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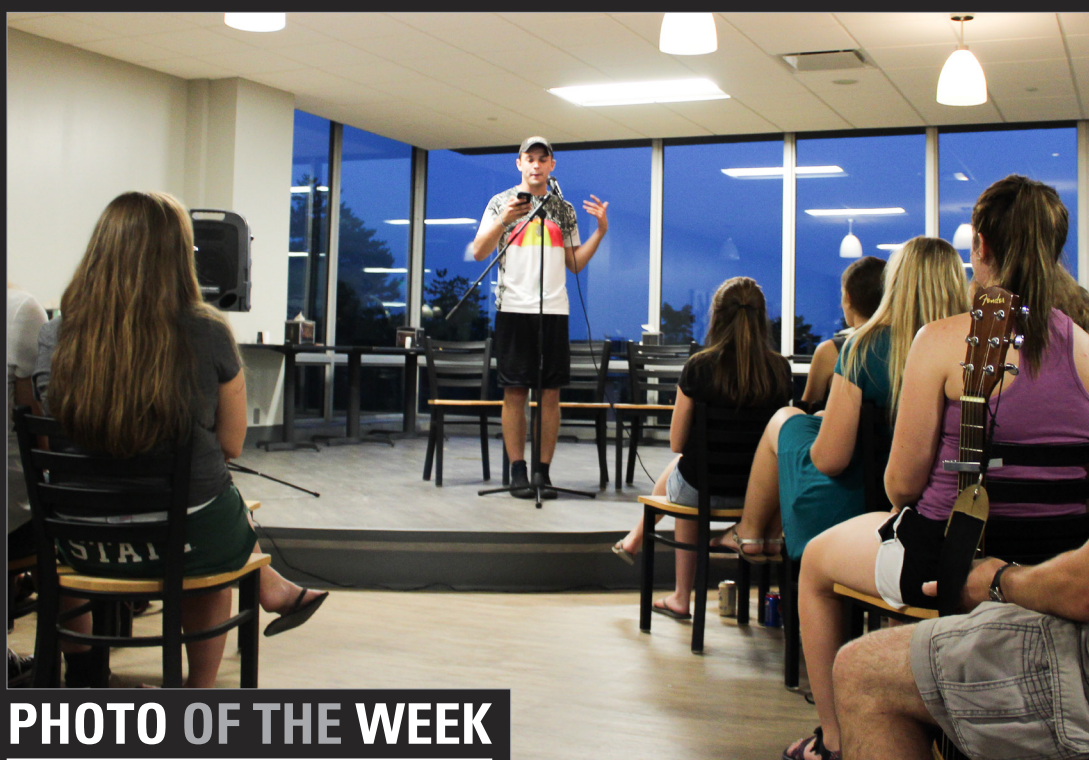
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**STUDENTS TAKE THE STAGE** // Oakland University students gathered in Vandenberg Hall on Monday of Welcome Week to participate in Open Mic Night. Students performed many different talents, including singing and poetry. For a calendar of upcoming Welcome Week events, see page 10. *ABIGAIL ZMIKLY // The Oakland Post*

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Chartwells has introduced a new barbecue food truck, Smokey Paws. Catch your lunch at one of three designated stops on campus.

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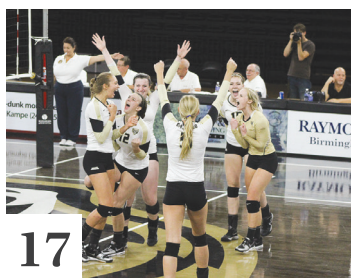


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The Ballroom Dance Club Open House is Sept. 12 at 9 p.m. in Studio 919 of the Rec Center. No previous dance experience required.

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OU's volleyball team ranks third in the Horizon League Preseason Poll as they prepare for their non-conference schedule.

Photo / Nowshin Chowdhury

## POLL OF THE WEEK

How are you celebrating before the stress and homework of school piles up?

- A** Drinking
- B** Netflix and actual chilling
- C** Carefully laying out all my back-to-school supplies and getting a good night's rest
- D** Avoiding responsibilities and praying that I make it through while crying over fun vacation photos

Vote at [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com)

## LAST MONTH'S POLL

The "Pokémon Go" craze is here! What are your reactions?

- A)** Seems like a quick fad.  
13 votes | 52%
- B)** Don't talk to me or my 40 Rattata ever again.  
6 votes | 24%
- C)** I'm loving the nostalgia!  
4 votes | 16%
- D)** The Elliott Tower will be mine!  
2 votes | 8%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### Sept. 10, 1965

Thanks to an air pressure problem in Hill House, a toilet exploded and injured two people. Both were taken to the hospital for minor injuries. Housing Director James Appleton assured students that the problem was fixed.

### Sept. 4, 1984

OU celebrated its 25th anniversary with a commercial series, an open house and a soccer match.

### Sept. 3, 2014

OU students and employees panicked when suddenly maximum student-employee hours were decreased to 20 hours per week. The day after The Oakland Post ran an editorial demanding more transparency, the policy was reversed - but later reinstated in April 2016.

## BY THE NUMBERS

4,688

number of colleges, universities and professional schools in the U.S.

14.7%

of college and grad school students are 35 or older

77.2

million people are enrolled in school in the U.S.

\$83,417

average earnings of full-time, year-round workers with a bachelor's degree or higher

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Looking Back

## A history of The Oakland Post

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

1959 was a huge year across the world. Fidel Castro became the Prime Minister in Cuba. “Bonanza” premiered on NBC as the first weekly television show to air completely in color. Mattel launched its iconic Barbie doll. The U.S. Grammy awards were held for the first time.

And in 1959, Oakland University, then called MSU-O, welcomed its first class of students.

Students could visit Matilda Wilson in Meadow Brook Hall for tea on the weekends. There were 550 students in the charter class. This year, there’s over 20,000.

It wasn’t until Nov. 13 of 1959, the third published issue of OU’s student newspaper, that the paper was given an office. In that same issue, the paper ran a story about a chickipede (a creature that was a chicken with a hundred legs to satisfy drumstick lovers everywhere).

Also in this issue, an irate student wrote in complaining about a lack of interesting content.

At the time, Professor Samuel Shapiro was the focal point of OU’s first spotlight in the media. Long before Kay Felder made headlines in the NBA, Shapiro made headlines over his partial support of Castro’s power in Cuba.

Shapiro spoke off-campus about Latin American relations, and eventually faced public criticism. Dan Potter from TV station WJIM claimed Shapiro was a communist supporter. Chancellor Varner received letters from concerned parents that year, 1961, about a communist on campus.

In 1962, the MSU Board of Trustees banned any communist from speaking on campus. The same year, Shapiro’s contract was up for renewal.

In 1963, his contract expired and he left campus. Associate Dean George Matthews was quoted saying he would have a better chance of staying “if he had not talked so much about Cuba and Latin-American affairs.”

In fall of 1963, an Oakland Observer editor ran a story about the unfairness of differing dorm hours for men and women. After this story, the editor wrote a story detailing the sex lives of OU students. He collected surveys about pre-marital sex on campus and wanted to report his findings.

The Observer was ordered not to run the story. Instead, they ran a story about how they were told not to run the sex survey story.

In retaliation, Chancellor Varner had all copies of this issue destroyed by the publisher. Three days later, the editor was removed from his position. He continued to attend OU, but could no longer work for the paper.

The Associated Press and other national media began reporting on the story.

Varner created an ad hoc committee to oversee the paper and approve content before publishing. Citing censorship, three other editors quit The Observer.

In 1968, OU’s student paper was censored again, when the parent company of their printer called four pages “complete trash” and refused to print them.

On Dec. 13, 1968, The Observer ran a cover photo of a fully nude student. This once again brought The Observer into national media coverage.

In the fall of 1969, Focus: Oakland started on campus. A rival paper. While The Observer had a radical spin to many of its stories, Focus did not.

Between Oct. 8 and 11, 800 students gathered to vote on future funding of The Observer. A vote of 638 students decided The Observer would no longer receive funding after the fall semester.

The Oct. 10 issue of The Observer had more issues pulled from printing. The Observer moved to a publisher in Ohio, as many Detroit-based publishers refused to print their content.

On Dec. 12, 1969, The Observer announced plans to continue as an underground newspaper. This never happened. The Observer died. In February of 1970, Chancellor Varner left OU.

Until 1973, Focus: Oakland remained on campus. The last issue of Focus: Oakland recorded in The Oakland Post’s archives is from 1972.

In 1976, The Oakland Sail began. Our archives include issues from 1977 onward. In 1987, it was decided to change the name of The Oakland Sail to The Oakland Post.

The first issue of The Oakland Post ran Sept. 8, 1987. The editors ran a very brief, condensed version of The Post’s history, name change and expansion.

In 2007, The Oakland Post changed its format from the traditional newspaper layout to the square magazine-style layout still used today.

Despite possibly hundreds of issues missing from our archives here at The Post, we have countless issues now available for students, faculty and visitors to read. Starting Sept. 8, The Oakland Post will be open twice weekly for anyone interested in coming to read through our archives.

Thursdays we will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays we will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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## There's a new chair in town

*Two new executive members welcomed to the Board of Trustees*

**Paige Brockway**  
Editor-in-Chief

The Oakland University Board of Trustees has appointed Richard DeVore and David Tull to the positions of board chair and vice chair, respectively.

Their appointments were announced at the Aug. 8 Board meeting and begin Sept. 1. Their positions will be effective for at least one year.

### Richard DeVore

DeVore has been vice chair of the Board since August 2014 and a member of the Board since July 2013, when he took over the remainder of Dennis Pawley's term following Pawley's resignation.

DeVore has more than 38 years of experience in financial institutions and currently works as an executive vice president of PNC Bank, where he serves as president for Detroit and Southeast Michigan and chair of the local PNC Foundation.

DeVore said he struggled with the 3.95 percent tuition increase announced at the June 6 Board of Trustees meeting, which remained beneath the state cap of 4.2 percent.

"Quite frankly, I want to stay within the state appropriation cap . . . It was a tough decision to raise the tuition and we have to demonstrate to the students and to the taxpayers that it was a wise investment," DeVore said following the Aug. 8 meeting.

DeVore added, "Oakland University is sometimes an eight-cylinder car running on six . . . There's a lot of ground we could take as a university and I'm really excited for that."

### W. David Tull

Tull was appointed to the Board of Trustees in August 2014 and, like DeVore, has an extensive background in banking. He is chairman and founder of Crestmark Bank.

Also like DeVore, Tull holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from University of Michigan. He also has a banking degree from the University of Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking and has served on various boards of directors, including those for the Detroit Historical Society, Michigan Bankers Association and International Factoring Association.

### Other Transitions

The governor of Michigan appoints two board members every two years for eight-year terms. Trustees Michael Kramer and Richard Flynn's terms expire Aug. 11, at which point the governor will either reappoint or replace them.

"Having served in this capacity for two years, there's heartache, there's glory, there's great feelings, there's tough feelings, and Mark [Schlussel] wouldn't say it about himself, but I think I speak for all the members of the Board in saying that Mark was a fabulous chairman, great leadership, was an example for all of us," Trustee Michael Kramer said.

As he transitions out of the chair role, Schlussel looks forward to having more time to pursue his artistic hob-



*Courtesy of Oakland University*

Richard DeVore, pictured above, is the new board chair and has over three decades of experience working in finance.

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**Richard DeVore**  
Board Chair

bies. He joked at the Aug. 8 Board meeting that he hopes he is still "of sound mind" to paint.

"One of the things I always judge an experience by is whether we disagree with each other intellectually about ideas or we attack each other based upon who we are," Schlussel said in his closing remarks. "And in this instance, this board has always disagreed, when we have disagreed, on ideas. So there's mutual respect around this table."

While addressing the board, Schlussel also emphasized the need for the university to adapt to changing student needs.

"The challenges to state universities are going to be compelling over the next decade, and we need to change and address ourselves to those challenges," he said.

"Students learn differently today. The facilities that we have are probably going to be different than the facilities we'll need in the next decade. And I hope that all of you take innovation as an opportunity, not a threat, in terms of how the university expands and grows. Because I think the universities that are going to survive in the new environment are those that are totally innovative, rather than those that are caught up in their traditions and fearful of reaching out to the changing dynamic of how students learn and how students react."

The Oakland University Board of Trustees holds bi-monthly meetings that are open to the public. Their next meeting will be held Oct. 24 at 2:00 p.m. in Elliott Hall Auditorium. For a full 2016-17 meeting schedule, visit <https://www.oakland.edu/bot/meeting-schedule/>.

## Meetings in Florida no longer floating by

**Grace Turner**  
Managing Editor

Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) brought a petition against February's Board of Trustees retreat and Winter College to OU President George Hynd.

Zack Thomas, OUSC president, and Anders Engnell, OUSC vice president, launched the online petition on June 8. It racked up 1,442 signatures by the Aug. 15 meeting, which was attended by Hynd, Thomas, Engnell and Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn McIntosh.

The petition was created in response to an article published in the Detroit Free Press that said the total cost of the retreat and Winter College was around \$155,000. Signers demanded that the university spend less money on trips like this.

While the petition was more heavily focused on the amount of money spent, Thomas was also concerned that the Board held an informal meeting in Bonita Springs, Fla., out of reach for most of the campus community. The meeting was part of the Board retreat, which took place on Feb. 3 and 4.

From Feb. 5-6, the trip continued with the Winter College, an event that donors attend to interact with administration and faculty.

OU paid for travel, food and hotel costs for trustees and everyone who attended Winter College. According to the Free Press, more than \$2.7 million in "asks" were made of attendees.

Many, including Thomas, were also upset about how the money was spent at Winter College – the Free Press cited travel to and from the airport, \$40 dinners and alcohol.

Thomas said Hynd was receptive to the petition and OUSC's concerns for more transparency. Before the petition was presented, Hynd released this statement, according to OU Communications and Marketing (UCM):

"New leadership in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations undertook a review of engagement activities in preparation of an acceleration of major gift fund raising efforts at OU. Based on this, our regional engagement in Florida, historically referred to as Winter College, will occur in a new format in 2017. This format will be more efficient in reaching more donors with fewer staff in more geographic areas. No retreats are expected to occur connected with these fund raising and engagement events."

According to a statement released by UCM, Hynd meets with OUSC representatives on a monthly basis.



# Smokey Paws makes campus debut

*Food truck finally up and running for fall semester*

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

This year, Oakland University unveiled a new option for students looking to get a bite to eat on campus. Smokey Paws, a new barbecue concept, is driving around campus now.

The truck serves food like grilled cheese sandwiches, pulled pork sandwiches, sweet potato fries and even a dessert option of beignets.

Mark McCormic, resident district manager of Chartwells, said that there are multiple ways for students to dine using the new food truck.

He said, to cut down on calories, skip the bread on the pulled pork sandwich.

"That will reduce the calories and carbs considerably," he said. "I actually prefer my pulled pork without the bun, it gets in the way for me."

He recommended that health-conscious students stay away from the grilled cheese, sweet potato fries and beignets, and recommends they try looking for limited-time offers the food truck will have throughout the semester, like coleslaw, baked beans and even wraps.

However, students may remember the food truck faced a delayed launch last fall. McCormic said the delay was



*The Oakland Post Archives*

The Smokey Paws will be serving food on campus Monday through Friday afternoons. The truck can be tracked on Chartwells' Facebook page.

thanks to the manufacturer delivering the vehicle late. When it arrived, it had significant engine problems.

Since spring, the engine troubles have been fixed, and the truck was tested around campus in a test opening this summer.

The truck will be open for the fall, but will not be running in the winter.

"Parking and driving around campus is difficult with a large vehicle that size," McCormic said. "There are also problems with water lines freezing on cold days, and we don't have a heated space to keep the truck."

The truck will be found switching between three different locations on campus: P1 near the traffic circle, on the

southeast side of O'Dowd Hall and in P1 in front of the Human Health Building.

McCormic said there will be a regular rotation after the first two weeks of the fall semester.

To find where the truck is at a given time, check Chartwells' social media accounts on Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

## New assistant director of Student Organization Programs hired

*Greek, administrative background land Jurva job*

**Paige Brockway**  
Editor-in-Chief

Stephanie Jurva has been selected as the new assistant director of Student Organization Programs. Her position became effective August 8.

In this role, Jurva will help coordinate all student organizations and Greek life. She will also advise the Oakland University Student Congress, Student Activities Funding Board and Student Program Board.

Jurva said she applied for the position at the beginning of June and was selected after two interviews, one with the Center

for Student Activities and Leadership Development (CSA) team and another with several student groups and campus partners.

"Stephanie's past work experiences greatly contributed to why she was hired . . . The OU student leaders and community partners who interviewed her really liked her, professionally and personally," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the CSA.

One of Jurva's selling points was her experience with Greek life as a member of Alpha Xi Delta during her undergraduate studies at Michigan State University and chapter adviser at Old Dominion University in Virginia.

For the past five years, Jurva was administrative coordinator of student services in the Oakland University William

"I'm looking forward to meeting all the students. That's the best part about being here is meeting all the students and seeing what I can do to help them grow and become professionals."

**Stephanie Jurva**  
Assistant Director of Student Organization Programs

Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB). Her duties included helping students apply for residency and coordinating M3 and M4 Prism courses, a program through which physicians mentor students.

Prior to working at OUWB, Jurva was an administrative assistant in emergency administration at Royal Oak Beaumont.

She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from MSU and a master's degree in administration with a specialization in health services from Central Michigan

University. In her free time, she enjoys running, reading and spending time with her nieces.

"I'm looking forward to meeting all the students," Jurva said. "That's the best part about being here is meeting all the students and seeing what I can do to help them grow and become professionals."



*Courtesy of Stephanie Jurva*

Stephanie Jurva is the new assistant director of Student Organization Programs.





Images courtesy of Oakland University

**LEFT:** A digital sketch for the exterior of the expanded Oakland Center, set to be complete in December 2018. **RIGHT:** A vision for a collaboration space in the renovated Oakland Center.

# Oakland Center expansion slated for 2018

*New design influenced by students will feature additional study, leisure, meeting areas*

**Paige Brockway**  
Editor-in-Chief

A much-needed addition is finally coming to Oakland University's student center.

The Oakland Center was built in 1958 and currently boasts 140,000 square feet and "annual foot traffic exceeding 1,662,000," according to a Board of Trustees meeting agenda from Feb. 22, 2016.

The building previously received three expansions in 1961, 1968 and 2003. The upcoming expansion will add 65,000 square feet and renovate existing spaces.

According to Terry Stollsteimer, associate vice president of Facilities Management, the project is intended to be finished in December 2018.

"We're gonna move forward with the Oakland Center still being operational," Stollsteimer said at the Aug. 8 Board of Trustees meeting. "We're looking to phase the project, so we can allow the food service and students to have access to the building and to be able to do this project in a successful way, and also be able to move us forward as we move forward as a university."

Along with a representative from architectural firm Workshop Architects, Stollsteimer presented a plan for the expansion at the meeting, which was approved

unanimously.

Student committees have influenced the designs since the project's inception five years ago, according to Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn McIntosh.

"I have had the opportunity to sit in and see a couple of different designs and see heavy student feedback change the design as it came to us, and this is kind of an end result of all the feedback that we've given," said Cassie Hock, student liaison to the Board of Trustees and president of the Student Program Board.

## Funding

A Use and Finance Bi-Annual Reporting Form for January 2016 through June 2016, which is available on OU's website, lists total project costs for the OC expansion at \$44 million. Of this amount, \$13,200,000 is intended for remodeling and \$30,800,000 will be used for additions.

Of the total costs, \$40 million will come from bond proceeds, while the remaining \$4 million will be paid by OU's food service provider, Chartwells. This \$4-million investment was part of a signing bonus for Chartwells' renewed ten-year contract with the university. The Use and Finance Bi-Annual Reporting Form also lists an estimated \$138 per-student impact on tuition for this project, which was applied to this fall's tuition.

Architectural/engineering firms Integrated Design Solutions and Workshop Architects will be paid \$3,281,000 for their work on the project.

## Expansion Details

In general, the expansion will push student activity toward the outer walls and move office spaces toward the center of the building, making student life more visible from the outside.

The exterior of the building will be largely made of glass, similar the Human Health Building and Engineering Center. Workshop Architects is looking into sun-shading devices to control heat gain on the interior while still creating bright, open spaces.

Currently, most of the ceilings in the OC are the same height. The renovations will include a tiered floor plan with higher ceilings to give the interior a more open atmosphere.

The basement of the OC is home to OU Student Congress, the Student Program Board, WXOU and The Oakland Post. By creating a visual connection between the basement and the ground floor, the renovation will reduce a sense of separation between these student organizations and the rest of the building. New meeting spaces and a reflection room are also planned for the basement.

On the ground level, the renovations will add tiered seating; create new study, leisure and meeting spaces; and alter the layout of the kitchens in the Pioneer Food Court. Although the food court's exterior

was recently renovated and new dining options were added, the behind-the-scenes arrangements are inefficiently designed for Chartwells' large-scale restaurant and catering services.

"The back house that nobody sees is sort of dysfunctional. It's not sort of - it is dysfunctional," Stollsteimer said. "And bottom line on this project, we are spending monies within the kitchen area, the backhouse areas, to make that more functional, make it more effective, make it more timely . . . It will also help out in terms of the staffing numbers. When you're efficient behind the scenes, you don't need as many staff"

The expansion will also add a new entry on the north side of the building, alleviating safety and accessibility concerns that currently arise from interference with the loading dock.

Upstairs, there will be two multipurpose spaces built in addition to the existing ballroom. These new spaces can be used together for larger events or can host two separate events at once. They will be connected to each other via a pre-function lounge from which people can look down into the social spaces of the building.

When asked about the life of the building, Stollsteimer said another similarly sized expansion could be added to the OC down the road. He noted that, while structures like elevators and bathrooms will not need to be updated for a long time, other spaces may need renovation every 10-15 years.



# School of Health Sciences dean selected

*Dr. Kevin Ball to combine programs in the School of Health Sciences, increase community engagement*

**Sarah Lawrence**  
Staff Reporter

There's a new dean in town, and his name is Dr. Kevin Ball. Following an in-depth selection process, complete with open interviews and presentations for Oakland University students, faculty and staff conducted last spring, a new dean for the School of Health Sciences (SHS) has finally been selected.



Photo courtesy of Kevin Ball

On Aug. 15, Dr. Kevin Ball began his deanship, and he is excited to get started on his plans for bringing the SHS into a new chapter of leadership.

Ball holds a Ph.D. in community health (biomechanics), a master's degree in exercise science, and a bachelor's degree in physical and health education, all from the University of Toronto.

He was the former dean of the University of Hartford's College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions, and also held academic leadership positions, including associate dean for graduate studies and research, and academic director for the Master of Science in Prosthetics and Orthotics program.

Prior to this, he held academic positions at the University of Buffalo; New York Chiropractic College; Ithaca College in New York; McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario; and the University of Toronto.

Ball has chaired and/or served on numerous academic and administrative planning committees that have focused on topics ranging from strategic planning and leadership searches to academic program review and the utilization of information technology.

He has also contributed to numerous community partnerships promoting STEM education.

According to the SHS mission statement, the school is passionate about

"providing students with the best science-based health education, high-quality academic preparation, interdisciplinary teaching and excellence in instruction in the classroom and clinical laboratory."

Additionally, they are known for providing exceptional environments for students to collaborate through their practices, thus transforming into leaders that excel in diverse wellness and health-related practices.

Ball is looking to extend and develop these missions through three major initiatives: better organization and pairing of programs within the SHS, developing the Oakland HELPS Institute, and implementing a student leadership model.

"Our goal is to find ways to combine our six major programs into three, smaller programmatic groupings based on each specialty area," Ball said. "Coming from Hartford, where the university was separated into colleges instead of schools, Oakland University will provide a bigger, broader portfolio and network for our team to work with."

He plans to create major groups including: Foundations of Health, Biomedical Professions, and Public and

Environmental Health and Wellness.

From here, Ball plans to develop the Oakland HELPS Institute by bringing the narrowed program areas under a broad, interdisciplinary umbrella that will help the SHS to better broadcast student work and progress, as well as to become involved with the community around the university.

"We want to have students, faculty and staff engage with our community, and use it as a tool so people will know the great things OU health professionals are doing," Ball said. "The other component is to emphasize the process of self-reflection as students complete their studies, so they are sure to find the best fit when they enter the field."

These efforts will also be supplemented with opportunities for students to enhance their skill sets through additional field experience and opportunities for symposium.

Ball's first move as dean will be to emphasize the importance of clear communication within the SHS, including the communication between himself and the students.

For more information about Ball or the SHS, contact shs@oakland.edu or call (248) 370-3562.

## Digitization lab in Kresge Library to provide online access to archives

**Paige Brockway**  
Editor-in-Chief

The basement of Kresge Library holds many hidden gems: private study rooms, vending machines that sell cheaper coffee than the café upstairs, Oakland University Archives and, now, the Krompart-Hildebrand Digitization Lab.

The brand-new lab now occupies Room 129 and was made possible through a \$50,000 financial gift from Janet, Lee and Leona Krompart in honor of Linda Hildebrand.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Aug. 26 to celebrate its opening.

The lab's first project will be the digitization of The Oakland Post and its previous iterations: The Oakland Sail, Focus: Oakland and The Observer. A portion of the dona-

tion will go toward outsourcing the work of digitizing the papers, a process that will begin this semester.

"Next time the university celebrates, [for example] its 60th anniversary, they will have newspapers from the early days to actually look at," Hildebrand said.

Photo collections and other historical items and images stored in the OU Archives will also be digitized using a BookDrive Pro, which is essentially a large, high-quality scanner made by Atiz Innovation.

"Digitization itself isn't preservation," said Dean of University Libraries Stephen Weiter, "but reduces wear and tear on the originals. At the same time, this makes them widely available . . . and that really allows us to unlock the potential for those collections as educational and scholarly

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Stephen Weiter, Dean of University Libraries

resources."

Students, faculty, staff and community members will all have online access to the digitized archives.

The ribbon cutting was made complete with a video message from Janet Krompart, who now lives in Glenview, IL. Krompart's son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Leona Krompart, attended the event.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Dean Stephen Weiter, donor Lee Krompart and Linda Hildebrand cut the ribbon to the Krompart-Hildebrand Digitization Lab.

Retired Professors Janet Krompart and Linda Hildebrand worked together in Kresge Library from the late '70s to mid-'90s.

"That friendship endures today despite time and distance," Weiter said.

Today, Hildebrand contin-

ues to volunteer her time in the OU Archives. She last saw Krompart in May 2015, when she visited her in Illinois.

After the ceremony, friends and family gathered to record a video response to Janet Krompart: "Hi Janet. We love you. Thank you."

# Campus joins It's On Us campaign

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

With the fall semester starting, talk about sexual assault on college campuses comes back into mainstream media. With sources such as the National Sexual Violence Resource Center stating that around 20 percent of college women will be victims of a completed or attempted rape while they are in college, there's reason for concern.

Oakland University, in partnership with the It's On Us campaign, has numerous resources and educational tools in place to educate the student body on what sexual assault is and how to prevent it.

It's On Us was founded by President Obama and Vice President Biden in 2015. The campaign has four main aims listed on their website:

1. To recognize that non-con-

sensual sex is sexual assault  
2. To identify situations in which sexual assault may occur

3. To intervene in situations where consent has not or cannot be given

4. To create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership, explained that OU is able to work with the It's On Us campaign thanks to a grant received last year.

"They [It's On Us] offered these grant opportunities, and we applied and we got one of the grants," she said.

"It helped put on different programs to highlight concerns about that on campus and empowering people to do something about it, and it's sustained itself throughout the year."

One such program that will

be held in the fall is called "What You Should Have Learned in High School." The program is being put on by the Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC).

OU student Margaret Mero-gi took on the It's On Us campaign last year when she was a freshman. Now a sophomore, she is in charge of the OUSC side of the campaign and hopes that the "What You Should Have Learned In High School" program is going to impact students and their awareness of sexual assault on college campuses.

"It isn't just about sexual assault. Different political groups on campus will be tabling, TurboVote will be there registering voters, the Gender and Sexuality Center will be there talking about safe sex, and also It's On Us to raise awareness of sexual assault," she said.

Mero-gi's committee with

OUSC works on sexual assault prevention on campus and hopes to also spread information about where to go to report a sexual assault and resources that OU students have easy access to in times of crisis.

Jean Ann Miller worked with the It's On Us campaign to create folders that contain phone numbers and other important information on places to contact if you or a loved one has experienced sexual assault.

Another way OU has tried to make information on college sexual assault more readily available is through purchasing the "Hunting Ground" film rights.

"Hunting Ground," released in 2015, is a documentary about sexual assault on college campuses. It follows one victim as she returns to the place she was assaulted 28 years after her assault. The film premiered on CNN on

November 22nd, and went on to be shortlisted for an academy award.

In order to show a film on campus, OU must first secure the rights. Part of the It's On Us grant went to securing Oakland University's right to screen "Hunting Ground" whenever, without having to file for the copyright over and over again.

Students who want to get involved with It's On Us can do so in a few key ways. One is to take the pledge to follow the four initiatives of the "It's On Us" campaign. The other is to get involved with OUSC to help put on programming educating about consent and sexual assault.

For more information about getting involved with It's On Us on campus, email Margaret Mero-gi at [mtmerogi@oakland.edu](mailto:mtmerogi@oakland.edu) or visit [itsonus.org](http://itsonus.org) to learn more about the campaign in general.

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# Bridge renovations completed for fall

*Bear Lake overpass construction finalized during summer to address hazards, surface condition issues*

Rachel Williams  
Life Editor

This fall, take note of the renovations to the pedestrian bridge over Bear Lake.

Renovations were completed for the start of the fall semester.

Each spring, Facilities Management assesses sidewalk and bridge conditions on campus.

“Based on deterioration, trip hazards and wear condition of the surfaces we prioritize the need for repair or replacement,” said Terry Stollsteimer, associate vice president for Facilities Management. “The bridge was added to the list and the work is being done before school starts Sept. 1, 2016.”

The bridge renovations addressed any tripping hazards or unsafe conditions.

“The repairs being made to the Bear Lake pedestrian bridge over the next couple of weeks will be focused on fixing the walking surface where needed and to make sure there are no tripping hazards

on the bridge as we move toward the start of the fall semester,” Director of Media Relations Brian Bierley said.

In the spring, repairs are prioritized and assessed to be completed throughout the year.

Construction was completed by outside contractors. Funds for the bridge renovation were included within the Facilities Management repair budget, which is found within the General Fund.

“The approval is reviewed and approved by The Associate VP of Facilities Management” Stollsteimer wrote in an email. “We do the same thing for a roads and parking lots [sic].”

Beyond renovations, the new bridge was reviewed for safety before being opened to the public.

“We will also inspect the bridge in its entirety to assure its overall safety and consider if any future work might be needed,” Bierley said.

Keep your eye out for this and other renovations around campus in the upcoming fall semester.



Abigail Zmiky / The Oakland Post

The construction project was finalized by Facilities Management during Summer II.

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# Fox'trot' on over to Ballroom Dance Club

*Little-known club sport has built close community of students with varying levels of dance experience*

**Nowshin Chowdhury**  
Photo Editor

As a new school year approaches, students often survey involvement fairs looking at what the campus has to offer.

The Ballroom Dance Club at Oakland University is one of over 300 student organizations that may spark interest.

In winter of 2013, the club hosted its first official classes in Vandenberg Hall.

"We have an incredibly diverse group and it's nice having exposure to so many different walks of life. As a nontraditional student I was worried when I went to my first open house, but it was a blast and I haven't looked back since."

**Ryan Bates**

Vice President of Ballroom Dance Club

The initial e-board included Taylor Williams as president, Michael Williams as vice president, Kristie Nixon as secretary and Elizabeth Lawer as treasurer.

"Together, we met with the OU Club Sports manager and made a game plan of how to start the club," Williams said.

They went to a club sports meeting and petitioned to make the club official, and it was eventually approved by the club sports e-board. The e-board then recruited members by posting flyers throughout campus and meeting people at the involvement fairs.

"We all fell in love with ballroom dance and knew how wonderfully social, active and fun it could be for college students," Williams said. "Creating this club allowed us to bring ballroom dance to over 60 students in our first semester."

Recent alumna and former club president Ria Perez is still involved with the organization and has attended practices throughout this summer.

As a sophomore, she heard about the club on Facebook after her friend liked the page.

"I took ballroom dance lessons before that and I was so excited that Oakland had a group where we could do the same thing," Perez said.

After the original e-board members graduated, they "passed the torch" to Perez and other members who later did the same to this year's e-board.

The club offers both a social group and a competitive team for students interested in joining.

The current president, Jessie Felix, and the e-board hope to increase numbers and bring more students together through dance. Felix said that even though it's identified as a club sport, the Ballroom Dance Club is a great place for socializing.

"We don't just practice and just compete," Felix said. "We are also planning social events like going salsa dancing or to a swing dance event."

At practices, students learn new moves each week and work on previously learned ones. It is not necessary to have a partner to join the club because members rotate partners throughout the night. Previous dance experience is also not required.

"I think the best thing that you get from ballroom is a really good community," said Ryan Bates, vice president of the Ballroom Dance Club. "We have an incredibly diverse group and it's nice having exposure to so many different walks of life. As a nontraditional student, I was worried when I went to my first open house, but it was a blast and I haven't looked back since."

Members of the e-board will be teaching the social class, which will take place on Mondays at the OU Recreation Center. Those who choose to participate in the competition class will meet at Elegance in Motion Ballroom Dance Studio in Lake Orion on Wednesday nights.

Since the creation of the club, members have participated in many dance competitions in the Midwest and even won ribbons.

Participants who wish to compete can choose to go to a competition at Purdue University in October and/or the National Collegiate DanceSport Competition in Ohio this November.

The Ballroom Dance Club is hosting an open house on Monday, Sept. 12 from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in Studio 919 in the Rec Center. There will be free food, free dance lessons and a few short performances for everyone to enjoy.

For further inquiries about the club, contact Jessie Felix at ballroomdanceou@gmail.com.

Find Ballroom Dance Club on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ouballroom](http://www.facebook.com/ouballroom), on GrizzOrgs and Instagram @ballroomdanceou.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Although Vandenberg's dance classroom was unavailable this summer, the Ballroom Dance Club continued to hold practices in South Foundation Hall.

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# Oakland singer serenades his way to national award

Rachel Williams  
Life Editor

Robert Skylis, Management Information Systems major and Music minor, received first place at a national music competition.

Skylis was recognized as the winner of the lower undergraduate studio men classical category at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) National Conference.

Skylis attended community college for two years before coming to Oakland and studying with Drake Dantzer at his friend's, Tim Brown, suggestion.

At the beginning of fall 2015, Dantzer and Skylis chose a repertoire to study in their private lessons through the university. One of the first songs the two chose was "Dein ist mein ganzes Herz," which won Skylis the national title at NATS.

Dantzer works as the NATS president for the state chapter

and was also recognized this year, receiving the Emerging Leader Award.

Skylis entered the regional level with three pieces culminating in the required eight minutes of performance. From there, he went onto regionals held in Canada before filming a YouTube entry to compete in nationals.

According to Skylis, at nationals, between 12 to 15 students competed in each of the 15 categories, with two people from each region.

Skylis recognized the faculty at Oakland University for aiding in his achievement. He cited examples of individualized care for each element of performance and technique by Oakland faculty.

"Robert has a very strong work ethic and a very strong personal desire for excellence," Dantzer said. "He's very talented and he has a lot of possibilities in a future for him as a performer."

Dantzer stressed the importance of performance within the field of study, encourages his students perform publicly, and even devotes a whole class to performance. He delves even further into the performance process by examining the psychological elements and effects on each student.

"Prior to performance we fill out psychology worksheets and then address where we feel confident, what we'd like to work on prior to performance . . ." Dantzer said.

Similar worksheets are filled out after performances to address how the student felt about the performance.

"Coming home with a national title has been nothing short of surreal," Skylis told Oakland. "Let this be a testament to the great things that happen at Oakland. We are blessed with a combination of unrelenting skill, talent, hard work and dedication between the faculty, staff,



*Courtesy of Oakland University*

Robert Skylis was recognized by the National Association of Teachers of Singing, winning first place at their national competition.

teachers and student body."

Skylis plans to continue his music studies at Oakland and to perform in the opera and other performances.

He will be performing as Tamino in Oakland's production of "The Magic Flute" this January.

"There's no one path of getting there," he said. "You could

say that about any career path. My motto has just been 'work hard and keep my head low . . .' I want to stress how athletic singing is . . . It's so cool to have this kind of opportunity."

For more information on NATS, visit [nats.org](http://nats.org). To see how you can participate in the music curriculum at Oakland, visit [oakland.edu/mtd](http://oakland.edu/mtd).

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## 10 tips for first-year success

*Upperclassmen, First Year Advising Center provide advice for freshmen*

**KeyVonna Taylor**  
Staff Intern

As summer comes to an end, students around the world are hearing three words over and over: “back to school.”

At Oakland University, thousands of eager, nervous incoming freshmen will enter a new chapter in their lives this week. Some students will be leaving home to attend school 10 miles away, while others will be 1,000 miles from home. Regardless of the distance, every student will be pushed out of their comfort zone as they prepare to experience their newfound freedom. For some, the transition from high school to college will be easy. Others will experience homesickness and have second thoughts, but if this happens to you, don’t be alarmed just yet.

Below, find advice from four upperclassmen and an advisor from OU’s First Year Advising Center (FYAC) to help you be successful on your journey as a new Golden Grizzly. These four individuals have been where you are now, so let’s see what they have to say!

### 1. Join as much as possible!

“Get involved in a student organization on campus. It’s a great way to meet new people with similar interests. It made my OU experience a lot more fun.” – Jessica Allen, Senior

### 2. Meet with all your professors outside of class.

“Use your professors’ office hours if you need a little extra help. That’s what they are there for, so take advantage of those hours.” – Paige Efting, Senior

### 3. Be attentive.

“Sit at the front of your classes and actively participate during lecture. Showing passion for your education makes you stand out and could give you favor with your professor.” – Alex Currington, Junior

### 4. Do something different.

“Try new things. You never know what you’re going to like and college is the time to explore different things and see what you like. I never thought I would enjoy Greek Life, but being a part of my fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, has been one of the best things in my life.” – Brian Petty, Junior

### 5. Stay organized.

“Find a planning system that works for you (examples: calendars, planners, phone etc.) and actually use it! Success is all about planning!” – Jennifer Janes, Senior Academic Advisor for FYAC

### 6. Don’t stress about being undecided.

“It’s okay to not know what major you want to go with right away. Everyone has their own pace.” – Jessica Allen, Senior

### 7. Utilize your resources.

“Use ratemyprofessor.com. It lets you know what other students think of the professor. Just remember to read all the reviews possible. Students will have different experiences, so don’t listen to one person.” – Paige Efting, Senior

### 8. Know your circle.

“Be selective with who you choose to surround yourself with. Your circle of friends can affect you and your success more than you realize.” – Alex Currington, Junior

### 9. Check out what’s going on around campus.

“Attend events! This is in addition to getting involved! Attending different events like the Student Program Board Carnival, Walk to Meadow Brook Hall with the Greeks, Center for Multicultural Initiatives BBQ and so many more that I can name has filled my college years with so many great memories. Plus, all the free food and stuff I got was a huge incentive!” – Brian Petty, Junior

### 10. Get connected.

“Find at least one way to get connected to campus in your first semester. This could be achieved many different ways, check out a student organization meeting, join Greek Life, spend some time volunteering, there are so many new things to try! College is what you make of it!” – Jennifer Janes, Senior Academic Advisor for FYAC

College is supposed to be fun! Don’t get me wrong, it’s not all fun and games. . . some hard work is involved. Make the most of your college experience and use your resources – friends, professors, classmates, textbooks, The Tutoring Center, Kresge Library and more. Don’t forget to treat yourself to Starbucks or Au Bon Pain during those late night study sessions as you prepare for exams or try your hardest not to fall asleep while writing an eight-page paper.

Enjoy your first year and the years to come as much as possible, while getting the most out of your college experience!

## The President’s Report: Talking transparency

*OUSC calls on Hynd, administration to respond to student ideas, needs*

**Zack Thomas**  
OUSC President

Hello, my fellow OU students! Thank you for joining me for this back to school edition of the President’s Report.

Your Student Congress and I have been hard at work since my last writing, and I have plenty to report.



Zack Thomas  
OUSC President

Since my last article, much of our efforts were directed toward working with President Hynd and V.P. Glenn McIntosh to resolve a host of issues. Student Body Vice President Anders Engnell and I met with President Hynd and V.P. McIntosh on Monday, Aug. 15. In the meeting, we discussed several very important topics related to administrative transparency and accountability, and the general well-being of the student body.

The first, and arguably most important of these topics, was the Winter College and Board of Trustees Retreat — we brought our petition with nearly 1,500 OU affiliated individual signatures and additional testimonies to their attention — they had already known about it. We went into the meeting with the goal of advising and persuading — and in my honest opinion I would say it went well.

President Hynd responded to us that although there is a clear distinction between the Winter College and the BOT retreat (President Hynd does not supervise the BOT, quite the opposite), he responded that there would be a significantly downsized Winter College this year, presumably due to the overwhelmingly negative student, faculty and press responses.

He additionally stated that

there would be a communication to OU affiliates for the sake of transparency about the Winter College this year.

Anders and I were satisfied on this point: President Hynd, the leader of the administration, is making real efforts to respond to student input to downsize the costs of the event, which was the primary goal of our petitioning efforts.

We additionally discussed the negative implications of “administrative bloating,” or hiring administrators with high salaries left and right despite some of the other university’s needs, which President Hynd acknowledged as a problem.

However, the meeting was not all negatively inclined — Anders and I were very appreciative of many of the administration’s recent positive, pro-student collaborative actions over the summer, including, but not limited to:

- Raising the University’s minimum wage to \$9.25 from \$8.50 (well above the state minimum)
- Instituting Preferred Name and Tuition Equality policies
- Enhancing accessibility on-campus through several projects and repairs

. . . and many more, based upon the student input that your representatives of the University Student Congress provided! Anders and I made sure to express our gratitude on behalf of the student body for those items. We then further discussed student-administration collaboration throughout the year to increase transparency and the student-administration connection, such as Town Halls/Open Forums where concerned students may speak to President Hynd (and other administrators) directly!

As always, Anders and I, and YOUR University Student Congress is working for you. For more of our recent actions and successes, you can contact us at [ousc@oakland.edu](mailto:ousc@oakland.edu), or stop on by at our office in the basement of the OC anytime!

Sincerely,

Zack Thomas



# Political Focus: A look at the presidential candidates

*As students prepare for classes, becoming educated on the election is also important*

**Melissa Deatsch**  
Political Columnist

Welcome back Golden Grizzlies! Welcome to the Fall 2016 Semester. Welcome to another semester full of opportunities to get educated and gain knowledge.

While many students prepare for their new classes and get acquainted with their new professors, I'd like to tell you about another opportunity to get educated this semester.

Welcome back to The Oakland Post's Political Focus column. With the 2016 election fast approaching, I encourage all members of the Oakland community to join me on my quest for political knowledge this semester.

Each week, I will examine a political issue relevant to the upcoming election. After researching the topic, interviewing experts and gathering as much information as possible,

culminating in an all-sided examination of the issue in each week's edition of The Oakland Post.

For many students, this will be the first general election that you can hit the voting booth. This is the first general election that you have power. I encourage you to not only register so you can use that power, but seek as much information on the issues as possible to ensure you are handling that power responsibly.

Search for news harder than scrolling through your Facebook newsfeed. Download news outlets' apps instead of the newest trendy time-wasting game.

And pick up a copy of each week's Oakland Post. Take some time to read Political Focus and reflect on your opinion of the issue.

Welcome to the Fall 2016 semester. It's time to get informed.

## Main Issues: Taken from the official websites of both candidates

**Donald Trump**, Republican Party  
Businessman/TV Personality

### Immigration:

- Crack down on immigration policy
- Put American workers first
- Triple the number of ICE Officers
- End birthright citizenship
- Replace job programs for foreign youth with programs for inner-city youth

### "America-First" Economics:

- Says his economic reform will make the U.S. the best place to do business
- Wants major tax reform that will lower the income tax substantially for individuals and businesses

### Second Amendment:

- Has no intention of limiting Second Amendment rights
- Has strategies to tackle the gun violence issue
- Wants stronger sentences for criminals who misuse guns and a focus on the mental health system

### Main Criticisms:

- Trump's past businesses' bankruptcies and Trump University discrepancies
- His rhetoric and extreme solutions as a lack of the character and experience required for the job as president of the United States

**Hillary Clinton**, Democratic Party  
Former Secretary of State, New York Senator, First Lady of the United States, Lawyer

### Healthcare:

- Build on Obama's Affordable Care Act, while most Republicans are fighting to repeal it
- Expand healthcare to every American, regardless of income and immigration status
- Provide access to safe and legal abortions

### Women's Rights:

- Aims to close the pay gap by promoting pay transparency
- Wants to provide aid leave for taking care of a sick family member or newborn
- Stands strong with Planned Parenthood

### Climate Change:

- Has bold plans for tackling the issue of climate change
- Wants half a billion solar panels installed in the next four years
- Wants to cut energy waste in homes, schools and offices by a third

### Main Criticisms:

- Attacks on Clinton's character, pointing mostly to her email scandal as Secretary of State
- Her handling of the Benghazi attack on the U.S. Embassy in Libya

# OUSC launches 'TurboVote' initiative

*Student body president, legislation encourage students to register to vote this fall through a simple online service*

**John Bozick**  
Social Media Editor

Student Congress President Zack Thomas and OUSC Legislative Affairs Director Sophia Polsinelli have launched an initiative promoting the voting website TurboVote in an effort to boost voter registration and turnout.

TurboVote is an online-based registration service owned by non-profit Democracy Works. Its aim is to help make registering to vote an easier process.

The website is designed to make registering easy. All one has to do is fill out their basic information online.

Completed registration forms will then be mailed to the voter, who has to sign their name and mail the forms back in a pre-addressed envelope.

The website will send voters information regarding candidates and political events in their area, as well as poll locations and hours.

TurboVote is for more than just registering to vote, as it will allow students who live outside of their voting district the opportunity to obtain an absentee ballot.

The main requirement for an absentee ballot in Michigan is that the voter must have already voted in-person during a previous election or have registered in-person.

This would allow many on-campus residents who voted in the 2016 primaries, or who have already registered in-person, the opportunity to vote in the general election.

The TurboVote initiative comes at a time when, accord-

ing to Thomas, the number of Millennial voters rivals that of the Baby Boomers, America's largest voting group. Despite this fact, Millennial voters are fairly scarce.

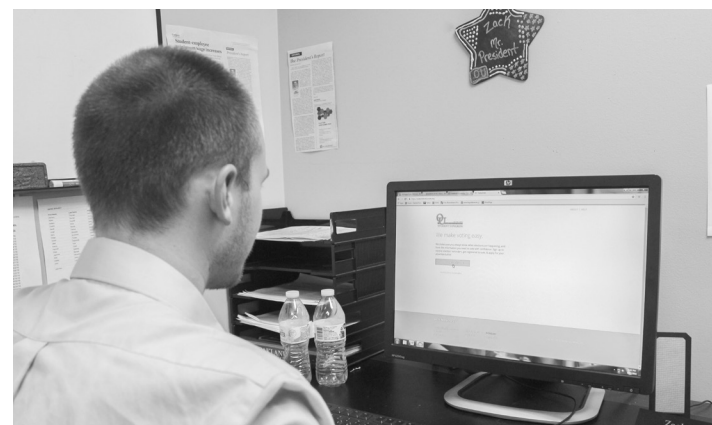
Thomas believes there are two reasons for this.

"There are two problems," Thomas said. "The first issue being registration, and the second is vote participation."

He hopes that, by promoting TurboVote, the OUSC will help get more OU students out to the polls during the upcoming presidential primary.

This fall, the OUSC will have tables in the Oakland Center and in the residence halls promoting and encouraging students to register. They will also continue to give away OU swag packs to students who register.

Students looking to vote in



Mary Mitchell / The Oakland Post

With TurboVote and the mobile Secretary of State on campus, students will have many opportunities to register to vote before Oct. 11.

November should be sure have the correct registration forms mailed to the state by Oct. 11. Thomas believes students should mail their forms at least a week before the Oct. 11 deadline.

Lucky for students, the mobile Secretary of State will be on campus Oct. 3, giving students

the opportunity to register in person. They will be set up outside of North Foundation Hall at 11 a.m.

With both TurboVote and the mobile Secretary of State on campus there will be countless opportunities for OU students to register to vote.

Visit [turbovote.org](http://turbovote.org) to register.

# Puzzles

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- Across**  
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15: Cheerful  
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17: Swab  
18: Bring back together  
20: Figure eight performers  
22: Bar wedge  
23: Flightless bird  
24: Choir members  
27: Annoyance  
28: Current regulators  
32: Braille markings  
33: Animals  
34: Start to mature?  
35: Sundial figure  
36: Confession topic  
37: Verbalize  
38: Chart shape  
39: Balaam's mount  
40: Pincushion flower, e.g.  
42: Break the \_\_\_\_  
43: Star seen late at night  
45: Pump part  
46: Put a counter to zero  
47: Major \_\_\_\_  
48: Was lost in thought
- Down**  
1: Provides weapons to  
2: Basketball shot  
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5: La Scala offering  
6: Geishas' sashes  
7: Half a score  
8: Feed one's face  
9: Map abbr.  
10: Most minimal  
11: Course climax  
12: Flute or saxophone variety  
13: Peachy  
19: Bright finish  
21: '\_\_\_\_ is Your Life'  
24: 'Caught you!'  
25: Reduce  
26: Add up  
27: Savoir-faire
- 51: Lengthy  
54: MAKEUP  
58: Szechuan sauce source  
59: Bump into  
60: Empathize  
61: 'You \_\_\_\_ here'  
62: Tune for lights out  
63: Staggered  
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30: Threefold  
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32: Old-time telephone feature  
33: Oktoberfest servings  
36: War horses  
41: Picked up a lap  
42: Explosive device  
44: Halloween bagful  
45: Put into ascending order  
47: Al \_\_\_\_ (pasta order)  
48: CEO, CFO, etc.  
49: Ammonia compound  
50: Leak slowly  
51: Medicine chest item  
52: Put into piles  
53: Possessing peepers  
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Nowshin Chowdhury /The Oakland Post

Oakland volleyball will play Western Michigan on Sept. 13 in the home opener.

## Women's volleyball 2016: balanced and experienced

**Robert Andrews**  
Staff Reporter

Two years ago, Oakland volleyball was ranked third in the Horizon League Preseason Poll. They didn't disappoint; they won the conference title.

This season, they are again ranked third in the Horizon League Preseason Poll. Premonition?

"I think they have taken on a challenge that started last November to prepare for this season," said head coach Rob Beam. "We'll take the poll into consideration and put it into the tank as a little extra fuel in our preparation."

The Golden Grizzlies ended last season at the Horizon League Championship when they lost to Valparaiso and finished 18-13, with a conference record of 12-4.

This season, Oakland will take on a tough non-conference schedule.

"What we try to create in our scheduling is a competitive development and opportunity for us to prepare for the Horizon League season," Beam said.

Teams such as No. 21 Louisville, Arizona State University and Rice University are some of the stronger programs the Golden Grizzlies will face early in the season.

"If we are successful in our non-conference competition, we position ourselves for the potential at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament," Beam said.

One of the strong points to this team is defense and experience. The majority of the team (nine out of 16) is upperclassmen.

"The defensive specialist group is out-

"If we are successful in our non-conference competition, we position ourselves for the potential at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament."

**Rob Beam**  
Volleyball Head Coach

standing, five really capable ball handlers, great servers, people that can play multiple positions in the backcourt," Beam said. "I think that will be a relative strength for us."

Oakland has also got this in the tank: a recruiting class in the top-98 in the country, as rated by PrepVolleyball.

Freshman middle hitter Megan Hobler, a centerpiece of the incomers, played on the USA Volleyball A1 Junior National Training Team this past summer.

The Golden Grizzlies have their "Iron Trio" back from last season: redshirt junior Sammy Condon, senior Melissa Deatsch and senior Alli Gutschow. All three played in every set last season.

Condon was named to her second-straight All-Horizon League team last season. Deatsch was named to her first All-Horizon team last season.

Oakland spends its first two and a half weeks on the road before returning home to play Western Michigan at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 in the O'rena. The Golden Grizzlies then hit the road again for three weeks before playing at home at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, against University of Illinois at Chicago.

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Kay Felder, former Golden Grizzly and current Cleveland Cavalier, drew quite the crowd at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse.

# Kay Felder's homecoming

*Former Oakland star hosts free basketball camp*

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

**K**ay Felder made a hundred new fans on Saturday. That is, if they weren't already converted.

The former Oakland point guard and Detroit native — who in early August signed a three-year, \$2.49-million (\$1 million guaranteed) deal with the champion Cleveland Cavaliers — headlined the free Kay Felder and Athlete Management Group Youth Basketball Camp on Aug. 27 at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse at 8 Mile and Ralston.

It seemed like everyone he'd ever known, and all the many youngsters who wanted to know him, showed up.

A hundred kids started warming up at 9 a.m. for four hours of instruction and demonstration from a variety of coaches, including Oakland's Nick Daniels, Sherron Dorsey-Walker and Jalen Hayes.

After the warmups, Marcus Webster, executive director and co-founder of REACH — an after-school program in Detroit where Felder played basketball — brought the man of the hour

to the front of the crowd.

Felder stepped out with a slight smile on his face. He had every reason to.

It wasn't just because he's in the NBA, a dream of his since he was three. Saturday was a sort of homecoming for the 5-foot-9 guard.

"He was in my gym every Saturday morning," Webster said.

They'd practice in St. Rita's Catholic Church at State Fair and Hawthorne and go to camps every weekend.

Now it was Felder giving the camp.

"This is the first time I've seen him since he got drafted. I've just been telling him all day: Kay, man, NBA? He's like yeah. I said, you look the same. He's like, I am the same, coach."

**Marcus Webster**  
Felder's youth coach

Webster said Kay takes after his dad, Kahlil Sr., who Webster also coached. Even though he was known as Lil' Kay, the same toughness and competitiveness blossomed as the son grew up.

"Now he's just Kay Felder," Webster said. "It's a big difference now."

Or really, no difference at all.

"This is the first time I've seen him since he got drafted," Webster said. "I've just been telling him all day: 'Kay, man, NBA?' He's like, 'Yeah.' I said, 'You look the same.' He's like, 'I am the same, coach.'"

He made it, but he is still a familiar face.

"That's our theme," Webster said. "I said, 'If I ever walk up to you and say Kay, you've changed, then something's wrong. What got you there is what I want you to keep doing.'"

And Webster would know what got him there. He watched Felder all three years at Oakland.

"I knew he was going to have a chance," Webster said. "It was just a matter of the right situation. He got lucky, but like I told the kids today, the real part about being lucky is when that chance comes, that you're ready to take advantage of it."

Felder was. Oakland got to (and now maybe Cleveland gets to) enjoy the fruits of the now-21-year-old's toil, but the flash and bang of Kay's floor magic has a laborious lineage. The camp brought together representatives from all sides of the Golden Grizzlies' wonder kid, who's now entering a new era.

"It's going to be fun to watch," Webster said. "Stay tuned."

*Read more at [oaklandpostonline.com](http://oaklandpostonline.com).*

## Cross country teams aim to defend league titles

*After massive seasons, runners recovering, know what to do*

**Robert Andrews**  
Staff Reporter

**L**ast cross country season was a special one for Oakland. The men won the Horizon League title by one point while the women dominated the field and won by 61. It was the first time in program history that both teams took home conference championships. The goal this year is to do it all over again.

### Women's

The women's team is returning with all of their All-Horizon League First Team runners. They're lead by senior Miranda Haas, senior Karli Keur, redshirt junior Ashley Burr and sophomore Rachel Levy.

The champs are more experienced this year.

"We got all the girls back from last year, and they are looking really good and have a lot of depth," said head coach Paul Rice. "The expectation is not just to go in and defend, but to destroy everyone like we did last year."

But unlike last year, the women know beforehand what it will take. They have the experience.

"Last year coming into the championship race, we all wanted it really badly, but we had never done it before, so it's something that we needed to accomplish," Haas said.

But now it's been done. They know the feelings, the toil. And that's an advantage, she said.

The women's team added two new runners, freshmen Maggie Schneider and Allison Shannon. Both have redshirted this year.

"They are both going to be able to take their time developing; we are not expecting them to get into a role up top right away," Rice said. "So, that will be something, that they'll have a good experience learning from all the girls this year."

### Men's

The men's team had four runners make All-Horizon League,

three of which were expected to return, but due to injuries and graduation, senior Bryce Stroede is the only one coming back from last season.

"Goal is to defend," Rice said. "It will be a little easier said than done on the men's side. We have some challenges this year with some redshirts that we had, a few injuries. So, we're a little light on the men's side."

They can win, he said, but they'll have to battle. And they'll have to stay healthy.

Senior Andrew Bowman, who has been battling injuries for the past few months, has been redshirted this year. Senior Jacob Bowman was also redshirted this year. Both runners were All-Horizon League First Team last year.

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**Paul Rice**  
Cross country head coach

"We want those guys back for their fifth year when we host the championships next year," Rice said.

With the Bowmans out for the season, senior Michael Cox will have to help out a little more. Sophomores Connor Wuori and Jacob Greer are expected to contribute, as well.

However, all eyes will be on Stroede, who set an Oakland University record last season in the 8K at 24:16.0 and came in 36th in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

"Bryce is as fit as he has ever been, running over 100 miles a week right now," Rice said. "We're setting our goals and sights past the league champions, and to regional and national for him this year."

The Golden Grizzly Open is at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2 at Oakland.



# Baptism by preseason: Soccer begins



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Oakland has struggled a bit at the beginning, going 1-4 in exhibitions and non-conference play.

## Men's soccer

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

This was supposed to happen. Head coach Eric Pogue wanted a challenge for his young squad. He got it.

The Golden Grizzlies have gone 1-4 this non-conference and exhibition season. They lost 3-1 to Bowling Green, 4-0 to preseason-No. 15 Indiana, 2-1 to preseason-No. 13 UC Santa Barbara and 3-0 to Virginia Tech.

The good news is that the challenge should help temper the team before the crucial Horizon League schedule begins Sept. 10 against Northern Kentucky at home.

There's more good news.

Something strange happened the night of Monday, Aug. 15. Oakland — a team in transition after losing eight seniors — beat the preseason-No. 2 Akron Zips 1-0 in an exhibition match on the Oakland Soccer Field.

Austin Ricci scored the night's sole goal in the 37th minute. He took advantage of an Akron pass that wasn't picked up well.

"I just ran up to him, got it off him, worked through the pressure and finished it," Ricci said.

The goal was from about 13 yards out on the left side.

But that play was the exception in this game. Akron mostly controlled the ball; the Zips attempted 11 shots compared to Oakland's five and got 10 corners to Oakland's four. Five of the Zips' shots were off target. Oakland goalie Zach Walker, who played all 90 minutes (Akron switched out at the half), made one save.

The X-factor was the Oakland defense. Junior transfer Wilfred Williams made two open-goal saves.

Part of the mad back line was 5-foot-6,

125-pound freshman AJ Shaw.

"I just wanted to come out here and show Akron what we got," he said. "We're a smaller school, and they were like oh, well we can take these guys any day. But you know what, this shows that we can play with anybody, and we can beat anybody any day."

Shaw has three years left to keep proving that.

"I expect a couple more rings, at least," he said. "I'm just looking forward to playing and repping this school."

Endurance was a theme.

"We played on Saturday," Pogue said. "They didn't play at all. They played a whole different group in the second half, a whole fresh 11."

Oakland knew they were going to have to defend. They were playing Akron, after all.

"Sometimes the game's not pretty, but the scoreboard's pretty," Pogue said. "It was good for us as a team to have to fight our way through that."

Ricci then showed what he could do, and they took it, Pogue said.

The players reported for training on Aug. 10.

"It's only five or six days [in]," Pogue said. "We'll take the good, we'll take the bad, and we'll start translating it because we turn around in a couple of days and play Indiana."

You'd rather get your baptism by fire sooner than later, he said.

When the players reported, "they were eager, they were excited," Pogue said. "Were we in the best shape? No . . . It's a struggle for younger players to get significant playing time in the summertime . . . We play ourselves into shape."

Oakland has a homestand coming up: Northern Kentucky (which kicks off Horizon League play) on Sept. 10; Michigan State on Sept. 14 and Green Bay on Sept. 17. All at 7 p.m., all on ESPN3.

## Women's soccer

**Robert Andrews**  
Staff Reporter

The women's team had a bit of a better go of it than the men's, going 3-3.

Head coach Margaret Saurin said the first two games were going to be used to introduce the new players and give them the experience they need to play at the Division I level. They got it.

Three freshmen were able to get on the scoresheet.

### EMU, L 3-1, Aug. 12, exhibition

Oakland lost to Eastern Michigan in a washout. The game was rain-delayed for 30 minutes and moved to the Oakland Sports Bubble.

The Golden Grizzlies controlled the game early. However, in the 24th minute, EMU scored first when a loose ball popped up in front of Oakland's goal and the Eagles took advantage.

EMU scored off a bad deflection in the 54th minute.

Oakland finally got on the scoreboard in the 80th minute when freshman Katelyn Wilkowski shot the ball from the top of the box and over the EMU goalie's hands.

EMU scored one more time and sealed the deal.

### IPFW, W 3-1, Aug. 14, exhibition

"[I'm] happy with today's performance and happy to get a win and score multiple goals in a game," Saurin said in the postgame interview for GrizzVision. "I feel like we have improved from Friday's night game, and said on Friday night after the game that we wanted to be more clinical in the final third, get more shots off and create more, and we did that today."

Oakland scored first at the 23rd minute when freshman Taylor Thalheimer assisted sophomore Sydnye Gagner.

Fort Wayne scored on themselves in the 69th minute, but the Mastodons would not go away. They scored in the 72nd minute, closing Oakland's lead down to one.

Sydnye Gagner then scored her second goal of the day when she stole the ball from Fort Wayne's goalie and put it up and over her.

The Golden Grizzlies dominated the game at both ends. They had 18 shots, 10 of which were on goal. They allowed 10 shots, with only three being on goal.

Oakland ended its exhibition season with an even 1-1.

### Kansas State, L 6-0, Aug. 26

It was all Wildcats. This was the first meeting between the two schools and the first year the Wildcats have had a women's soccer program.

KSU went up 1-0 at the 16th minute, when Oakland tried moving the ball out of their zone. The Wildcats intercepted and scored from 10 yards out.

They never looked back. KSU scored two more times in the first half.

The Golden Grizzlies didn't keep up the pressure. They allowed nine shots on target and let in six. Three of those six goals were from 15 yards out or more.

### Bowling Green, W 2-1, Aug. 28

Oakland scored in the 20th minute. The Falcons responded right before half-time.

Oakland then scored on a free kick from 35 yards out.

### Other Games

Oakland also lost to Montana 2-0 on Aug. 19 and beat Saginaw Valley 1-0 on Aug. 21.

Oakland plays a couple more games to open up the school year: Western Michigan at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, and Chicago St. at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4. The WMU game will be shown on ESPN3.



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The women have fared better in preseason, going 3-3. Three freshmen got valuable minutes.





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