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## POLL OF THE WEEK

How do you feel about the Lions' season so far?

- A** Awful!
- B** At least football is on!
- C** The season started?
- D** Good, I stopped watching after the first drive

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

Who are you supporting in the Nicki Minaj and Cardi B fight?

A) Neither, both are trash artists  
12 votes | 32%

B) BARTIER CARDI OKURRRR  
10 votes | 27%

C) Nicki all day  
9 votes | 24%

D) The who and what now?  
6 votes | 16%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

Bumper's Game Room added eight Xbox 360s and one Nintendo Wii.

### SEPTEMBER 17, 1997

The Oakland Post revealed a "hidden treasure" that OU students may not know about, e-mail.

### SEPTEMBER 14, 1994

An Oakland University professor was suspended for conducting AIDS/HIV research without the university's consent.



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Deirdre Pitts, Ph.D won award for survey on the biases of hiring committees.  
Photo/Nicole Morsfield



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The Golden Grizzlies took on the Wright State University Raiders on Friday.  
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FALL**

**\$3 billion**

the amount of money brought in by fall tourism on the east coast

**5 days**

how much earlier leaves are falling compared to 20 years ago

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# Looking Back



The Oakland Post Archives

## Bombs went off on campus in '90

Patrick Sullivan  
Web Editor

Three bombs set by a former Oakland University student went off on Oakland's campus on January 10, 1990, prompting a panic from students and faculty. Jerry Guglielmello, former student from the fall of 1989, and Christian Cyrulewski, Guglielmello's roommate, planted bombs in several different areas around campus to allegedly create a diversion to rob the cashier's office on campus.

The first bomb went off in Kresge Library at 5:15 p.m. According to eyewitnesses, when the bomb went off, there was a wall of fire following the explosion causing damage to some of the journals held in the library.

"I was sitting in my chair; it went off, I yelled 'fire, fire,' then we [he and OU student Jim Grzech] got the fire extinguishers," said Sean Chamberlain, a then junior at OU.

The second bomb went off in the parking lot near the library, with a third going off in the parking lot near North Foundation Hall. These only caused minor damage to two cars in the respective parking lots. Thankfully with all three pipe bombs, no one was injured from the explosions.

Classes weren't cancelled to the dismay and outrage of students, but for good reason.

"We didn't want to cancel classes and send students into the parking lots because that is where the last bomb had just gone off," David Rodwell, the then vice president of External Affairs, said.

Campus closed the day after the bombings so that police could make sure the university was

safe for students.

Guglielmello was apprehended at midnight the next day for an unrelated burglary that happened on Oct. 30, 1989 at Mt. Holly ski resort. While at Guglielmello's apartment, police found gunpowder and metal pipes that were similar to what was used in the pipe bombs that were set off at OU.

Few people could believe that Guglielmello was capable of doing such a thing.

"Nothing he did in class would lead me to believe he would do anything like this," said Anne Becker, a Rhetoric special lecturer. "He seemed happy at Oakland."

After going to Guglielmello's apartment, police began to search for Cyrulewski for his possible involvement in the bombings.

Cyrulewski tried to evade police after his name and appearance were published by painting his car black and shaving his moustache. In order to drop the federal fugitive warrant against him, Cyrulewski eventually turned himself in the Sunday following the bombing.

A little over two weeks later, a bomb threat was called into the Oakland Center, prompting an evacuation. This threat was either unrelated or inspired by the original bombings earlier in the month, as both suspects for the first bombings were in custody. Police searched the building and while nothing was found, it didn't help the already on-edge population of OU.

Everything came to a conclusion in September 1990, when Guglielmello was sentenced to 27 months in federal prison for the bombings. Cyrulewski was also sentenced to 27 months, but in a different location so the two remained separated. The sentence carried no parole and would not be shortened.



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## Voluntary Domestic Student Health Insurance now available

*OU and BCBS of Michigan work together to provide health care for domestic students*

**Katarina Kovac**  
Campus Editor

**B**lue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Michigan and Oakland University have teamed up and are now offering health insurance for domestic students. All full- and part-time students enrolled in a degree program are now eligible to voluntarily sign up for health insurance coverage. Through this plan, students will have access to quality health care through the BCBS provider network.

"When the ACA (Affordable Care Act) came into existence, most of the domestic voluntary health plans for students were discontinued," said Nancy Marshall, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. "We were approached by Blue Cross earlier this year and we were excited to once again be able to offer the product."

OU does not require students to have health insurance, but it is

strongly recommended.

"It's a comprehensive, affordable plan that is priced very competitively because the target audience is young, healthy adults," Marshall said. "While some students are eligible for government subsidies, many are not."

When BCBS approached OU, the staff knew it was a smart decision to make.

"I always kept an eye open to see if any companies were offering it, as I know it's something important for students to have," said Adult Nurse Practitioner-Board Certified (ANP-BC) Director Nancy Jansen. "Then we got in contact with Blue Cross, who in the past, were never in the student health insurance market. We were ecstatic about it."

When students sign up for this plan, there is no benefit to the clinic. This policy simply benefits the students.

"This plan follows the Affordable Care Act," Jansen said. "There is a

\$500 annual deductible, meaning whenever you go to access care, the first \$500 is out of pocket for yourself, except for preventative care like vaccines or physicals. Then there is a co-pay with office visits. After the \$500 deductible is met, the insurance covers 80 percent. Office copays after you meet the deductible are \$20."

If students are still on their parents' plan and are wondering whether to opt for this plan instead, they should talk to their parents about which option is less costly.

"If you're looking at the most recent statistics, the one age group that is least insured is 26 year olds, because once they turn 26, they are off their parents insurance, and it is expensive," said Dr. Renda Dawud M.D., physician at the Graham Health Center. "There are high deductible plans which are not feasible for most. That's why offering a plan like this is important."

Students who opt for this insur-

ance can then download the mobile BCBS app on their iPhone or Android smartphones. They'll need their Blue Cross card to set up the online account, and then they'll be able to use a virtual ID card, view plan details, compare costs and find doctors near them. They can also find wellness tips from WebMD and discounts from Blue365.

Young people are as vulnerable to illness, accidents and the consequences of bad decisions as adults are. The only difference is that when emergency medical expenses do come up, students are rarely in a financial position to cover them. This is why insurance is necessary for students.

OU's campus clinic, Graham Health Center, accepts BCBS and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information or to begin the enrollment process, visit the Student Health Insurance Plan website.



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## GrizzHacks 3: bringing young minds together for innovation

Clare Sabelhaus  
Staff Intern

Acting as the largest hackathon in the metro Detroit area, GrizzHacks is a 24-hour event of innovation and collaboration. Students from Oakland University, the community and further are invited to join together for the third annual GrizzHacks at the OU Engineering Center on Sept. 22 - 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is free for all participants.

According to Joshua Tauberer, author of Hackathon Guide, a hackathon "is any event of any duration where people come together to solve problems."

Participants gather to collaborate and solve problems that are presented by sponsors.

"This is the third year we are throwing GrizzHacks, and it is going to be the largest yet," said Shriyash Jalukar, director of sponsorship.

GrizzHacks is a student run organization and invites all students of any major to participate in the event. This year, there will be over 300 attendees.

"You don't have to be a computer science student, you don't have to be a developer at all," Jalukar said.

Introductory workshops will be offered during the hackathon for beginners on various different topics including how to develop a web app.

Unique to OU, GrizzHacks also offers students an opportunity to network with industry professionals in a casual and fun environment. Participants solve problems with their team and compete for prizes awarded by a judging panel of experts. Judges assess hacks based on design, innovation, potential for implementation and difficulty. Through judging, 10 projects will be chosen to present

to the entire group, then final judging will commence. Winners will receive a prize that has not yet been determined, but over \$5,000 in prizes will be given during GrizzHacks.

Hackathons started in California and quickly spread to universities and cities across the world. Some notable inventions that sparked from hackathons are GroupMe, Snapchat and Facebook's "like" button.

"There is no other student organization that brings together so many students, professionals and alumni at one event," Jalukar said.

Sponsors of the event include Dynatrace, ESCRYPT, Ally Financial, Comerica Bank, Faurecia, Intrepid Control Systems, LyonsCG, Dataspeed, GitHub, Quicken Loans and Microsoft.

Participants will be provided food throughout and can bring their own hardware, though some will be provided at the event. Students are not allowed to begin their hack before the event but are encouraged to become familiar with tools they may use.

Teams consist of one to four people but collaboration within teams is encouraged. Students can register for the event without a team or idea because there will be an opportunity for team building and networking early on in the event. There will also be plenty of time to interact with professional mentors and engineers, meet recruiters and listen to great tech talks and tutorials from sponsors.

You don't need to be an engineering major. If you have a passion for technology and the drive to change the world, you belong at GrizzHacks. Interested students can learn more about the event at grizzhacks.com. Registration is open until Sept. 22 and walk-ins are welcome.

## OUSC President's Report: international students



Ryan Fox  
OUSC President

Dear Student Body,

In this report I would like to discuss what the Congress is doing to address the needs of a specific group on campus. There are over 1,000 international students that study at OU, and they come from dozens of countries. That means they come with a wealth of different languages and ideas, which can vary widely from what domestic students are used to.

These students often face challenges that domestic students do not. One such problem is the lack of transportation. Very rarely do international students come to OU with a vehicle, which means that they have to walk everywhere. That means, for the many international students that live off campus, they have to walk to school. This is challenging, since every road that surrounds OU is a high density, 45-mile-per-hour road.

To address the transportation is-

sue, the Congress plans to work with the Bear Bus to establish routes to the Beacon Hill apartments, which would allow an easier commute for international students.

Often times in classes international students are intimidated to ask questions for fear that they will be judged. They are often worried that domestic students will judge because their English skills are not the best; this was a fear I experienced during my own study abroad experience, and it can cause severe anxiety.

If you are a student reading this, please keep an open mind and be welcoming to all students on Oakland's campus. If you are a professor reading this, please be patient and understanding with students whose English skills might not be perfect yet.

The Congress is doing what we can to welcome and involve international students on campus. One such way that we are trying to get international students involved is the International Student Advocacy Committee, which is chaired by Fawaz Alkhudhayr.

If you are interested in getting involved with Student Congress, we currently have many positions open on our Legislature and on our many committees, including the International Student Advocacy Committee! Our Research and Review Chair Halle Haneckow is our first point of contact to get involved. Her email is [hallehaneckow@oakland.edu](mailto:hallehaneckow@oakland.edu). If you would like to reach out to the congress about any pressing concerns you have about campus life, feel free to reach out to [OUSC@oakland.edu](mailto:OUSC@oakland.edu).

A special thanks to Fawaz Alkhudhayr and Danyi Han, who provided the Arabic and Mandarin translations respectively.

Best Wishes,

Ryan M. Fox

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The 3rd Annual GrizzHacks invites students to create together in the Engineering Center.



# PR and Strategic Communication program officially launches

**Bridget Janis**  
Staff Intern

To unveil its new Public Relations and Strategic Communication program, the Department of Communication and Journalism hosted “PR and Strategic Communications in the Digital Age: An Afternoon of Exploration” on Wednesday, Sept. 12. Students, faculty and staff were invited to the afternoon of speakers and panels to create exposure for the new major.

The new Public Relations (PR) program is joining the College of Arts and Sciences, within the Department of Communication and Journalism. The fall 2018 semester is the first semester PR major classes are offered.

The event began with remarks from President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, Dean

Kevin Corcoran from the College of Arts and Sciences, Chair of the Department of Communication and Journalism Jeff Youngquist, and Director of the Journalism program and Interim Director of the PR and Strategic Communication program Garry Gilbert.

“I came to hear what Oakland University has to offer, what to expect in the program and what I can achieve through the program,” sophomore and PR major Kristin Penrose said.

Rick French, an alumnus of OU, took the stage as the event’s keynote speaker, with a presentation educating the audience about the world of PR. French serves as a chairman of French/West/Vaughan (FWV), a public relations company that, according to their website, is one of the top 20 largest independently owned PR companies in the

United States.

Along with sharing his own story and the journey of his company, French shared information about the realities of PR and how to be successful in PR.

“It’s really important to hear experiences of those who are actually in the field compared to me, who is just exploring a major,” Penrose said. “I think he clarified a lot about what it means to be a PR major.”

After the keynote speaker, a panel discussion featuring individuals in the PR career field was available for the audience. The panel featured OU alumni Kaniqua Welch, Kelly Kozlowski and Jennifer Wilt along with Shaun Wilson and Colette Stimmel, who answered questions ranging from internships to networking.

The panel’s main advice was to meet

as many people as possible in the field. They also gave tips on how to work your way up in the world of PR and to apply for as many internships as possible.

“They can see successes, and I think all of those panelists clearly enjoy their careers and here’s what it looks like,” said Senior Journalism Adviser Holly Shreve Gilbert. “I think when you’re a student and you wonder what kind of job you can get, here you can see.”

OU will be joining 18 other colleges in Michigan that offer a public relations major. Only 30 students were accepted into OU’s PR program to launch it the first year.

“I hope they got some questions answered about their future, specifically internships, and some jobs out there and some encouragement from people on the panel,” Gilbert said.

## SMTD Theatre Season Preview

**Dean Vaglia**  
Staff Intern

Starting in October, the Oakland University School of Music, Theater and Dance (SMTD) will kick off the 2018-2019 theater season. This year, the SMTD has five MainStage productions which OU students will star in and crew; a high fantasy production, a Russian theater classic and a British rock opera.

Kicking the season off is “Into the Woods,” a tale that combines the classic elements Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk. This production will be guest directed by Scott Mikita, who is currently performing on Broadway in “Phantom of the Opera.” Performances will be on Oct. 11-14 and 17-21.

Following “Into the Woods” is “Lysistrata Remix.” Based on the ancient Greek play “Lysistrata,” “Remix” takes the original show’s conflict and themes and updates them for the collegiate environment of 2018. While there have been countless adaptations since the original performances in 411 BCE, Director Karen Sheridan’s inspiration came from the original, and the “Remix” is said to strike people on its own merit for its originality and tone. “Remix” will run from Nov. 15-18, 29, 30 and Dec. 1-2. There will be a special late-night performance on Nov. 30 at 11 p.m.

Next up is “Seagull,” a classic play by Anton Chekhov. One of Chekhov’s four major plays, “Seagull” is a slice-of-life drama set in 19th century rural Russia with conflict focusing on the characters’ romantic and artistic passions. “Seagull”

will run from Feb. 7-10 and 13-15.

The fourth SMTD production is “The Who’s Tommy.” The first rock opera to be done by the Department of Theater, “Tommy” is based off of The Who album and Pete Townshend book, both titled “Tommy.” All performances will be signed in ASL by Synergy on Stage, a decision that was made due to the titular character’s condition.

“It’s usually two performances that are given [ASL interpretation],” Director David Gram said, “but because of the nature of ‘Tommy’ and that the main character Tommy experiences a trauma that results in him becoming Deaf, blind and mute we thought it was a great opportunity for us to partner [with Synergy on Stage] for the whole production.”

The interpreters, along with a seven-piece band, will be integrated into the show. “Tommy” runs from Mar. 21-24 and 27-31.

Finally, the SMTD will put on Roald Dahl’s “James and the Giant Peach” as their annual kids’ show. Scheduled performances will take place on May 17 and 19 and Jun. 7 at the Varner Recital Hall and Jun. 1 at the Flagstar Strand Theater in Pontiac. The show is expected to reach up to 6,000 kids through touring schools in the Metro Detroit area. Director Lynnae Lehfeldt said she was “thrilled for the opportunity to bring live theater to the children in Pontiac” at the Strand. The Jun. 7 performance is the second production to feature Synergy on Stage interpreting the performance for the Deaf.

More information on each show and how to order tickets can be found on the OU SMTD website.

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Deirdre Pitts, Ph.D., wins the prestigious award for her dissertation that she conducted with a survey.

## OUWB Faculty Member receives “Dissertation of the Year” Award

Kaley Barnhill  
Staff Intern

The Dissertation of the Year award was recently won by Deirdre Pitts, Ph.D., the assistant dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development as well as Assistant Professor of Foundational Medical Studies. For her dissertation, Pitts conducted a mixed methods survey across colleges around the U.S., on biases that sociologists on hiring committees have during the hiring processes.

“I was completely overcome with emotion when I learned that I had won the award,” Pitts said. “I was driving when I received an email — ‘Congratulations Deirdre, you have won!’...My initial reaction was tears of joy!”

Pitts expressed that the accomplishment allowed her to realize how significant the research was and how much it was needed.

Associate Professor of Bioethics Jason Wasserman, Ph.D., worked closely with Pitts as a member of her dissertation team.

“Obviously, I was thrilled when I heard that Dr. Pitts won the outstanding dissertation award, because I think she, individually, certainly deserves to be recognized for her hard work,” Wasserman said. “But more than that, I was excited because I think the work itself, the lessons about bias in the hiring process, deserve to be recognized, and so I think this award is an excellent platform for that.”

Her research provides explanations and conveys the experiences of people affected by various biases. Pitts administered her nationwide study to 3,798 sociologists who have served on academic search committees, and her findings revealed differences in how each demographic evaluates candidates. She found that women and men, African-American and white candidates, and tenured employees and non-tenured employees have different criteria about

which they are concerned during the hiring process.

“First and foremost, I noticed that throughout my educational pursuit I had only encountered one professor ‘like me,’” Pitts said.

Both Pitts and Wasserman say that the research has helped them evaluate and monitor their own biases. While Pitts says it is impossible to be completely unbiased, it is important to recognize that everyone has them and that managing how they impact decision making is helpful.

“Dr. Pitts brought to the research a true passion for the issues of equity in academic and faculty affairs and a wealth of professional experience working on these issues,” Wasserman said. “In many respects, she was already an expert on these issues before she began the research.”

Wasserman believes that she brought a perspective that can only be learned through her experiences, which greatly benefitted the research.

Pitts explained that while participants in the study may not think they hold conscious or unconscious negative biases toward African American candidates, in her example, they do subtly act upon their biases.

In regard to the future, Pitts says she plans to continue leading training on biases as a certified Cook Ross Unconscious Bias trainer. She has led sessions before in the OUWB community, where she says her training has already had positive impacts.

Pitts also would like to continue her research on biases in the hiring processes, as well as expand into other types of committees that are used in academia, such as promotion and tenure committees, admissions committees, student performance review committees and more.

Pitts would also like to have her dissertation published in the Journal of Higher Education.

## Celebrity overdoses spark drug abuse conversations

Jordan Jewell  
Staff Reporter

The recent death of rapper Mac Miller has Twitter users calling addiction the “invisible disease,” affecting 2.1 million Americans who admit to taking opioids for recreational use, according to opioid-conference.org. In 2017, there were over 72,000 deaths caused by drug overdoses, a record high in the U.S., according to the New York Times.

Colleges across the country have seen an influx of drug use. Between 1993 and 2005, there was a 450 percent increase in college-aged students who had experimented with Xanax and Valium. This number has continued to increase with the popularization of these stimulants by social media influencers and celebrities.

Xanax is an anti-anxiety drug-turned-party phenomenon. Students use it to de-stress, get high and calm nerves. Xanax use has become increasingly popular in combination with other drugs like painkillers or even heroine.

“I’ve experimented but I don’t think that’s uncommon,” an anonymous Oakland University student said. “I know people who have gone way too deep into using drugs, and I think that can be said about a lot of college kids.”

Universities are left with two options—provide counseling and anti-drug abuse education to students, or leave their students’ lives up to chance. Some colleges provide “sober dorms” for students looking to avoid temptation of alcohol and drugs, others offer counseling and treatment centers for students who have already formed dangerous habits.

So, what is Oakland University doing?

OU provides confidential counseling for students struggling with drug addiction. The first six counseling sessions that an OU student or faculty member attends are free. Further counseling costs \$12 a session.

In addition to these sessions, the counseling center offers a substance abuse prevention program. This program offers education, workshops and substance abuse

assessments. These assessments help students identify behaviors that may be dangerous in their day to day lives.

“It is important to stay aware of your mental health. If you feel anxious or depressed it is important to address those feelings.”

Dr. David Schwartz, Ph.D.  
Counselor at OU’s Counseling Center

Dr. David Schwartz, Ph.D., has worked in the OU Counseling Center for eleven years. The center is located in the east wing of the Graham Health Center and students are encouraged to set up appointments and stay in touch with their mental health.

“We normally work on a 15 session schedule,” Schwartz said. “If a student needs further help beyond those sessions we will refer them to a professional in the area. However, if necessary, we will make arrangements for them to continue seeing an OU counselor.”

Students and faculty can also put in a request to have a workshop presented to their class, club, sports team or any other on-campus organization. The workshops range from a number of topics and can be requested by calling the counseling center at (248) 370-3465.

“There’s been an increase in drug use and a decrease in alcohol abuse on college campuses,” Schwartz said.

As of 2017 there has been a 7 percent increase in overdose deaths in the U.S., stress is often a trigger for drug use and dangerous behaviors.

“It’s important to stay aware of your mental health,” Schwartz said. “If you feel anxious or depressed it is important to address those feelings. We get so many students who come to counseling for stress and we can help these students recognize potentially unhealthy habits.”



# Veteran center moves to larger space in Vandenberg Hall

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It has been seven years since an old breakroom in North Foundation Hall was converted into the first Veteran Support Services (VSS) Center on Oakland University's campus according to Eric Wuestenberg, coordinator for VSS.

Wuestenberg was hired on as the first full-time staff member on June 5, 2017, at which point he found there was not even a computer and phone on each desk.

As of this fall, the VSS Center has now been upgraded to Room 112 of East Vandenberg, making the leap from 230 square feet to 2,220.

"It makes people feel more comfortable to come in because they don't feel that claustrophobic," said Tyler Digiaco, president of Student Veterans of Oakland University (SVOU). "A lot of vets face that whole anxiety type thing of being in crowded areas, so now that we have a bigger space, we're getting more of a presence and people are coming to hang out and do homework and just relax."

While Wuestenberg is hopeful all 355 veteran students using benefits at OU will utilize the center, there has already been about 50 unique visitors a day.

"We're seeing a lot more faces and a lot more regularity of folks now that they know, but we've only been in this space a couple of weeks," Wuestenberg said. "A lot of folks didn't even know we had space, so really spreading the word is going to be huge for us."

New and continuing programs through the VSS Center

include a textbook loan program, which is always accepting donations, a computer and print lab area, VA Certification, an open lounge area and more.

Those using VA benefits are welcome to eat lunch, do homework, hang out, socialize and work on group projects in the center.

"It's really like a one-stop shop so it's benefiting the students more than anything," Digiaco said. "Really we're just trying to make it easier and more enjoyable pretty much just to come to school."

Looking toward the future of further improving veteran services on campus, a vocational rehabilitation counselor for disabled veterans on campus will be making the move from her current office in Detroit to OU's VSS Center as soon as the space becomes available.

This will bring veteran students from Oakland Community College, Macomb Community College and Baker College, totaling at around 2,500 students, to Oakland's campus, according to Wuestenberg.

More long-term goals include bringing PAVE, a transition assistance program and more ROTC crosstown agreements to student veterans at OU.

The center is currently open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, but may soon switch to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"We're all just so tickled to have this space, there's not a frown around at all," Wuestenberg said. "I say it almost every morning when I come in and unlock the door, 'pinch me, is this real?'"

## ROAD MARCH FOR HUNGER NEARLY DOUBLES DONATIONS



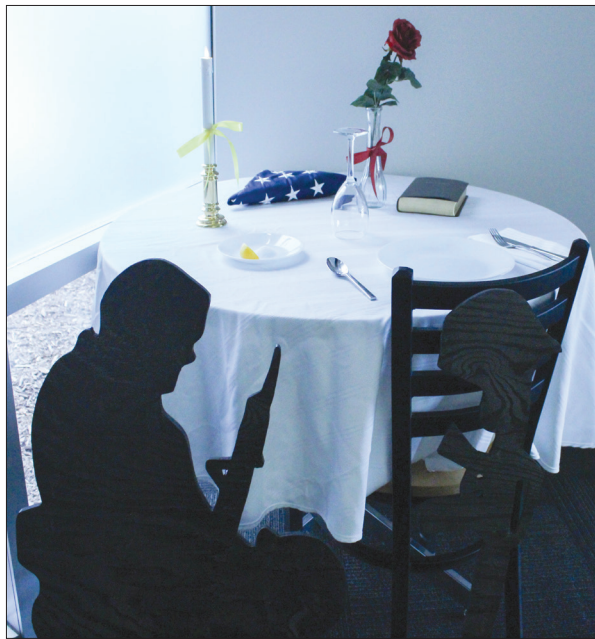
The annual **Road March for Hunger**, put on by **Student Veterans of Oakland University**, took place on **Sept. 11** this year. The OU community was asked to bring donations of food and other items for local veterans who are homeless, and then invited to carry the items on a one-mile walk, symbolizing the weight veterans bear.

All branches of the military, with the exception of The Coast Guard, participated this year. With this and the combination of better weather than previous years along with a more centralized location under the clock tower, the event nearly doubled its donations.

Over  
**1,000 LBS.**  
of food was collected as well as an estimated  
**\$1,400**  
according to Wuestenberg.







**Top:** Six flags stand outside the doors of the new Veteran's Center in Vandenberg Hall. These flags represent the United States of America, United States Army, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Air Force and United States Coast Guard.

**Bottom left:** The VSS textbook loan program helps relieve college costs for student veterans at OU. There are currently 372 donated textbooks housed at the center available for use.

**Bottom right:** The POW table sits near the entrance of the VSS center. The table symbolizes a number of aspects to honor fallen, missing and imprisoned service members. Some unique features of the table include it being set for one, a red ribbon, an inverted glass and an empty chair.

photos // **Nicole Morsfield**

# The POW/MIA TABLE

Among the variety of new areas built into the center now sits a carefully constructed table. Placed in a corner near the entry, the POW (Prisoner of War) Table honors the memory of fallen, missing or imprisoned military service members.

Here are what the items stand for according to the Pennsylvania VFW:

## THE SMALL TABLE IS SET FOR ONE

symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner

## THE TABLE IS ROUND

showing our everlasting concern for our POW/MIA's

## THE CLOTH IS WHITE

symbolizing the purity of our men and women's motives when answering the call to duty

## THE SINGLE RED ROSE

reminding us of the lives of these men and women - their loved ones and friends who keep the faith, while seeking answers

## THE RED RIBBON

symbolizes our continued determination to account for them

## A SLICE OF LEMON

reminds us of the bitter fate of those missing, captured and held as prisoners in foreign lands

## A PINCH OF SALT

symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty

## THE HOLY BIBLE

represents the strength gained through faith in our country, founded as one nation under God, to sustain those lost from our midst

## THE CANDLE

is reminiscent of the light of hope which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home

## THE GLASS IS INVERTED

to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast

## THE CHAIR IS EMPTY

they are missing - (silent moment) - and please remember their service and sacrifice



# OU celebrates Taiwanese arts and culture with Taiwan Week

Trevor Tyle  
Life Editor

The Oakland University community will be celebrating Taiwanese culture and arts from Sept. 14 through Nov. 11, 2018. The two-month celebration kicks off with Taiwan Week.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Melanie Chang (Department of Modern Languages and Literature), Peggy Chiu (School of Business Administration) and Dr. Chiaoning Su (Department of Communication and Journalism). This is the third year Taiwan Week will be celebrated across OU's campus.

"I found this to be very effective to share the culture that I came from with an audience that I truly care about," Su said of the event.

Though its moniker suggests it is a weeklong celebration, Taiwan Week will be spread out across two months in order to accommodate all of the events scheduled to coincide with it.

"I'm very ambitious, but I'm not greedy," Chiu said. "Everything takes time."

This year's celebration will be particularly memorable, as the National Chinese Orchestra, Taiwan visited Michigan for the first time to take part in a special performance with the OU Glee Club and Taiwanese Choir.

The OU Glee Club and Taiwanese Choir officially met for the first time on Wednesday, Sept. 12 during a dress rehearsal in 201 Dodge Hall, after practicing the entire summer. Chiu said their performance of Ben E. King's "Stand By Me" was "amazing" and almost left her in tears.

After two performances in the Oakland Center on Friday, Sept. 14, the three groups took the stage at the Detroit Institute of Arts for two encore performances, titled "Splendid Taiwan."

The DIA also hosted a plethora of events on Saturday, Sept. 15 and Sunday, Sept. 16 in honor of Taiwan Week, including a cooking demonstration, DIY activities and a screening of the film "Beyond Beauty: Taiwan from Above." The screening was followed by a discussion led by Dr. Su.

In spite of the film's controversial approach to ecological issues in Taiwan, Su said the way the audience responded to it last year gave them the confidence to show it again.

"It's not a happy-ending kind of movie, but this is the kind of movie that will linger in your mind, make you think and make you ask questions," Su said. "And I think it's also a call for action."

Chiu added that the issues tackled by the



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Taiwanese culture comes to OU in Taiwan Week.

film are also relevant to life in Michigan.

"Many people said, 'Oh, it's very controversial, you're not really presenting the best side of Taiwan,' and I said, 'You wanna talk about Flint? You wanna talk about the water? Do you want to talk about Katrina?' It's the same thing everywhere," she said.

The celebration will officially conclude with a series of performances from the Taiwanese Shadow Puppet Troupe. Among the performances, which will include stops at the DIA, the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts and the Ann Arbor District Library, is a special appearance at the OU Student Theatre Lab for School of Music, Theatre and Dance faculty and students on Nov. 11.

Though Chiu initially only submitted a three-year proposal for Taiwan Week, she hopes this year's celebration will be successful enough to continue the tradition for years to come.

"Taiwan Week means having a home," she said. "OU Taiwan Week is, to me, bringing a piece of myself, a piece of culture, and planting the seeds at Oakland U."

She also expressed hopes that Taiwan Week would inspire other people to celebrate their own cultures around campus, a sentiment with which Su agreed.

"I do hope that Taiwan Week is just a way to open the door for other student organizations or other faculty members to do something to celebrate their own cultures," Su said. "That way, we see more diversity here on campus."

For a full list of events and sponsors, visit the Oakland University website.



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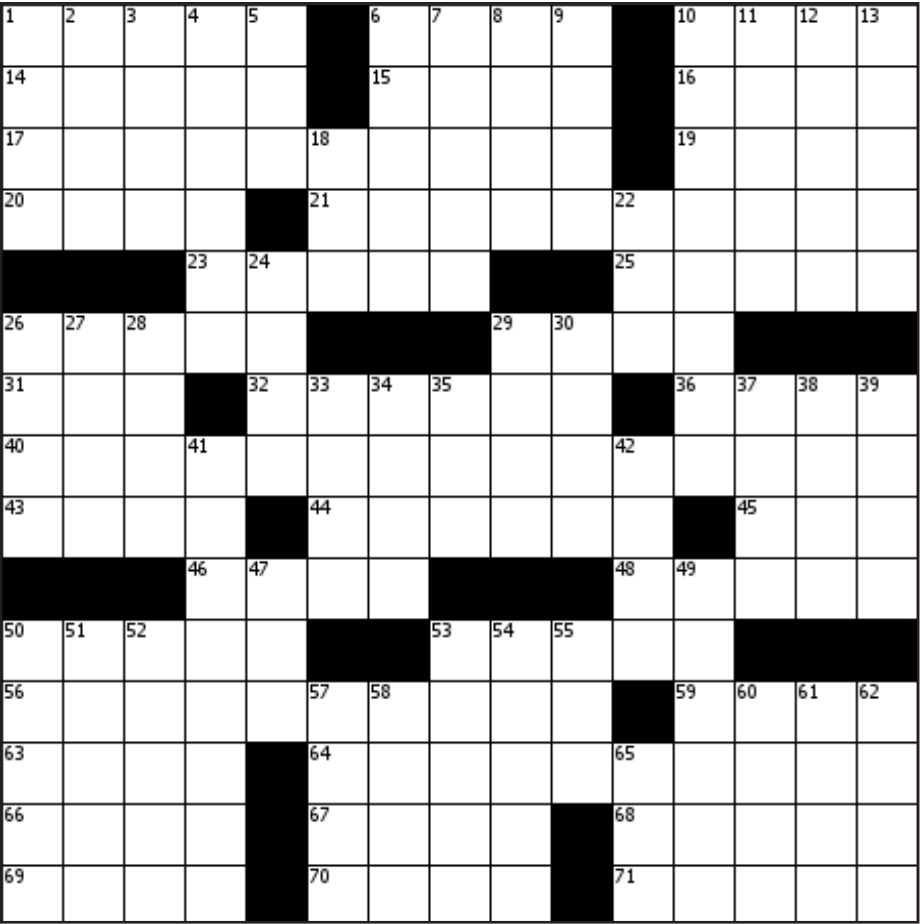
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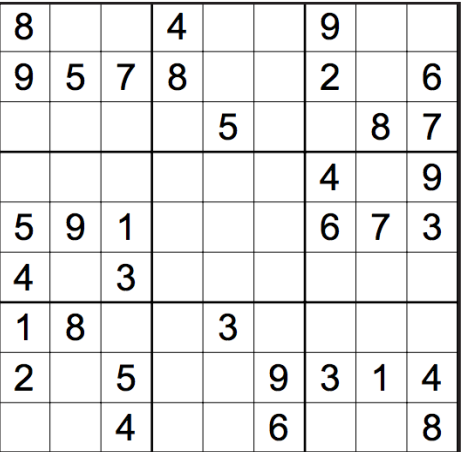


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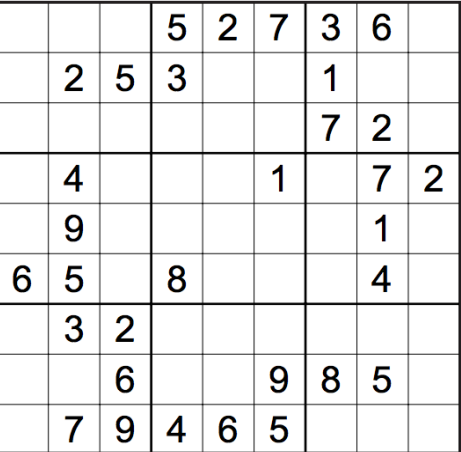
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  - 36. Morales of "My Family"
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  - 45. Trap
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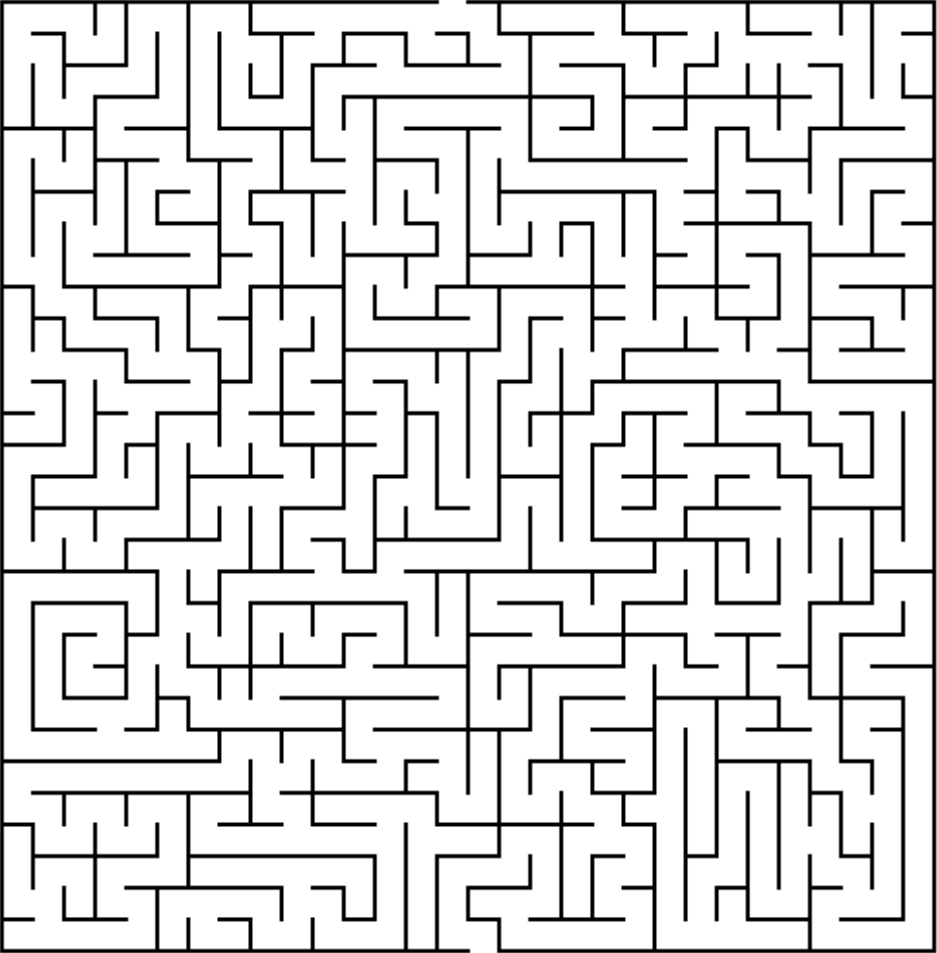
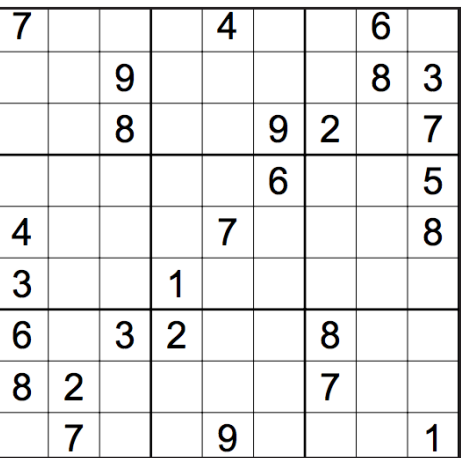
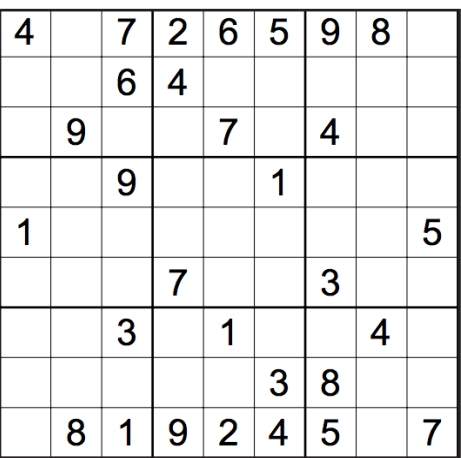
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## Stats on Hurricane Maria contradict Trump's slander

*Independent investigation reports thousands of lives after Hurricane Maria*



**Ben Hume**  
Staff Reporter

In this week's whirlwind of political news, President Trump leveled his harshest criticisms in some time at an independent study of hurricane Maria's death tolls.

Trump claimed through his Twitter account that "3,000 people did not die in the two hurricanes that hit Puerto Rico. When I left the island...they had anywhere from 6 to 18 deaths...Then, a long time later, they started to report really large numbers, like 3,000," continuing into a second tweet that said, "...This was done by the Democrats in order to make me look as bad as possible when I was successfully raising Billions of Dollars [sic] to help rebuild..."

Some of his aides even came to his defense, with White House spokesperson Hogan Gidley claiming, "President Trump was responding to the liberal media and the San Juan Mayor who sadly, have tried to exploit the devastation by pushing out a constant stream of misinformation and false accusations." Yes, a White House spokesperson attempted to slander the same Puerto Rican mayor who went on national television sobbing and begging for U.S. support.

Trump's tweets get a lot of flak, and it is almost always deserved. But this one in particular is a blatant and unsupported lie, one of his worst attempts at addressing his horrible media coverage and low approval. When it comes down to it, if you want to lie

to an entire country, you generally don't want to put your word against Harvard's.

This independent Harvard study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found through months of rigorous statistical sampling that the death total as a direct result of the hurricane was at 2,975. The report said this death toll was increased by 22 percent as a result of improper response to the disaster by United States disaster relief.

The chance of death was increased by 60 percent for residents living in the poorest municipalities, and 35 percent higher among elderly men. This data was assembled from September 2017 to February 2018 using statistically accurate and reliable methods. And it makes Trump's slander look all the more preposterous. The president doesn't usually have a problem fabricating lies or bending the truth, but the data here is so well supported by such a respected source that you wonder why he even bothers.

Actually, that's not entirely true—we know why he compulsively lies. It's been his only reliable activity since he hit the campaign trail. He doesn't take responsibility for any action that paints him negatively, and any source of bad news is wrong, unsubstantiated and fake. There are a lot of citizens of the United States that really love hearing that bad news and negative politics are someone else's fault, and who better to blame than the group of people responsible for your bad press? It is much easier to blame your problems on someone else rather than take responsibility for your own failures.

Do not misinterpret this as trying to give Trump apologists a platform—anyone who believes the tweets of an unqualified leader over the word of one of the world's most respected universities should take some time to reflect.

And they should reflect quickly, especially if they live on the east coast of the U.S., because if your leader's standard for excellent hurricane relief is 3,000 deaths, you may want to rethink riding this storm out.

## Notorious RBG on SCOTUS nominations



**Isaac Martin**  
Contributor

The Notorious RBG has perhaps never uttered a truer nor more ironic statement in all her days on the court. The hullabaloo and hyperbole surrounding Judge Brett Kavanaugh's hearings have reached mythic proportions. A sitting senator likening himself to a Thracian protagonist. The same senator indignantly insisting on cable TV that no, he had in fact broken serious Senate rules. Hysterics yawping over a committee hearing.

This is not the way these hearings ought to go. But then again, confirmation hearings have been in need of reform since before the Courts venerable little lady donned the black robes. The purpose of SCOTUS hearings is not a place for political pyrotechnics and questions about how they will rule in a particular case like *Roe v. Wade*, they ought to be to probe the nominee's credentials, judicial philosophy and character—topics that appear relatively undiscussed in the case of Kavanaugh.

As far as credentials go, Brett Kavanaugh is a star. A graduate of Yale Law School, he penned over 300 opinions for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit—often referred to as the second highest court in the land. The liberal-leaning American Bar Association unanimously recognized Kavanaugh as "Well Qualified." In the words of leftists lawyer of SCOTUS Lisa Blatt, "Sometimes, a superstar is just a superstar, and that's the case with this judge." Kavanaugh's credentials are unquestionable. However, that has not prevented Democratic 2020 hopefuls from leveling potshots on his judicial philosophy.

Despite effusive praise from liberal voices in legal America, some sizeable swath of people question the independ-

ence of a judge nominated by someone they view as an illegitimately elected, addle-brained president, riddled with scandal and hounded by an allegedly Pinocchio-esque nose supposedly growing longer by the tweet. And yet there is this from Kavanaugh:

Some of the greatest moments in American judicial history have been when judges stood up to the other branches, were not cowed, and enforced the law. [Judges] cannot be buffaloes, influenced, or pressured into worrying too much about transient popularity when we are trying to decide a case.

Kavanaugh does not just theoretically postulate or extol from afar the judicial virtue of an independent judiciary: he has lived it. After being appointed judge by President Bush, Kavanaugh decided against his former boss and supposed benefactor's administration eight times in two years. Hardly the behavior of a lapdog for the executive branch or a political sycophant Kavanaugh's judicial philosophy is apparent and blameless. He fully supports an independent judiciary and holds to the first principles of textualism and originalism - allowing the law to shape his opinion on a case rather than imposing his own opinions onto it.

Though Kavanaugh has impeccable credentials and an airtight philosophy, the basketball-coaching judge's character has oft been maligned of late. The serious, yet currently uncorroborated, accusation of sexual misconduct poses the only legitimate question to Kavanaugh's character. From the laughably false charges of racism to the questionable claims of perjury before the committee, Kavanaugh's good name has been dragged through the mud without heed to actual facts.

Senator Ben Sasse summarizes the accusations saying "[Kavanaugh's] been accused of hating women, hating children, hating clean air, wanting dirty water. [He's] been declared an existential threat to our nation. Alumni of Yale Law School, incensed that faculty members as [his] alma mater praised your selection, wrote a public letter to the school saying, 'People will die if Brett Kavanaugh is confirmed'" This type of rhetoric is manifestly absurd.

As a country, as a people, we must take a collective breath and refuse to descend to such drivel. While we may disagree, we must do so agreeably. I believe we all can agree that Kavanaugh is a high-qualified judge whose character we can admire even if your judicial philosophy differs from his.



# Pale Waves' new album is nostalgic and upbeat

Jessica Leydet  
Social Media Editor

If you're a fan of English bands, I think you will agree with me when I say I really do believe we are experiencing a second wave of the British invasion, and I'm referring to the music scene. If you consider our recent history of popular boy and girl groups like One Direction and Little Mix, all the way to alternative bands like Arctic Monkeys and The 1975, Brits have been taking over the charts in recent years.

If you found yourself listening to any of the bands I previously mentioned, chances are you may have run into indie pop band, Pale Waves in your suggested playlist on Spotify. After releasing a few singles and an EP, the group finally released their first ever album, "My Mind Makes Noises" on Sept. 14.

The album is reminiscent of The 1975 in terms of the lo-fi sound and vocal range. Lead singer and guitarist, Heather Baron-Gracie, formed the band when she met drummer, Ciara Doran while attending college in Manchester. The album is very naive in terms of the way the lyrics describe



Photo courtesy of NME.com

Pale Waves, a British group, has released a charismatic, although emotional, debut album.

relationships and the things you learn while growing up, but I think in some way that's why I find it so appealing—it's undeniably raw.

I particularly fell in love with the track "Karl (I Wonder What It's Like

to Die)." It is a definite tearjerker. The song is about the death of Baron-Gracie's grandfather, and she describes what it was like coming to terms with his absence from her life and how she felt when she initially found out. It's

a beautiful acoustic song and is much slower in contrast to the other songs on the album.

The band also taps into a retro '80s sound that nearly categorizes them in my book as Hi-NRG. You can particularly hear it in tracks like, "There's a Honey," "Television Romance" and "One More Time."

Songs like "She" and "Loveless Girl" take more serious themes and turn them into up-tempo anthems that I found quirky and kind of fun.

However, I wasn't fond of "One More Time" or "When Did I Lose It All." I kept waiting for an interesting bridge in both songs and it felt like it never arrived.

I give the overall album a four out of five. I think Pale Waves has a leg up when it comes to the new wave of emerging artists. Their sound is ambient and creates such a cool atmosphere. However, some of their lyrics caught me off guard knowing they were written by people who are supposedly in their twenties. It's like they spent too much time perfecting an album they wrote as teenagers and by the time it dropped, they had already grown out of it.

**Rating: 5/5 stars**

# lovelytheband releases a lovely new full-length album

Jordan Jewell  
Staff Reporter

Los Angeles indie pop group lovelytheband released their first full-length album "Finding It Hard to Smile" in early August.

They formed the band over Chinese takeout in 2016 and are currently headlining a North American tour. Their most popular single, "Broken," has over three million streams on Spotify. With a Billboard hit already under their belt, they produced "Finding It Hard to Smile," a 16-track studio album.

On the surface, the beats are up-tempo and light, and the lyrics are irresistibly catchy. But those same lyrics that get stuck in your head after a single listen are riddled with discussions of mental health and heartbreak.

Specifically, "Pity Party" paints a picture of self-pity and wallowing, but does so in a way that you

wouldn't recognize it as a typical "sad song." Lyrics like "Feeling sorry is my favorite hobby" paint an image of emptiness as opposed to sadness. "Pity Party" is the first full-length song on the album and sets the tone for those that follow.

The album paints a vivid picture of the trials and tribulations of millennial relationships. "Stupid Mistakes" talks about re-opening the door for an old flame, and "Maybe I'm Afraid" showcases the self-sabotaging behaviors that are all too common in relationships.

"Make You Feel Pretty" is the album's standout track. It's got the highest level of energy, paired with complex and relatable lyrics. The track talks about trying to make a toxic relationship work no matter how draining it feels. It hits close to home in an age of superficial dating norms.

While interludes can sometimes feel forced or useless,

"Filling a Void" acts as more than a filler. It's melancholy, but in the best way possible. At one minute and 10 seconds, it's just long enough to get you in your feelings.

In an age where emotional honesty is becoming more and more acceptable in the music industry, lovelytheband is not alone. Artists like Halsey and Billie Eilish are making a fortune by producing dance songs with heartbreaking lyrics.

lovelytheband is gaining popularity daily, but their road to the top is filled with competitors. Their sound is vaguely similar to the band LANY, another up and coming indie pop group. They both feature calming melodies, catchy lyrics and dreamy piano tracks. While each band has their pros and cons, it's possible that one may be lost in the shuffle.

The North American leg of their "broken like me" tour be-



Photo courtesy of Lincoln Hall

This indie pop group tackles the topic of relationships in their new album.

gan in August and will stretch to October before the band heads to Europe. They primarily play smaller venues with standing room only tickets, but their shows are already receiving rave reviews.

The album itself flows together perfectly. The songs all share

a similar theme and energy but are all different enough to keep the listener guessing. Listening to this album for the first time was an adventure, but a calming one.

**Rating: 4/5 stars**



Sergio Montanez / The Oakland Post

After defeating Wright State University, the Golden Grizzlies prepare for their next game vs MSU.

## Golden Grizzlies' first win vs Wright State

Zac Grasl  
Staff Reporter

After a 48-14 loss in their season-opener against Lawrence Tech University on Sept. 1, the Golden Grizzlies bounced back with a huge home-opener victory against league opponent, the Wright State University Raiders. Oakland defeated the Raiders 50-6.

Unlike what happened against LTU, the Golden Grizzlies dominated everywhere; offense, defense, and special teams. The defense sacked the Wright State quarterback seven times, forced two interceptions and forced a fumble as well. Senior linebacker Bobby Saad led the way with six tackles, one sack and one safety.

"We watched a lot of game film preparing for these guys," Saad said. "There were times when I knew exactly what plays they were gonna run based on their formations."

Junior quarterback Ben Hajciar led the way offensively, completing 10-19 of his passes for 115 yards and two touchdown passes. Hajciar, who was one of the few players able to be productive in the game against LTU, gives credit to his success to his teammates.

"The last two years, I've been so used to coach Featherstone's offensive play calling and now with a new coach and a new playbook, we had to learn the new schemes," Hajciar said. "During the off-season, the receivers and I would get together and work on our routes and play calling, and get our chemistry going."

Through the first two games, Hajciar has completed 58 percent of his passes, passed for over 200 yards and his thrown four touchdowns passes. Junior running back Chris Ross also had an impact on

the game as well, with six carries for 78 yards and one touchdown.

"Lawrence Tech was a wake up call for us," Saad said. "We never experienced a loss like that before...heck we barely lose games period. So the last two weeks, we were determined to get that bad taste out of our mouths."

Saad said the biggest thing the team needed to work on was conditioning. Throughout the game against the Raiders, the Golden Grizzlies looked far more conditioned than their opponent.

"When you only have 28 players on the team, it's hard to keep guys rested throughout the game, especially when we have guys going both ways, like myself," Saad said. "So conditioning was a big focus for us the last two weeks at practice."

Head Coach Rick Fracassa faced heavy criticism from fans and experts alike after the loss to LTU, but he redeemed himself after defeating Wright State.

"I feel great," Fracassa said. "You gotta respect what these guys did during the game. These guys they love the game, they pay to play and after what we went through against Lawrence Tech, they came out and they balled out. I couldn't be prouder of how these guys bounced back."

Fracassa later told the team to enjoy the win for 24 hours and then focus on their league rival, Michigan State.

"From what Bobby (Saad) told him, MSU is one of the four teams that has beaten this team since they started the program in 2013, so they are coming into this game pretty confident that they can beat us," Fracassa said. "We are going to have film on Tuesday and going to get practice in and prepare for the Spartans."

The Golden Grizzlies will host the Spartans at home on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 5:00 p.m. ET.

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**Men's Soccer vs U of D Mercy:** The Golden Grizzlies improved their Horizon League record to 1-1 with a win over rival University of Detroit Mercy (UDM). It took an extra period to decide the winner of this match, as Oakland emerged victorious, 1-0 in overtime.

The game winning goal in overtime came from sophomore Dylan Borczak, who is a Detroit native. The goal marked the first for Borczak on the year, and he was assisted by junior Travis Harrington.

Oakland men's soccer improved their overall record to 4-2-1 on the year, rebounding from their two game losing streak. The team dominated the game, with 16 shots and four shots on goal. The defense only allowed two shots on goal from UDM, so goalkeeper Sullivan Lauderdale had a relatively calm day.

The men's team's next Horizon League matchup is on Saturday, Sept. 29 in Indianapolis against Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Jaguars at 4 p.m.

**Women's Volleyball:** The women's volleyball team had two matches this past weekend, as they competed in the Redhawk Invitational at Miami of Ohio.

On Friday, Sept. 14, the team was unable to defeat the Redhawks on their home court. Losing 3-1, Oakland took the first set 25-21 but then dropped the next three. Miami outscored Oakland 75-43 in the next three sets, playing great defense and capitalizing on Oakland's 22 errors.

Senior Aleksandra Malek led the team in kills with 13, adding three digs, one block and one ace. Senior Krysteena Davis was the team leader in blocks with three, adding

seven kills of her own as well.

The Golden Grizzlies rebounded the next day, facing off against Saint Francis University (SFU). Defeating SFU 3-1, Oakland only dropped the second set 26-24.

Malek led the way again with 15 kills, and sophomore Jaime Walling recorded eight blocks, 13 kills and two aces. The team was very balanced, recording eight aces and 14 blocks. It was a strong performance for the team coming off a game where they were dominated for the most part.

The women's volleyball team's next match is on Saturday, Sept. 22 as they take on Horizon League rival Youngstown State on the Blacktop at 4 p.m..

**Women's Soccer vs Toledo:** The University of Toledo Rockets came to Rochester in a match against the women's soccer team. The women's team came into this match with a record of 0-8, looking for their first win of the season.

The game was neck and neck through 88 minutes, but Toledo broke the 0-0 tie with a header by Ashton Cassel in the 88th minute. Both teams had five shots on goal, but Oakland outshot Toledo nine to eight.

Junior Jaimie Leas had four saves on the day, and junior Sierra Grodsinsky led the team with three shots, two on goal.

The team looks to win their first Horizon League game at home on Saturday, Sept. 22 against the Cleveland State University Vikings at 7 p.m.

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# Oakland ice hockey goes into season without senior leadership

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Staff Reporter

In high school and college athletics, it is incredibly rare to see a team without any seniors on the squad. For this upcoming 2018-2019 season for the Oakland University club ice hockey team, that is the case, as they will be playing this season without any senior leadership. After finishing last season with a record of 16-17-2, the team is looking at getting the younger players experience.

Sophomore center Chase Serno, who is one of the younger leaders on the team, knows although the season will be a challenge, he still believes that people should not sleep on this hockey team.

"Although I consider us to be a team that is rebuilding, I believe we can still make an impact in our league," he said. "There's always that one time that everyone underestimates...maybe we can be that team."

Last season as a freshman, Serno won multiple awards for the ice hockey team. He won the Rookie of the Year award, the Will McMahon Most Valuable Player award, the Brent Cooper Most Valuable Offensive Player award and led the team

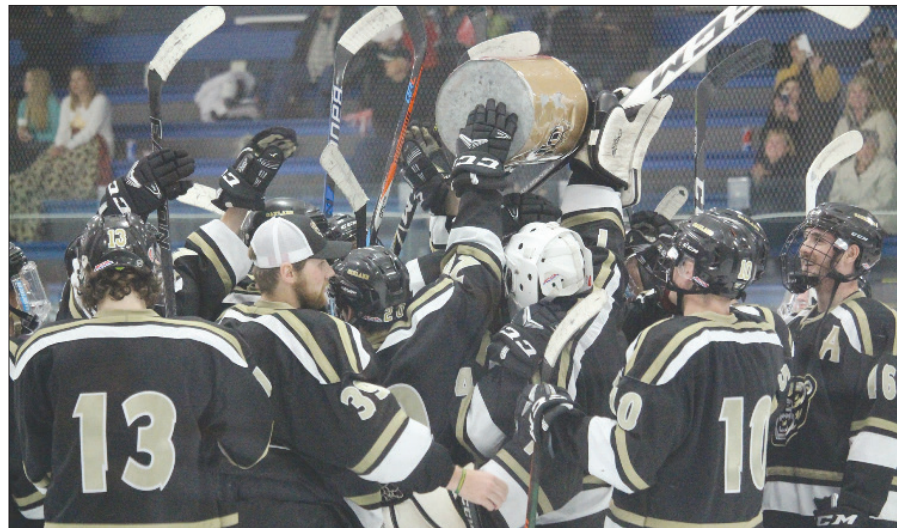
in goals with 13 goals out of 33 attempts.

"There were so many other guys on the team that deserved those awards," Serno said. "But my teammates voted for me to win those awards and although I cannot take all the credit, it is a great feeling knowing my hard work has paid off."

This team isn't a stranger to having lack of senior leadership. Last season, the team only had one senior, and now that he has graduated, the two assistant captains from last season, junior forward Chandler Gillespie and junior defenseman Gino Mini are the key players to watch out for this upcoming season.

"I believe that this team is looking at us (Gillespie and Mini) to step up and fill that role as the team's leaders," Mini said. "I also believe a couple of other guys such as Greg Meuser have stepped up and filled the role as assistant team captain."

In one of the toughest leagues in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), most experts and critics have already written off the Golden Grizzlies as a contender of any sorts, but Mini believes that the critics are not giving the team much credit.



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Since there will be no seniors leading the team, Chandler Gillespie and Gino Mini will step up.

"We currently have six players on the team that have been on this team for three years or more, and a large core of second year guys," Mini said. "To go along with that, we also have five rookies or freshmen. We also have a completely new coaching staff this upcoming sea-

son, so that may be a challenge as we are still learning the new schemes and playbook. We will do our best this season and go as hard as we can and as far as we can."

The team's season/home opener will be on Friday, Sept. 28 at the ONYX ice arena. The puck drops at 8:40 p.m.

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# Women's soccer falls in Horizon League opener, 1-0

*In a difficult game against the WSU Raiders, the Golden Grizzlies played hard but were not in luck.*

**AuJenee Hirsch**  
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A young boy asked the question that was on everyone's mind as the women's soccer team took on the Wright State University (WSU) Raiders in their Horizon League opener on Friday, Sept. 14. Is Oakland going to win?

The Golden Grizzlies fell 1-0 with neither team able to score until the 74th minute when the Raiders scored a goal off the breakaway.

The Oakland and WSU game began with an explosive start. The Golden Grizzlies earned possession of the ball early and hit the Raiders with a strong offense. In the 12th minute senior Hollie Clement made the first shot of the night.

In the 89th minute, Oakland's Lauryn Souflard appeared to have made a goal, making the crowd go wild. But

luck was not with the Golden Grizzlies. The goal was not counted since it was an off-side against Wright State.

"I'm really proud of the team's hard work and effort," said Head Coach Juan Pablo Favero. "In 90 minutes we created more scoring chances than they did and this is a cruel game sometimes... [WSU's] a good team and obviously they have a special player who scored for them, and that's the risk we ran playing very attacking minded tonight."

Overall, the Black and Gold made more shots (8) and shots on goal (5) than the Raiders during the entire game. Clement, Sierra Grodsinsky and Alexa Sabbagh each recorded two shots and one shot on goal for Oakland.

"I think we played one, if not the hardest performance we've put out this season," Clement said. "There's been

those games where we've been on top, and I think tonight was one of them. It's literally just a thing of luck now. We've had so many chances and they're just not going in, but we're going to keep working hard."

Favero wants to improve the team's ability to score on the chances they get.

"That's obviously something we have to keep working on," he said. "That's probably our biggest fallacy right now where we fall short. But we're creating chances and it'd be worse if [we] didn't have chances to score, that'd be a bigger problem."

Despite the loss the team suffered, Favero will not let this defeat hold them back for the rest of the season.

"Our expectation is that this [losing streak] is going to turn around and that we're going to get the results," he said. "They're a great group,



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The women's soccer team played a tough game, losing 1-0 to WSU Raiders.

they're working hard and they deserve better results. It's just hard work and it takes time, and we're in the middle of it."

Oakland (0-8, 0-1 HL) will face Cleveland State Uni-

versity in their next Horizon League game. The Golden Grizzlies and the Vikings will go head to head at 7 p.m. at the Oakland Soccer Field on Saturday, Sept. 22.

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