prove his point, the physician held his hand over his mouth while speaking. She was oblivious.

Her hearing has worsened over time and 22-year-old Varosi-Garavaglia is now 95 percent deaf.

While born without any problems, it was found she has a condition called sensorineural hearing loss.

This is a permanent form of hearing loss that happens when there is damage to the inner ear, or cochlea, or to the nerve pathways from the inner ear to the brain, according to The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

The damage can come from prolonged exposure to high-intensity noise, according to [HearIt.org](http://HearIt.org). The loud instruments Varosi-Garavaglia played in band as an adolescent likely set off the deterioration, she said.

She gave the example of someone who goes to a concert and experiences mild hearing loss for the next few days. In her case, her hearing never came back.

Up until this diagnosis, Varosi-Garavaglia was unaware of any problems. It turned out she had been relying on lip reading to make up for the loss, thinking everyone watched television at volume 30.

## Adjusting to a new life

The news was initially very difficult.

"I was absolutely devastated," Varosi-Garavaglia said. "I remember feeling awkward telling people about it because their first reaction was always that they were sorry, and so I got the impression that it was a sad thing."

Her depression continued, and she was at her lowest point the year she entered college.

Up until then, she had no access to deaf education and used YouTube to teach herself signs. As she never met anyone who was deaf, she was missing support from someone who had similar experiences. Connecting with people grew difficult, and her friends eventually stopped inviting her out.

Things began looking up when she took her first American Sign Language (ASL) class with Paul Fugate at Oakland University. In just two short years, she was able to sign proficiently. When asked how she learned so fast, she replied: necessity.

"You learn to change a tire pretty quick if no one else is there to help with your flat," she said.

To accommodate, she's had to make some changes. This includes using a vibrating alarm clock, a powerful displaced under her mattress.

"It felt like waking up to an earthquake and really scared me at first," she said. "Now I've slept through it."

She also recently got a video phone. When she needs to make a call, she's connected to an interpreter through a camera hooked up to her television. She signs her message and the interpreter then translates it to the third party.

While she's in a good place now, it took some time to get out of her funk.

One afternoon at a grocery store, things were really put into perspective.

Noticing a man signing to someone, Varosi-Garavaglia approached him and told of how she was newly deaf. In one of her first conversations with a deaf person, she found out that the man was married and had a good job.

"It was in that exact moment I realized being deaf is just a trait," she said. "It's like being blonde or having green eyes. It's who you are. But luckily, this is something that I can be proud of too."

This concept is demonstrated in how controversial the cochlear implant is among members of the deaf community.

"Deaf people don't look at deafness as a disability," she said. "This device makes it seem like it alleviates or cures you."

Varosi-Garavaglia described how deaf people have an entire culture, from musicians and local leaders, to the National Theater of the Deaf and deaf colleges like Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

Recently visiting to scope out the campus, Varosi-Garavaglia said her hands began to hurt from all of the signing.

"It was the first time I understood everyone in the room," she said.

Another component of this culture is the tight-knit community.

Ninety percent of deaf people are born to hearing families, according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. This can be difficult for both parties. Many lose touch with family members once they leave home so the deaf people they meet become their family, Varosi-Garavaglia said.

## Her mission

Varosi-Garavaglia has been an ASL teaching assistant at OU for three years and loves being able to share her story with classes.



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Jenna Varosi-Garavaglia, a former Oakland University student who has lost 95 percent of her hearing, is now teaching as an assistant for an American Sign Language professor at OU.

Students have pulled her aside and asked how she managed to get through those tough times.

"I would tell them that I decided not to be ashamed anymore," she said. "So many would say they were inspired. Every time I hear those words, I know that I'm supposed to be teaching."

She feels she has a unique advantage.

"My experience is uncommon — not many lose their hearing that late in life."

Because of this, she's helped deaf people learn how to pronounce certain words. It's much harder for those born deaf to make the connection between written and vocalized words, as they have no previous knowledge of sound to fall back on.

She has also been helping students through ASLDeafined, Fugate's online learning platform with over 300 ASL lessons, each with a different subject, according to its website.

As a deaf expert, she is recorded demonstrating various signs. The site now has over 15,000 of these video clips for users to review and master.

Varosi-Garavaglia said that learning sign language is more popular these days, as deafness is more prevalent in media with television shows like "Switched at Birth."

However, there is still progress to be made in society.

## Hurdles to overcome

One problem is there isn't

a system to ensure open access to communication for the deaf. Varosi-Garavaglia said that while at the hospital, she has known people who waited 12 hours for an interpreter.

"They're basically telling them they have to wait to know what's going on."

And while Disney World recently put captions on all of their televisions, places like Cedar Point only have them on a portion. Therefore, those who are deaf or hard of hearing may be oblivious to urgent announcements.

Varosi-Garavaglia also described how the deaf can face discrimination, like when someone refuses to repeat themselves. In addition, there are still many misconceptions, as a deaf person may be called "retarded" or perceived as rude for "ignoring" others when they simply didn't hear them.

"Little things like that add up, and we feel left out," she said.

She noted that a lack of education is often the cause of this ignorance.

This is why she talks about her experiences whenever she has the chance. She hopes that people will take a little time to do some research and learn that this is a deaf person's lifestyle.

"It is not something that hinders their existence — it's something that enhances it," she said.

Ultimately, she said, the deaf are not much different than everyone else.



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**DR. ARTHUR LEONARD CAPLAN**

*discusses*

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*Reception to follow*



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Dr. Caplan has served on a number of national and international committees, and is the chairperson of the Compassionate Use Advisory Committee (CompAC), an independent group of internationally recognized medical experts, bioethicists and patient representatives which advises Janssen/Johnson & Johnson about requests for compassionate use of some of its investigational medicines. He is the recipient of many awards and honors. In 2014, he was selected to receive the Public Service Award from the National Science Foundation/National Science Board. In 2016, he was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities.

Dr. Caplan is the author or editor of 32 books and more than 600 papers in peer-reviewed journals. His most recent book is *Replacement Parts: The Ethics of Procuring and Replacing Organs in Humans* (Georgetown University Press, 2015).

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# Time to get 'Loud at the Library' in Rochester

*Assortment of musicians, local and beyond, to perform*

Amy Swanson  
Staff Reporter

The Rochester Hills Public Library (RHPL) is gearing up for its free community concert series, "Loud at the Library."

All shows will be held in the Multipurpose Room from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., kicking off Dec. 11 with the Gene-n-Tonics.

"Combining the elements of the Great American Songbook with smooth jazz and R&B, the Gene-n-Tonics will take you on a musical journey from the 1920s all the way to today in every set," according to a press release from the RHPL.

But that's just the beginning. There are plenty of other concerts to look forward to in these chilly next few months.

On Dec. 18, the classical music group MUSIC ENVY will perform. This trio is composed of three teens from Rochester and Clarkston. Its members — Andrew Irons, Christina Irons and Amanda Beaune — have been playing together for two years.

Carrying into the new year, Double

Play Flute and Tuba will visit on Jan. 15. It plans to present "Great Stories in Music," highlighting original arrangements that range from Bach to the Beatles. Listeners will become familiar with the brass and woodwind instrument families, enjoying special demonstrations on a "hosehorn" and wooden flute.

On Jan. 29, guests will also be treated to Sheila Landis, seven-time Detroit Music Awards "Outstanding Jazz Vocalist" winner. She will interpret the classic repertoire of Ella Fitzgerald, paying tribute to "The First Lady of Song."

Landis has been passionate about music since she was a teenager.

"Music has a way of moving people emotionally, and I saw that I could weave a magic spell by just opening my mouth and singing," she said.

The inspiration for this performance came years ago.

"Without consciously trying to imitate Ella, I made a jazz recording with my accompanist, guitarist Rick Matle, in 1996, 'Fine and Mellow,' which caught the ear

of JazzTimes Magazine reviewer Chuck Berg, who proclaimed, '... when Landis scats, well, the spirit of Ella lives!' she said.

Landis then decided to create her now-popular program of jazz, dedicated to Fitzgerald's exuberant and extensive collection of music.

"We promise to deliver a high-energy, spirited, toe-tapping good time!" she said.

The series will wrap up with a performance on Feb. 5 by John Garner. He will play a variety of traditional English, Irish, Scottish and American Folk music, in addition to a more modern "Folk Style" music.

Amanda Harrison, the RHPL's community relations specialist, was responsible for booking the performers.

"I scout talent by attending community events, reviewing recommendations from friends and patrons, and watching YouTube videos," Harrison said.

For this concert program series, she aimed for a good variety.

"One weekend we'll have a classical band, and the next week it could be rock," she said. "The performers in the upcoming

series are a great example of that because every band plays a different style of music."

Landis agrees.

"RHPL's programmer Amanda Harrison has assembled a musical concert series line-up for the library which shines with delightful diversity and high entertainment value for many tastes and all ages," she said. "As a long-time resident of the Rochester/Rochester Hills area, it feels great to be embraced as a valued hometown talent by my own community."

Harrison sees value in this series.

"Music is an important part of our society. It's something that binds us all together, and I feel privileged to be able to offer Loud at the Library to our community," she said.

All concerts are free for residents of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. Registration is required and can be done online under one's library card at [calendar.rhpl.org](http://calendar.rhpl.org).

Beginning Dec. 1, all Oakland University students are eligible for free library cards at RHPL, regardless of their place of residence.

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- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

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- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

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

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*Orgs come together,  
sponsor event to  
raise awareness*

**B**ullying is an issue on college campuses, and it can affect people physically and emotionally.

Oakland University student organizations Hillel of Metro Detroit, Jewish Student Organization, Students for Israel, OU Catholic Student Society, Students Toward Understanding Disabilities and the Center for Religious Understanding came together to sponsor Anti-Bullying Awareness Day. The event took place Nov. 28 in Gold Rooms A and B in the Oakland Center.

The rooms were decorated with Christmas lights and colorful tablecloths. The organizations provided pizza, drinks and

games, such as Jeopardy, BINGO, Apples to Apples and Bean Bag Tic Tac Toe Toss. The event maintained an upbeat atmosphere with the help of WXOU.

Junior, journalism major and president of the Jewish Student Organization Dovid Roetter shared his viewpoint on the event.

Roetter said he anticipated the event to be enjoyable and informative for students. He hoped that working as teams while playing games would be an amusing way to bond with peers and to compete with one another.

Preparations for this year's Anti-Bullying Awareness Day began in August. For the past two years, Roetter hosted the event at Oakland Community College. He brought it to OU for the first time this year.

"I reached out to a bunch of organizations to see who wants to co-host," Roetter said. "We all worked together to make this event a reality."

Roetter encourages students to speak out and utilize the gift of having a voice.

"It's your job to use that voice for the right things," he said. "We are given teeth and a mouth to guard ourselves from speaking evil and negativity."

He continued, saying that people should approach victimized friends.

"If you really care about the person, you should stand up," Roetter said. "If you don't feel comfortable confronting the person, we have hotlines for people to call. However little you might help, you never know where it will go."

Victims often think that speaking up will make the situation worse. However, Roetter explained that there is no chance of the situation getting better unless someone steps up.

"Bullies tend to pick on someone more once [the victim] tattletales," he said. "Bullies can be stopped by the higher authorities



The Anti-Bullying Awareness Day event took place in the OC on Nov. 28.

that can do something about it.”

Roetter mentioned that minorities are common targets for bullies.

"They are already looked down upon by society, and they're easy targets [because they're] different," he said. "We can utilize those differences to make them feel better about themselves. People won't look at them [bullies] weird for picking on a minority because it's common."

He said he hopes students who attended Anti-Bullying Awareness Day can accept each other's differences.

Freshman political science

and history major, Elijah Sanders, shared his experience of being bullied.

"It's torturous," Sanders said. "I went through some very dark depression because of it, and I still do. Most days I try to ignore and get over it."

When helping others who are experiencing bullying, Sanders tells his story and asks about theirs.

"There's a support system where someone understands," Sanders said. "I think the best way is to tell stories and to let people know they're not alone. The struggle never ends."

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# Millennials could end smoking

*Statistics show this generation moving away from tobacco*

**Laurel Kraus**  
Staff Reporter

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 5.6 million of today's Americans who are younger than 18 will die early from a smoking-related illness if smoking continues at the current rate among youth in the U.S.

The Truth Initiative, the nation's largest nonprofit public health organization devoted to ending tobacco usage, has stated that millennials could be the generation to end smoking based on statistics from the University of Michigan's Monitoring the Future, which state that cigarette smoking among youth is down to 7 percent as of 2015.

"Our goal is to inspire youth and young adults to use their creativity and social influence to spread the truth about tobacco and make this the generation that ends tobacco use," said Cas Marburger, social media manager for the Truth Initiative.

There are multiple factors that could contribute to this claim proving true, such as those pertaining to finances.

"Our latest ads focused on the fact that smokers earn 20 percent less than nonsmokers," Marburger said. "Earn. Not spend, which is crazy, because smokers are obviously also spending money on tobacco products that nonsmokers aren't spending."

Improved education on the physical health risks attached to tobacco use could be associated with millennials' judgement, as well.

According to director of Oakland University's Graham Health Center, Nancy Jansen, the leading sickness caused by smoking is lung cancer, followed by heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

As of 2010, 26 states had banned smoking from worksites, restaurants and bars, as well as an additional 10 states prohibiting it from one or two of those places.

The CDC reported that in-



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Health and Wellness Coordinator Erica Wallace collected cigarette butts around campus within an hour that almost filled up the bear jar on her desk.

fants who experience second-hand smoke have a greater risk of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), while other studies have shown that pets may be more susceptible to secondhand smoke than humans due to their grooming behaviors.

Many people, such as Associate Professor of Psychology Keith Williams, who specializes in addiction and pharmacology, feel that while millennials have the potential to end cigarette smoking, nicotine itself does not seem to be on the way out.

Young adults who use tobacco seem to be gravitating toward both hookah and vaping (e-cigarettes), though those could hardly be considered much healthier than cigarettes.

According to the Truth Initiative, a 60-minute hookah session is as harmful as smoking 100 cigarettes.

As for vaping, the argument could be made that since users vape pure nicotine, it may be somewhat safer. However, it still has harmful effects on the heart, according to Cleveland Clinic.

"We know e-cigarettes are less harmful than traditional cigarettes, but that doesn't mean people who don't smoke should start using them," Marburger said. "Nicotine is addictive, and regulation of these products is still in the early stages."

As for those who wish to quit, the belief that nicotine withdrawal can put the person at risk of death, like withdrawal from

some stronger narcotics, is false, Jansen said.

Medications such as Zyban and varenicline (Chantix) exist to aid against cravings, as well as Nicotine Replacement Therapy in the form of a patch or gum.

Quit Kits are available for free at Graham Health Center and the OU Rec Center.

OU also offers group Freedom From Smoking classes, and suggests online resources such as the apps Livestrong: My Quit Coach and Smokefree QuitGuide.

"We want to focus on this age because if we can stop or deter someone from smoking now, the chances of them not smoking later in life are going to be significant," OU Health and Wellness Coordinator Erica Wallace said.

OU is one of 20 colleges that have recently been given a \$20,000 Tobacco-Free Generation Initiative grant, which works toward making millennials the generation to end smoking. The grant is from a partnership with the American Cancer Society and the CVS Health Foundation.

As a result of this, OU's new campaign "Project Clean Air for the Bear" was announced on Nov. 14 as a way to gain a 100 percent smoke-free campus.

"Big Tobacco is constantly evolving their game plan," Marburger said. "We need to constantly evolve ours. We are a generation with new beliefs and new ideas. Together, we are bigger, louder and more powerful than Big Tobacco."

## 'What will your story be?'

*Peace Corps recruiter speaks with students*

**KeyVonna Taylor**  
Staff Reporter

Students gathered last week to learn how they can gain cultural experience by engaging with others to make a difference worldwide through the Peace Corps.

Oakland University Career Services held an information session on Nov. 17 in the Oakland Center with Peace Corps Michigan Recruiter Michael Gall. Students were able to learn about various volunteer opportunities, ask questions and get advice about the application process.

"I wanted to join to make a difference," Gall said.

Gall was invited to join the Peace Corps to teach English on the island of Micronesia.

If you were to ask him if he chose to serve in Micronesia, he'd likely respond, "No, it chose me."

Until the Peace Corps, he was not familiar with Micronesia.

From 2007-2009, his assignment was teaching English as a second language and community development resources.

Gall impacted the community he served by attaining funds and organizing volunteers to build a basketball court that was completed after he left.

"My island completed it on their time, with their resources and without a Peace Corps volunteer," Gall said.

In Gall's honor, his name was placed on the court's backboard as a symbol of the community's appreciation.

"One day, I would like to join the Peace Corps again," he said.

Hearing Gall's firsthand ex-

perience encouraged students to get involved.

Rachel Bush, a junior double majoring in environmental science and French language and literature, has wanted to join the Peace Corps since age 16.

"I've always felt that my purpose in this world is bigger than myself," she said. "My interests and my studies will help me to make that kind of impact in the lives of others, as well as my own."

Although she has wanted to volunteer for years already, Bush found Gall's experience compelling.

"His experience [made] me want to volunteer more," she said.

Junior communication major Lani Hennings is also interested in the Peace Corps.

"I'm considering joining the Peace Corps because I've always had a passion for helping people and a passion for seeing the world," Hennings said. "The Peace Corps is an amazing opportunity that opens up [an] abundance of more opportunities."

"Michael [Gall] did a great job leading the info session," she added. "He gave a lot of helpful information and talked about a lot of things I had never even thought of. It was really cool to hear his personal story. It was very inspiring, too."

As the information session came to an end, Gall left students with a question: "What will your story be?"

The Peace Corps is active in over 60 countries, ranging from places in the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa, the Pacific Islands and beyond.

Students who are graduating in spring 2017 and want to join the Peace Corps next summer must apply by the Jan. 1 deadline. For more information, visit [peacecorps.gov/](http://peacecorps.gov/).



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Students interested in joining the Peace Corps attended the session.





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The Gender & Sexuality Center is located at 49D Oakland Center and open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

## OU is a top-inclusive campus

*With four-star rating, Oakland welcomes LGBTQIA+ community*

**Robert Ogg**  
Staff Reporter

It's no secret that Oakland University is a school that embraces the LGBTQIA+ (LGBT) community. In the basement of the Oakland Center is the Gender & Sexuality Center, which is devoted to helping people of non-binary genders and any sexual orientation.

This center is one of the first things people see when they tour OU. It sends the message to everyone that OU is a school where students are united, no matter their differences.

Recently, the Campus Pride Index ranked OU as one of the top LGBT-friendly universities in the state of Michigan. The Campus Pride Index organization identifies itself on its website as a "National Listing of LGBTQ-Friendly Colleges & Universities." This organization essentially goes around and gives various colleges and universities report cards stating how LGBT-friendly the schools are.

If people look up OU on the Campus Pride Index website, they will see that the Index graded OU based upon several categories, including LGBT academic life, housing and residence, student life, and counseling and health.

OU was given a rank of four out

of five. Eastern Michigan University was the only other school in the state of Michigan to match OU's score.

"Having [four stars] is a huge deal," said Grace Wojcik, coordinator of the Gender & Sexuality Center. "We've been working really hard to make sure our policies and practices are updated to include LGBTQ people. The index rates a variety of things: policy inclusion, student life, housing, campus safety and even academic life."

"[The score] means we've been able to kind of move forward through what we offer on campus and our policy offerings as well."

Wojcik discussed many of the resources offered on campus. She said that OU offers S.A.F.E. On Campus Training for students, staff and faculty at both introductory and advanced levels.

Additionally, Wojcik said that the Gender & Sexuality Center is relaunching its Peer Mentoring Program in fall of 2017.

"It's a year-long mentoring relationship," Wojcik said. "It's similarly modeled after the CMI [Center for Multicultural Initiatives] mentor program. It can be a difficult time coming to OU if you've never been to college before. It's a larger campus; it can be overwhelming for folks. So, we're looking to support students

throughout that. Whether it's through academic support, social development support or just campus support/resource support."

The Gender & Sexuality Center offers safer sex materials, had a Fall 2016 Welcome Reception and helps coordinate the pride week calendar. There are also social awareness clubs on campus, including the Gay-Straight Alliance.

"The Gender & Sexuality Center is open to everyone, so you don't have to identify as LGBTQIA in any way," Wojcik said. "Allies are always welcome."

Wojcik also stressed that if students aren't comfortable visiting the center, they can contact the center privately through email, phone or asking a question on the center's webpage.

"I'm really proud," said Scott Spencer, an undecided major. "We have a president who supports gay marriage and a Republican President-elect that openly waves pride flags. And there was that Supreme Court ruling a few years back. We've come a long way."

The score of four stars is huge accomplishment. OU's ability to accommodate is something students can be proud of. With how hard OU and the Gender & Sexuality center are working, four stars might be only the beginning.

## Students feel the heat at SPB's Caribbean night

**Jessica Leydet**  
Staff Reporter

The Oakland Center Banquet Rooms were transformed into a Caribbean Paradise for the evening on Nov. 18.

The event was hosted by the Student Program Board (SPB) and lasted from 6-10 p.m.

Upon entering, students swiped in with their Grizzly ID card and got to pick out leis. The Banquet Rooms were decorated in a festive Caribbean theme, including tropical center pieces, a palm tree ice sculpture and a Caribbean flag display.

The event also offered a Caribbean food buffet that included Jamaican jerk chicken, Cuban rice and beans, and a mocktail bar that served virgin mojitos, piña colodas and sparkling punch in plastic coconut cups.

Sean Foe, diversity director for SPB, explained that his job is to put together events like these to highlight the diversity on Oakland University's campus.

"I wanted to do a Caribbean event, so we offered authentic food, dancing, and we had the Petoskey High School steel-drum band perform two sets of Caribbean-themed music," Foe said.

Barry Bennett, band director at Petoskey High School, explained that the steel-drum band started 20 years ago and has since doubled in size.

"There are about 42 members in our steel-drum band this year," Bennet said. "We've

been travelling around playing events, such as the Chicago Festival of Lights Parade, and we've gone down to New Orleans and played Mardi Gras eight times. But we mostly play in the summertime because we play mainly tropical music."

Bennett said the other band directors and his dedication to the band have really helped the group grow. The band played steel drum renditions of popular songs, including Jimmy Buffett's "Margaritaville" and Shakira's "Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)."

Many of those who attended got out on the dance floor when the steel-drum band performed. OU dance group Vitality Dancew came out to the event to teach attendees how to dance the salsa and bachata, two popular forms of Latin dance.

Meghan Taylor, freshman at OU and dancer for Vitality, attended the event and said she had a great time teaching people how to dance.

"I love this type of dancing. It is upbeat and really fun and gets people on the dance floor," she said. "The food is also really good, and I had a great time experiencing the Caribbean culture."

The event also featured a photo booth, where students could take group pictures next to a giant pineapple balloon, as well as a limbo contest, where one lucky winner was able to take home a Kindle Fire.



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Students were served Caribbean food and drink in the Banquet Rooms in the OC, which were illuminated with an ice sculpture and other decorations.





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Hundreds of students made their way to the Gold Rooms throughout the day on Wednesday, Nov. 16 to volunteer for Oakland University's Day of Service. Some of the activities included making cereal necklaces for Grace Centers of Hope, knit hats holiday cards for children in hospitals, and toys for shelter dogs.

# OU provides 6th annual Day of Service

**Gina Navaroli**  
Staff Reporter

**O**akland University students dedicated 12 hours of volunteer work for the sixth annual Day of Service on Nov. 18. With over 15 projects, students came together to help the needy.

From making holiday food baskets for the Older Persons' Commission, rain-proof blankets for the homeless, therapy kits for cancer patients and countless other projects, every hand made an impact.

Hannah Clark, communication major and graduate assistant for service learning for the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (CSA), talked about volunteering and the preparation put into the event.

"It runs all day, so it's really easy for you to come," Clark said. "It's a great way to learn about different nonprofits

in your area. It's always a great time to give back. Since the holidays are coming up, it's kinda the season for giving back."

Oakland Athletics sponsored the Giving Tree. Students could pick an ornament off of the tree and purchase the object written on the ornament to donate to local charities for the holidays. Donors must hand in their objects and ornaments to the Athletics Center by Dec. 9.

A lot of preparation went into the Day of Service, Clark said. The CSA began organizing the event around the end of September.

"We reached out to different nonprofits in the area . . . and we also reach out to different departments and student organizations on campus to see if they want to co-sponsor," Clark said.

Clark encouraged students to volunteer in their communities. She admitted that it is common for students to participate in order to build their resumes.

However, she said she believes volunteering is a way to learn more about yourself through helping others.

"I hope they leave inspired and will want to contribute to more volunteer events, not just at OU, but in their community, as well," Clark said.

Every table was packed with upbeat students who were working together. Senior nursing major Natalie Stone explained her admiration for the Day of Service.

"Very rewarding," Stone said. "Especially with the upcoming holiday season, it really provides you with a sense of fulfillment, knowing that you are making a difference to those in need."

Stone has participated in the Day of Service for the past three years. This year, she helped make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Grace Centers of Hope.

She appreciates the the Day of Service coordinators for choosing local organizations because her volunteering is directly benefiting the community she lives in.

"I was just very excited to be able to help out those in need," Stone said. "Even in a time where there is a lot of anger and violence, all different students can come together to help out others."

Stone said her biggest motivator in volunteering is the sense of fulfillment and the way it puts life in perspective.

OU students can look forward to volunteering next year, as the Day of Service will continue to help the community.

## Day of Service nonprofit organizations

Children's Hospital of Michigan  
Fleece & Thank You  
Rainbow Connection  
Red Cross Hospitals in Michigan  
Clawson's Senior Center  
Beyond Basics  
Arts & Scraps  
Macomb Homeless Coalition  
Operation Gratitude  
Michigan Animal Rescue League  
Children's Hospital in Troy  
Ruth Ellis Center  
Grace Centers of Hope  
Easterseals  
Hispanic Heritage Month  
Sole Hope



# International students benefit from apartment community

Shelby Tankersley  
Campus Editor

Each academic year, students from across the globe come to America to study for a semester or earn their degrees. They assimilate into culture, learn the language and experience life as an American.

Oakland University hosts a handful of those students, who may live on or off campus. OU's goal with these students is to provide them with a good experience and some friends who come from a culture different from their own.

## How students get here

Petra Knoche, international adviser for OU's International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO), said the ISSO plays a big role in helping international students get here and supporting them once they arrive.

Knoche handles immigration documents and work visas to ensure that students can arrive without issue and that they have a place to live and work, if they

choose to. Her office also acts as an advising office.

She said that she and many of her coworkers have experienced studying abroad in one form or another, so they can easily empathize with students who have struggle when being immersed in a foreign culture.

Knoche grew up in the Czech Republic and decided to stay in the U.S. after studying abroad here.

The ISSO also runs a program called Creating American International Relationships (CAIR), which provides host families for students away from home during holiday breaks or who want to spend some time off-campus.

Knoche said they also have a student ally program, run their own events and partner with the Center for Student Activities for events like International Night.

## What it's like

Paul Zhao, a junior studying chemical engineering, completed high school and his first two years of college in China. He lives in

the International Village, which is located in the 7000 building of the on-campus Ann V. Nicholson apartments.

He said living there has been a big part of his experience here.

"This is my first semester away, and I'm not familiar with this place," Zhao said. "But it's been pretty good. I have good roommates."

In the International Village, students are given at least one roommate who is from America. Zhao's roommate is Darren Anderegg, a senior studying music education.

Both Zhao and Anderegg said they don't have trouble communicating, and never have; Google Translate helps them when they need it. They said their only hiccup has been their difference in diet, but it was something they both found funny.

"I opened the fridge one day, and there was a whole fish staring up at me," Anderegg laughed. "I mean, I eat fish, but I had never seen one fresh out of the sea like that."

Zhao said that it was nice hav-



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The International Village is located in the 7000 Ann V. Nicholson apartments.

ing someone from America to help him during the first few months.

Anderegg has helped Zhao with his English and with things like buying a car.

Anderegg said things like that are what made him choose the International Village.

"I wanted the opportunity to make friends that I could help," Anderegg said. "With my home church, my family and I do a lot

with international students, and it's always been a lot of fun to be their American family. I also get to learn a lot about their culture. I know, like, two Chinese words now."

Knoche said the ISSO encourages students to live in the village on campus because it gives students friends who can make the transition easier. Zhao said it's something he likes, and he's glad he chose it.

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## POLICE FILES

### Coworkers at odds

On Nov. 11, a person called the Oakland University Police Department and reported that a coworker threatened him in the Oakland Center. Two days prior, his coworker had threatened to "kick his ass" because he said he wasn't doing a good job at work.

The man called OUPD because he did not feel safe working in the OC. Officers interviewed the suspect, who denied ever threatening the victim. The suspect was told to go home and not return until human resources cleared up the matter. The victim ultimately did not press charges.

### Vandalization in P32

A woman called OUPD on Nov. 11 to report that her car had been vandalized. She had parked in Parking Lot 32. When she returned, she found black scratch marks on the front of her car and a note under the windshield wipers. Instead of providing contact information or insurance information, the suspect's note said, "Nice park job." Officers were unable to identify the suspect's license plate number in video footage from the parking structure. The woman was left with \$1,784 in repair damages.

### Domestic violence in West Vandenberg

OUPD received a noise complaint on Nov. 5. Someone in West Vandenberg Hall had heard a male shout, "Stop hitting me!" When officers arrived at the building, they heard shouting coming down one of the halls. In an interview with the victim, he told the officer that his girlfriend was upset that he was in a YouTube video with another girl.

The girlfriend had demanded that he take the video down and cease all contact with the other girl. The victim claimed she accidentally hit him when he tried to hug her. Officers noticed swelling and bruising on the victim's face. In an interview with the suspect, she admitted to slapping the victim several times. The suspect was taken into custody for booking.

Compiled by Robert Ogg  
Staff Reporter

## Thoughts on Trump's picks for cabinet

*Many looking on with concern at the president-elect's choices for his administration*

**Ethan Fogle**  
Intern Reporter

**O**n election night, the results weren't what most polls predicted. Donald Trump beat Hillary Clinton in key battleground states and even turned blue states red, according to the National Review.



Soon after came panic from the anti-Trump side. Irrational thoughts like comparisons to Hitler and predictions that the economy would collapse abounded, according to The Washington Post and The New York Times, respectively.

However, the fears were brought on by Trump's hateful rhetoric, much of which has been compiled by The New York Times: building a massive wall between Mexico and the U.S., special IDs for Muslim citizens and "locker room talk" about women.

Three weeks into being the President-elect, Trump has toned down his rhetoric, according to CBC News. As recently

as Nov. 22, Trump dropped his pursuit of putting Clinton in prison, revoked his idea of torturing terrorists and promised an open mind on climate change.

It seems that the pillars that Trump built his campaign on are starting to transform into more realistic ideals.

Trump's lack of experience and aid from political insiders probably helped him dial down on some of the campaign promises.

However, his inexperience and role as "political outsider" appealed to voters and helped him win the presidency, according to USA Today.

The lack in experience may have caused him to elect potentially damaging individuals to his cabinet. One of these people is Steve Bannon.

The top of Bannon's resume looks like it belongs to a guy who is qualified to be Trump's chief strategist and senior counselor. It includes veteran, investment banker and executive chairman of a news organization, according to Bloomberg.

The latter profession on his impressive resume could raise concerns.

Bannon is executive chairman of Breitbart News, a far-right conservative online news organization that both conserva-

tive and liberal news outlets have criticized, according to Fox News.

The site is considered by some to be the founder of the alt-right movement, and Bannon acknowledged that it has an alt-right tone.

"The alt-right has some racial and anti-Semitic overtones," Bannon told The Wall Street Journal.

While he said that he does not promote or believe in such ideas, he was Breitbart's executive chairman when the alt-right posted articles on Breitbart's site.

Another recent hire to Trump's cabinet that raises concerns is Betsy DeVos.

Hired to be the education secretary, DeVos graduated from Calvin College with a bachelor's degree in business administration and political science, according to Snopes.com.

DeVos grew up in Holland, Michigan, and went to Holland Christian High School, a private school.

DeVos, who is married to billionaire Richard DeVos, has donated a significant amount of money to the Republican Party.

Her creationist ideas and advocacy for private and charter schools are something that may be harmful to federal funding of public education. In fact, DeVos took state funding away from Michigan's public schools and awarded it to the state's ever-growing private and charter schools, according to The New York Times.

She also is an advocate for Common Core education, something that many Republicans and conservative news outlets, including Trump and Breitbart, have

criticized, according to Breitbart.

Trump's background in the political process was displayed when he hired someone that believes in an education system that he called a "disaster" during his political campaign.

Trump's flip-flopping on beliefs also appeared after the election when he hired a top climate change skeptic, Myron Ebell, to lead the Environmental Protection Agency transition team.

This came just days after Trump said he would have an "open mind" on climate change, according to The Verge.

Differing from what Trump said in early June of this year, when he tweeted, "the concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive," according to PolitiFact.

In 2007, Ebell spoke with Vanity Fair about climate change. "There has been a little bit of warming . . . but it's been very modest and well within the range for natural variability, and whether it's caused by human beings or not, it's nothing to worry about."

Despite admitting to the fact that the planet is warming, Ebell has a plan to dismantle President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan and revoke several rules currently enforced over the oil, gas and coal industries, according to The Washington Post.

As Obama's presidency comes to an end, the cabinet choices for Trump's presidency will continue and the choices may keep Democrats' and Republicans' heads shaking.

## Drew's Review: Top 10 remixes that are better than the originals

**Drew Hagge**  
WXOU Sports Director

1. "Bitch, Don't Kill My Vibe (Remix)" - Kendrick Lamar
2. "Hustlin' (Remix)" - Rick Ross
3. "Get By (Remix)" - Talib Kweli
4. "I'm a Coke Boy (Remix)" - Chinx
5. "Work (Remix)" - A\$AP Ferg
6. "Make It Rain (Remix)" - Fat Joe
7. "We Fly High (Remix)" - Jim Jones
8. "I Don't Like (G.O.O.D. Music Remix)" - Chief Keef
9. "I Got Five on It (Remix)" - The Luniz
10. "Throw Some D's (Lil Jon Remix)" - Rich Boy

Ever since I've started to closely follow music, remixes have been just as important to hip-hop as original works. Since so much of

rap music is sample-heavy, it's only right that rappers continue to sample and remix each other's work.

Rap music, unlike any other genre, is often compared to sports for that very reason.

If a certain rapper falls into an incredible instrumental, then you can be sure that other rappers will put a verse to that same beat in the name of competition.

Oftentimes, the remix can attract more attention than the original, but that's dependent on the rapper.

For example, if you went back in time to about 2007-08 and Lil Wayne decided to hop on your record, you could pick out a place on the wall to hang your platinum plaque.

Today, DJ Khaled has positioned himself as the remix king. Look to him for the next fire remix, as artists ranging from Nas to Meghan Trainor continue to flock to the king.

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# Addressing child sex trafficking, pornography

*As more victims are affected, it's important to continue to raise awareness on the growing problem*

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In the time it takes you to read this, at least one U.S. child has been trafficked. It is estimated that, every year, more than 100,000 children are sold into the nightmare of prostitution and forced pornography. This is a staggering number, greater than the populations of Auburn Hills, Oxford, Pontiac, Rochester Hills and Bloomfield Hills combined.



Joshua was one of these children. When he was only five years old, he and his 10-year-old sister Cindy (both names have been changed) were kidnapped from their home in America and brought to Mexico. They were used as toys in drug cartel "parties," being horribly abused by groups of men. It was a hopeless situation.

They were traumatized by the sexual violence and lonely — aching for love — after being separated from their family. Every day was filled with dread over the impending horrors that were sure to come when darkness

fell. Then, a miracle happened.

One night, during one of the parties, a wealthy American came to inspect and purchase child sex slaves. He picked several children to take back home to the U.S. As soon as he bought them, however, several more men burst into the room and rushed toward the children. At first, Joshua was petrified, thinking the men were there to use him.

But this wasn't an exchange, it was a sting! The American was an undercover U.S. agent working to free them, and the other men were his associates. When Joshua realized this, he ran to the American, grabbed him by the neck and wouldn't let go. The awful dream was ending, and morning had come for him and his sister.

Though Joshua's story is true, it is not the norm. Steve Wagner, former director of the Human Trafficking Program at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, estimates that a quarter of a million kids are used for the purpose of commercial sex exploitation each year. What is to be done about this? What can we do to help more Joshuas?

The first thing we can do, and I want to talk specifically to men here, is decrease the demand. Around 83 percent of young adult males look at pornography one-to-two times a month, and at least 64 percent view it at least once a week.

"But how does looking at porn enslave a teen girl?" you may ask. Porn helps the trafficking industry in two ways.

First, every year, over 100,000 girls are forced into prostitution and pornography in the U.S. In the era of chat-

rooms and webcams, the line between the two is increasingly blurred. The greater the demand for pornography, the higher the necessary supply.

Second, according to neuroscientist Dr. William Struthers, "continued use of pornography literally erodes the prefrontal region of the brain, responsible for our will-power."

Eventually, over time, your brain can literally be deformed by the excess levels of dopamine, greatly reducing your ability to make judicious decisions. Porn takes average people and, given enough time, can turn us into sex addicts.

If we are serious about shutting down the trafficking industry, the buck has got to stop here. Face it, if there was no demand, there would be no supply.

The second thing we all can do, girls and guys, is to support groups combatting this "peculiar institution," as Abraham Lincoln dubbed the slave trade. Fortunately, we don't have to look far. Oakland University is home to Freedom Fighters 6.12, an student organization that aims to combat this modern-day specter by raising awareness and equipping individuals.

Whether you are a guy like me who is struggling to overcome pornography, an average person just being introduced to this travesty or maybe a victim of this barbarous trade, we all have a part to play in this fight for freedom.

As William Wilberforce once said, "You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know." Let us fight, my friends.

## Political Focus: Immigrants' concerns with the Trump presidency

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Immigration reform was at the forefront of Donald Trump's presidential campaign. We heard many radical ideas come from Trump, and now we wait to see which of those will actually be implemented.

The immigration reform President-elect Trump discussed repeatedly throughout his campaign resonated with many Americans and terrified others. Undocumented immigrants, their loved ones and those passionate about immigration are now facing a mound of concerns as they prepare for the Donald Trump Presidency.



### What he promised

The idea of a "great, great wall" along the southern border was one of the Trump campaign's most high-profile promises. However, as he prepares to take office, he is faced with the reality of

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the economic and effectiveness of such an idea.

As explained in an extensive New York Times article, wall or no wall, smugglers and undocumented immigrants will find a way into the U.S.

Additionally, the economics of overcoming the environmental and engi-

neering problems of building a wall will be a tough sell to Congress. Speaking of economics, Trump will also face financial obstacles regarding his deportation plan.

According to once-Deputy Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Kumar Kibble, it costs about \$12,500 to deport one immigrant.

Trump has repeatedly called for the deportation of all 11 million illegal immigrants.

That's just the beginning of the \$166-billion price tag of Trump's campaign promises outlined and explained in Politico. With so many experts advising against this plan, it's unlikely that it will be implemented in its entirety.

### What he'll actually be able to implement

In terms of deportation, President Barack Obama has enacted policies that prioritize criminal illegal immigrants in deportation efforts. We will likely see Trump follow this mindset; however, he has said he will do so "with a lot more energy."

Even with the intense difficulties

Trump will face as he attempts to fulfill his campaign promises, illegal immigrants are breathing no sigh of relief.

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### Will other immigrants be affected?

Trump's campaign focused primarily on the southern border. However, as attacks by ISIS and ISIS supporters on U.S. and European countries appeared more frequently in the headlines, we saw him take a more radical position on Muslim immigration, as well.

Trump has called for an immediate ban on all immigrants coming from countries linked with terrorism, namely Syria, where the civil war has set off a worldwide refugee crisis.

One he is inaugurated, this will be well within his power, so we can expect to see this become reality.

# Letter to the Editor: Regarding Alex Stevens' article

*Minority communities have the right to be afraid, having help available on campus is not 'sheltering'*

Dear Mr. Stevens, I will be quite frank in saying that I do not believe that you fully understand or respect the fear that has gripped this nation post-election.

The fact that you seem angered that Oakland University is offering counseling to those who are facing extreme apprehension and perhaps downright suicidal thoughts as a result of Donald J. Trump's unexpected Electoral College victory unnerves me.

The people who are afraid and who need this support offered by the university are not simply sheltered from the ideals of the politically conservative, but are afraid of them.

The Mexican, Hispanic and Latino communities, both naturalized and not, are scared because America elected a man who began his campaign with the

words "Mexico is sending us their rapists."

The LGBTQIA+ community is scared because Trump selected a vice president-elect who believes that gay people can be "cured" through electrical shocks.

The Muslim community is scared because of Trump's proposed "Muslim Registry" that was "inspired" by the internment of Japanese-American citizens during the second World War.

Many women are terrified because a man who said he can grab a woman by the genitals and get away with it — and another man who believes that women should only stay at home and take care of children — were elected to the office of president and vice president, respectively.

And the disabled community, of which I am a member, is terrified be-

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cause Trump stood on a stage in front of thousands and openly mocked a disabled reporter with not a single hint of regret in his voice.

You stand here now, saying that all of these people with legitimate concerns about the election of a man who has repeatedly used racist, misogynistic and prejudice-tinted rhetoric should not require counseling and affirmation that they do exist and they do matter.

Why? Why do you think it is right to say such a thing? The response of the university is not sheltering. This is affirmation that every man, woman and non-binary individual who attends OU exists and matters.

In your quest to write about how left-leaning individuals need to explore the reasonings as to why Trump won the election, I believe that you have neglected to follow your own advice, and instead took to the typewriter to (ironically) spread your opinion in a newspaper funded by a university that is apparently sheltering its students.

Think for a second as to why so many are requesting counseling following this event, and then decide whether or not it's a shame that OU is listening to its students.

Thank you for your time,

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Sophomore, Creative Writing Major

# Letter to the Editor: An open letter to Alex Stevens

*President Hynd's message was important, shows OU will continue tolerance, openness*

This is an open letter to Alex Stevens regarding his opinion on President Hynd's message about the election:

As an instructor and alumni of Oakland University, I was not only appreciative but proud of President Hynd's letter to the OU community. It showed his concern about what makes OU such an exceptional place: its diverse student body and community.

What you might not understand is that many people, particularly minorities, have taken issue with Trump because of the voters who either supported his campaign of intolerance or were able to overlook it.

It is unfair to say that all Trump supporters are racist, similar to how it is unfair for you to say that students are weak and need to be sheltered or that colleges, OU in particular, coddle their students.

The purpose of attending a university is to receive an education, and people have the right to receive that education

without having to fear if they are going to be attacked physically or verbally. This should hold true for students on either side of the party line.

I think that is what President Hynd stated in his letter: OU is a place for everyone. He had to clarify that it is a safe place for students because it is now clear that many Americans tolerate, look past or actively agree with bigotry.

People are "unsettled or uncertain," which is a totally normal reaction to having a leader who openly stands against who they are as a person. Let's think back to the groups that Trump spoke of negatively in his campaign: women, the mentally handicapped, Mexicans, Muslims, liberals, African-Americans, LGBTQIA+ individuals, immigrants and plus-sized people, and I'm sure the list could grow from there.

If you look around campus, you can see any number of people who fit into one or

more of these categories. How are they supposed to feel welcome in our own country when Trump's ideology is made acceptable?

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President Hynd's letter was written to reassure these people that there is a place for them, and help is available if they feel threatened. This is more than just an issue of "PC" or "leftist groupthink." It is a matter of practicing human decency, being kind and help-

ing others feel safe and secure.

Your idea that we as a school try to shelter students from people we disagree with is simply untrue. Many courses are centered around discussions of opposing viewpoints, both inside and outside the classroom. So many of my colleagues not only encourage discussions about differing opinions, but teach students to dissect their opinions, analyze the messages behind the media that they engage in and consider why they themselves and others think the way they do.

I have students who identify as liberal as well as conservative, and I make sure that neither side feels silenced. It is not my job, nor the job of my colleagues, to silence anyone, but rather our job is to make them think and provide them with tools to effectively communicate.

However, if someone is being hateful or inappropriate, I will shut it down because a person's right to feel safe and secure trumps freedom of speech. I do try to "shelter" my students from negativity such as personal attacks, bigotry,

discrimination and sexism because that infringes on their rights.

Importantly, President Hynd's letter did not specifically point out women, minorities, liberals or any other group Trump targeted during his campaign. Its purpose was to neutrally protect and defend anyone who feels unsafe, not to stifle conversations.

Learning, which is the purpose of a university, is hinged upon conversation. To assert that OU is preventing conversations and peaceful and intellectual debates is an insult to this university and its professors, staff and students. Frankly, it is a very naive claim to make.

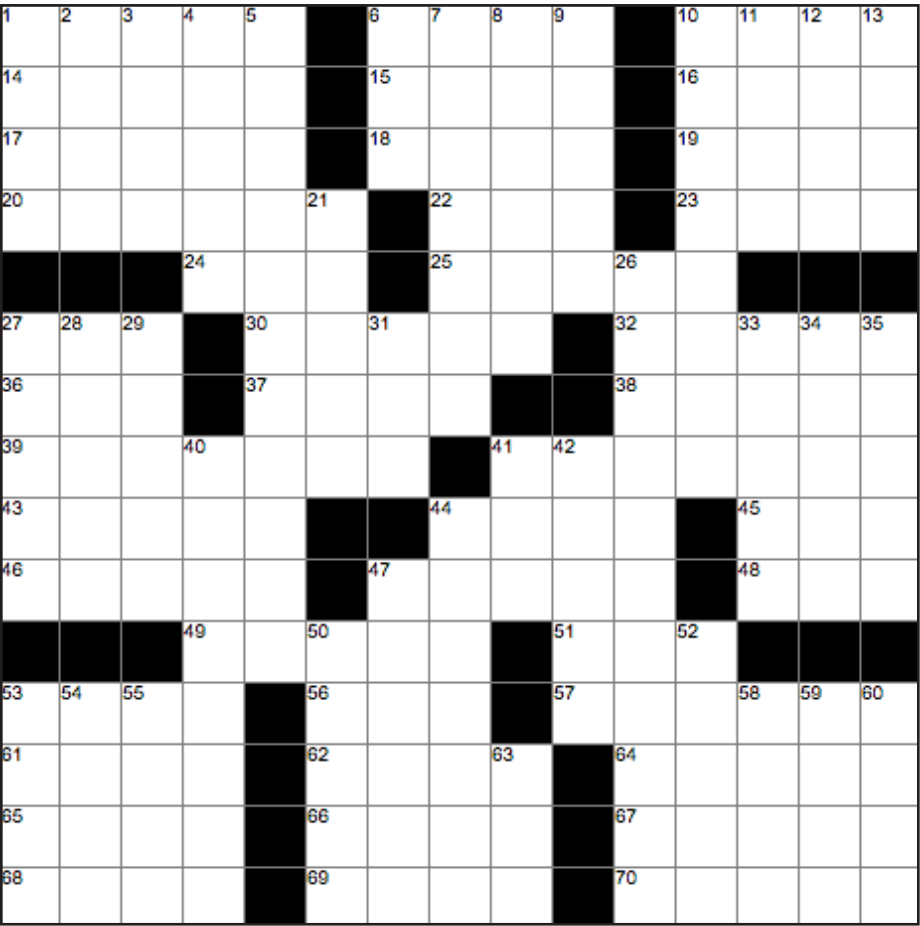
OU's tolerance and openness to different opinions is exactly what allows a student to write such a one-sided and closed-minded article and have it published.

Sincerely,

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Special Lecturer  
Department of Writing and Rhetoric



# Puzzles



## Across

- 1: Canned ham glaze  
6: Provides weapons to  
10: Carp cousin  
14: Prefix with virus  
15: Down-to-earth  
16: Sparkle  
17: Kind of pole  
18: Numbers game  
19: Line  
20: Bee complexes  
22: Touch of winter  
23: Crimson  
24: Go over  
25: Sample, as the soup  
27: Call's counterpart  
30: Prominent features of Bob Hope and Jimmy Durante  
32: Paycheck booster  
36: Can opener?  
37: Glide high  
38: Skye and Man  
39: The baby's room  
41: Proof of purchase  
43: Color of the jacket worn by the Masters winner  
44: Tree trunk  
45: Had a bite  
46: Blueprints, briefly  
47: Kind of union

- 48: Vehicle at a drive-in movie  
49: Put a counter to zero  
51: What golfers try to break  
53: Shrek, e.g.  
56: Feline, to Tweety  
57: Practice pieces  
61: Got grounded?  
62: Reason and Enlightenment  
64: La Scala offering  
65: Have the final say  
66: Ancient character  
67: June birthstone  
68: Watermelon beginning  
69: SAT part  
70: Vague perception

## Down

- 1: They may be liberal  
2: Point out  
3: Sandwich bread  
4: Slow to act  
5: Good judgment  
6: First zoo?  
7: Type in again  
8: Fads  
9: Feeds the hogs  
10: Shrink  
11: Burn soother  
12: Greeting bearer

- 13: Budgets make them meet  
21: Animal track  
26: Three-horned dinosaur  
27: Sharp aches  
28: Commit a coup d'état  
29: '... and baby makes \_\_\_\_'  
31: Verbalize  
33: Of the hipbone  
34: Dividing membranes  
35: Any acetate, chemically  
40: Placed out of sight  
41: Hold up  
42: Choose the window instead of the aisle?  
44: Wooden reinforcing strips  
47: Bowling tournament group  
50: Get going  
52: Coin of Nepal or Pakistan  
53: Galley propellers  
54: Sandpaper component  
55: Get all stirred up  
58: University bigwig  
59: Slips  
60: Cause of a Macy's riot?  
63: Go down

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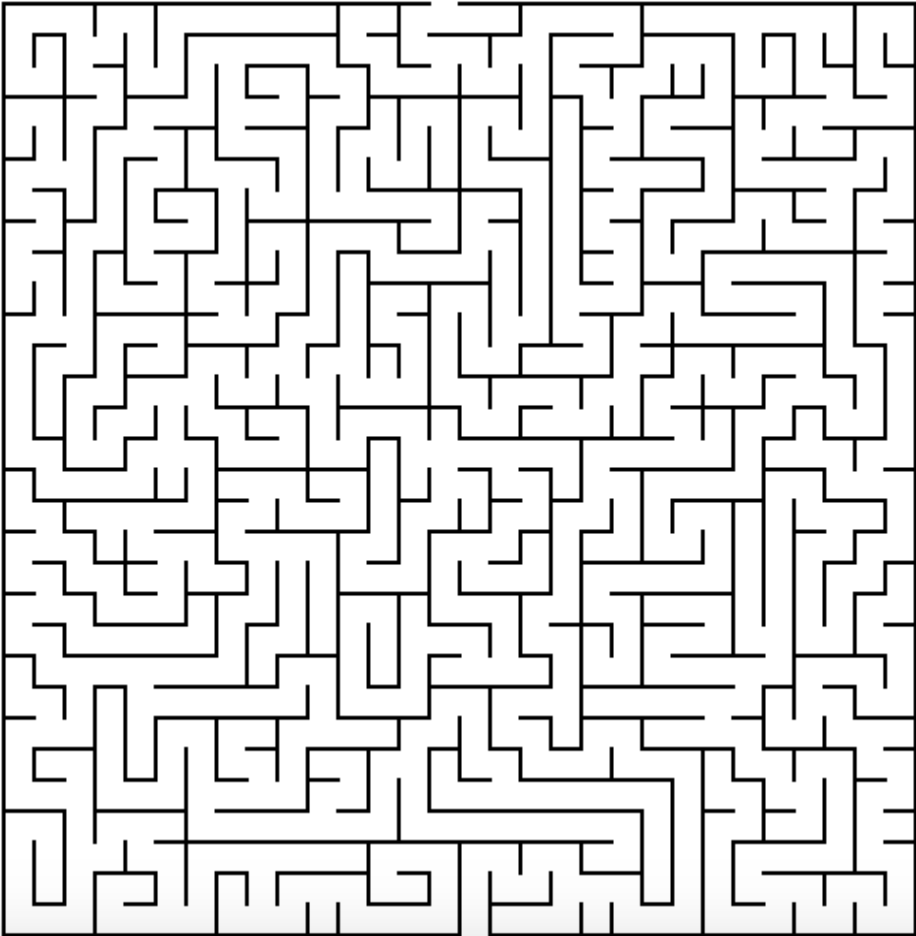
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## How to cram for exams while on a date

Simon Albaugh  
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With finals coming just as quickly as the damn Christmas music, there's only so much time that can be used for studying.

So, the general consensus right now is that studying will be the most important thing. But unfortunately, that's not how it's going to end for some of you.

For those who actually have hope for the holidays (unlike me), there will be some sort of romantic interruption. Maybe your girlfriend texts to ask if you'll get coffee with her, or that guy in your 300-level class asks you to dinner.

Do you politely tell them that you'll be free after your last final and hope they understand? What if some guy who spends all his time picking up girls talks to the girl you were going to ask out? He's already on academic probation. He doesn't care about finals.

That girl who acts suspiciously like Regina George from "Mean Girls" and has no problem talking to guys isn't thinking about finals either. So, how do you get the date AND the grades?

You're gonna have to sneak homework into the date somehow. The trick is you can't let the other person know that you're doing homework because that would make them feel bad. And while you're getting the study time,

you also need to make sure that the person likes you.

So, here are 10 ways to sneak in homework on your date during finals week that are guaranteed to not alarm the other person:

1. Take frequent bathroom breaks with your textbook.
2. Nail a textbook to the wall behind your date. Change the subject every time he/she asks why you're using binoculars.
3. Bribe the adorable older couple behind your date and have them lift up flashcards, then cough the answers to the flashcards. (You're an expert if you can do this for anatomy classes.)
4. Netflix and chill? Watch the movie adaptation of the book you neglected to read.
5. Discussion questions = conversation pieces.
6. Hide a calculator in your pocket and just say that you have to text your mom because she's freaking out about finding pot in your little brother's bedroom. You need to keep talking to her to calm her down.
7. Ask the waiter before the date if they could ask for math help during the date. You can't say no to the person who handles your food.
8. Tell your date that you have to respond to your mother with an essay-length text. Then write your essay.
9. Put formulas you were supposed to memorize on a

napkin and leave it on your lap.

10. And finally, if you don't have a date, ask the smartest person in your class on a date and stealthily turn dinner into a study session, killing their nerdy dreams of romance.

*Disclaimer: All advice in this article is given by someone who hasn't been on a real date in over a year and a half. The opinions in this article are solely based on his very uneducated assumption of what dating in college is actually like.*



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Trying to study while enjoying a dinner date can be tough, but bringing a book along can mean sneaky studying.

## Hofacker's Thanksgiving ft. family dysfunction

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Many of us wake up on Thanksgiving to watch the parade, spend lunch watching Charlie Brown specials, Disney movies or football, and conclude the night having dinner with the people important to us.

The Thanksgiving feasts we have with our loved ones are reminiscent of the original Thanksgiving when the pilgrims had dinner with Wampanoag Indians. It's a yearly reminder to not take the things and people in our lives for granted. Unfortunately, that message has been lost to some over the years.

"My family and I got into a huge fight on 'Thanksgiving,'" said Doug Hofacker, a history major. "I forgot to bring a dish, and my father was disappointed in me for that, but that wasn't the catalyst which drove him to kick me out of the house that night."

Hofacker explained that he was watching "Frozen" on ABC. His favorite song from the movie, "In Summer," was moments away from starting. Hofacker said he ran to grab a Thanksgiving hors d'oeuvre during a commercial break, and

when he got back to the television, his father and brother had turned the station to a Redskins game.

"I was mortified," Hofacker said. "I tried to explain to them that the Redskins' team name was racist, but they didn't seem at all bothered by that blatant prejudice. 'Get out of the way of the TV,' my brother said. At that point, I just snapped. I wrestled him to the ground for the remote and screamed that my song was about to start."

Hofacker said the remote slipped out of his hand, shattered into pieces, and the TV was stuck on C-SPAN for the rest of the night.

"I was sad that I didn't get to hear my song," Hofacker said. "And my father was shouting expletives, trying to get the TV to change channels. It's honestly their fault for not wanting to watch what I wanted to watch."

After the fight, Hofacker said his mother called them into the dining room for dinner.

"My brother and dad were sort of mad, but we said grace and started to eat," Hofacker said. "My younger brother asked, 'Do Jewish people celebrate Thanksgiving?' and I thought that was the most



Illustration by Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

You're not you when you're hungry. Eat a little turkey. It'll make you more thankful.

idiotic thing I had ever heard in my life."

Hofacker said his mother tried to change the subject and had the guests say what they were thankful for.

"When it was my turn, I looked at my dad dead in the eyes and said, 'I'm thankful for nothing,'" Hofacker said.

Hofacker said his father got extremely angry after that. He said Hofacker was ungrateful for the roof over his head, the food on the table and the college tuition

his parents pay.

"He told me I better go find a new remote on Black Friday," Hofacker said. "And when I refused and said I was going to get the new Pokémon game instead, he told me to get out."

Hofacker said fighting is just part of being in a family, and sometimes we say things that we don't mean. He said he acted a bit ungrateful and will treat his family with more kindness on Christmas.





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Oakland defeated Goshen College at home Nov. 18. After another win against Chicago State Nov. 19, Oakland was 4-0.

## Men's basketball completes four-game winning streak

**AuJenee Hirsch  
& Christian Miller**  
Staff Reporters

The Golden Grizzlies defeated Goshen College and Chicago State University on Nov. 18 and 19, respectively, putting the team at 4-0.

### Golden Grizzlies crunch Maple Leafs 102-59

From the beginning of the game, Oakland had the upper hand against the Goshen Maple Leafs, winning 102-59. Guard Jalen Hayes opened the game with a dunk that was assisted by Stevie Clark.

"It was real easy the first two possessions," Oakland head coach Greg Kampe said in the postgame press conference. "I think [Goshen's] team was a little shell shocked by our size and athleticism. We got a bunch of easy ones."

After making six shots in the paint, Oakland started shooting 3-pointers against the Maple Leafs.

Guards Martez Walker and Sherron Dorsey-Walker each made threes, bringing the score to 18-7 Oakland with 15:59 left in the half.

At halftime, the score was 56-30 Oakland, and the Golden Grizzlies had a strong second

half.

With 56.8 left in the game, guard Jaevin Cumberland made a three from the left side, bringing the score to 100-59 Black and Gold.

Walker led the team with 21 points. He went 8-12 from the field and 3-7 from the three.

Dorsey-Walker scored a career-high of 20 points. He went 6-12 from the field and 4-9 from the 3-point line with six total rebounds.

Clark tallied a career-high of 10 assists. Now that Clark has joined the starting line-up as point guard, Dorsey-Walker has been moved to the wing.

Freshman Isaiah Brock scored a total of 12 points, making it his first game with a double-digit score. He continues to improve with every game.

### Golden Grizzlies maul Cougars 107-79

Oakland cemented its 4-0 record with a 107-79 win against Chicago State University.

Oakland was first to score, but CSU responded quickly. Although Oakland led 6-5 at 18:09, the Cougars eventually secured a 7-6 lead at 17:37 with a 2-pointer.

Ultimately, the first half belonged to the Golden Grizzlies, who led CSU 48-34.

Oakland's precedence continued throughout the second half.

Cycling all members of the team, Kampe ensured a steady stream of pressure on CSU. This tactic proved beneficial, as Oakland commanded a significant lead the entirety of the half, concluding the game 107-79.

Walker led the Golden Grizzlies with 24 points, while Xavier Hill-Mais contributed 16. Clark recorded six rebounds, 10 points and 11 assists. Hayes led the Golden Grizzlies in rebounds, managing 11 during the game and securing nine points for Oakland.

Freshman Chris Palombizio had four rebounds and added 10 points for Oakland, while Brock locked down eight rebounds and eight points.

Overall, Oakland averaged a shooting percentage of 49.3 on the field and an average of 84.4 percent on the line. The Golden Grizzlies also commanded the ball, acquiring a total of 52 rebounds to CSU's 32.

Kampe noted Oakland's extensive teamwork.

"We're close to 70 percent of our baskets being assisted baskets," Kampe said. "This team is playing as unselfishly as any team I have ever coached. They understand moving the basketball and getting it to the right spots. We're 4-0, and we've never been 4-0 before in a Division I era."

## Volleyball drops the ball in semifinals

**Christian Miller**  
Staff Reporter

Oakland volleyball fell to Cleveland State University (CSU) in the Horizon League Semifinals on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Woodling Gymnasium. After coming back from two sets down, the Golden Grizzlies could not clench the fifth set needed to win.

Melissa Deatsch recorded 15 kills, accompanied by 15 digs, two blocks and one service ace, giving her a hitting percentage of .317. Deatsch's offensive efforts were complemented by 13 kills from Darien Bandel and 11 from Jessica Dood.

Defensively, Sammy Condon recorded a team-high five blocks, while Ali Gutschow led Oakland with 16 digs.

The first set of the match saw CSU come out strong, scoring four points in a row and forcing a timeout from Oakland. Returning, Dood put Oakland on the scoreboard 4-1 with a kill. From there, the teams traded one kill each, marking the game 5-2. Oakland continued to close the gap with an additional point attributed to a CSU service error, rounding the score off at 6-3.

Oakland continued to come from behind, managing to tighten the game to 16-13, but CSU maintained the advantage.

One service error and three attack errors on Oakland's behalf gave CSU four consecutive points, marking the game 20-13. A kill from Condon interrupted the streak, but CSU initiated another successful streak of bombardments, taking the set 25-16.

The Golden Grizzlies continued to face difficulties in the second set.

Although Oakland seemed to be holding CSU, tying the game at both 5-5 and 6-6, the Vikings continued to chip away at the Golden Grizzlies.

The definitive moment of the set came when CSU regained the ball, raising the score to 11-8. CSU unleashed a slew of kills, scoring six consecutive points and marking the set 17-8. Oakland, unable to surpass the deficit, relinquished the set to the Vikings, 25-14.

The Golden Grizzlies rallied in both the third and fourth sets of the match.

The third was narrowly taken by Oakland, 25-22. Oakland managed five consecutive points from the beginning and fortified the lead over CSU for the remainder of the set.

The Golden Grizzlies' success transferred to the fourth set, which they took 25-16. It seemed as if the Golden Grizzlies had found their niche on the court, accumulating multiple strings of consecutive points and sustaining a strong lead over CSU.

Oakland battled through the entirety of the fifth set, but it was ultimately taken by CSU, 15-11. The Golden Grizzlies had managed to tie the game 11-11, but a breakout from CSU finalized the match.

Oakland head coach Rob Beam offered his thoughts on the game and the season.

"This is a really special performance by our team," Beam said in a GrizzVision interview. "It takes tremendous courage, conviction, belief, energy and passion to be able to come back two sets down. I couldn't be more proud of them."

Beam also recognized the leadership exhibited by the team's senior members.

"It was a really special night, and unfortunately, five unbelievable women had their careers come to an end," Beam said. "We're all proud of [Reveley], [Grier], [Deatsch], [Dood] and [Gutschow]. They were unbelievable leaders for us, and I couldn't be more proud of them."

# Keeping up with Team 50's Alaskan adventure

*Fans find ways to experience the shootout despite distance and time zone difference*

**Nowshin Chowdhury**  
Photo Editor

Twitter came to life early on Thanksgiving Day as Oakland men's basketball fans watched the team take on Nevada in the Great Alaska Shootout.

The game was scheduled to start at 1:30 a.m. ET, but was delayed and began at approximately 2 a.m.

The Golden Grizzlies must have been tired, but they did not show it in the first half, and neither did their fans. While the rest of the nation went to sleep, they were wide awake with dedication.

2005 Oakland University School of Business Administration alum and longtime Golden Grizzlies fan John Hendley went to bed around 11 p.m. Wednesday night and set an alarm to

catch the tipoff on time.

"I woke up at 1:15 a.m., got a hot cup of tea and [started] anticipating a 1:30 a.m. tipoff, but obviously the game was delayed due to the previous game running longer," Hendley said. "Unfortunately, because the game ended so late and because of the outcome, getting back to sleep was more difficult than it should have been. Luckily, it was Thanksgiving Day and I could sleep in."

The fans tweeted through every play and rejoiced with every point scored, but the outcome was not in their favor.

The Golden Grizzlies lost to Nevada 82-78, despite having a 16-point lead at the half.

"I think it was great that so many Oakland fans were up and watching the game even though it tipped off at nearly 2 a.m.," Hendley said. "Twitter definitely

keeps the fans connected, and it is interesting to see what others have to say. It makes watching the telecast interesting. I think the level of support that Oakland basketball receives is outstanding. It's an exciting time to be a fan of #Team50."

Hendley has watched the Great Alaska Shootout tournament in the past, but he watched it this year because Oakland was playing and it was nationally televised.

"I watch every single [Oakland men's basketball] game, either in person or through television and streaming media sources," Hendley said. "I've been very happy with the move to the Horizon League, which resulted, at the time, in [the] majority of the league games being available through the Horizon League app."

"I still have needed to purchase a stream occasionally during the nonconference road schedule. In recent years, it's become even easier due to the games being available on ESPN3 and quite a

few being played on other ESPN outlets. This is quite the change from our Summit League time, in which I remember paying to watch us play on a stream or listening to the game on the opponent's broadcast when on the road."

Neal Ruhl, the Golden Grizzlies' director of broadcasting and social media, had the opportunity to travel to Alaska with the team.

"I'm surprised the fans were up listening at 2 in the morning, but at the same time, I'm not surprised," Ruhl said. "The Oakland fans are always there, no matter what. I feel their energy when I broadcast the games."

Ruhl broadcast the game through WDFN-AM 1130 The Fan radio station.

"I told Coach Kampe after the game that there were a lot of fans that stayed up to watch or listen to the game," Ruhl said. "He smiled and said that was great."

After the loss, which was its first of the season, Oakland went

on to play and win against Alaska Anchorage on Friday and UC Davis Saturday evening to earn fourth place in the tournament.

Ruhl read off listeners' names on the show as people texted and Tweeted to let him know they were tuned in.

"I get a lot of messages from Golden Grizzlies fans that even when the games are on TV, they will mute the TV and sync up on my radio call," Ruhl said. "That really means a lot to me to hear that. I think a ton of credit has to be given to our AD [Athletics Director] Jeff Konya and also [Senior Assistant AD for Public Relations] Scott MacDonald."

"Jeff really understands the importance of broadcasting, and Scott has had this broadcasting vision for a long time and has taken the steps to create a level of visibility for Oakland basketball for the fans that is second-to-none. I love my job as the director of broadcasting here at Oakland, and I truly do love our fans and am very thankful for them."

## Men's basketball takes fourth in Great Alaska Shootout

**Drew Hagge**  
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Oakland men's basketball spent its Thanksgiving break in Anchorage, Alaska, to compete in the final games of the Great Alaska Tournament.

After leading Nevada by 16 points at halftime on Nov. 23, the Wolf Pack clawed back to defeat the Golden Grizzlies 82-78.

Sherron Dorsey-Walker led the way for the Golden Grizzlies, reaching 23 points and nine assists, which was good enough for career highs in both. Isaiah Brock also got his first double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds in his first start for Oakland.

The Golden Grizzlies bounced back against Division II foe, Alaska Anchorage, 71-65 in what was considered a trap game on Nov. 25.

Martez Walker led all scor-

ers with 25 points and notched three rebounds against the Seawolves. Dorsey-Walker only put up five points and six rebounds, but knocked down two clutch free throws to seal the victory for Oakland in the last two minutes.

Due to the loss against Nevada, Oakland went up against UC Davis in the fourth-place game of the shootout. Oakland won 79-66.

Starting point guard Stevie Clark led the charge for Oakland with 19 points, five assists, and three rebounds. Brock continued to dominate as part of the starting lineup, reaching a near double-double with 10 points and nine rebounds.

The Golden Grizzlies will look to improve on their already impressive 6-1 record against Oral Roberts on Thursday, Dec. 1. The game will be held at 7 p.m. ET on the Blacktop at the O'rena.

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# Women's team conquers Concordia



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Sophomore guard Taylor Jones and junior guard Cierra Bond led Oakland against Concordia Cardinals with 19 points each.

## *Golden Grizzlies dominate over visiting Cardinals through strong offensive plays the whole game*

**Christian Miller**  
Staff Reporter

**C**ierra Bond scored a career and game high of 19 points as Oakland (3-2) swept Concordia University (7-0) 99-32 at the O'rena Sunday afternoon. Taylor Jones tallied an additional 19 points for Oakland, while Leah Somerfield contributed 10.

The Golden Grizzlies constricted Concordia the entire game, holding the visitors to just 10 points in the second half. In total, Oakland forced 56 rebounds, 33 turnovers and 19 steals.

Somerfield was first to put Oakland on the board with a 3-pointer from the atop the key.

Additional free throws and field goals propelled Oakland ahead to 13-0 with 4:59 left in the first quarter. Michelle Murnen answered for Concordia with a jumper for two points.

The Golden Grizzlies continued to lead, concluding the first quarter 25-8. Oakland's dominance roared into the second quarter.

Although Concordia sank a free throw

and layup in the first minute of the second quarter, Oakland recovered and put points on the board. The final basket of the Golden Grizzlies' scoring drive was a layup from Taylor Jones that marked the game 33-11. Concordia scored 11 additional points, while Oakland overshadowed with 23.

Much of Oakland's success can be attributed to the team's defensive skill. In the second quarter alone, Oakland had 17 fast breaks to Concordia's zero. By halftime, the Golden Grizzlies increased the point deficit to 56-22.

Oakland continued to dominate in the third. The Golden Grizzlies made another scoring streak, this time generating 18 points, making the score 74-22. Concordia's points came in the fourth minute with a layup. By the quarter's end, Oakland scored an additional five points.

Now leading 79-24, Oakland prepared for the final quarter.

After three minutes of trading possession and alternating shots, Nicole Dodd netted a 3-pointer for Oakland. Seconds later, a foul on Oakland presented Con-

cordia with an opportunity. Cardinal Mia Long sank a free throw, making the score 82-25.

Oakland managed six points before two free throws for Concordia made the score 88-27. A layup and free throw from Bond accompanied by a 3-pointer from Rotzoll put Oakland up 94-27. In the final moments, Rotzoll sunk her second 3-pointer.

Oakland scored five more points for a total score of 99-32.

Despite success, head coach Jeff Tungate wants improvement.

"We didn't have the ball pressure we wanted to start the game," Tungate said. "The first half we didn't play hard, getting the 50-50 ball or rebounding the way we are capable of. I thought the first half, our defense wasn't up to the caliber it has been in other games this year."

Tungate commended Oakland's efforts in the second half.

"I thought the third quarter, we defended the way we were capable of," Tungate said. "If this team wants to compete for championships, [defending] is something you have to do for 40 minutes and all game long. Hopefully we learned a valuable lesson on what we need to do defensively, and that will carry over."

## THE SPORTS BLITZ

### Women's basketball (4-2)

#### **Vs. Fort Wayne**

The Golden Grizzlies split a pair of games on their two-game road trip, beating Fort Wayne by 21 points on Saturday, Nov. 19 and falling to Central Michigan on Tuesday, Nov. 22 by a score of 70-67 in double overtime.

Oakland received huge contributions from both Hannah Little and Taylor Jones. Little recorded her first double-double with 22 points and 14 rebounds, while Jones added 20 points by shooting 7-14 with three rebounds and three assists.

#### **Vs. Central Michigan**

Taylor Jones led the way for the Golden Grizzlies with 23 points in an offensive struggle against the Chippewas. Leah Somerfield also notched her first double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

#### **Vs. Chicago State**

The Golden Grizzlies home court dominance traveled to Chicago State on Tuesday, Nov. 29 in a big win against the Cougars 80-60.

Sha'Keya Graves led all scorers with 21 points and managed to reach five rebounds and five assists. Taylor Gleason added 19 points and five rebounds of her own to seal Oakland's fourth win of the season.

Oakland will put their winning streak to the test against the Michigan State Spartans on Friday, Dec. 2 at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

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