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What better time for breakfast than 12 a.m.? Oakland University residents gathered in Vandenberg Hall last Wednesday for the annual "midnight breakfast." **Read more at www.oaklandpostonline.com.**



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

ART PEACE // Professional touring graffiti artists from U R New York, a part of Artists for Israel, brought peace and paint to the grass outside the Oakland Center on the afternoon of Tues., April 14. Co-hosted by Students for Israel and the Jewish Student Organization, the artists created a large mural (pictured) as well as free custom-design T-shirts for students.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What are your plans now that the school year's ending?

- A** Signing up for summer classes. Back to the ol' grind.
- B** Sleep, binge-watch Netflix, repeat.
- C** Making the most of my summer. YOLO.
- D** Are you kidding? I still have to make it through finals.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

Do you have take finals this semester?

- A** Unfortunately - exams in all my classes.
43.2%
- B** No tests, but projects galore.
32.4%
- C** Still trying to persuade my prof on a take-home.
8.1%
- D** No! I have been blessed by the academic deities.
16.2%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

April 12, 1995

The head chef at Vandenberg Dining Hall filed a formal complaint with OU's Director of Equal Opportunity for what he called racist, sexist and union-bashing practices by then-food-provider Marriott corporation.

April 13, 1994

OUSC presented the possibility of changing the "62 Credit Rule". This rule stated that once a student had 62 credits at Oakland University, they could no longer apply any community college credits to their Oakland degree, no matter how many community credits they had.

April 14, 1993

Funds were approved for a new science building to be added near Hannah and Dodge Hall, and groundbreaking was planned to happen with a year of the funds being allotted.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, staff reporter



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CLASS CLOWNS

A student-written and choreographed production, 'Up-Clown' Funk teaches theatre students in the Company Class that clowning is serious business.



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OAKLAND'S GOT GAME

Did you know that OU's had two ties to the Wheel of Fortune game show in the last 30 years? What are the odds? Read more about these Grizzlies' spins on the Wheel.



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A SEASON SIDELINED

Coming off a strong fall in the Horizon League, the men's soccer team ended its spring season early this weekend with a 3-1 loss to Western Michigan on Saturday.

THIS YEAR IN NUMBERS

78%

of enrolled freshmen in 2013 returned to Oakland University in 2014

900

students, approximately, are currently enrolled in the Honors College

100,000

total alumni graduated from OU as of this year

20

students, approximately, reported symptoms of a norovirus-like illness to the Graham Health Center this March

56%

of all baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball games were won by OU this past season

Editorial

Letter from the editor: Turning the page from 708



Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Dear reader,

It's funny how much more things seem to matter when we know they're ending: the last drops of a stellar pot of coffee, the fading notes of your favorite song, a farewell to a friend, the last few days of the semester where you're convinced you can boost your grade if only you try hard enough – okay, maybe that's just me.

It's as if we fear the imminence of finality, try to suck every last drop from life in the knick of time. But in the end, everything ends.

The thing about working for the Post, though, is that everything seemed to matter. The gravity of time fell on every day, and every moment that we were able to bring you the campus news or updates felt equally as important, exciting, gratifying.

From Hillary to hoop houses, the clock tower to the ceiling collapse in Oak View, we took reporting your news seriously and to heart this past year, aiming for the best and always

striving to improve, regardless of any sleep deprivation or weird stomach pains from excessive vending machine food from across the hall at 2 a.m.

Maybe that's when you know you've found your passion, or maybe that's when you know you've spent too much time in the basement of the Oakland Center.

Either way, I'd like to say thank you for the privilege of being editor-in-chief of the Oakland Post for the past year. It has been an honor to lead the talented staff who brought you coverage on everything from the summer's private-turned-public presidential search to the Iggy concert, the brass band's trip to London to the Horizon League and NCAA success of our men's soccer, women's volleyball, swim and basketball teams. Thank you for reading and supporting our coverage and sending us letters when you did not.

We were here to give you the latest on the norovirus-like illness that crept across campus, Jerry Greenfield and Ash Beckham's speaking engagements, the student congress elections and more, and even picked up some awards along the way.

We were here to help remember those who passed: Jeremy, Bassam,

Chandler, Frank, Cody. Rest in peace.

You are currently holding the 32nd and final issue of the school year, the last 24 pages in the 708 produced this year – an admitted mixture of our 45-member staff's journalistic blood, sweat, tears, and more sweat.

It is with the next issue that the Post turns to a new page, flipped by time and maintained by the highly capable hands of next year's Editor-in-Chief Kaylee Kean and Managing Editor Kayla Varicalli.

Hopefully sunglasses will be in next year's Post giveaway budget, because the future of the paper is just that bright. The two have plans to give the Oakland Post an even larger online presence, to help grow and produce the level of meaningful content and continue to foster an environment for student journalists, photographers and copy editors to grow.

T.S. Eliot once said "What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make and end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

All things must end, but the new era of the Post is just beginning.

Savor every minute of it.

Thank you,
Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief



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Onward and upward

Graduating Post seniors impart their final words before turning the tassle this May

1. Josh Soltman, chief copy editor: "In my half-a-decade here I have learned that no matter how many thousands of dollars I pay to do something, I am still too lazy to actually do it."

2. Torri Mathes, videographer: "Have fun! You have such an amazing opportunity to do something great. Go to every student meeting, every game and every event. Don't waste a minute of it."

3. Danya Youssef, distributor: "Advice: There's probably free food somewhere."

4. Ali DeRees, campus and administration editor: "My favorite memory of Oakland University is having the opportunity to work at The Post. I was able to grow as a journalist and build friendships I'll have for the rest of my life."

5. LeeAnn Brown, life and entertainment editor: "As a commuter student in my sixth year as a college attendee (and now, at my third university), it took me a while to find my place at Oakland. I was under the mindset that I wanted to go to class, do well and graduate – end of story. That all changed when I joined The Post and got involved in internships. After connecting and gaining real-world experience, I noticed that things started to fall into place and doors started to open. My advice would be not to worry about others' timelines. It doesn't matter how old you are, what your situation in life or how long it takes you to graduate: Once you are here, find a spot, find a cause and get involved. It will help you in the long run."

6. Elena Simovski, copy editor: "Commuters: if you're looking for a sign to get involved on campus, this is it! I commuted all four years, and if I could redo anything during my time at Oakland, I would definitely get involved sooner."

7. Jackson Gilbert, sports editor: "My favorite memory of OU was the Kettering Magnetics Lab. I've taken several trips there with a bunch of friends and it just seems very 'college'."

8. Salwan Georges, photo editor: "Working as photo editor with a great team at the Post enabled me to capture the beauty of our campus. I encouraged everyone to take photos ever-changing campus. I'm happy that OU made it possible for me to connect with everyone here and achieve my goals."

9. Kaylee Kean, managing editor: "I came to OU three years ago with a hefty hatred for everything and everyone, and now I love this school so much that I'm coming back for grad school in the fall. OU has become my home away from home. Give it a chance and you'll be surprised where life takes you!"

To the Post graduates of 2015, thank you for your dedication and hard work. We wish you all the best in your bright and grammatically-correct endeavors. Meet me at the Post.

Three's the charm: Books to check out this summer

Forgotten how to read for fun? Don't stress it; blogger Jade Vickery shares three new books to check out

Jade Vickery
Blog Contributor

For those of us who spent the last two semesters reading dull, barely understandable textbooks, we deserve a break. I don't know about you guys, but I want at least one book that doesn't have an answer key printed in the back of it.

If you're mentally drained like me and you need a full-on palette cleanser, here are three books that I would recommend to give your brain a break from academic reading.



1. "Dog On It" by Spencer Quinn

Dog On It is for mystery and dog lovers alike. It's a book about Bernie and Chet, two detectives that have their own business called the "Little Detective Agency." Bernie is newly divorced and is worried about the state of his incoming cash flow. Chet is a dog that loves sniffing out crime just as much as he loves napping.

Before long, Bernie and Chet are set off on a case to find Madison, a fifteen-year-old that has gone missing. They find Mad-

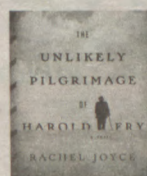
ison, only to get another call that she has disappeared again. Once the team finds out that Madison has a connection to some Russian thugs, they find themselves going to Las Vegas to solve the mystery of Madison's disappearances once and for all.

The book is — you guessed it — narrated by Chet the dog. A mystery from a dog's perspective might not be everyone's cup of tea. Chet's narrations ("what's that noise? Who's growling? Oh I'm growling! Why am I growling?") might be all over the place, but what else would you expect from a dog? This book is for those that are tolerant of whimsical and, at times, childish humor.

Students that have just been through a long semester and want something to totally silly to read, here is a book for you.

2. "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce

When Harold Fry receives a letter from his dying friend, Queenie Hennessy, he sets off on a 600 mile journey to see her. In her letter, Queenie says that she is in hospice and about to die, but Harold believes that, as long as he keeps walk-



ing, Queenie will not die. Harold ventures without boots, without a map and without a phone.

During his journey, Harold is confronted with aching flashbacks as he struggles to make the 600 mile journey, hoping that Queenie will still be alive when he gets there.

This majestic piece of fiction is a sigh of relief after a year of reading nothing but textbooks. When you read a textbook you know what's coming up next. But while reading about Harold's pilgrimage, there is no guessing what's next. Right when you think you've got this book figured out, plot twist knocks you flat on your butt.

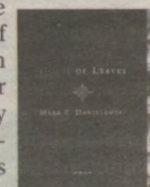
3. "House of Leaves" , by Mark Z. Danielewski

This book is for the ambitious reader that loves suspense.

The story follows Will Navidson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist that moves into a strange house with his family. Everything seems normal until the day Will and Karen's children wander off

and discover that their house has never-ending hallways and secret passages that disappear once someone goes inside.

The kicker about this story is the fact that the actual narrative is a retelling. The story of Will Navidson and Karen Green would have never surfaced without Johnny Truant finding the manuscript of their story in his neighbor's apartment.



After his neighbor's death, Johnny Truant discovers a manuscript that appears to be an academic study of a documentary film called The Navidson Record. From there Truant is sucked into the story of Will Navidson and his family. But as Johnny begins researching the House Of Leaves, strange things start happening to him. Can he figure out the mystery of the house?

This book goes totally off the rails with upside-down text, ink blotches on pages and blank pages. House of Leaves is confusing and at times downright scary. This might be a little different than Dog On It, but it's great for horror lovers that want to panic about something other than exams.

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Letter to the Editor: Unreliable financial aid

Student said he was awarded financial aid from Oakland, then the money was withheld without his knowledge

Alexander Norris
Creative writing major, senior



Alexander Norris, student

Recently, Oakland University awarded me \$2,000 for a Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG).

This grant is awarded to those with low Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). The money was given to me through direct deposit into my bank account, just as all financial aid is awarded to me. After about a month, when I went to register for next semester, I found that there was a \$2,000 hold on my account. It turns out Oakland decided to place a

hold on my account without informing me that they made a mistake.

The FSEOG is a grant, like most, that does not require repayment, however, since they made an "error" they are requesting I repay them the money before I can register for the next semester. Currently a hold sits on my account preventing me from accessing class schedules, transcripts, etc.

When confronted about the issue, financial services has responded with these answers:

"Your family's EFC is higher than others." Mine is absolute zero, or according to FAFSA, 0000.

"Other students had priority, they filed FAFSA before you." If this is the case, why was I even considered at all? It specifically states in my correspondence regarding the grant that the Financial Services Department at Oakland University

was going to "review my status" before awarding me the money. I guess I don't really understand how all of the sudden I'm not "eligible" even though they've already given me 2,000 "tangible dollars."

My last response from OU was that the school didn't receive as much funding as they initially thought they would. Well, the problem with this is that I was not the one that screwed up. I was handed \$2,000 and told that I was eligible and that I had received additional funding. I was told this money belonged to me. So I started spending my money.

According to Oakland's website, "The university, in its sole and absolute discretion, may determine the number and amounts of awards each semester and/or academic year, rescind an award if the student no longer meets the eligibility requirements, and/or

"I have not violated any stipulations. Oakland is giving out money they don't have and now they want it back. Am I alone in this?"

Alexander Norris
Student

terminate the entire award."

Now this last part is important because it states that they can rescind an award if the student no longer meets the eligibility requirements, and/or terminate the entire award, however, I have not violated any stipulations. Oakland is giving out money they don't have and now they want it back. Am I alone in this?

Student 'living life to the absolute fullest' despite medical conditions

Alexis Cantwell
Post Distributor

Many people know me as a normal, ordinary 22-year-old who lives life like everyone else: enjoying school, hanging out with friends, going to Tigers games



Alexis Cantwell, junior, elementary education

— but the truth behind the matter is that I'm not the ordinary girl everyone sees from the outside.

Growing up, I have had to deal with not an illness, but a disease. This disease has not stopped me from living my life to the absolute fullest, but it has always been there.

At birth, I was diagnosed with Hirschsprung's disease, a congenital condition that

affects the large intestine, causing problems with the bowel due to poor muscle movement. As a result, I have gone through surgery after surgery to help create a better life for me.

As I grew older, my doctors discovered that I was more than just a Hirschsprung patient. I started having issues with my stomach and the digestion of my food intake, which the doctors then diagnosed as a variance of Hirschsprung's disease. This meant I had developed a form of short gut syndrome, a condition that occurs when part of the small intestine that prevents nutrients from being properly absorbed into the body is either missing or has been removed during surgery.

Due to the numerous surgeries I had before age six, I went from being a regular Hirschsprung's patient to one who would soon have a lot

more on her plate.

My stomach works a lot differently than most — and I mean a lot.

Since birth, up until the age of about 10, I was in and out of hospitals, having surgeries done in hopes that I would lead somewhat of a normal life. Thanks to the advancements of medical technology, I was able to spend more time at home than hooked up to an I.V. in a horrid hospital bed. When I was six years old, I had my very first pic-line put in, a catheter that was placed on the inside of my left bicep that allowed parenteral nutrition (TPN) to be administered right from the comfort of my very own home.

Without TPN, I would still be sitting in a hospital bed hooked up to an I.V. for seven hours every day.

Yes, I still receive TPN to this day, seven hours a day, only now it's through a small

"I know I have a disease that may cause people to look at me with a weird face, but it's who I am. Having a medical problem growing up has helped shape me into the individual I am today."

Alexis Cantwell
Junior, elementary ed.

catheter located in my chest, called a Broviac. TPN provides me with all of my nutrients that I do not consume orally, giving me all of the vitamins, electrolytes and calories that I need in order for me to live a healthy life.

Without it, I don't know what I would do. I do know I wouldn't be here, enjoying Oakland University.

I have a lot of scars on my stomach. Do I have a "bikini body"? Absolutely not. I'm not someone who walks around wearing teeny tiny crop tops that barely cover my belly button, but it doesn't bother me. Like a good friend of mine once said, "Scars show people

that you've seen parts of the world that others haven't."

I can't swim in the lakes and go tubing behind power boats in the summer, because I risk infection from the bacteria getting into my bloodstream; but again, I'm ok with that. I know I can't wear and do everything everybody else does, but it's what separates me from the crowd.

I know I have a disease that may cause people to look at me with a weird face, but it's who I am. Having a medical problem growing up has helped shape me into the individual I am today. I have learned to take certain things with a grain of salt and not let anyone tell me I'm not good enough.

Today, I am a healthy and ambitious 22-year-old who thrives on living life to the absolute fullest, letting absolutely nothing hold me back.

Editor's note: Alexis is a distributor for The Oakland Post. We think she has a unique perspective to share and asked her to write this — she did not ask or approach us with it.

Campus

Grizzlies on the Prowl



"What was your favorite moment at OU this year?"



Brian Rohloff, junior,
pre-wellness health promotion
and injury prevention

"Finishing my finals for the first semester because I got to go on vacation to Miami, Fla. the day after."



Amber Lemons, senior,
communication

"I got really involved with WXOU this year and that's my favorite moment. I am now the public service director at WXOU."



Brittany Rickel, senior, biochemistry

"This past winter break I had the opportunity to go to Nicaragua with OU's Global Medical Brigades. We passed out medications, ran a clinic and did a public health project building toilets, wash stations and concrete floors. That was my favorite moment."



Ryan Fluker, junior,
communication and sociology

"My favorite moment was doing events with Alpha Omega co-ed Christian fraternity to get involved on campus. I've been with them for two years now and I felt like I did more this year."

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury,
photographer



POLICE FILES

OUPD catches driver under the influence, smelling of marijuana

After scanning the license plate of the car in front of him and learning it was expired, an OUPD officer pulled over the driver on April 11 around 3 a.m. A strong odor of marijuana came from the open door of the car. As the officer talked with the driver, he also smelled alcohol on the driver's breath.

The officer conducted sobriety tests, which the driver did not carry out successfully. The driver was arrested for operating while impaired after taking a PBT and blowing a .18. When he was taken to the police station, however, the Data Master breath test results placed him at a .04.

Because of the discrepancy and .04 being below the legal limit, the officer did not continue with the arrest and processing and took the driver back to his residence.

Car window smashed in P-36

An OUPD officer responded to a report of a damaged vehicle in P-36 on March 10 around 10 p.m.

The complainant told the officer he parked in the lot around 7:45 p.m., went to the Kresge Library and returned to his car around 9:45 p.m. He then noticed that the back window of his vehicle was broken and there was broken glass in and around his vehicle.

OUPD checked surveillance video but it was too dark to tell if the people who walked by broke out the window.

— Compiled by Megan Carson,
Copy Editor

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Student Statesman faces heat

*Walter/Kubinski
sworn in, met with
concern over column*

Shana Bosley
Staff Intern

Minutes after being officially sworn into office, newly-elected Student Body President Nick Walter faced heat regarding his latest "Student Statesman" column in the Oakland Post at the Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) general body meeting on Monday, April 13.

Following the customary turnover from the former administration, President Annie Meinberg and Vice President Liz Iwanski, where Walter and Vice President Madison Kubinski took office and swore in the new legislature, members of the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) filled the gallery, voicing questions and concerns about the column. The column, published last Wednesday, focused on Walter's opinions on the Students for Life and Genocide Awareness Project demonstrations and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) in Indiana.

Those from GSA talked mainly about how Walter's opinions show that he does not represent the whole Oakland University student body and how some students were considering transferring from OU to another school because of the student leadership.

"You're representing views that don't represent me," said Jasmine Semma, president of Voices for Choices and GSA member, as she stood at the podium in front of the legislature.

Several legislators pointed out that the president's views do not represent the views of the entire student congress and will not interfere with their decision making processes.

"President Walter is a professional man, and I trust that he will keep his personal opinions out of his presidency. Please don't feel as if you don't have allies on this congress," said Liz Iwanski, legislator and 2014-15 vice president.

Despite several reassurances that Walter can and will keep his opinions out of his job and duties, some still expressed worry.

"I don't know if I can trust the student body president to keep his own bias out of it," GSA

"I did not choose to be a part of this community, and I have concerns with President Walter comparing the LGBT community to the KKK. The LGBT community is not an organization or a hate group."

Justin Schnurer
GSA member

member Marisol Ramirez said after the meeting. "I want to take this to higher channels."

More encouragement from legislators still did not appear to alleviate protestors' worries.

"I did not choose to be a part of this community and I have concerns with President Walter comparing the LGBT community to the KKK. The LGBT community is not an organization or a hate group," GSA member Justin Schnurer said.

Walter pointed out that the meeting was meant as a celebratory occasion for legislators sworn into news positions, and that it should not be marred by such heated discussions. He explained to the protestors and



Oona Goodin-Smith / The Oakland Post

Nick Walter and Madison Kubinski were sworn into office April 13.

general audience members that he would rather discuss such issues at a later time or in private.

Walter said that, in his article, he did not state his opinions on the RFRA law in Indiana. He said that it was a "mere legal analysis of the situation," not his view on it.

"Nevertheless, I am deeply frustrated with myself for presenting ideas in such a way that students would think that my personal opinions would affect my judgement. It was never my

intention to offend anyone, and for that, I am truly sorry," said Walter.

Many legislators echoed that their influence will not be based on the personal opinions of one member, even if the member is the president. They work as a democracy with voting and polling, not by the swaying of viewpoints.

"We encourage students to continue to share their voices because they do matter," said Kubinski.

Search for Student Affairs vice president underway

*Search committee
narrows down three
potential candidates*

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Reporter

Now that Oakland has found a president, it's time for the home of the Golden Grizzlies to find a vice president of student affairs.

The candidates

Oakland has been considering candidates for some time now and has finally chosen three top picks: Eric M. Norman, Glenn McIntosh and Franklin D. Chambers. These

three men will be spending the next few weeks proving their worth to faculty, students and staff.

"We were given a list of ten or eleven people and we looked for those who matched the criteria we want and who meet the expectations we have," Graeme Harper, chair of the committee for the search, said. "These three are the strongest candidates we've seen from the semi-finalist interviews."

Good leadership is always key to success. The new vice president will have to work closely with students and staff on campus in order to ensure this is a place people want to be.

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Graeme Harper
Dean, The Honors College

Students unaware

Since this person will have to work with students, the students will need to know about him and be comfortable approaching him. Surprisingly, students that were asked about this new VP that OU will soon have didn't know much about the position, or even

what the VP does.

"No, I don't know what the VP does," freshman Ryan Fox said. "I don't know if this is part of their job, but I would love to see cheaper textbook and tuition prices."

Vice presidential duties

Essentially, the VP would be in charge of making sure that OU continues to grow and is a healthy environment for students of all ages and backgrounds to be a part of.

"The best way to describe it would be that the new vice president of student affairs will focus on student experience and student success," Harper said. "That includes housing, the auxiliary services, the rec-

reation center, Graham Health Center, first year advising and all those other things."

In other words, the new vice president of student affairs will be the person that works very closely with the students to make sure that OU is treating students well. They will be the voice of the student body in the President's cabinet.

Upcoming events

Eric Norman spoke with students and faculty April 13 in the Oakland Center. Franklin Chambers will speak with students and faculty on April 21 and Glenn McIntosh will follow on April 23. The Oakland Post will provide updates as these open forums pass.

New LGBTQ minor is major

After seven years of deliberation, OU launches a LGBTQ minor in the fall as supplement to gender studies program

Grace Turner
Staff Reporter

Oakland University will offer a minor in LGBTQ studies in the fall, showing OU's efforts to reflect diversity and open discussion.



Valerie Palmer-Mehta

"I think it's so important for us to learn about and respect people and all their diversity," Valerie Palmer-Mehta, interim director of the women and gender stud-

ies program said. "This minor brings much needed visibility to this very important population."

Palmer-Mehta guided the proposal for the minor through the Committee on Instruction and the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction since Jo Reger, director of the women and gender studies program who spearheaded the minor, is away on sabbatical. The proposal then went through the university senate.

"I think this is an essential minor for the university, [particularly] in today's world where conversations about same sex relationships and in particular marriage are a part

of the culture," Reger said in an email.

The minor took seven years to create, from idea to finished product. It requires 20 credits. The three core classes are Introduction to LGBTQ Studies, Queer Social Theory, and Field Experience in Women and Gender Studies. Eight credits are electives.

The minor works to teach about the lives of the people in the LGBTQ community and the academic contribution made by queer theory, which critiques the "biological views of sexual and sex identities," Reger said.

Becca Reichenbach, president of OU's Gay Straight Alli-

ance and creative writing major in her senior year, said the minor will be good to pair with psychology and social work majors because people in the LGBTQ community look for counselors who are familiar with their concerns.

"It's a good minor for anyone who is going to work with people," Palmer-Mehta said.

The minor is also useful for raising awareness of the LGBTQ community, Reichenbach said.

"The goal is to show better representation, to open discussion more," she said.

OU is not the first school to offer a program like this, Palmer-Mehta said.

"It's important for OU to be on the cutting edge of offerings, so this is long overdue," she said. "What you don't learn about you don't know

and you might fear... the more we know about everything, the better not to know what those reasons are."

A quick look at the new LGBTQ minor

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CORE CLASSES

Introduction to LGBTQ Studies, Queer Social Theory, and Field Experience in Women and Gender Studies.

BENEFITS It's considered an optimal minor supplement to psychology and/or social work majors

'Sex Signals' combines humor and solemnity to enforce 'yes means yes'

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Reporter

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Oakland University Student Congress put on a program entitled "Sex Signals" to teach students about safe and consensual sex.

The program was included as part of the Greek Week events and filled Dodge Hall 201. Attendees were given water bottles and packages containing mints and a condom.

The program was hosted by nationally touring actors and educators Jordan Puryear and Durante Parker.

Their performance combined both humorous and serious tones to get across the message that only yes means yes.

Throughout the performance, attendees were prompted to hold up signs that said "STOP," telling the performers when their actions went too far.

The program started with more light-hearted banter between the two performers, and the audience told the two how to interact with each other.

Then they asked the audience some of the stereotypes of typical masculinity and femininity. Some examples of those included women being quiet and soft-spoken and men being rougher.

But when put on stage to represent these stereotypes, students held up their "STOP" signs almost instantly, noticing red flag signals of assault.

"In a relationship with women, are we supposed to be passive or aggressive?" Parker asked. Almost unanimously, students in the crowd said, "Aggressive."

When the "STOP" cards went up, Parker asked the audience what could have been done differently.

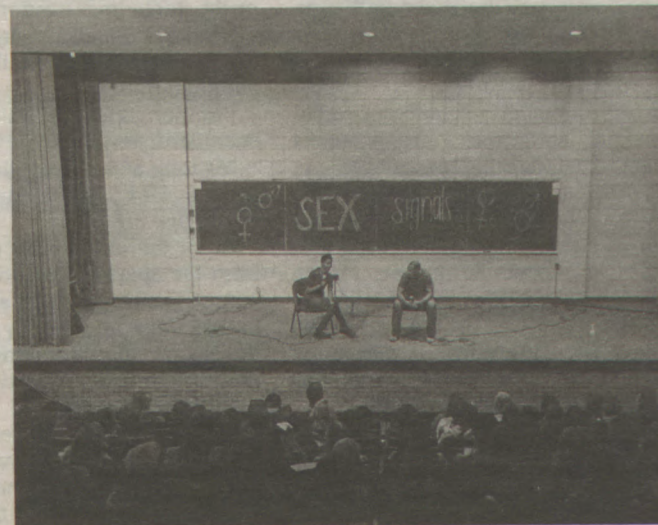
"Just because something happens all the time doesn't mean it's no big deal," Puryear said. "When it happens out in

"Just because something happens all the time doesn't mean it's no big deal. When it happens out in public, people don't always like to call it out. Do we need an invitation that says we are invited to stop things from happening?"

Jordan Puryear
Actor and educator

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The duo acted out another improv scene where Parker was playing a man who said, "I didn't rape that girl," and Puryear was playing a talk show host. In this skit, Parker tried defending what he did to a drunk girl by saying she want-



Cheyenne Kramer / The Oakland Post

Actors from the "Sex Signals" tour interacted via skits and roleplay with the audience to get across the message that only yes means yes.

ed it, and it wasn't rape.

This prompted further discussion in the crowd, along with some male students saying that he was in the right, and what he did was justified.

However, Puryear and Parker said that blaming the victim was never the solution, and though she could have taken different actions to keep herself safe, the rape was the fault of the rapist alone.

"I'm 22. I've learned about

this stuff before. But, I found the way they presented the information was interesting," Kayley Meckstroth, one of the student attendees said.

Pamphlets are currently located outside of the Oakland University Student Congress office to aid students in reporting sexual assault and rape, and further information can also be found in the Gender and Sexuality Center of the OC.

Campus construction continues into summer

Beginning next month, construction crews will be fixing up roads and drives around campus, resulting in a few closures

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

Starting as early as May 1, campus will undergo some important infrastructure repairs as well as some cosmetic maintenance, with projects lasting well into the fall.

The weekend after classes officially end and move-outs begin will mark the first steps in replacing the culvert that lies between Oak View Hall and the Ann V. Nicholson and George T. Mathews apartments near Ravne Drive.

Brian Bierley, OU's director of media relations said that replacement of the culvert was absolutely necessary, and summer is the perfect time to make the fix.

"The road is going to fall down if we don't do something," he said, "and right now there are big steel pipes underneath [it]."

Bierley said that the drain had worn out over the last 50 years due to erosion of its material from the natural stream that runs through that area.

"The current culvert is made of corrugated metal," said Brian Ward, a project manager with OU facilities management, who is overseeing the culvert repair.

"We're replacing [the culvert] with a 10-foot by nine-foot concrete pipe that should be able to handle all the water," he said.

Ward estimates that the lifespan of this new culvert will be around 100 years, due to the fact that the material will better withstand erosion and will not rust.

Students on campus are familiar with the beautiful sloping path that leads from the apartments up toward the rest of campus overlooking the lush ravine on either side, and Ward said that all construction on the culvert will fall within Michigan Department of Environmental Quality guidelines in order to maintain the area's natural beauty.

"We'll do some stream reconstruction to slow down the flow of water to make sure there is no further erosion," Ward said. "We'll also add a few step pools to give fish area to swim if needed."

As the integrity of the wild land will be maintained throughout the construction process, the same cannot be said of Meadowbrook Drive.

Bierley said that between May and June, crews will be digging up the portion of Meadowbrook Drive overlooking the culvert, creating challenges for students

moving out of the dorms or apartments.

The road could be closed until October 1, Bierley said, posing major challenges for new students moving in as well.

During move-in and move-out times, the parking lot around Oak View Hall will serve as a kind of "loop" so that students and their belongings can be efficiently dropped off with traffic flow maintained, allowing cars to exit campus without using Meadowbrook Drive.

"If you want to get to the east side of campus [during construction], come in on Walton closest to the Meadowbrook Festival entrance," Bierley said. "If you want to get to the west side of campus, come in using West Oakland Drive from Walton or University Drive."

In addition to the replacement of the culvert between Meadowbrook Drive and Ravine Drive, there will be various repaving projects occurring simultaneously, including portions of P1, West Oakland Drive and a large stretch from the Human Health Building to North Foundation Hall.

But there is a silver lining to this cloud of construction.

"As long as we're digging in this area," Bierley said, "we're running another power line in."

All of the utility lines running to and from the apartments and up toward the rest of campus travel along Meadowbrook Drive and Bierley said that Facilities Management is taking this construction season as an opportunity to prepare for future expansion.

Additional utility lines will be laid while the road is being worked on so that if and when the time comes to build more space for more students, the groundwork will already have been laid.

Move-out day: What you need to know

- Monday, April 27, and Tuesday, April 28, 8 a.m. — 8 p.m.
- Meadowbrook Dr. will be ONE lane from W. Oakland Dr. to Ravine Dr.
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The OC will be undergoing major food renovations this summer, with \$3.5 million in changes.

New year, new food: OC cafeteria set to expand

Melissa Deutsch
Staff Reporter

The Oakland Center will be undergoing some major food renovations this summer. The \$3.5 million project will include major changes to Pioneer Food Court, Bumpers and Café O' Bears.

Since the Oakland Center was built in 1996, it hasn't seen any major renovations to the food court area even though enrollment has almost doubled.

On the first day of the fall 2014 semester, over 17,000 people visited the OC.

The recent extension to OU's contract with Chartwells has allowed for the renovations to become reality. The changes to the food court will fix congestion issues as well as introduce new food options to students.

The food court will now feature Panda Express, Moe's Southwest Grill, Create and a full service Chick-Fil-A. Subway will have two full service lines to lessen the time spent waiting in line.

The goal of the expansion is to improve the amount of time spent in line by adding cashiers to each individual food vendor. The director of the OC, Richard Fekel, thinks this will help immensely.

"If you're just going to one station it should really improve the amount of time that you spend waiting in line," Fekel said. "It will work a lot more seamlessly and a lot quicker for all of our students and staff who eat in the food court and end up in those long, long lines."

These construction changes will create

a wider food court area but this will result in a loss of some seating. The area of tables located near the Subway's second service window will be eliminated.

Bumper's will also be undergoing major renovations this summer. The room will now feature a grill area with some of the food options currently in the OC that will no longer be in the food court, such as pizza and burgers.

Student Congress's student service director Kyler Johnson was involved in the reconstruction plan process to ensure students get the best experience on campus. He stressed that adding food downstairs would not eliminate such a popular gaming area for students.

"They will lose a little bit, but Bumper's will still be a game room," said Johnson. "It's not just going to destroy the whole room."

Fekel agrees.

"There's no space like this on campus right now," Fekel said. "The game room is so popular so our hope is that by bringing the food in there that students will really enjoy it."

The other plan for expansion will come to Café O' Bears. It will feature food from Au Bon Pain, a place similar to Panera Bread. Plans for that area are not yet finalized, but they are hoping to reconstruct the area to give the students and restaurant workers more space.

Fekel said that all of these changes are being made to benefit the students. They are hoping to begin construction in May and have everything complete for the fall semester.

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Reception to follow



AMARTYA SEN is the Thomas W. Lamont University Professor and Professor of Economics and Philosophy at Harvard University. Until 2004, he was the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. He has served as President of the

Econometric Society, the American Economic Association, the Indian Economic Association, and the International Economic Association.

Amartya Sen's books have been translated into more than thirty languages, and include, among others, *Choice of Techniques* (1960), *Collective Choice and Social Welfare* (1970), *Poverty and Famines* (1982), *Commodities and Capabilities* (1987), *Development as Freedom* (1999), *Identity and Violence* (2006), and *The Idea of Justice* (2009).

Amartya Sen's awards include Bharat Ratna (India), Commandeur de la Legion d'Honneur (France), the National Humanities Medal (USA), Ordem do Merito Cientifico (Brazil), Honorary Companion of Honour (UK), Aztec Eagle (Mexico), Edinburgh Medal (UK), the George Marshall Award (USA), the Eisenhower Medal (USA), and the Nobel Prize in Economics.

ABOUT RICHARD J. BURKE (1932-2012)

As the first faculty member hired at Oakland University, Richard Burke watched OU evolve from promising beginnings to a present day filled with possibility. To help bring those possibilities to fruition, he established the annual Richard J. Burke Lecture in Philosophy, Religion and Society.

That's a wrap

A look at the year's most memorable moments

Design by Kayla Varicalli

President George Hynd will be inaugurated on April 25, 2015. Hynd is the sixth president of Oakland University and began his term on Aug. 20, 2014 after a summer of secret searches-turned-public for OU's next leader.

HYND



CHANGES

OU's campus saw numerous structural changes throughout the year. The most prominent was the Elliott Clock Tower, which had its grand opening on Sept. 19. Other memorable changes to the scenery were Oak View Hall, the parking structure and the engineering building.



OUSC

Student Body President Annie Meinberg and Vice President Liz Iwanski officially handed the reigns over on Monday, April 13.

During their year as OUSC's leaders, Meinberg and Iwanski introduced the swag campaign, implemented the health and wellness director position on the OUSC e-board, passed a new constitution and championed a variety of events and bills to help the student body.

PROTESTS

The topic of race and equality has become a prominent one in national news over the past year, and OU students are speaking out.

In November, the Association of Black Students led a peaceful march across campus out of respect for the Ferguson decision.

In February, the Muslim Student Association held a vigil to honor the victims of the Chapel Hill, North Carolina shooting.

WHO DAT?

This year kicked off on July 24 when the Detroit Symphony Orchestra celebrated its 50th anniversary at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Violinist Joshua Bell was a guest performer.

At the start of the fall semester, MAGIC! and Iggy Azalea rocked Meadow Brook Music Festival as well.

OU's Brass Band also made headlines when it traveled to England to perform at the Butlins Mineworker's Open Brass Festival, taking second place overall.



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Sports saw some great accomplishments this year, with the men's soccer and women's volleyball teams taking the Horizon League Championship, football blazing a strong trail during its first year, and swimming making considerable waves as well.

Read more accomplishments and details online.

CHAMPIONS



SPEAKERS

On Oct. 16, 2014, Hillary Clinton visited OU with U.S. Rep Gary Peters and former congressman Mark Schauer as part of an event sponsored by the Michigan Democratic Party. The event was held in the O'rena, which was packed with roughly 2,000 students, staff and supporters.

Fame visited again last month in the form of motivational speaker Ash Beckham and Jerry Greenfield, co-founder of multi-billion dollar dairy staple Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream. He spoke on his path to success and shared some tips on making it in the business world.

OU always seems to have its share of misfortune and this year was no exception: The norovirus hit students with gusto; the new Oak View pipes burst; the also new engineering building lost some siding to heavy winds; and the OU and Auburn Hills police departments pulled over the wrong man during an investigation.

It's no car in the lake, but it's certainly a list to remember.

MISHAPS



MAY 2015

In memory

While the past year had its triumphs, it had its sadness as well. We would like to remember the OU community members we lost in the past year, pictured below. Full obituaries for these students and staff member can be found on our website.



Jeremy Wagner
Philosophy, junior



Bassam Issa
Criminal justice, senior



Frank Lepkowski
Associate professor and humanities librarian



Chandler Swink
Nursing, sophomore



Cody Petzold
Human resources development, senior

TOP TEN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

I don't know about you, but I am just about done with school and all I can think about is what I am going to do this summer. Here are my top ten summer things to enjoy around Michigan.



1. DETROIT TIGERS GAMES. Nothing screams summer like the national pastime. Going to a game is one of the most popular summer activities.

2. SLEEPING BEAR DUNES. On the east side of the state are the Sleeping Bear Dunes. Not only is it a great view of Lake Michigan, but it's also a fun challenge to climb your way up the steep sand.

3. ROCHESTER HILLS MASTODON SITE. Located on Adams Road are mastodon remains found in 2006. You can go there and check out the bone bench, plaque and mastodon crossing sign.

4. KENSINGTON METRO PARK. An awesome park with almost too many things to do. The fan favorites must be kayaking, fishing, swimming and bike riding.

5. SLEEPING IN. Unless you have responsibilities, use the precious time to catch up on z's.

6. RELAXING. Just sit outside and do nothing and soak up the sun. You deserve it... I hope.



7. SUMMER SPORTS. Nothing is more fun than joining a beer league sport team with your friends. You get to get exercise and enjoy a beer - I mean, really?

8. ROAD TRIP. As I mentioned earlier, you can go to the Sleeping Bear Dunes. Michigan has a lot to go see. So get in a car and go. Or go further, be spontaneous and see where the day takes you.

9. HOBBIES. Remember the days before school, where you could enjoy fun things? Use this free time and pick your hobbies back up. Hello, Shrinky Dinks.

10. SUMMER CLASSES. Walking or riding your bike to work and/or school is beneficial to Earth's atmosphere as well as your health.

- Compiled by Sean Gardner, Web Editor

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



1. "I hate it when people use a thesaurus to try and spice up their sentences. It really urinates me off."

2. "Someone call Life Alert. My grades have fallen and they can't get up."

3. "When you drink your coffee without burning your tongue: Fire cannot kill a dragon."

4. "I just made Easy Mac and didn't set off the fire alarm. It's not rocket science, kids."

5. "Pretty sure there are more worms on the sidewalks than students who attend this school."

6. "We are wayyyy too far into the semester for you to be in my unofficially assigned seat."

7. "Fourth Law of Motion: A student in bed will remain in bed unless acted upon by a large enough panic."

8. "Lost: Motivation. Last seen in September, 2014."

9. "The Oakland worms' favorite book is 'Gone With the Wind' lol."

10. "It's weird for little kids to look up to me as a 'grown-up.' I get cranky if I skip my after-class nap."

- Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter

TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the week

1. Ryley Walker - "Primrose Green"
2. Matthew E. White - "Fresh Blood"
3. Reptar - "Lurid Glow"
4. Courtney Barnett - "Sometimes I Sit And Think, And Sometimes I Just Sit"
5. Father John Misty - "I Love You, Honeybear"
6. Adventures - "Supersonic Home"
7. Tobias Jesso Jr. - "Goon"
8. Jose Gonzalez - "Vestiges and Claws"
9. Dick Diver - "Melbourne, Florida"
10. Jerry Paper - "Carousel"



Ryley Walker - "Primrose Green"

Ryley Walker is a guitar player's guitar player, borrowing heavily from the past while still delivering a record that feels fresh.

Coming up in Chicago, Walker was exposed to the city's great jazz and blues scenes. These influences can be heard all over the record from Walker and his band of veteran Chicago musicians. Their best moment is on track two—the both explorative and cohesive of the dark, blues-y stomper, "Summer Dress." The song's swaggering string arrangements, deep ride cymbal swing pattern and a driving vibraphone part is only five minutes long on the album, but could easily be expanded and jammed on live.

If it's great lyrics you're looking for, this may not be the album for you. Walker's words are often mumbled and rarely original. But if you're looking to listen in to one of the finest young guitar players in the game, "Primrose Green" is worth a spin.

Recommended if you like: Van Morrison, Daniel Bachman, strolling through fields of tall grass.

Start with: "Summer Dress," "Primrose Green," "On the Banks of the Old Kishwaukee."

- Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director



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TOP RIGHT The show itself consisted of comedy throughout and a parody of 'Uptown Funk' by Mark Ronson.

ABOVE To learn how to act like a child while meeting the comedic expectations of the mostly college level audience is not a simple task.

LEFT The actors had to learn clowning techniques, which entailed childlike charm and clumsiness.

'The red nose demands a lot'

Company Class works hard, plays hard to clown around in Up-Clown Funk

Shana Bosley
Staff Intern

Hosted by Oakland University's Company Class on April 9-12, 'Up-Clown' Funk was an original act choreographed and written by students.

Sophomore Margaret Hinckley was a student and actor in the Company Class that put 'Up-Clown Funk' together.

"Company Class is for people who are not in main stage shows. It allows us to join hands and come together," Hinckley said.

Faculty adviser and director Anthony Guest was the head of the production and sought to run the process smoothly.

"We started in January rehearsing two to three times a week, and we began as a class and eventually moved to the stage. We were etching moments that worked well and keeping it going," Guest said. "The scariest part of this particular pro-

duction was that once the actors had practiced enough, no one in the class would laugh at the jokes anymore. We all really had to trust the material for its humor."

The actors had to learn clowning techniques, which entailed childlike charm and clumsiness.

"Clowning is emotion at its core. It was [innocence], naivety and solving problems gracefully," junior Brian Bieber said.

Guest helped the actors understand the vulnerability that comes with being a clown.

This was new to many of the actors.

"It was a good, extra opportunity and new technique, and it allowed me to meet some sweet people," freshman Emily Brett said.

According to Guest, it was a great learning experience for all the actors. To learn how to act like a child while meeting the comedic expectations of the mostly college level audience is not a simple task.

"It was awesome and something new - something fun," Bieber said.

The location, Lab Theatre, though small and tight, gave the performance a more personal feel.

"It was the only space available for this, and we worked with what it gave us. It was very intimate," Hinckley said.

As for stage production, much of what was seen was crafted by the actors and participants.

"We did the work ourselves. We built from the ground up," Hinckley said.

The show itself consisted of comedy throughout and a parody of 'Up Town Funk' by Mark Ronson, which brought the audience members to their feet to dance along to the beat.

Overall, the production was a beneficial experience for those who were in it and a part of it as well as an enjoyable evening for audience members.

"The red nose demands a lot," Guest said.

Documenting Detroit delights

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Reporter

Years after graduating from Oakland, filmmaker Anthony Brogdon has followed his dream to make movies. He recently released his first film, "The Great Detroit: It was, It is, It will be."

Last Thursday in the Fireside Lounge, he brought his movie back to his alma mater to show to OU students and faculty.

"This is my first film. It took me three years to make it," Brogdon said.

His film shows a side of Detroit that we don't often get to see: the good side. Students and faculty that attended the viewing had their eyes opened to some of the hidden gems the city has to offer. This included museums, landmarks, churches and the many times Detroit has been the first in the country to do something.

"I love Detroit, it's a great city," Brogdon said. "I hope that those who get a chance to see this movie see what I see in the city."

Viewers learned about much more than the automotive side of Detroit; they heard about yacht clubs, state fairs and the origins of hip hop and techno that came from it.

Brogdon brought his findings back to show his fellow Golden Grizzlies.

Brogdon actually graduated from Oakland with a degree in business, but he decided to pursue the arts instead. He tried his luck with playwriting but settled on becoming a filmmaker.

"Seven years ago I wrote a play," Brogdon said. "I didn't enjoy all that came with it, so I decided to do film. I figured the best place to start would be a documentary about somewhere I was from and something I knew."

Along with wanting to show Detroit at its best, Brogdon came back to OU as a sort of thank you.

"Oakland made it happen for me," Brogdon said. "Thank you so much for letting me come back here."

Students, professors and even President George Hynd stopped by to see what Detroit is really all about.

"I really liked the documentary," junior Dantel Shaw said. "I go downtown a lot, it's nice to see the places where everyone gets together on screen and to learn about midtown. The film really gave a good light to Detroit."

Brogdon hopes his film will be a step to showing people the real Detroit, perhaps it will be. Anyone interested in viewing the film can find it on Amazon.



Holly Gilbert had to stand on a "peach crate" in order to reach the wheel.

1986 Photo illustration by Tim Thompson



Allyson Forest and her husband pose after filming.

Courtesy of Allyson Forest

Spinning the wheel: Then and now

The classic game show features two faculty members in 30 years

LeeAnn Brown

Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

Many of us have tuned in to test our knowledge on the popular game show "Wheel of Fortune." Perhaps, as in many childhoods, it was a group effort when over at the grandparents' house for weekly dinner.

Oakland University has had two faculty members take their knowledge out of the living room and all the way to the California studio — one this year and one in 1985.

Spring break contestant

Allyson Forest, public health program coordinator, was recently on the "Spring Break" episode of "Wheel of Fortune," which aired March 31.

Forest went through first-round auditions last May when Wheel Mobile came to Chene Park in Detroit. There were mock-up game trials, complete with a stand-in Pat Sajak and Vanna White.

"Once on stage, you had to introduce yourself and be a standout to the host and Wheel Mobile crew," Forest said. "The host asked what I liked to do, and I told him ballroom dance. He put on

music, and my fiancé runs down the aisle and we danced on stage. Everyone went crazy."

After the second round weeks later, Forest was told to look for an official letter in the mail. She got one.

Once on the set in Culver City, California, Forest noticed a few differences from watching on her television set at home.

"The set is tiny. The seating area for the audience only goes back about four rows, and half of the audience are contestants," she said. "There's a lot of TV magic that makes the show appear grand."

Forest won the puzzle that read, "We're calling it a day." She said it was frustrating because even if you know an answer, the wheel may not be on your play, or you may get bankrupt, which she did once.

Despite hitting the bankrupt piece, Forest finished the show with \$3,300. But, she won more than money.

"Being a contestant on a game show was an item at the top of my bucket list," she said.

As for her winnings, Forest plans on either having a great birthday or putting them toward a new car.

Going back thirty years

In 1985, now adjunct journalism instructor and Oakland Post adviser Holly Gilbert spun the wheel.

Her appearance on the show was a result of a story she was writing while she was television editor at The Oakland Press. Having gone to the Renaissance Center in Detroit for the try-outs — in search of good copy — Gilbert got involved.

"Remember, this was primitive television era, pre-cable. Network programming was all we had," Gilbert said. "There were hundreds of people there, and I figured I didn't have a chance."

The try-outs consisted of playing the game on paper in timed sessions. Gilbert kept making the cut until she was a finalist.

"We got interviewed and then they told us they'd let us know — watch the mail. That's snail mail, no email yet either. It took weeks to find out," Gilbert said.

Although Gilbert had watched "Wheel of Fortune" occasionally, once she knew she was a contestant, she said that she not only watched it, she studied it.

Despite plenty of preparation, Gil-

bert's nerves did not fade when the cameras rolled.

"I was very nervous. Especially when they paired me with the long, tall Texan with a bassoon voice and a 10-gallon hat, which I couldn't believe they let him wear — he was probably thinking the same thing about my jacket," she said. "And then I couldn't reach the wheel to spin it, and they had to find a peach crate or something that I could stand on. I was mortified."

Everything considered, Gilbert said it was a fun experience. She still remembers the puzzle she "blew."

"Let momma kiss it and make it better." I got most of the letters for that one and then experienced a complete collapse of intellect — maybe even consciousness. Thud."

Gilbert didn't win any money, but back then contestants got \$25 of merchandise from each of the show's sponsors (they now get \$1,000).

"Have you ever seen \$25 of Fleischman's yeast? In 1985, it was a lot," she said. "When the show would rerun, I would know, even if I hadn't seen it because weird shit like maxi-pads and cordless screwdrivers would start arriving in the mail."

Finals season, naturally

How to make the best of the study experience

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Reporter

It's not new information that studying for final exams can take up a lot of one's time. Yet many college students struggle to stay focused during the task at hand.

Some students end up turning to drugs like Adderall to help them stay focused. But that can be problematic, especially when Adderall isn't a drug the student has a doctor's permission to be taking.

"When you take medication without the supervision of a doctor there can be complications," said David Schwartz, a psychologist and director of the counseling center at OU.

If Adderall can be problematic for the average students, then what can they do to keep themselves motivated?

There are a lot of natural ways that students can stay focused, and they're a lot less risky than taking a pill without permission from a doctor.

Foods

A proper diet can be instrumental in stress and energy levels, so a good way to get focused is to eat a balanced diet.

"The best bet is to stick with foods that are high in fiber and protein to help keep



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FOCUS TIPS: Be sure to get eight hours of sleep, eat foods high in fiber and protein to ensure fullness and productivity, and eat a peppermint right before the exam to maintain peak focus.

you feeling fuller for longer and to provide you with sustained energy," Jennifer Lucarelli, health sciences professor, said. "Some good examples are fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds."

It's also important not to eat too much, as that can make one feel rather groggy.

"Pay attention to why you're eating in the first place — many of us tend to eat when we are bored or procrastinating,"

Lucarelli said. "If that's the case, then try perhaps having a glass of water or chewing a stick of gum instead of eating when you aren't actually hungry."

Schwartz agreed that eating a reasonable amount of food leading up an exam can be very helpful.

"Eat a healthy balance of food," Schwartz said. "I recommend having a light meal about an hour or an hour and

a half before an exam."

Other methods

Along with eating right, there are several other ways to boost mental focus when heading into long hours of studying. Remember taking peppermint before a test in grade school? That's still a good way to maintain good focus.

"Studies have proven that having peppermint helps people to concentrate," Schwartz said.

One thing that college students often miss out on is getting their full eight hours of sleep. In order to be awake and alert, getting enough sleep becomes really important.

"Every hour below what you should sleep is equal to having one drink," Schwartz said.

In other words, missing out on two or three hours of sleep is the same as waking up drunk.

Along with getting enough sleep, it's important to plan for some study breaks as well.

"Make sure you take appropriate study breaks. Every hour or hour and half take a 15-20 minute break," Schwartz said. "Planning and scheduling relaxation time is just as important as planning study time."

Studying doesn't have to be a feat of great proportions; with the right eating and sleeping habits, it can almost become rather easy.

Dispelling myths: The health center's guide to depression

Kevin Teller
Staff Reporter

With finals around the corner, many OU students may be feeling the effects that a semester of hard work can cause.

But the difference between feeling bummed out for a week and clinically diagnosed depression can be bigger than many people think.

"It's not just feeling down," Counseling Center Director David Schwartz said.

Feeling down is something that is actually quite natural for anyone to experience. However, Schwartz said that there is reason for concern about feeling down when "there are more down days than up days."

He was adamant about the importance of self-reporting when this happens. To illustrate this, Schwartz said over half of all college students will experience clinical depression to some level at some point in their academic careers.

Schwartz said he uses this fact as a tool to demonstrate to patients that they are not alone and that there is no shame in receiving a counseling session or even diagnostic testing.

It's not what you think

In national and international news, there is a tendency to dwell on instances that paint those with any sort of mental illness in a negative or dangerous light.

Schwartz asserts that the notion that mental illness somehow makes someone

a danger to those around them is simply not true.

On the contrary, he said, instances such as the recent tragedy surrounding the European airline Germanwings do not occur nearly as frequently as many people think.

Schwartz said people who suffer from mental illness are 11 times more likely to be a victim of a crime than the perpetrator, a statistic that further dispels the myth of the danger of mental illness.

The symptoms

According to Schwartz, clinical depression also has some biological differentiation from merely feeling sad for a short period of time, such as a week.

Symptoms of depression that last over

a period of months or semesters are certainly a red flag that something may be wrong, Schwartz said. Severity, in addition to duration, is a significant indicator that one may have depression.

If one is experiencing symptoms such as irregular sleep patterns, drastically reduced or increased appetite, lack of energy level, or a lack of enjoyment in activities one once found exciting, Schwartz recommends that they consider coming in for a free session.

Located in the Graham Health Center (GHC), the Counseling Center offers six free sessions to all OU students. After the sixth session, they are offered at a reduced price of \$12 each.

"We're here to meet the needs of the population," Schwartz said.

"Being a drag queen is not about being a woman; it is about taking femininity to the extreme and portraying it in a performance setting. It is a form of art, a love, and something that has to be understood before it can be defined."

Justyn Frink
Photographer/contributor



I AM NOT A WOMAN

*Student shares snapshot
into life of a drag queen*

By Justyn Frink
Contributor

"I am not a woman, I am a queen." Communication junior Justyn Frink created this photo project for Dr. Adina Schneeweis' photojournalism class to "explore the creation of drag, because as a society there remains an absence of clear definition," he said.

The project explains the "misunderstood or misrepresented community," said Frink, who followed the lives of three different drag queens, trying to develop an understanding of the drag world.

"The definition of a drag queen can only truly be drawn by the heart of someone who understands drag as an art," Frink said. "Being a drag queen is not about being a woman, it is about taking femininity to the extreme and portraying it in a performance setting. It is a form of art, a love, and something that has to be understood before it can be defined."

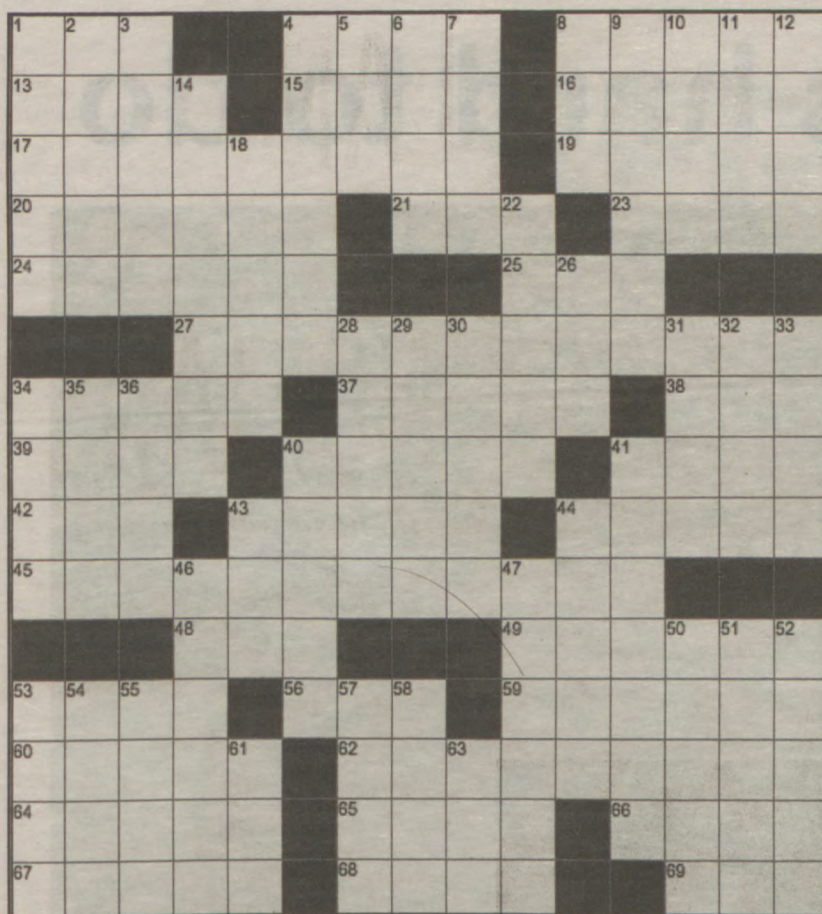
Daniel Potrovsky, 18, is the drag queen pictured on the top and bottom. He is a student at OU and will be participating in the GSA's 12th annual drag show this Thursday, performing under the drag name Svetlana.

To describe drag, Potrovsky references RuPaul's quote: "You are born naked — the rest is all drag."

The drag show is free and open to the public and will be held in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center at 7 p.m. It will be 90s themed, and everyone is encouraged to dress up.

To learn more about this project, email Frink at jfrink@oakland.edu.

Puzzles



Across

- 1: Sleepy coworker
4: Where something may stick
8: Voice mail imperative
13: Segments of history
15: Where the heart is, proverbially
16: ___ diem
17: Giver of freedom
19: Comerica Park ball-player
20: China piece
21: Barrel of suds
23: Soft drink
24: Mutated gene
25: 'You ___ here'
27: Place to buy smoked meats
34: Double agents
37: Coated with hoarfrost
38: Excessively
39: Keep an eye on
40: Marketing data
41: Clamors
42: Feed seed
43: Be a cast member of
44: By no means long-winded
45: Ones who tell you when your slip is showing?
48: Map abbr.
49: Postprandial nap
53: Roe source

- 56: Secretary's stat
59: Sleepy
60: Room with a number of wives
62: Dwelling
64: Geometry calculations
65: At all
66: Withered
67: Three squares
68: Spritzes
69: Family man

Down

- 1: Where Old Man River makes his deposits
2: Corbeled-out window
3: Plotters, possibly
4: Las Vegas drive-through
5: Nonsense
6: All over the place
7: Used to be
8: Per hundred (Abbr.)
9: Elevates
10: Thus
11: Stepped on it
12: Antitoxins
14: Broke away
18: Hoyle's concern
22: Garden swingers
26: Pinot Noir or Merlot
28: Ticked off
29: Eyelashes
30: Change for the better
31: Recipe direction

- 32: Geological time periods
33: Narrow margin of victory
34: Word on an octagon
35: Fruit cocktail fruit
36: Wild about
40: 'The Turn of the ___'
41: Fails to support
43: Sternward
44: Chamber pieces
46: Trying experience
47: Banana oil and others
50: Radar reading
51: Sparkling topper
52: Mixed in
53: Pillow cover
54: Fabled race loser
55: Bailiwick
57: 'That was close!'
58: Turn in chess
61: Mag. submissions
63: Came across

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SATIRE

Growing up is hard to do

Josh Soltman

Chief Copy Editor/Fake Man

It's a weird feeling, knowing that something is coming to an end. In this case, the thing that is ending is my life.

It's not ending in the traditional sense — it's not like I'm dying or getting married or something — but the chapter of my life that I have been writing for 23 years is concluding. The book has ended.

If you haven't figured it out by now, I'm graduating. School — which has hoarded over every second of my waking life for the past 17 years — is all that I know.

I don't know how to do anything other than go to school. Not that I'm even good in school, but at least I am comfortable. I know what I'm doing. Everything is planned out; for someone who has no ambition, this is a perfect situation.

But, alas, I am being booted away, forced out by the very place I have called home for nearly a quarter of my life. I'm stuck with a mandatory venture out into the real world that, from what I can see from behind this lovely computer screen, is pretty damn terrible.

Still, I know my perception of the world is severely skewed at best. I've lived in Michigan my entire life. I've lived in this particular portion of the state for most of it. I am a person, generally, who avoids change at all costs. So far in life I have been content living in my bubble of cotton candy and self-pleasuring.

But, now I am being sent out into the world with my tail between my legs and poop-colored stars in my eyes.

As I inch closer and closer to my final days (which actually is pretty much today), I'm finding myself more at peace with what the hell I'm going to do once I leave this place. Luckily, I've already found a job, so I've won half the battle. But the other half — making money, getting laid and not starving to death — will be an uphill battle.

Since my personality always finds the negative side of every situation, I decided to peruse my



Photo by Torri Mathes/The Oakland Post

Despair fills his heart as Chief Copy Editor Josh comes to grips with the reality that he has to participate in some form of adulthood.

thoughts and locate the positives from my time here. Contrary to what my writing skills convey, I actually have learned a lot here. The journalism department is absolutely one of the best-hidden gems on this campus. I've also seen a ton of yoga pants, which is always a plus.

There's also been this place — The Post. I've done my fair share of complaining, but I've certainly enjoyed my time here. The only downside: After two years, I still haven't won the respect of a single person at this workplace. Now I'm heading off to a new workplace where others' respect of me will

likely be on that same level.

I guess in the long run the good has outweighed the bad and I still have some things to look forward to. Worst case scenario: If shit really does hit the fan, I'll have my severe anxiety and alcoholism to keep my asshole self busy. Fin.

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Sports

Editor's picks: Memorable headlines of 2014-2015

The 2014-15 academic year was arguably Oakland's best athletic year ever. Several sports improved leaps and bounds to capture league titles in the school's second year of the Horizon League. Some of the events that made headlines were...

Men's soccer captures league title and defeated Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA tournament

This was the best season ever for men's soccer. In just the second year of Horizon action, they dominated the league in both the regular season and post-season tournament. The team also recorded regular season victories over Big Ten opponents Ohio State and Michigan State, shutting out both opponents. Gerald Ben was named Horizon League tournament MVP and he'll be back next season.

Women's volleyball wins regular and post-season Horizon League titles, makes NCAA tournament for first time

Arguably one of the less successful programs in Oakland athletics over the last decade, the volleyball team put itself on the national radar this year with a 22-10 record and the first ever Horizon League title. The Golden Grizzlies cranked off 10 straight wins late in the season, including the Horizon League



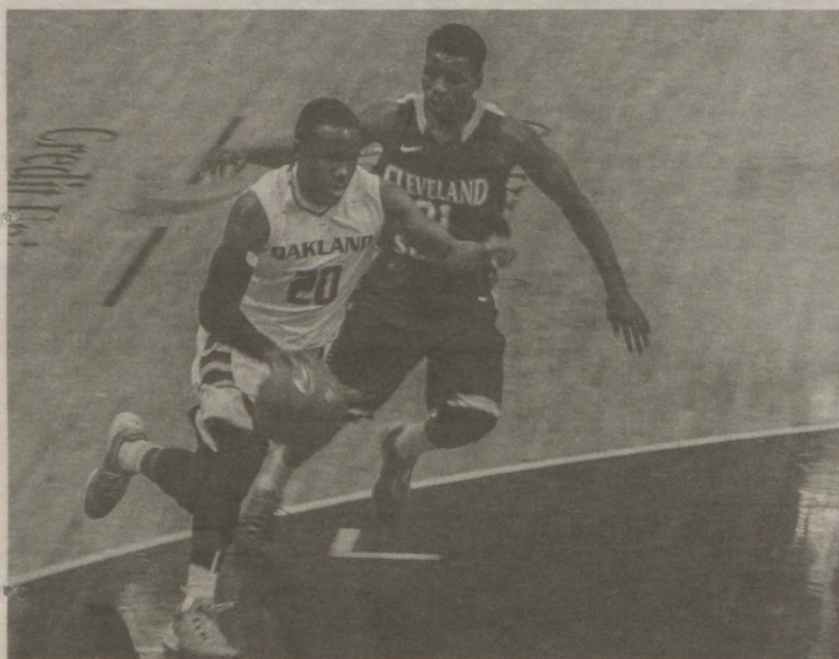
Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

tournament, which didn't come to an end until playing #13 Kentucky in the NCAA tournament. The only major loss the program takes next year is senior Taylor Humm, who led the Horizon in

digs last season with 545.

Men's basketball team is picked to finish seventh by coaches, finishes third, Kahlil Felder steps into the national spotlight

The second year of Horizon play was a lot more successful this year after the loss of Travis Bader. The team had a major turnaround after a shaky start and a crushing defeat at Detroit, finishing the season on an 11-5 run that included a rematch victory over Detroit. Dante Williams emerged as one of the premiere defenders in the Horizon League, shutting down several of the league's top scorers. Kahlil Felder also finished the season strong, averaging 22 points over the last seven games. Three of five starters will be back next season, along with several impact transfer players.



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Sophomore Kahlil Felder finished the basketball season strong, averaging 22 points over the last seven games. His crossover play against Youngstown State's Bobby Haim on Wed. Feb. 25 made SportsCenter's No. 1 play of the night.

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After a strong season, Oakland's men's soccer team has finished its spring schedule.

Team falls short of goals

Men's soccer ends spring tournament early in 3-1 loss to Western Michigan

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

In the first-ever Michigan College Tournament of Champions, the Golden Grizzlies lost the championship game to Western Michigan 3-1 on Saturday.

Oakland's men's soccer team concluded the spring schedule with a match against the Broncos at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac, Mich. The Golden Grizzlies earned their way to the championship game by defeating Saginaw Valley State, 4-2, on March 24 and earning a draw against Michigan State, 1-1, on March 28. Due to goal differential and goals scored tiebreakers, Oakland was able to secure a place in the championship game against Western Michigan.

The Broncos came out with more intensity than the Golden Grizzlies as they scored two goals within the game's first fifteen minutes. A long strike from Western Michigan's Greg Timmer and a goal from Cam Jensen off of a rebound put Oakland in a 2-0 deficit early. Head coach Eric Pogue thought his team was not ready to play and made some crucial errors early in the game.

"We had two individual mistakes costing us goals and when you get down two goals fifteen minutes into the game, it's tough," Pogue said.

Oakland did tighten up defensively for the rest of the first half and Pogue gave credit to his players for the way they battled back late in the first half and into the second. The two teams played evenly throughout the second half, as late goals by each team made it a 3-1 final. Midfielder Raphael Reynolds scored the lone Golden Grizzly goal and talked about the experience the freshmen gained in the championship game.

"We have a lot of young guys coming up and we had a great senior class who just left," Reynolds said. "I think we just have to get back on the saddle and the young guys have to step it up."

Coming off of a very successful season that included a Horizon League regular season and tournament championship along with a NCAA Tournament victory against Kentucky, the Golden Grizzlies have high expectations for themselves next year. They lost some crucial seniors from last year's team, but Pogue and the rest of the coaching staff hope that this spring taught their players some valuable lessons.

"Every team is a new team and the difference between good and not good is very slim," Pogue said. "You got to bring it every individual day and I think this showed us that nothing is promised to us next year and we are going to have to go out there and earn it all again."

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Seniors reflect on competitions past

The transition from student athlete to real world is bittersweet for new Grizzly alums

Kristen Davis
Staff Reporter

Every year, thousands of student-athletes play in the final game of their athletic careers. For most of them, this means letting go of the sport that has been a large part of their identities for so long.

But the memories of being an athlete and the lessons learned along the way will remain with them as they continue into their futures.

Several student athletes that finished their final seasons at Oakland this year are now headed to continue their education or start a career. The future is bright for these Grizzlies, and although they no longer represent the university as athletes, they will still represent it as students or graduates.

Here's a look at senior student-athletes, what they learned here and what they plan to do next.

Softball

Sara Cupp transferred to Oakland from University of Detroit-Mercy for her final season of eligibility this year.

Being a student-athlete has taught her discipline, timeliness and teamwork.

She plans on finding a nursing job after graduation, finishing courses to take the MCAT and going to medical school.

To her team and coaches: "I'm very thankful for the chance that they gave me and how much they welcomed me onto the team. I've had a great time with everyone on the team and even if we hit some rough patches, we were able to make it through and become stronger in the end. I know that the friendships that I've made here will last a lifetime and I'm forever thankful for that."

Basketball

Amy Carlton played on the women's basketball team for five years.



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Being a student-athlete taught her time management and teamwork skills. She graduated in 2014 and is in her first year of the DPT program.

She is returning to the team to serve as a graduate assistant next season.

Soccer

Kyla Kellermann played on the women's soccer team for four years. Being a student-athlete has taught her the value and power of teamwork.

She plans on returning to Oakland to get her master's in public administration while serving as a graduate assistant in the International Students and Scholars Office on campus.

To her team and coaches: "I am beyond grateful for being part of team which has become family. Knowing I have the unconditional support and friendship of over thirty girls as a result of this experience will be something I am always thankful for. I want to thank my coaches for the opportunity and my teammates for all the ways they made this experience memorable."

Matthew Delang played on the soccer team for four years. He plans on attending Duke University to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy.

Being a student-athlete has helped prepare him for a career in sports medicine by offering him insight into athlete's minds, and he values the advantage he'll have from his personal experiences.

To his team and coaches: "Four years of memories and inside jokes can't be expressed in just a few sentences, but there's no atmosphere in the world like that locker room. We are a family, and I want to thank all of the guys for an incredible journey."

Tennis

Theresa Elder played on the tennis team for one year. She plans on attending medical

school at Michigan State University.

Being a student-athlete has taught her how important every individual is to the success of a team, not just on the scoreboard, but also in motivating and bringing out the best in other teammates.

To her team and coaches: "Thank you for everything you've done, on and off the court. You've helped me not only in developing my weaknesses, but in knowing my strengths and giving me confidence. I've learned so much from my teammates and am so thankful for every one of them."

Golf

Marianna Stepp played on the women's golf team for four years. She plans on working for TelNet Worldwide in Auburn Hills and participating in a few summer golf tournaments.

Being a student-athlete has taught her integrity, discovery, accountability, excellence, respect and service.

To her team and coaches: "Don't waste time worrying over things you can't control the outcome of. Always lead by example and have compassion for others. Be bold. Be different. Be you."



Taylor Humm

Volleyball

Taylor Humm played on the volleyball team for four years.

She plans on returning to Oakland for the MBA program and working full-time as a manufacturing engineer in the manufacturing leadership development program at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles.

Being a student-athlete has taught her to define who she is based on her character, sincerity and personality.

To her team and coaches: "I hope that they already know this, but you guys have impacted my life in a huge way. There will never be a day that I'll forget how special my four years were as a Golden Grizzly on the volleyball team. I truly appreciate all of the

hard work, dedication and effort everyone put into this program to make it such a fun and inviting place to be, my home away from home, with a very "large and in charge" loving family."



David Koponen

Track and field

David Koponen was a member of the track team for four years.

He plans on working for a scout base over summer and going to Paraguay for sustainability work in the Peace Corps if he is accepted.

Being a student-athlete has taught him how to manage time and stress, and how to work and train in a team atmosphere.

Swim

Kyra Rietveld was a member of the swim team for four years.

She plans on attending the University of Florida for the art history graduate program.

Being a student-athlete has taught her to put in the effort and work to reach her goals, and that what you get out of something is all about what you put into it.

To her team and coaches: "My teammates and coaches gave me a new family and I cannot thank them enough for that. Knowing that a group of 40 people have your back no matter what and will always support you is the best feeling. They helped me grow as a person and showed me what it's like to push your abilities to the limit."

Mario Rusnak was a member of the swim team for four years.

Being a student-athlete has taught him leadership, teamwork and time management skills.

He plans on attending graduate school to get his master's degree in exercise science and pursue a career as a cardiovascular rehabilitation specialist.

To his team and coaches: "You didn't get to choose your teammates, which makes them your family."

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Baseball

The Golden Grizzlies were swept in their weekend road series against Valparaiso as they fell to 5-22 overall and 3-11 in the Horizon League play. The team was outscored 32-17 in the three-game series and has lost six games in a row. The team will play its first home game Wednesday against Western Michigan and then host Wright state for a weekend series.

Track and field

The track and field team held its second straight home meet at the new stadium this past weekend where it secured victories over Detroit (90-31), IPFW (97-6) and Valparaiso (96-29) but dropped to Central Michigan (69-67). The team will travel to Grand Valley State this weekend to compete in the Al Owens Classic.

Tennis

The Golden Grizzlies defeated Horizon League foe Valparaiso 6-1 this Sunday to move to 4-14 overall and 3-4 in conference play. Oakland dominated, taking two out of three doubles matches and five out of six singles matches. The team will compete in its final regular season match against Detroit on Saturday at home.

Softball

Oakland completed its second straight sweep this past weekend as it took all three games against rival Detroit. After cruising to two easy victories on Saturday, Morgan Muron hit a two-run homer in the top of the eighth inning to help her team win 7-5. With the victory, Oakland picked up six points in the Metro Series and holds a commanding 24-8 lead with four events left.

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