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WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL // Teams of five competed in the Student Program Board's Wheelchair Basketball tournament at the recreation center Monday night. The event was meant to spread awareness of what it is like to not be able-bodied and provide an opportunity for handicapped students to participate.

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The Center for Michigan visited Oak View Hall and engaged participants in analyzing political ads.

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Two fraternities joined together to raise money for the Canine Companion Rescue Center.

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Women's soccer comes back from 1-0 deficit in the second half to close out game against Green Bay.

Photo / Ian Levinson

POLL OF THE WEEK

Have you had your mid-semester breakdown yet?

- A** Of course not, I'm always mentally healthy
- B** Ask my therapist
- C** Saving my tears in a jar
- D** Ready for death

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What's your favorite fall activity?

A) Dragging my lover to the cider mill

28 votes | 46%

B) Going out of my way to crunch leaves

12 votes | 20%

C) Carving Donald Trumpkins

11 votes | 18%

D) Watching the American political system crumble

10 votes | 16%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 20, 1986

Joseph Champagne, then-president of OU, moved out of Sunset Terrace into a Rochester home, costing the university \$230,000 (equivalent to \$505,000 today) from the general fund.

OCTOBER 21, 1992

Canoe races that were to be held at Bear Lake during Homecoming were canceled due to cold weather and bad water conditions related to geese fecal coliform content in the water.

OCTOBER 19, 1994

Talk circulated that GALA (now the GSA) would share space with the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and Chi Alpha, two religious groups on campus. A member of Chi Alpha was quoted saying, "We have a belief that God has a standard, and that living a homosexual lifestyle is contrary to that plan."

BY THE NUMBERS

VOTING

7.4 million
people are registered
to vote in Michigan

16
electoral votes come
from Michigan

13.4%
of voters don't vote
because they aren't
interested

146,311,000
Americans are registered
to vote

2.5 million
people voted in
the primaries

<http://www.statisticbrain.com/voting-statistics/>
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Looking Back

The murder of Tina Biggar

Student researching sex workers goes missing

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

On Sept. 13, 1995, The Oakland Post ran the following description of a missing student: "Tina Biggar is 5-foot-7, weighs 145 pounds and has blonde hair and brown eyes. She wears glasses or contact lenses. Anyone who may have seen Biggar or may have any information as to her whereabouts should contact the OU Police at (810) 370-3331. Her family has offered a \$5,000 reward for information."

She was 23 years old and studying psychology at Oakland University when she went missing on Aug. 24. She had moved in with her boyfriend, Tom Nurnberger, just a few days prior. He said she had poor eyesight, and he suspected foul play upon realizing her glasses were left at home before her disappearance.

"I think that she is dead or that she is kidnapped," said Julie Biggar, Tina's sister. "I keep thinking 'Silence of the Lambs.'"

The last reported sighting of Biggar was Aug. 23, by an individual who claimed she was with a man named Ken Tranchida, an ex-con whom she befriended.

"As far as we know, (Tranchida) was the last person seen with her, but he's not charged with anything so we can't restrict him in any way," said Sgt. Doug Anderson of the Farmington Hills Police.

What made her disappearance all the more worrying was that she was part of a research group studying the AIDS epidemic in female sex workers.

She was one of eight students at Oakland working on interviewing women about their knowledge of the HIV virus and AIDS. Then, Wayne State University students would have the sex workers go through an education program on HIV and AIDS, after which the OU students would follow up and analyze the subjects' retention of the information.

The subjects were all in jail for their engagement in sex work, and the Dickerson Detention Center in Hamtramck had personnel constantly supervising the students.

"[Biggar] put her all in this study," said Aimee VerMeersch, Biggar's good friend and co-worker.

Following The Oakland Post's coverage, major news outlets in metro Detroit came out and wrote follow-ups, and many of these reports

speculated that Biggar had been involved with the sex worker population beyond her research.

One day before her disappearance, Biggar had filed an application for permission to conduct a study titled "Survey of sexual history and health practices among women employed as escorts." Professors Alega Harrison and Robert Stewart were listed as faculty sponsors, though Stewart never signed the document.

There were at least three alleged sightings of Biggar in Windsor, and a warrant was put out for Tranchida's arrest.

Biggar's body was found Thursday, Sept. 21, by Southfield police near 9 Mile Road. Her body was behind a home owned by Tranchida's aunt.

The following Monday, a vigil was held in her memory outside Pyrale Hall. No faculty from the Psychology Department made an appearance, but 100 students, staff and faculty came together. Her family planned to bury her body in South Dakota in a plot next to her brother, who had died in infancy.

Tranchida faced life in prison for her death, and his lawyer claimed that Biggar worked for three different escort companies. Tranchida's lawyer also claimed that his client's rights were violated, as he was questioned by police while bleeding after an apparent suicide attempt.

Eventually, on May 3, 1996, Tranchida was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. He is currently held in the Muskegon Correctional Facility.



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This photo of Tina Biggar ran Sept. 13, 1995.



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Campus

Questions welcomed at Graduate Open House

KeyVonna Taylor
Staff Reporter

Oakland University Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning will host a Graduate Open House on Oct. 19 from 5-7 p.m. to educate individuals on more than 130 doctorate, master's and graduate certificate programs that are available at OU.

The Graduate Open House is a signature event that has been hosted for over 20 years and is held twice every year, once in October and again in March.

"The attendees of the Graduate Open House are in for a great treat," SAID Claudia Petrescu, dean of graduate education.

Open house attendees are encouraged to view the information tables from the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering and Computer Science, School of Health Sciences, Student Financial Services, School of Nursing and more.

Students will also have the opportunity to converse with program representatives and watch a financial aid presentation.

Petrescu encouraged students to attend the event.

"Get knowledgeable about graduate programs, about what it means to be a graduate student, and if and which graduate degree matches your career choices," she said.

"I find it thrilling to see the hundreds of people walking through the doors eager to be on OU's campus and excited to learn about our great graduate programs. To see



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post Archives

The Graduate Open House will have information about admission requirements, the application process, and financial aid and payment options.

so many people in one room talking, interacting, smiling and laughing, it is inspiring and humbling at the same time."

There are some positions that demand a degree higher than a bachelor's.

"Today's jobs require people to have a strong knowledge base that allows them to adapt fast to the changing need of the workplace," Petrescu said. "However, there are a variety of reasons why people attend graduate school. For some, the skills and knowledge gained from a graduate degree can expand job opportunities or increase their ability to advance faster in their ca-

reers. For others, it satisfies intellectual curiosity or nourishes a passion."

All and all, a graduate degree provides individuals with a higher job satisfaction that can lead to an overall fulfillment in life, according to Petrescu.

Petrescu had advice to offer undergraduate students who are ready to graduate and contemplate what to do after graduation:

"Think of what you learned during your undergraduate studies and how you want to use what you learned," she said. "Do you want to practice what you learned?

Then get a job. Do you have a strong need to continue learning what you started in your undergraduate studies? Then talk with your faculty about options to continue your studies. Attend a Graduate Open House to explore options. But please, don't rush to go to a graduate school just because you don't know what else to do. We are here to help undergraduate students explore what is the best option for them after they graduate."

For additional information or to register visit <https://www.oakland.edu/ucm/lp/FY17/grad/events/grad-open-house/>.

Hispanic Heritage Month wraps up

Simon Albaugh
Intern Reporter

This year's Hispanic Heritage Month has officially ended. But it didn't go without leaving a mark on both Hispanic students and the larger community alike.

Hispanic Heritage Month was a series of culturally-themed events that had the goal of educating the campus community about Latin American life. The events, which took place around campus, along with one in Detroit, brought participants to the forefront of current issues in Hispanic culture.

Participants such as Isaias Levi Cruz, a student at Oakland University, found the interest in his culture as an important aspect of college.

"In college, we're all opening our eyes to different cultures," said Cruz. "I felt really appreciative of the interest in the situation."

Cruz paid particular attention to the

movie screening of "East of Salinas." He said its ability to accurately portray the life of children of migrant workers really spoke to him.

"I felt like that was my story," Cruz said.

According to Payton Holden, a student assistant at the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, the goal of such events is "to open everyone to different cultures."

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI) is "the university organization responsible for creating and implementing such events. Their stated mission is to provide support for underrepresented students' success and to foster a campus-wide appreciation for diversity."

The CMI also will be carrying out another cultural appreciation event starting on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The African American Celebration Month has a stated focus on the CMI website.

Anyone is welcome to attend any diversity events hosted by the CMI.



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

Food was served at the event that celebrated the end of the Hispanic Heritage Month events at OU.

New public relations major up for review

The program would initially accept 30 applicants per year

Amy Swanson
Staff Reporter

A new public relations major is on track for approval and could be offered in the fall of 2017.

Garry Gilbert, director of the journalism program and editorial adviser of The Oakland Post, is chair of the committee to propose the major.

The push began about two years ago.

"We had been looking at the growing interest in our PR portions and the student demand for the Intro [to PR] class," Gilbert said.

When exploring the possibility of expanding the program to include a PR major, the committee questioned journalism and communications undergraduates and confirmed high levels of enthusiasm.

The group also looked at employers, surveying 36 PR agencies to see whether OU offering a PR major would make a difference in deciding to hire the university's students. They all said yes.

To create the 40-credit major, the committee hopes to include the theories classes offered in the communication department, as well as the applied skills classes in journalism. Other PR-specific courses would also be added, including crisis communications, event planning and speech writing.

If approved by the Board of Trustees and the university president, the program will be able to launch. The plan is to accept students by application, initially accepting 30 people per year in order to carefully manage the program's growth.

"I would project that within about five years, we would have 150 students majoring in PR," Gilbert said.

Oakland has already begun to gain expertise in the field by hiring Chiaoning Su this year. She is the school's first tenure-track professor with a specialty in public relations.

After getting her master's degree in organizational communication at Emerson College, Su went back to her home country of Taiwan, where she worked for a worldwide PR agency, Ogilvy, for three years. She has also been involved in political communications, as both her with father and sister were politicians.

Su said many of the faculty at OU have years of solid working experience in the industry.

"I think I can bring an international perspective and theoretical frameworks into

our new major," she said. "Together we can create something interesting."

Su's vision includes creating courses in international perspectives, like global PR and branding.

"I'll be counting on her to help shape this program," Gilbert said.

Su said that with enough students, OU would eventually be able to establish a chapter in the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). This student organization would be able to attend events with other schools' chapters and PR professionals.

In the long term, she has the idea to create a program that combines a study abroad trip with a PR internship.

"I have very good connections with PR agencies back in Asia, like China, Taiwan and Hong Kong," she said. "So I could take students to Asia over the summer, where they can not only take a few classes, but also have an internship opportunity for a few weeks."

All of this is culminating at a good time, as the PR job market is growing.

Employment as a public relations specialist is projected to grow six percent from 2014 to 2024, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is in contrast to a nine-percent decline in journalistic professions, like reporters, correspondents and broadcast news analysts.

Su said a communication degree can be a little broad.

"Communications is good because it's a little bit of everything, but in such a competitive job market, employees want to see expertise," she said. "So PR as a major being specified on their certificate would be a way for our students to stand out and attract more PR companies."

This program will help to set OU apart from other universities in southeastern Michigan, as only Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University currently have PR majors.

OU is also surrounded by many companies in need of interns who write and speak well, such as the Detroit Zoo and the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"Our location is optimum for students to get a great internship in PR, and we know those internships tend to lead to jobs," Gilbert said.

Ultimately, Gilbert believes it will help to attract more incoming freshman to the school.

"It will really help make Oakland a first-choice university," he said.

POLICE FILES

Marijuana use in Hamlin Hall

On Oct. 14, the Oakland University Police Department was dispatched to Meadow Brook Road after receiving complaints of a suspicious person dressed as a clown looking into windows. A group of students told the officer they saw the clown get into a black Ford with three other individuals and drive west. OUPD attempted to pursue the vehicle, but they were unable to locate suspects. At a later point, another patrol unit discovered a black car with four occupants who were wearing white gloves. However, they were wearing the white gloves because they were painting rocks on campus. The clown has yet to be located.

Disorderly conduct near the OC

On Oct. 7, two OUPD officers were called to Oak View Hall after receiving complaints of a strange odor in the building. Immediately after exiting the elevator on the fifth floor, the officers smelled marijuana. They followed the smell to a room and knocked on the door for several minutes. They could hear the sounds of movement, cabinet doors closing, and male and female voices inside. A male student opened the door. After being asked about marijuana smoke in the room, he handed the officers a vitamin container containing five grams of marijuana, along with a glass pipe and a lighter. Two students were issued citations for marijuana use and the evidence was confiscated.

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Intern Reporter

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Increasing inclusivity on campus

Transgender speaker will be brought to OU to share experiences, promote understanding at colleges

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

As part of the Unity/Diversity theme of the College of Arts and Sciences this year, the college is teaming up with the Gender and Sexuality Center, the Women and Gender Studies Program and the Office of the Provost to bring Ryan Sallans to Oakland University.

Ryan Sallans is a transgender man who speaks on issues regarding transgender inclusivity on college campuses. His book, titled "Second Son" is about his experiences living as a transgender man and goes into detail about his transition and coming-out process.

In addition, Sallans has conducted more than 1,000 training sessions over the past 15 years about LGBT inclusivity on college campuses, according to his website RyanSallans.com.

Jo Reger, director of the Women and Gender Studies Program, and Grace Wojcik, coordinator of the Gender and Sexuality Center, are two of the people who are helping bring Sallans to campus.

Reger explained that the provost approved bringing a speaker to campus to talk about trans-inclusivity, and that the provost is providing the funding for Sallans to come.

"We felt it was important to bring someone who knows the experience of being trans," Wojcik said. "It was also important because we want the university community to be on the same page."

Sallan's lecture is called "Stepping Toward a Trans-Inclusive Campus," and he will be speaking in 1050 HHB on Oct. 27 from noon until 1 p.m.

In addition, he will have a breakfast meeting with University President George Hynd and his cabinet. Sallans will also meet with classes and other campus administrators.

There will be a staff and faculty luncheon on Oct. 28 with Sallans, which Wojcik said will continue the dialogue from the lecture the day prior.

"I think we have multiple goals," Reger said. "It will give students an idea of what being transgender is like and give a sense

to the campus community on what a trans-inclusive society is."

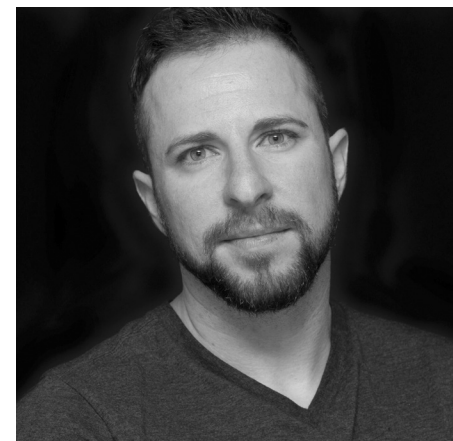
Reger said one goal of Sallans' coming is to continue talks on the preferred name policy recently introduced at OU.

"We also want people to understand the importance of gender-neutral bathrooms and health care issues," Reger said.

She said that there's hope for Sallans to meet with medical students on campus about trans-inclusive health care.

"It's not just about changing policy and the technical aspects," Reger said. "It's about creating a culture where people feel comfortable."

The staff/faculty luncheon will be in the Lake Michigan Room in the Oakland Center at noon. Those interested in the luncheon should RSVP to reger@oakland.edu.



Courtesy of Oakland University

Ryan Sallans will be speaking in room 1050 of the Human Health Building Thursday, Oct. 27.

According to Sallans' website, some expenses related to transition are tax deductible. These include:

- Hormone therapy
- Mental health therapy
- Chest surgery
- Lower surgery

Sallans said that oftentimes breast augmentation and facial feminization surgery for transgender women are hard to get covered by many insurance companies.

Guest psychologist speaks on relationship between life experiences, subjective well-being

Simon Albaugh
Intern Reporter

As part of a multitude of public lectures hosted by OU, a personality psychologist from Michigan State University spoke on the prevailing research of subjective well-being.

Dr. Richard Lucas, a prominent psychologist in the field of social and personality psychology, lectured on the relationship between life experiences and the subjective reporting of well-being.

Subjective well-being is a term used to reference an individual's sense of life satisfaction, according to the Positive Psychology Program. But because an individual's life satisfaction cannot be measured directly, the term also refers to the subjective nature of measuring satisfaction.

His research was gathered us-

ing a comparison among major life events – specifically marriage, divorce, widowhood and unemployment – and the reporting of well-being on a scale of one to 10.

Lucas found that these specific life events, excluding marriage, have a lasting negative effect on subjective well-being, but not without the fundamental doubts that pervade such subjective means of measurement.

However, one of the most objective points in his research is the effect that social support has on subjective well-being. His research found that people who have strong social support after one of the major life events listed ultimately results in stronger and more positive reporting of subjective well-being.

The long-term goal of social/personality psychology research is to provide comprehensive information that could give insight

“The long-term goal of social/personality psychology research is to provide comprehensive information that could give insight to specific directions for policy change.”

to specific directions for policy change. This field of psychology is used along with the opinion of experts in economics and other fields. It's intended to be a reference to guide government legislation in benefiting the psychological as well as financial security of the populace.

The lecture was primarily at-



Simon Albaugh / The Oakland Post

Dr. Richard Lucas speaks in front of a crowd at Oakland University.

tended by faculty and students of OU's Department of Psychology. But as in the case of any public lecture hosted by OU, everyone was invited to attend.

OU hosts lectures similar to this one on nearly every area of study. Lectures range from the famous Richard Burke Lecture Series to informal meetings mar-

keted to specific majors.

The next lecture will be on the uniqueness of this year's presidential election, held Oct. 22 at 9 a.m. at the Rochester Hills Public Library.

To find lectures and other intellectual events, go to the OU calendar at www.oakland.edu/calendar.

'Matilda Talks' created for female leadership

New program aims to share research, provide open discussions

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

Oakland University Women's Leadership Institute (OUWLI) aims to improve conditions for women in the workplace. The program is designed to create meaningful opportunities for discussion, collaboration and problem-solving for professional women.

OUWLI will hold its first conference Friday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. The conference is targeted at women in leadership and will include a series of "Matilda Talks," named for Matilda Dodge Wilson, a founder of OU and the namesake of Wilson Hall.

"A Matilda Talk is similar to what we refer to as a faculty lightning talk," Beth Talbert, director of the program, said. "That's when faculty share their

research in five minutes or less. In each of the Matilda Talk rooms, there will be an expert researcher from Oakland as well as someone that we think is an expert in the private sector. So, people will be able to hear two Matilda Talks: one from a faculty member about research and one from a community member about best practices."

Talbert was designated as the program director in light of her extensive career.

She joined the OU faculty in 1999 and has since taught courses in leadership, women in leadership, persuasion, group dynamics, gender communication, professional communication, public speaking and interpersonal conflict.

She is also senior adviser to communication majors.

Talbert acknowledged just how daunting being a woman in the workplace can be, citing the wage gap and leadership gap as two obstacles that are specific to women in leadership. She has seen these issues firsthand.

"Truthfully, a big challenge for women is learning how to walk that tight rope of how assertive

and how to be assertive so you're responded to positively," she said.

The conference's official title is "Asking for More: Positive Strategies for Change." In addition to the Matilda Talks, it will feature panels, presentations and a keynote speech by author, editor and critic Sara Laschever. A full event schedule can be found at oakland.edu/diversity/ouwli.

The conference's OU registration is sold out, but community members are still able to register online.

Although the OUWLI is just taking off, Talbert envisions long-term sustainability for the program.

"Ultimately, there would be an OUWLI office," she said. "We would offer a curriculum for executives in the region as well as students on campus interested in the advancement of women in leadership."

"I'm a big fan of the case-study approach and I hope by then we would have something like that in place. It's an ambitious goal, but if you don't know where you're going you can't get there."

Matilda R. Wilson Day

- Nov. 4 has officially been declared Matilda R. Wilson Day by Michigan state Rep. Michael Webber.
- Wilson was married to John Dodge of the automotive industry until his death in 1920. In 1925, Wilson and her sister-in-law sold their holdings in the Dodge Motor Car Company for \$146 million. This same year, she remarried to Alfred Wilson.
- In 1940, she went on to become the first woman to be lieutenant governor of Michigan.
- Wilson's other accomplishments include election to the governing board of Michigan State University, an honorary doctorate degree in law from MSU and a Distinguished Service Cross from the Salvation Army. She had five children, including a daughter who died during childhood.
- In 1957, the Wilsons donated their estate and \$2 million to MSU to form a satellite campus, which would eventually become Oakland University in 1963. She famously gave each member of the first graduating class of MSU - Oakland a diamond ring.
- Meadow Brook Hall, the Wilsons' \$4-million home, remains on campus as a National Historic Landmark. Wilson died in 1967, leaving behind three surviving children at the time.

- Compiled by Paige Brockway, editor-in-chief

Panel held during Hispanic Heritage Month discusses immigration push, pull factors

Laurel Kraus
Intern Reporter

As part of its hispanic Heritage Month series, Oakland University held an immigration panel on Wednesday, Oct. 12 in Banquet Room A of the Oakland Center.

Organized by Cecilia Saenz-Roby, Associate Professor of Spanish in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, the panel referred specifically to Hispanic immigrants from countries such as Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba and those in Central America.

Panelists included Associate Professor of Political Science Emmett Lombart, Assistant Professor of Political Science Diana Orce, Immigration Attorney Mayra Lorenzana Miles and Consul of Mexico Juan Manuel Solana Morales.

Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Robert Stewart introduced the topic by discussing American immigrants like Alexander Hamilton, Irving Berlin and Audrey Hepburn.

"Who is welcome in this country?" Stewart asked. "Who is not? Can our society be enriched simply by the presence of those outside our borders? This is not just a question of democratic statistics or political policies, but a focus on the word 'who.'"

Alan Epstein, director of religious studies in political science and moderator of the panel, spoke next. He addressed why immigrants come to the U.S.

"We talk about the pull factors such as economic stability, but we don't talk about the push factors," Epstein said.

Epstein explored this point further by stating that the U.S. pushes people to relocate from

their native countries to America.

He cited examples such as the Spanish-American War, during which the U.S. took control of Puerto Rico, drafted 20,000 Puerto Rican citizens into the American army to serve in WWI and made English the official language of the country.

There are now more Puerto Ricans living in the U.S. than in Puerto Rico itself.

Consul Morales, who has served as the consul of Mexico in Detroit since 2013, took a similar position when he discussed violence and the need for security as the main factors in emigration from Mexico.

"This is not a perception, but a reality," Morales said. "If you're not the victim of a crime, you may be forced to take part in one. It can be a matter, of if you don't leave tomorrow, you could die."

Morales then moved on to the



Bohdanna Cherstylo/The Oakland Post

The CMI held an immigration debate as part of Hispanic Celebration Month.

pull of economic opportunity and challenged the audience to try to live (clothe, transport, entertain, feed yourself, etc.) for three days on \$1 a day.

Orce, when she took the podium, spoke of what she claimed is U.S. policy to deter immigrants, referring to The Dangers of Awareness Campaign, which states that it is too dangerous for people, with an emphasis on children, to make the trip north.

From the perspective of an

immigration attorney, Miles claimed that no matter the intention of the campaign, it would essentially make no difference.

"The only real border or wall you can build is not having enough jobs, because otherwise, immigrants will find a way," Miles said.

At the end of the panel, Lombart informed the audience that Australia, Canada and Germany each admit a greater number of immigrants than the U.S.

What to expect on the ballot this November

Edward Zilincik
Contributor

Voters expecting a number of hotly contested issues to be on the ballot in November's upcoming election shouldn't get their hopes up.

For the first time since 1963, Michigan will have no statewide proposals on the ballot this Election Day.

This is a highly uncommon occurrence, especially for an election year. The past 13 election cycles have collectively produced at least 50 statewide ballot proposals, according to The Detroit News.

However, voters in Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties will still have a common proposal to be voting on this November.

The proposal would authorize the Regional Transit Authority of Southeastern Michigan to levy a property tax as-

essment in order to construct a public transportation system for these counties.

This proposed tax assessment would raise an estimated \$160,907,285 in the first year alone and would run until 2035, according to the Official Candidate and Proposal List on Oakland County's website.

Despite the lack of statewide ballot proposals, residents of certain areas will have more locally focused issues to vote on.

Overall, 14 cities, townships and villages in Oakland County have proposals on the ballot.

Residents in Hazel Park will vote on whether to stagger the terms of their mayor and city council members starting in the year 2019.

The City of Pontiac has a proposal to increase residents' property taxes to open up community centers catered toward youths of 21 or younger, in hopes of

curbing the juvenile delinquency rate.

Meanwhile, Lake Orion has a ballot proposal to increase property taxes for police purposes.

Voters' thoughts

Scott Edward, a 48-year-old Troy resident, doesn't mind the lack of ballot issues for this year's election.

"I think it's great that there are no ballot proposals for this year's election," he said. "I'm generally against change when it comes to ballot proposals, because it usually translates into something that costs me money or isn't socially favorable."

Alex Vincent, a 22-year-old Oakland University student, has a different tone when it comes to the lack of ballot proposals this November.

"It makes me furious that there are no ballot proposals for this election, especially in light of Gov. Snyder and the state

legislative branch's attitude toward the Michigan Legalize campaign," he said.

The MI Legalize campaign's request to add the legalization of marijuana to the ballot was rejected, because the signatures on their petition had been collected outside of the 180-day window required by the state.

The group argued that this requirement is a breach of Michigan's constitution.

Despite mixed reviews on the absence of ballot proposals for this election, both Edward and Vincent agree that the Regional Transit Authority proposal on the Oakland County ballot is worth voting for.

"I support mass transportation versus vehicle ownership," Edward said.

"I worked with so many people who had to spend their whole day traveling," Vincent said, speaking about his summer job in Detroit. "More buses would be good, in my opinion."

Center for Michigan holds Community Conversation on campus, informs voters

Grace Turner
Managing Editor

With presidential elections right around the corner, most voters are thinking about government at the national level.

However, The Center for Michigan wants to engage Michiganders in an ongoing conversation about state government and policy.

"The Center for Michigan is a 'think-and-do' tank founded by former newspaper publisher and University of Michigan Regent Phil Power in early 2006," according to its website. "The Center's objective is to make Michigan a better place by [sic] encouraging greater understanding and involvement in policy issues among the state's citizens and making sure their voices are regularly heard."

The nonprofit works to fulfill three goals: engage, or initiate small-group community conversation; inform, through its online publication Bridge Magazine; and achieve, or facilitate change in Michigan's government.

The "engage" part of the equation was fulfilled in part at Oakland University on Tuesday, Oct. 11 during an event called Community Conversation.

Dwayne Barnes, engagement strategy and urban outreach coordinator for the center, asked a room of students and community members about the strengths and weaknesses of Michigan's government regarding education, public health, environmental protection, low-income residents and the economy.

"It gives Michigan residents a chance to talk with us the way they talk around their kitchen table about issues that matter," Barnes said.

Participants wrote down their answers, and there was time for open discussion, which was transcribed for the center's records.

Barnes also collected demographic information. The center strives to match the demographics of Community Conversation participants to the demographics of the state.

The center's Community Conversations have reached

40,000 residents to date, according to its website. It has also engaged more than 16,000 Michigan residents in outreach programs.

For the second part of the presentation, David Zeman, editor of Bridge Magazine, and Nancy Derringer, staff writer, explained one of the magazine's initiatives — Truth Squad, which provides written analyses of the political advertisements and campaigns of Michigan candidates.

Truth Squad also addresses presidential candidates when they speak about Michigan.

"The ads are making fewer factual claims and more emotional appeals," Derringer said, mentioning a recent advertisement against Hillary Clinton that said she lacks the strength to lead and showed her coughing. "They're more pure advertising than they are informational."

Zeman and Derringer showed commercials in which political candidates made claims about their opponents.

Candidates' claims are ranked by Truth Squad on a



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Conversation topics included political ads and Michigan's government.

four-tier system.

"No foul" means that statements are based on fact. Statements earn a "Warning" ranking if they are truthful, but could be harmful or misleading because of a lack of context. "Regular foul" statements distort a candidate's record or facts, and "Flagrant foul" statements are completely false.

In one example, U.S. Congress candidates Lon Johnson (D) and Jack Bergman (R) accused each other of not being true northern Michiganders

— the National Republican Congressional Committee suggested that Johnson lives in a penthouse in Detroit, and Johnson replied with a statement that Bergman lives part-time in Louisiana. Both attacks earned fouls.

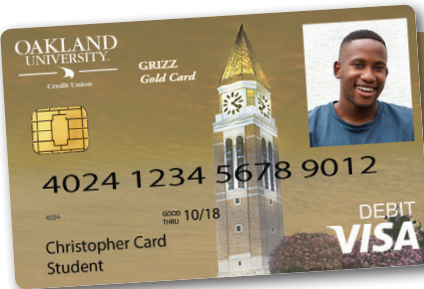
The Center for Michigan has discussions like these scheduled for cities across the state. To find out how to bring a conversation to your community, email adelind@thecenterformichigan.net or call (734) 926-4285.

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For the love of puppies

Fraternities hold charity event for Canine Companion Rescue Center

Robert Ogg
Intern Reporter

Love of animals and the desire to help them can bring all sorts of people together. This past week, two Oakland University fraternities united with one goal in mind: help a good cause.

On Friday, Oct. 14, at 11 a.m., Sigma Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon sponsored an off-campus charity event with the Canine Companion Rescue Center at the Auburn Hills Civic Center Park, across the street from OU.

The Canine Companion Rescue Center is a nonprofit, foster-based rescue.

"We pull animals that have ended up in animal control . . . animals that would otherwise get put down because of overpopulation," said Kerry Godwin, a member of the Canine Companion Rescue Center. "We pull any dogs that are family-friendly, get them completely vaccinated, and we get them fixed. And then we adopt them out to families. Our mission is getting these dogs out of animal controls that are overpopulated and getting them fixed and into loving homes."

All dogs at the Canine Companion Rescue Center typically go into volunteer homes. Godwin said she is fostering several dogs at her home.

"Sometimes they just need to be able to decompress and tell people what their personality is like," Godwin said. "Sometimes they're just afraid. Some days may seem like they're not adoptable, but they just need to be in a home."

The Canine Companion Rescue Center has been helping dogs for 15 years. Some of the dogs it's fostered have gone on to be drug-finding dogs for the State of Texas. Recently, one of the center's German shepherd puppies, Madison, appeared on television during the Puppy Bowl.

In addition to helping foster dogs, the Canine Companion Rescue Center also assists pet owners who are struggling financially.

"We did start a new portion of our program called the Paws Project," Godwin said. "Right now, it's just in Clarkston, but we are planning to expand eventually. We help [owners] with food . . . As long as they can show us that their animals have been spayed and neutered, we will continue to give them food on a monthly basis."

The purpose of the fraternity-sponsored event was to raise money for the the Canine Companion Rescue Center, pro-



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The event was held to raise money for the Canine Companion Rescue Center, promote the cause of rescuing animals and persuade people to adopt dogs in need.

mote the cause of rescuing animals and persuade people to adopt dogs in need of a home.

The event was a success. Sigma Pi estimates that around 200 people attended the event.

"We're estimating we've raised over \$900 for the rescue center with a lot of individual contributions as well as contributions from the fraternities involved," said Zachary Quinn, president of Sigma Pi. "We also had one dog adopted, pending all the paperwork. All of it was for a

great cause, and I'm really happy with the turnout today."

Quinn recommended that students get involved with Greek life.

"What you see in the movies and on TV about fraternities might not give the best impression to the average student," Quinn said. "Being a part of this organization for four years, I've learned it's not what it looks like in the movies. There's a lot of philanthropy work like this and a lot of good is done through Greek organizations."

Make a Difference Day 2016

Shelby Tankersley & KeyVonna Taylor
Campus Editor & Staff Reporter

Volunteers from Oakland University will come together Oct. 22 to participate in Make a Difference Day, a national community service event with the goal of improving lives.

"OU has been involved with Make a Difference Day since its beginning 25 years ago," said Hannah Clark, graduate assistant of Service Learning and Leadership at OU.

Clark is responsible for organizing the university's participation in Make a Difference Day. She reaches out to local nonprofits that could use volunteers and connects them with students.

"Students can look forward to a morning full of fun!" Clark said. "They will make new friends, network with local nonprofits, and give back to the community. This is also a great resume builder . . . Another cool aspect of this event is that it is nationwide, so all across the country, people are giving back to their communities and doing their part to make the world a little better."

"I encourage students to get involved because they will be participating in the nation's largest day of service," she added. "It's a great opportunity to give back to the community and network with other students and nonprofits."

Clark said that, this year, OU will be sending students to areas in the Pontiac, Rochester, Auburn Hills and Detroit.

The sites include Gleaners in Detroit, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, the Older Person's Commission (OPC), the Campus Student Organic Farm and Dream Center Pontiac, among several others.

"I think it's really cool for OU to partake in a national event while we serve the community around us," Clark said.

She said that the OPC ties in particularly well with the OU community.

"OPC will have a craft fair and will send people to homes to help rake people's leaves," Clark said. "One of the sites is actually a former OU professor, so students will have the opportunity to help him."

The event is maintaining its campus presence; over 500 students are signed up for this year, while just over 500 participated last year.

Students who are signed up to participate can find more information about what to expect and an event agenda on OU's website.

Grizz Art initiative to showcase creativity of Oakland students

Work to be displayed in Kresge, Grizz Cash prizes available

Faith Brody
Life Editor

Kicking off on Oct. 26, Grizz Art is an opportunity for Oakland to celebrate the artistic talent of its students.

"I think that student artwork is definitely something that should be displayed on campus," said Derek Queen, visual communications director of Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC).

Queen, a junior graphic design major, wants to make sure that the campus community views and appreciates the artistic talent that students have.

Although this isn't the first year

that Grizz Art has been around, Queen and his team took it over and completely revamped it, so student talent can be recognized and rewarded.

There will be four installments and submission opportunities for Grizz Art. The first installment will be from Oct. 26 to Dec. 15. The deadline to submit art for this installment is Oct. 21. The art must be able to be hung up on a wall and will be placed in a display case in Kresge Library. Queen hopes that, in the winter semester, the initiative will be able to accept 3-D artwork such as sculptures.

Queen emphasized that all students, not just art majors, are welcome to submit their work.

"You don't have to be an art major to be artistic," he said. "If you're artistic and you have a talent you want to show off, I want to help you do that."

Students who want to participate have to fill out an application, available at the OUSC office. The form asks for the name of the piece, the media, dimensions of the piece and a brief description. Students are allowed to submit more than one piece.

"I have been advised by the library to be mindful of what we put in the public display," Queen said. "Try to avoid nudity and touchy subjects."

After the application and the artwork have been submitted, the piece will be reviewed by a six-member committee of graphic design majors who will determine whether the art should be displayed. A number of pieces will go on display and prizes will be awarded.

The first place winner will receive \$100 in Grizz Cash. Second place will score \$50 in Grizz Cash. All students with artwork



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Some pieces for the first Grizz Art installment. From left: "Catharsis (Intensely)" by Daija Ginyard, "Thinking" by Emily Dziegielewski, "Jehan," also by Daija Ginyard and "Colors de los Muertos" by A'Nyesha Taylor (front).

featured in Grizz Art will receive a Grizz Art T-shirt.

After the first exhibit ends, the next installment is Dec. 15 to Feb. 21, and submissions are due by Dec. 13. The next two exhibitions are Feb. 22 to April 25 with submissions due Feb. 17, then April 26 to June 23 with submissions due April 21.

While Grizz Art is limited to

one display in Kresge for now, Queen hopes to expand the initiative to the Oakland Center, especially if there is an influx of submissions.

For more information on Grizz Art, visit <https://wwwp.oakland.edu/ousc/initiatives/>, stop by the OUSC office and ask for Derek Queen, email dtqueen@oakland.edu or call (248) 370-4298.

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Prepare to throwdown at the SPB Hoedown

Jessica Leydet
Intern Reporter

It's reaching that point in the semester again – professors are handing out midterm exams, and homework assignments are piling high. Students are desperately looking for ways to de-stress. The Student Program Board (SPB) is throwing a free Hoedown between Bear Lake and the Oakland Center on Oct. 21 from 5-10 p.m.

"Students should definitely attend, it is going to be amazing," said Amber Hillman, annual events director for SPB.

"There will be line dancing to start the night off, free Dicky's BBQ food, as well as a s'more bar."

This event will be a great way to kick off the weekend if students are looking to have a good time.

Marissa Rothwell, a third-year student, plans to attend the Hoedown.

"I think it is going to be a really nice break from worrying about my classes," she said. "I'm also a huge country music fan, so I look forward to hearing the live concert."

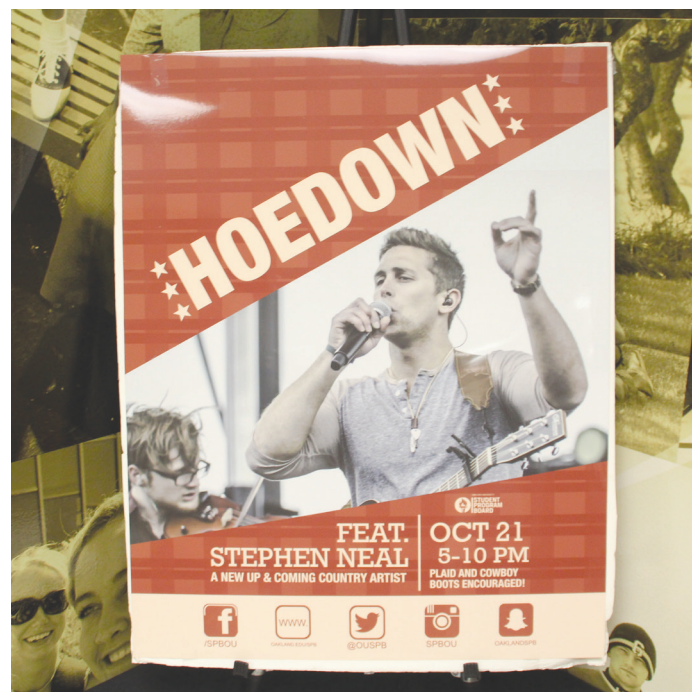
Rising country singer Stephen Neal will be performing

at the event. He is currently touring the nation, performing at different colleges and venues trying to increase his fan base.

Neal has only released two EPs, but hopes to write a full album in the future.

At the Hoedown, Neal will perform songs from both of his EPs, including "I Just Drive" and "Acoustic EP, Pt. 1." He will also cover other popular country songs.

Students can find out more about Stephen Neal and his music on his website, stephennealmusic.com, or can check him out on Spotify.



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Students who plan on attending are encouraged to wear flannels and cowboy boots and be one of the first to arrive in order to win a prize.

Rochester Hills Public Library to host zombie walk

Participants in costume will walk through downtown, Paint Creek Trail on Oct. 26

Amy Swanson
Staff Reporter

Bust out the tattered clothing and embrace your inner undead.

The Rochester Hills Public Library (RHPL) is having a Zombie Walk on Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Just in time for the season premiere of AMC Networks' "The Walking Dead," attendees are asked to dress like a zombie, and then walk through downtown Rochester and the Paint Creek Trail with library staff.

Participants will meet in the multipurpose room, which is just inside the library, where they can fill up on free cider and donuts provided by the Paint Creek Cider Mill. Along the way, these "walkers" can pass out candy to those who came out to see the crowd.

Festivities will wrap up at Rochester Mills Brewery for an afterparty, where participants can enjoy drink and appetizer specials.

And if the fun of dressing up isn't enough of an incentive, there will be

prizes for the top three zombies.

Prizes will include a professional makeup kit, the latest season of "The Walking Dead" and a gift card to Rochester Mills Brewery.

The event will be open to all ages, as well as non-residents.

"We want our community to be able to meet new people, hang out with friends and enjoy something fun," said RHPL Community Relations Assistant DJ Bond, who was in charge of coordinating the event.

This is the first time the library is hosting the event.

However, it held something similar over the summer with its successful Pokémon walks.

The RHPL had noticed they were being heavily frequented by people playing Pokémon GO. Therefore, they began to host walks every Wednesday evening, during which attendees could stroll through the trails and catch Pokémon.

"During that time, we typically had over 100 people come each week just

for that event," Bond said. "As the weather started to cool and everyone went back to school, we wanted to still have an event that brought the same amount of activity but wasn't just for playing the game."

As zombie walks have become increasingly popular in communities all over the world, the RHPL thought it would be a great idea.

"We want to reach that same audience with the Zombie Walk while promoting all the other services the library has to offer," said Amanda Harrison, the library's community relations specialist, in a press release.

It's also the first time the RHPL has partnered with the Paint Creek Cider Mill.

"When the library approached us about this idea, it sounded like so much fun I knew we wanted to get involved," said Paint Creek Cider Mill owner Ed Granchi in a press release. "Community engagement is very important to the Paint Creek Cider Mill and we are proud to be a part of this community."

This outing is planned to be a great escape from reality.

"Between school, work, election drama and family responsibilities, we have

"We want to celebrate some of the things you read and watch, along with giving you an excuse to gather your friends and have a good time."

DJ Bond
Rochester Hills Public Library
Community Relations Assistant

tons of obligations and issues that can drive up our stress levels," Bond said.

He mentioned the stress might make someone feel like a zombie.

"Events like this at the Rochester Hills Public Library serve as meeting places for us to get together and enjoy ourselves," Bond said. "We want to celebrate some of the things you read and watch, along with giving you an excuse to gather your friends and have a good time."

If interested in attending, register beforehand through the library's online calendar.

Political Focus: K-12 education reform plans

Melissa Deatsch
Political Columnist

We've spent the past two weeks of Political Focus examining the candidates' positions on higher education. However, we can't move past the debate on education until we have also examined K-12 education reform.

Both candidates have given some detail on their plans for reform.

What's the problem?

Student achievement reports have shown that the U.S. school system is struggling to keep up with countries of similar political and economic standing. According to the most recent findings by the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), out of 34 countries, the U.S. ranks 27th in math, 17th in reading and 20th in science.

What does this look like within the U.S.? Among fourth graders, 40 percent of students are proficient in math and 36 percent of students are proficient in reading, while in eighth grade, 33 percent of students are proficient in math and 34 percent are proficient in reading, all according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

Another finding by the NAEP points to an issue both candidates are very focused on fixing: the achievement gap.

Assessments of eighth-grade mathematics show that 45 percent of white students are proficient, compared to the 14 percent of black students and 21 percent of Hispanic students. As for proficiency in reading, 46 percent of white students are proficient, compared to 17 percent of black and 22 percent of Hispanic students.

To complicate the situation, per-student funding is far higher in the U.S. than in many countries with similar or better scores.

As stated in the PISA's 2012 results, "While the U.S. spends more per student than most countries, this does not translate into better performance."

The PISA compares the U.S. to the Slovak Republic, whose students perform at the same level as U.S. students while the country spends around \$53,000 per student, compared to \$115,000 spent per student in the U.S.

How Hillary Clinton would fix this problem

Clinton believes the solution lies in more funding. Her intentions for this money are to fix a variety of specific issues faced by K-12 education.

For example, Clinton wants to increase funding for computer science. Jobs in computing are available in every major industry, but many schools don't teach it.

Additionally, Clinton wants states and schools to reform disciplinary policies that disproportionately punish African Americans and "dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline," according to her website.

She also wants to increase pay and resources for teachers.

"Hillary will launch a national campaign to elevate and modernize the teaching profession, by preparing, supporting, and paying every child's teacher as if the future of our country is in their hands — because it is," her website states.

In an attempt to combat the achievement gap, Clinton plans to expand upon the Build America Bonds program and give Modernize Every School Bonds to



rural public schools that are struggling.

How Donald Trump would fix this problem

Trump has stated his detest for Common Core State Standards in past debates and interviews. He has called it "education through Washington" and expressed concern with the government having so much control in education.

This view is consistent with every other Republican primary candidate except John Kasich. Political Focus examined the Common Core debate last March.

Trump's main strategy for tackling issues surrounding K-12 education is pushing school choice.

He proposes giving \$20 billion of federal funding to states that would allow the money to follow students to the schools they choose to attend.

His goal is to make school choice available to every student living in poverty. The thought process behind school choice is that it would give these children access to better educations.

However, arguments against the initiative point to a variety of constraints facing this strategy. For example, children would need the means to get to the school of their choice. If those means are unavailable, the effect of school choice would be limited.

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Coming out on campus and why it's important

Coming Out Monologues provide perspectives from LGBT+ students, debunk common assumptions

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

Ever since 1995, Oakland University has had a clause in its non-discrimination policy regarding students in same-sex relationships. For 21 years, OU has been a space where gay and lesbian students are protected from discrimination based on their sexuality.

This year, OU unveiled the preferred name policy, which allows students who do not identify with their birth name to have their preferred name displayed on MySail and Moodle.

Policy is important, but it can only do so much. Many people's mindset is still that the LGBT population is an insignificant minority, but we make up somewhere around 5-10 percent of the general population, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The mindset that the LGBT population is only a minority is a problem. It leads to an internalization that people who are straight and cisgender (those who identify with the gender assigned to them at birth) are the norm.

I performed in the Coming Out Monologues on Oct. 13. It was hosted by the Gay-Straight Alliance in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms. I talked about how people in the LGBT community, like myself, have to come out again and again to the people around us because of the assumption that everyone is straight until proven otherwise.

This mindset does nothing but mark those of us who are part of this community as being "other." The mindset that our identities are deviant is the exact mindset that allows for hatred, violence and danger targeted directly at the LGBT community to spread across the world.

Earlier this year, individuals celebrating their sexualities, genders and their very beings were gunned down in the Orlando Pulse Massacre. Conversations about the nightclub turned to politics.

Republication residential nominee Donald Trump tweeted hours after the attack, "When will we get smart, tough, & vigilant?" He criticized President Obama's call for gun control after the attack, and claimed the attack to be the result of "Radical Islam."

Nearly one in five of all reported hate-crime cases in 2014 were based on the victims' sexual orientation, according to The New York Times, and according to Fusion.net, almost one half of all acts

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of violence against people in the LGBT community go unreported.

With so many deaths and so much violence, it's easy to see how it can get pretty frustrating to be gay. When my girlfriend and I went to Meadow Brook Hall just over a week ago, without even thinking, I told the woman at the counter that my girlfriend was my friend. I was hesitant to hold her hand.

This mindset that being gay is abnormal isn't only problematic because it's held by straight and cisgendered individuals, but it's internalized by many of us in the LGBT community. Society conditions us to think and act a certain way.

And though being pansexual is part of my identity, part of what makes up the whole "me," I still sometimes see myself as an outsider. I see myself as others outside of the LGBT community see me.

OU has provided students with resources that many LGBT students and faculty wouldn't be able to otherwise access, ranging from the ability to tell our own stories in front of our peers during the Coming Out Monologues to simply being protected via official university policy, and from being able to bring a date of any gender to the Meadow Brook Ball to faculty having an LGBTQIA Employee Resource Group to rely on.

But policy isn't everything, as mentioned before. The mindsets of the people around us are the biggest problems. The university's creation of policies that include members of the LGBT community and provision of a sense of security for the LGBT community, which isn't always present in today's society, makes me not want to leave the accepting campus that is OU.



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Cheyenne Kramer performed in OU's Coming Out Monologues on Oct. 13.

🎵 Drew's Review: 🎵 Top 10 rapper performances in movies

Drew Hagge
WXOU Sports Director

1. Ice Cube in "Friday" (1995)
2. Method Man in "How High" (2001)
3. Ice T in "New Jack City" (1991)
4. Will Smith in "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006)
5. Ice Cube in "Boyz n the Hood" (1991)
6. Redman in "How High" (2001)
7. Tupac Shakur in "Juice" (1992)
8. Bow Wow in "Like Mike" (2002)
9. Eminem in "8 Mile" (2002)
10. A\$AP Rocky in "Dope" (2015)

Does it matter if I haven't seen every one of these movies all the way through? Well, yes and no, because for the most part you don't need to have seen "Juice" to know how great Tupac's potential as an actor was before his untimely death. By the time "Juice" was released, Tupac was set to be hip-hop's most

prominent actor, until another California native took the reins.

Many rappers have come and gone in the film industry since the hip-hop movie heyday ended before the turn of the century. However, one constant in the acting world has been Compton's Ice Cube.

He has recently landed significant roles in "21 Jump Street" and "Ride Along," which have both turned into successful franchises. As an actor, Ice Cube has found himself in an ideal situation. He has made both commercially successful movies (with the help of the constantly performing Kevin Hart) and cult classics like "Friday."

Most rappers who appear on this list have enjoyed the benefits of creating great films, but only for a niche audience. Method Man and Redman have both appeared in films since "How High," but none of them have been worth watching.

Getting our rights right

Two areas of neglect: The purpose of our rights and the precedence of certain rights

Isaac Martin
Political Columnist

Protests grow violent and lawsuits run rampant because something is skewed in our society. From the hallowed chambers of the Supreme Court to our very own campus in Suburbia U.S.A., a subtle shift has occurred. What is the source of the discord and destruction? A faulty perception of legal rights.



There are two main areas we tend to neglect: the purpose of our rights and the precedence of certain rights.

The tragic death of Trayvon Martin four-and-a-half years ago sparked a series of protests that have continued up to this very month. Peaceful protests are a sign of a healthy society, but when they become violent, it is a telltale sign that we understand neither the purpose nor the precedence of our rights.

We read in the Declaration of Independence that all mankind is bestowed with "certain unalienable Rights" including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness (in that order of significance).

The purpose of each of these rights is to guarantee us the freedom to perform the duties required of us.

Each of these rights is like a tool in a carpenter's tool belt; they are all different and have different functions. Some turn screws, others measure materials and still others give a straight cut.

None of the tools, however, are valuable unless they are utilized properly.

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Each right has an associated duty to be paid, whether to our family, our community or our government.

For example, if we didn't have financial means (property), we could not provide for our own. If we didn't have liberty, we could not protect our own. Each right, whether it be that of free speech, fair trial or faith, is given to us with a distinct duty.

But, unlike mankind, rights are not created equal. Some take precedence over others.

If someone were to kidnap a child off the streets of your neighborhood and drag the child into his or her house, would that person be protected from the law because the child was now within the privacy of his kidnapper's house?

No. We understand naturally that certain rights trump others. In this case, the child's right to life and liberty supersedes his kidnapper's right to privacy.

So, too, the right to assemble and peacefully protest is circumscribed by others' rights to life and property.

Our country is not headed in the right direction and it is blatantly obvious. Real Clear Politics, the gold standard for polling, estimates that 65 percent of the country believes we are on the wrong track.

Hope is not yet lost for our country, but if we are to be effective in leading change, we must exercise our rights in the way they were intended to be: bound and checked by the freedom of others and the duties we ourselves are bound by.

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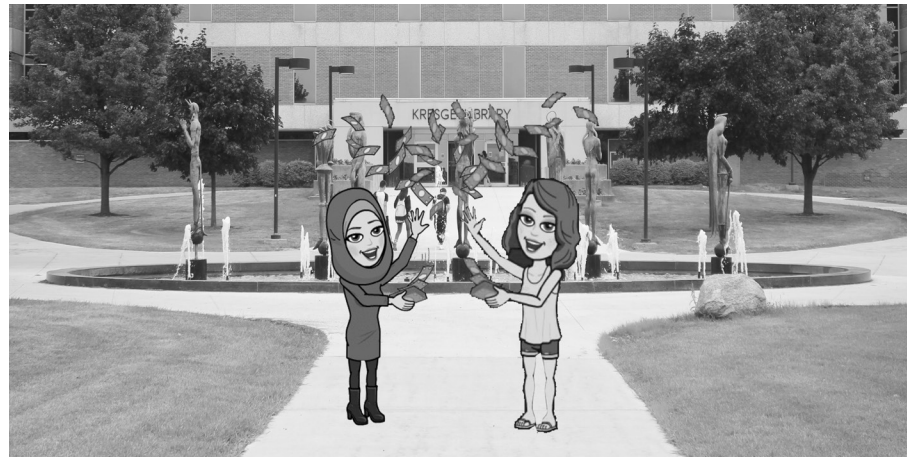


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Editors of The Post celebrate being in debt by throwing cash around the "Saints and Sinners" fountain in front of Kresge.

Kresge Library to offer convenient banking services

Matthew Noey
Contributor

Kresge Library has come a long way since it began as a place to study and borrow books. The library offers DVDs, laptops, various cables and even board games.

However, always looking for innovation, the library will expand once again. Using the revenue from late fees as well as outside investment, Kresge plans to add full banking services by January 2017.

"We already loan out so many things, why not cash?" said Gordon Gekko, Kresge's chief financial officer. "We'll loan out CDs [compact discs] and CDs [certificates of deposit]. You can read a book about the stock market and then invest in the stock market without even leaving the building."

The library will offer all of the normal services of a bank, up to and including keeping patrons in debt for the rest of their lives.

The most innovative part of Kresge's banking is the unique loan system.

Instead of having an annual interest rate like a traditional bank, Kresge's

loans will be interest-free for the first three weeks and renewable online.

After that, loans up to \$5,000 will have a flat interest rate of \$500 charged per day, and loans higher than \$5,000 will have an interest rate of \$50,000 per hour. There will be no criteria whatsoever to be eligible for the loans.

"We have to be committed to the free flow of currency the way we are committed to the free flow of information," Gekko said. "Plus, the late fees will have us rolling in so much cash we won't even miss these small-time loans."

Freshman business major Bruce Cash is so excited, he plans to take out a \$1,000,000 loan the first day banking services will be available.

"I'm just going to buy a ton of lottery tickets," he said. "Sure, there's a 99 percent chance I'll lose everything, but then I'll just get another loan to cover the late fees. If I hit the jackpot, I can drop out and spend my earnings on cocaine and hookers."

Experts in the financial industry insist that this system will never work.

"It's stupid," said Ambro-

se Erickson, a stock market day trader. "I would say this is the least intelligent thing I have heard about all day, and I watch American news during election season."

When pressed about why all the numbers seem completely random and don't make any sense, Gekko muttered something about golden parachutes before emphasizing that every detail was worked out by a team of highly skilled mathematicians.

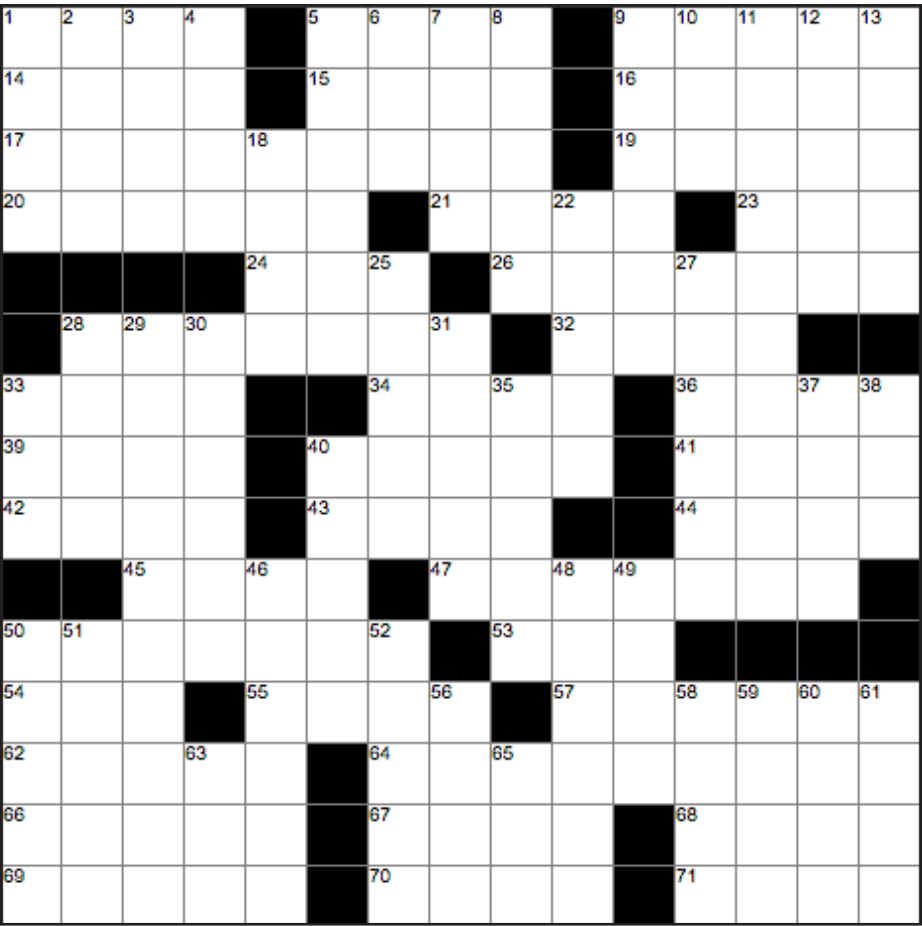
"We got the top undergraduate accountants," he said. "They get gold stars on all their homework. I am very proud of them."

In order to create space for the new banking system, the third floor of Kresge Library will be completely renovated.

Everything unnecessary to the workings of the library will be removed, such as the most comfortable chairs and all of the books.

The renovation is on track for the 2017 grand opening, and Gekko hopes to avoid the late fee that the university will impose if the project does not meet the deadline.

Puzzles



- Across**
- 1: Cast member
6: Tributes in verse
10: ____ onto (grab)
14: Stew seasoning
15: Hit hard
16: Back of the neck
17: 'The Old ____ Bucket'
18: Mica, shale, and butcher block
20: During pregnancy
22: Reduces
23: Golf range surface
24: Moisten
25: Piano man Charles
26: Ally
31: Ellipsoids
32: Sternward
33: Champagne type
37: Baby's favorite art movement?
38: ____ voce
40: Old Italian money
41: Delight, as a comedy club crowd
42: Get going
43: Line dance
44: Loafer
47: May celebrant
50: Photo ____ (campaign events)
51: Campaigned for office

- 52: Polar cover
54: Pacific divider
59: Part of SAC
61: Brightly colored bird
62: Drop a dime on
63: Speedway competition
64: Love, Italian style
65: Tobacco pipe part
66: Stepped on it
67: Smooths, in a way

- Down**
- 1: Capping
2: Burn to a crisp
3: Youngster
4: Harbinger
5: Gives a new title to
6: Monastery resident
7: Trade agreement
8: Shade tree
9: Kind of heel
10: Bite
11: 'Seeya'
12: La Scala offering
13: Untidy
19: Memo
21: Small amount
24: Float
26: Types of Atlantic fish
27: Football's contour
28: Zippo
29: Skin

- 30: Was worthy
33: Congressional group
34: Curling surface
35: Strongly advise
36: Duct product
38: Mall tenant needs
39: Keeps from squeaking
43: Movie houses
44: Bearded mammal
45: Got some reinforcements
46: Wharf pest
47: Fine sprays
48: Group of eight
49: Haggard of C and W
53: Storm preceder
54: Las Vegas rollers
55: Buddhist leader
56: Computer signpost
57: Aromatic ointment
58: Merino mamas
60: Generation separator

Solutions to last week's crossword can be found at <http://freecrosswordpuzzles.com.au/M10-10-2016-crossword.aspx>

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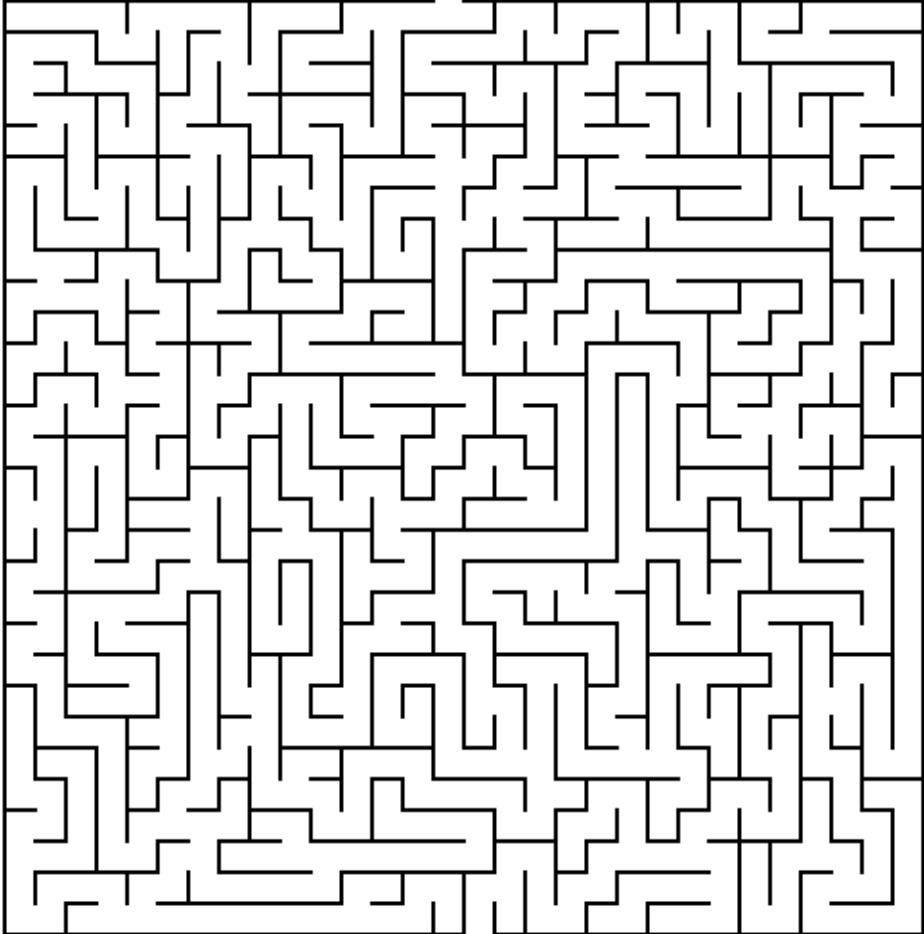
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Matt Dery joins men's basketball broadcast

Longtime Detroit sports man to be color commentator

Sam Schlenner
Sports Editor

Former 105.1 (WMGC-FM) drive-time host Matt Dery has joined the Oakland men's basketball broadcast team. Dery — who was also the play-by-play man for Detroit Mercy Titans men's basketball for 15 seasons — will act as color commentator alongside play-by-play announcer Neal Ruhl, inside-the-huddle reporter Cortney Scott and sideline reporter Joanna Tuttle.



Matt Dery

When Dery lost his job at 105.1 in March, he called everyone, open to any sports work.

"[Oakland Athletic Director Jeff Konya] and I have always gotten along," Dery said. "He's a

really good guy."

They talked a bit in the summer about working together. Konya offered him a spot on the broadcast team in the fall.

Dery had been offered the usual eight

games at the University of Detroit Mercy. At Oakland, he'll be doing both radio and TV and gets to do 16 or more games. Dery would have been happy at both places, though. It wasn't an easy decision, but he left on good terms.

"I'm really going to miss the folks at Detroit," Dery said. "But I'm really excited about this opportunity because it's more games. It's just something new and fresh."

Although Dery has been doing play-by-play most of his career, he doesn't think it will be too much of a transition.

"I know the game inside and out," he said. "I follow the Horizon League all the time."

Because of his work with the Titans, he knows the coaches and players in the conference. He also knows Ruhl. They met back when Dery was doing play-by-play for the Detroit Fury, a former arena football team that played at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"I think Neal and I will have good chemistry," Dery said. "I don't want him to change . . . I'll hopefully make him sound even better and vice versa."

Dery was sports director for WDFN-AM

(1130) from 1996-2009. He has also filled in calling play-by-play for the Detroit Pistons on television and radio since 1998, when he started his work for the University of Detroit Mercy.

Starting this school year, Dery teaches media, communications and journalism at University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

"He's a true professional," Konya said. "I hope that Matt adds a different perspective to assist the great job that Neal's already doing."

And it's an important job, Konya said.

"If we do things, we want to do it first-class," he said. "Our broadcasting, both radio and TV, this year is going to be at a level that we've never seen for the Golden Grizzlies."

Ruhl was on board with Dery from the start.

"His resume speaks for itself," Ruhl said. "He's what I want to be. He's a trusted voice in the city of Detroit."

They technically won't do any practice runs. It'll be all-in at the home exhibition game on Nov. 7 against Grand Valley State University. They'll feel it out.

But after 15 seasons of play-by-play work with the Titans, how will Dery fit in as the

color guy?

"It'll be seamless, I'm sure," Ruhl said. "He knows the game. I know the game."

Ruhl has a further prediction.

"We will be one of the best broadcast teams in college basketball," Ruhl said. "Not in the Horizon League, not in Michigan. In college basketball."

There's no qualifying that it's at Oakland anymore.

"That's been my biggest drive," Ruhl said. "I don't want to hear, 'Well it's a pretty good broadcast for Oakland.' Or 'It's a pretty good broadcast for the Horizon League.' No, I'm not interested in that."

It's not a solo pursuit.

"Jeff Konya's the one that deserves a lot of the credit because he places an emphasis on this," Ruhl said. "Scott MacDonald [senior assistant athletic director for public relations], my boss, places an emphasis on a quality product."

Give them props, Ruhl said.

"They've made the moves."

Now there's a whole season ahead.

"I wish we were on-air tonight," Ruhl added.

You can listen to every Oakland men's basketball game on WDFN-AM (1130).

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Women's Swimming/Diving

The Golden Grizzlies dominated at Duquesne on Oct. 14, beating the Dukes 168.5-93.5 and winning 13 of 14 events.

Patricia Aschan won the 200-yard medley relay (1:47.45), 200 free (1:53.10), 200 back (2:04.15) and 400 IM (4:25.94). Rachel Waite won the 200 medley relay (1:47.45), 100 breaststroke (1:04.89), 200 breaststroke (2:21.40) and took third in the 400 free relay (3:39.05).

The team beat Horizon League opponent Youngstown State 162-131 on Oct. 15.

Lauren Wynalda won the 100 fly (59.21), her first event win of the season. She came in fifth in the 200 fly (2:13.72) and came in third in the 200 medley relay (1:50.38).

Oakland swims the home opener against Wayne State at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Cross Country

Women's cross country finished fifth out of 25 and the men finished 12th out of 20 at the Adidas Pre-National Invitational on Oct. 15. Miranda Haas led the women in the 6K White, finishing 10th out of 167 (21:29.7). She was followed by Rachel Levy (21:46.2, 22) and Ashley Burr (21:47.6, 25). Connor Wuori led the men in the 8K White in seventh place out of 134 (25:07.5). He was followed by Bryce Stroede (25:10.8, 10) and Brad Mallory (26:06.2, 58).

GOLF

The women got second (602, +42, north course) while the men got third (604, +36, south course), at the Dayton Flyer Invitational on Oct. 17-18. Morgan Smith led the women with a fifth-place finish overall. Connor Jones led the men with a +6 finish, which was tied for 11th.

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Oakland University Athletics announced on Monday, Oct. 17 that the NCAA reconsidered and deemed Isaiah Brock eligible to play for the Golden Grizzlies this basketball season.

NCAA approves appeal to let Isaiah Brock compete

Sam Schlenner
Sports Editor

The NCAA has approved Oakland's appeal to let Army veteran Isaiah Brock compete for men's basketball this season. National media attention had sparked up after the NCAA rejected the 22-year-old, 6-foot-8 freshman forward's waiver request.

"We're appreciative of the NCAA initially awarding Isaiah with the ability to receive athletics financial assistance in addition to eligibility for practice," Athletic Director Jeff Konya said in a press release from Oakland University Athletics. "And we are even more thankful that the reconsideration has resulted in this decision for Isaiah."

Oakland initially had requested that the NCAA grant the Baltimore native athletic financial assistance, permission to practice and permission to compete.

The first two were granted. The third request was rejected because of unacceptable high school grades on a transcript from 2011.

Brock had already completed four college classes, passing each with either a B or an A. Bleacher Report, CBS Sports and ESPN covered the story. Even U.S. Rep. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester) got involved, voicing his support for Brock and asking that the NCAA let him play.

On Monday, Oct. 17, the NCAA announced their decision to approve the appeal.

"Definitely the news I wanted to hear," Brock said. "Very excited."

Throughout this ordeal, Brock called his mother every evening and to keep her up-to-date. Yesterday, she called him.

"She's screaming and yelling," Brock said. "She was very happy."

After his story broke nationally two weeks ago, people started recognizing him on campus.

"In my classes: 'Hey, you were the guy that was on TV!'" Brock said. "Hey man I hope they let you play.' And I'll say 'Thank you, thanks for the support, I appreciate it.'"

Even the cashier at Chick-fil-A gave him some encouraging words.

"I think [the media coverage] played a great part in them overturning the decision," Brock said.

But he thinks the reversal was genuine.

"He deserves the opportunity," Oakland head coach Greg Kampe said. "We got the answer that we felt we should get."

Kampe doesn't think the media coverage is the reason for the NCAA's acceptance of the appeal, but does think it brought the issue to the attention of more people.

"I think they changed their opinion because the proper people got a good look at it," Kampe said.

That's not the only thing the coverage did. Kampe has received two or three phone calls from parents or sibling of young men getting out of the military with a similar predicament to Brock's: They've learned from their service, but poor high school grades are holding back their college careers.

"This brought media attention to the veterans and what we should be doing for our veterans," Kampe said.

"Hopefully . . . other people are seeing this and thinking, 'Yeah, we need to give these veterans a chance.'"

Football club takes down undefeated Ohio State

AuJenee Hirsch
Intern Reporter

Oakland University Football Club (5-0-0) claimed victory over undefeated Ohio State Club Football (3-1-0) on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Jimmy John's Field in Utica.

In the first quarter of the game, the Golden Grizzlies came out with a strong defense and offense that gave the Buckeyes a challenge. Sophomore Raymond Artist scored a 75-yard kick return, earning Oakland its first six points. Chris Polite earned the extra point, bringing the score to 7-0.

The Buckeyes got some points on the board in the first quarter after making a 65-yard pass reception and scoring an extra point. The score was tied 7-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was tough on both teams as they played some intense defense. Neither team was able to score.

Coming back from halftime, the Golden Grizzlies stepped up their offensive game and managed to get a 72-yard touchdown scored by Shak Williams. The Buckeyes defense was tough and Oakland was unable to score any more points in the third quarter, leaving it 13-7.

Soon after the fourth quarter started, Oakland's Brian Khashola intercepted an Ohio State pass. But with only 31 seconds left in the game, the Buckeyes scored a touchdown, tying the score at 13-13 and sending the game into overtime.

The Golden Grizzlies dominated overtime. Ben Hajclar scored a touchdown, giving Oakland another six points. After the touchdown, Hajclar also scored a two-point conversion. 21-13 Oakland.

Once Ohio State gained possession of the ball, they failed to complete a pass, ultimately sealing Oakland's victory. The game ended with Oakland winning 21-13.

"Our defense line as a whole played very well," Oakland head coach Tom Menas said. "We started a new quarterback today, so there was some learning curve there obviously. Our offense didn't play quite the way we wanted it to, but we were going against probably the toughest team we've faced all year as well."

Senior middle linebacker Brian Khashola agreed with Menas.

"The defense played their absolute best game probably this year," Khashola said. "We bend but don't break. That's our motto, and we played like that all game."

With this win against Ohio State, the Golden Grizzlies are now ranked number one in the Great Lakes - East division according to the National Club Football Association.

Heading into their next game, Oakland is now 5-0.

Oakland will play its last home game at 4 p.m. ET on Saturday, Oct. 22. The Golden Grizzlies will face Wright State at the Auburn Hills Civic Center Park.



Mary Mitchell / The Oakland Post

OU maintained their winning streak with a win over Ohio State, 21-13 in overtime Oct. 15.

Volleyball loses in three sets during pink out

AuJenee Hirsch
Intern Reporter

Oakland women's volleyball lost 3-0 to Valpo on Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the O'rena.

Due to injuries, the Crusaders pulled something completely new on the Golden Grizzlies: They played without a setter.

"The way the match played itself out... was not part of anything you could have prepared for," said Oakland head coach Rob Beam. "It's not something that's on film and it's not in any box score."

For Oakland, Alli Gutschow got 14 digs and four assists while Darien Bandel got 11 kills and one dig. Melissa Deatsch recorded 14 kills and 16 digs.

The first set was evenly matched with each team having equal shares of lulls. The teams traded points back and forth until the game was tied 3-3. From there, Valpo scored four successive points, taking the lead 7-3.

Oakland responded with offense. Despite their efforts, they were unable to catch up to the Crusaders, causing Oakland to call a timeout with the score at 18-14.

Oakland closed the lead to 22-20, but the rest of the set continued with each team scoring multiple points back-to-back until Valpo won 25-22.

The Golden Grizzlies came back in the second set and took

the lead at 7-6. Jordan Lentz and Krysteena Davis helped to widen the point gap 10-7.

Oakland's lead stayed strong until the score tied at 23-23. The teams continued tying until it was 26-26, but the Crusaders scored two more points, winning the match at 28-26.

The beginning of the third set was tight. When the score was 14-13 Valpo, Oakland experienced a lull and the Crusaders took their lead to 17-13. Timeout Oakland.

Coming out of the timeout, Oakland scored one point, but Valpo scored five more.

After some adjusting, the Golden Grizzlies played some intense offense and shortened the lead Valpo had to 24-23.

At the end of the set, Valpo's Emily Campbell got a kill, bringing the score to 25-23. Valpo won the set and won the match 3-0.

"Our ability to adapt to what was happening happened in spurts, but not over the duration of the match and not soon enough in sets," Beam said.

But they're not lost in the disappointment, he said.

"I think the biggest thing is just the learning opportunity for all of us on things we can improve, how [we] get better and how [we] take a loss," Beam said.

"I'm going to choose to view it as an opportunity to improve and shape our practices, and include more things that can help prepare us for [Valpo's] type of situation."



Elyse Gregory / The Oakland Post

The Oakland volleyball team wore pink jerseys Wednesday night to raise awareness for breast cancer.



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Oakland volleyball is now ranked No. 3 in the Horizon League standings. The team plays at Green Bay on Oct. 21.

Volleyball defeats Milwaukee

Golden Grizzlies win match after five sets

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

Oakland women's volleyball (14-8, 6-2) tamed the Milwaukee Panthers (10-8, 4-3) in the fifth set of the Oct. 14 game in the O'rena.

Sammy Condon made 17 kills, a career high, put up a hitting percentage of .429 and got seven block assists and four digs.

Krysteena Davis contributed 10 block assists, a season high, and tied for ninth in program history for a single match.

The Golden Grizzlies as a team recorded a season high of 17 blocks.

Milwaukee took the first set 25-20. Oakland was unable to overcome a deficit accumulated midway through the set.

Not shaken, Oakland countered the Milwaukee advance by winning the second set 25-18. It was then that the Golden Grizzlies found their momentum for the rest of the match.

Entering the third set, Oakland exploited weaknesses that had been identified in the Milwaukee defense.

The teams had been trading points, tying at 12, but the break-out came after Oakland had regained possession and defen-

sive specialist Alli Gutschow was serving.

The Golden Grizzlies gathered seven points through kills, Milwaukee errors and a block, making the set 20-12. Milwaukee took two timeouts to reconfigure strategy, one during the streak and one after.

Although the Panthers were able to interrupt Oakland's scoring run, Milwaukee relinquished the third set 25-15.

The fourth set saw intense competition. Milwaukee needed to clinch it to stay alive. It was 2-1 Oakland.

Oakland took the first point, but Milwaukee was quick to answer with one of its own.

Two kills by Jessica Dood sent Oakland forward 3-1 before Milwaukee interjected. The attempt was short-lived, and the Golden Grizzlies quickly kept the pressure on. An additional kill from Dood returned the ball to Oakland.

Two attack errors on Milwaukee's part gave Oakland a 6-2 lead and forced a Panther timeout. Oakland garnished one more point before Milwaukee regained the ball.

The play mimicked that of the first set, except this time the Golden Grizzlies managed to maintain a slight lead. The match seemed all but won as Oakland made it 23-21, but the Panthers rallied.

Milwaukee narrowly took the fourth set 25-23 after scoring four consecutive points.

Oakland's communication on the court led to a 15-6 win over Milwaukee in the fifth set.

"I think you can see when we are communicating well when we really take off," outside hitter Melissa Deatsch said. "I think you saw in the first set us just expecting things to go our way and not really working for it. Once we realized we had to put in the work and communicate, we were able to get a rhythm going."

Oakland head coach Rob Beam echoed Deatsch's comments.

"I think that there were points of the match where our communication was extremely good, and the entire time in the fifth set they were working together well," Beam said. "When we do it, we're really efficient, we're really smooth together, and we flow."

Beam also stressed the importance of staying ahead of opposition.

"It's the point in the year where we know more about our opponents, and that has to translate into the practice gym," Beam said. "Changing how we practice is going to help energize the group as we go forward."

The Golden Grizzlies will next face Green Bay on the road Friday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. ET.

Women's soccer rallies in the second

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

Oakland University women's soccer made a comeback against Green Bay on Saturday, Oct. 15. The 2-1 victory places Oakland at 6-8-1, 3-3-0 in the Horizon League.

The Golden Grizzlies managed 19 shots, 10 of which were on goal, as opposed to Green Bay's nine shots, four on goal. Each team accumulated seven fouls.

Green Bay started strong, unleashing the first shot of the game in the fifth minute. The shot was blocked, but Green Bay was awarded a free kick in subsequent play. The shot went high over the net.

Oakland responded with a series of attacks.

Alice Palmer and Cecilie Dokka each sent two shots, all unsuccessful, toward Green Bay's net. The Oakland offense was halted by a foul in the 12th minute.

Palmer ripped a shot in the 14th minute that went wide. Oakland garnered two corner kicks, continuing the pressure on Green Bay in front of the net.

Green Bay eventually cleared the ball, but still had to face Oakland in the midfield. The Golden Grizzlies held the Green Bay advance and once again took

command of the ball.

In the 20th minute, both Brooke Miura and Dokka assaulted the net. Although the shots were denied, Oakland made efforts to sustain a presence in front of Green Bay's net.

Oakland's aggressive play resulted in a foul, transitioning control of the ball to Green Bay. Green Bay's chances were dashed when an offside call was raised against the team.

Palmer fired a shot down the middle that was saved in the 26th minute.

Green Bay responded quickly, racing downfield. Green Bay player Nicole Piette wove through Oakland's defense, creating an opportunity. Piette scored her first goal of the season in the 27th minute.

Oakland reconfigured its lineup, sending in three substitutions over the course of two minutes. The fresh legs did little to stop Green Bay's newfound momentum.

The Golden Grizzlies changed pace, going on the defensive for the remainder of the half. Withstanding three shots from Green Bay, Oakland ended the first period down 1-0.

The Golden Grizzlies commenced the second half with a coordinated approach on Green Bay's net. Two corner kicks — one in the 50th minute and one

in the 51st minute — presented opportunities, but the Golden Grizzlies were unable to close. Palmer ripped a shot from the right wing in the 53rd minute that landed wide.

The Golden Grizzlies caught a break in the 68th when they were awarded a corner kick. Feeding off the shot, Aly Rawson, assisted by Palmer, netted a goal for Oakland, tying the game 1-1 in the 69th minute.

A string of four substitutions supplied Oakland with ample power to control the ball and conduct strikes against Green Bay.

The game seemed to be heading toward overtime as Green Bay withstood Oakland's drives and a penalty kick from Palmer. But Sydnye Gagner, assisted by Sydney Duggan and Ali Amante, put the game away with her eighth goal of the season in the 87th minute. Oakland was then able to hold Green Bay and end the game 2-1.

"Anybody who was here tonight, or watched the game online, saw a very dominant performance by us in the second half," Oakland head coach Mags Saurin said. "Going into halftime, our focus was really to make sure that we got the next goal."

Gagner attributed the win to excellent team communication.



Ian Levinson / The Oakland Post

The Golden Grizzlies scored goals in the 68th and 87th minutes of the game.

"At halftime we had a big talk," Gagner said. "Communication is always a huge thing on the field, so we were talking to each other positively and helping each other out."

Oakland will travel to rival University of Detroit Mercy at on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. ET. You can watch on ESPN3.

Men's soccer breaks through slump in game at Milwaukee

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Oakland men's soccer (5-7-0, 4-2-0) broke the slump at Milwaukee (6-5-2, 3-2-1). The Golden Grizzlies hadn't scored a goal since the Dayton game on Sept. 24, but Chase Jabbori answered with two in the first half on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Oakland now sits at second in the Horizon League with 12 points.

"Just a really, really tough Horizon League battle between two good teams, two hard-working, blue-collar, talented young teams," Oakland head coach Eric Pogue said in a GrizzVision interview. "[It's] mid-October, [and] this Horizon League table, it's super,

super tight right now."

Jabbori tracked a deflection off a free kick from Nebojsa Popovic and scored his fourth goal of the season late in the 10th minute. Popovic got the assist, and had almost scored with the free kick that prompted the goal.

"I was really proud of the guys," Pogue said. "We talked as a group about coming out of the gates fast. Traditionally this year, we've dug ourselves a hole, got down a goal and were always trying to come back. So that was one of the real focuses: to come out strong."

Jabbori had attempted a shot that was blocked less than a minute before his goal. After the restart, Jabbori got a yellow card in the 14th.

Oakland came back in the 21st minute. Alex Serwatka put up a header that went wide. Five seconds later, Popovic shot wide right.

Jabbori scored again in the 26th minute, his fifth of the year and second of the game. Oakland's Williams lobbed a pass to outside the top of the box. Austin Ricci one-touched it to Jabbori, who beat a defender and the advancing goalkeeper and sent it in. Ricci and Williams got the assist.

Oakland goalkeeper Liam McQueenie made a save in the 27th minute off a shot from Milwaukee's Nick Moon.

The Panthers assaulted again in the 33rd minute, putting up a shot, a header and two corner kicks in less than a

minute. The shot and header were blocked.

Milwaukee's Evan Conway scored in the 54th minute with a header off a corner kick by Francesco Saporito. It was Conway's sixth goal of the season. Saporito got the assist.

Oakland's Dean Akeel got a red card in the 63rd minute.

"We went down a man, and for 30, 35 minutes the guys just battled their hearts out," Pogue said. "It was a great character win. The work ethic, the heart, the determination of the group. To walk away in Milwaukee with a road win like this is huge for us."

McQueenie made four saves in the second half to hold the game at 2-1. He manned the net for 90 minutes and made seven saves in all, allowing one goal. For Milwaukee, Glass played 90 minutes, made four saves and allowed two goals.

Jabbori, Popovic and Ricci each had two shots on goal.

For Milwaukee, Conway had four shots on goal.

The Panthers outshot the Golden Grizzlies 21-16. The teams almost equally shared 49 fouls.

In addition to Akeel's red card, Oakland got five yellow cards. Milwaukee got two yellow cards.

Four teams — Valpo, Cleveland State, UIC and Milwaukee — have one or two points less than Oakland in the Horizon League standings.

"I think that's what you're going to see day in and day out here in the Horizon League," Pogue said.

"Anybody can beat anyone on any given day. So when you go on the road to a place like Milwaukee and you get three points [in the league standings], you're happy."

Oakland plays the Belmont Bruins at the Oakland Soccer Field at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22.