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OU hosted a graduate school open house to inform and persuade potential Golden Grizzlies after they obtain their bachelor's degree.



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Inspired by MSU and U of M, Oakland hosted its first ever GrizzHacks hackathon, a 24-hour event where students created hardware and software projects.



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TARNEY SEEING GOLD

Men's senior soccer captain Elliott Tarney will not be returning to Oakland as a player, but instead as a graduate assistant to the women's soccer team next year.

POLL OF THE WEEK

I guess Easter is here, any plans for the occasion?

- A** Taking my sinful a** to church and repenting for all the sins I've done.
- B** How!? It was just St. Paddy's Day!
- C** Seeing Batman beat the crap out of Superman this weekend.
- D** Eating candy, pretending everything is fine (my GPA isn't).

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

St. Patrick's Day is coming up, what shenanigans will you be up to?

- A)** Getting smashed on green beer and Bailey's.
8 votes
- B)** Gonna clean out McDonald's out of Shamrock Shakes!
11 votes
- C)** Pinch me and die.
1 vote
- D)** Drowning my sorrows in Lucky Charms cause midterms.
2 votes

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

March 22, 1995

The presidential search committee met for the first time and decided the search would be closed to the public, kicking out an Oakland Post reporter.

March 20, 1996

The Board of Trustees was scheduled to vote on whether they would add a food court to the OC.

March 16, 2005

Nancy Cartwright, the voice of Bart Simpson, came to OU to talk to students about her life and work.

—Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, Web Editor

BY THE NUMBERS

Match Day

1952

when the National Residency Matching Program began matching students

\$12,000

raised by volunteers involved with the OUWB Oncology Interest Group.

20+

students shaved their heads bald in support of children's cancer research.

67

Students were matched during the 2016 Match Day

—source: www.nrmp.org, www.facebook.com/OUWB.SchoolOfMedicine

COLUMN

Political Focus: President Obama attempts to improve relations with Cuba

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

What's the issue?

Throughout Barack Obama's presidency, he has aimed to bring the United States closer to its long-time foes. One area of focus for Obama has been Cuba, whose relationship with the United States has been estranged for almost half a century.

Obama has been working on relations with Cuba since December of 2014. This effort began with a release of a Cuban prisoner in American prisons for an American prisoner in Cuban prisons.

That deal has been followed by a steady removal of restrictions in relations between the two countries most recently allowing Americans to travel to Cuba as individuals.

On Sunday, March 17, 2016, President Obama landed in Cuba for a three-day visit to meet and work with the Cuban government along with the Cuban people. The visit began with a meeting with officials at the recently opened US embassy and ended with the viewing of a baseball game between the Cuban National team and the Tampa Bay Rays.

Why should you care?

This visit from President Obama was the first presidential visit to Cuba since Calvin Coolidge in 1928, who arrived aboard a warship. The relationship with Cuba has been virtually nonexistent for many years.

The communist government in Cuba is a huge source of contention for the United States. Washington

has long taken issues with the government's treatment of human rights to the Cuban people.

On the same day as President Obama's arrival in Cuba, 50 members of a human rights activists group in Cuba, the Ladies in White, were arrested for protesting for improved human rights.

USA Today reported that this is not an unordinary experience for the Ladies in White. They march every Sunday after church for improved human rights and are arrested for anywhere between a few hours or a few days each week.

Since Cuba has shown virtually no moves toward reform under current leader Raul Castro, attempts to repair that relationship has been under high scrutiny by many.

What are the sides?

Obama and his administration say his visit to Cuba serves two purposes. It will urge the government to give more rights to its people and open up economic channels for American businesses.

However, they also have a bigger picture goal with this visit to Cuba. The Obama administration hopes to create an example on how to handle longtime enemies in foreign policy.

The Cuban government has a lot of control over what is reported in the news — Cuban people didn't know much about President Obama until his speech announcing the reopening of the U.S.'s relationship with Cuba was broadcast on Cuban television.

Since then, it has seemed that the Cuban people are on

Obama's side. A survey firm, Bendixen and Amanti, conducted an independent poll of the Cuban people and found that 80 percent of the people gave Obama "positive marks." The only person on the poll that matched President Obama's approval numbers was the Pope.

Though it appears the Cuban people are in alignment with President Obama, the government has given us little reason to believe they feel the same. This leads many U.S. public officials to disagree with Obama's decision to reopen ties with Cuba.

Among those to disagree with the president are three sons of Cuban immigrants in the senate — republicans Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio and democrat Robert Menendez. They say these advances in the Cuban-American relationship are rewarding an authoritarian regime that has made no advances toward democracy.

Along with these three, many who oppose the relationship in Congress feel that this president is much too willing to work with longtime foes purely for his principles in foreign policy and not because it will actually benefit the American people, citing the Iran deal as additional evidence.

Because of this resistance, President Obama recently made a "strong prediction" that the trade embargo with Cuba was not likely to be lifted by Congress while he is still president.

Obama hopes this visit is the first of many for American presidents. He hopes this will begin a new era of relations between the two states.

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Corrections Corner

In last week's issue, we published a headline saying the women's basketball team lost to Green Bay when it actually lost to Youngstown State.

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The Real Deal: How the U.S. is hurting Puerto Rico

Americans uninformed, unaware of the island’s conditions

Ryan Fox
Contributor

Puerto Rico is the American island that most of us forget about. Many Americans are unaware that Puerto Rico is part of the United States. Fewer are aware that Puerto Rico is a territory of the U.S. and was taken from Spain during the Spanish-American War. Most Americans are completely unaware that the unemployment rate in Puerto Rico is over 11 percent and the government is over \$70 billion in debt. Many also don’t know that Puerto Rico’s governor is calling on the federal government to help to prevent a looming “humanitarian crisis,” and that this island is suffering and it is under our flag.

For decades, Puerto Rico has sat gently outside public consciousness. Puerto Rico became a U.S. possession after the Spanish-American War. The main island of Puerto Rico is the smallest in the Greater Antilles, near the Dominican Republic and the Virgin Islands. Its capital in San Juan and the main island is home to nearly 3.5 million people. This may not seem like a large number. However, that is more people than live in 20 states. The island’s economy is based off of manufacturing, mostly of textiles and pharmaceuticals. Finally, Puerto Rico is classified as an organized, unincorporated territory of the U.S.

So what is going on? Puerto Rico is \$70 billion in debt, and many of the factors causing that debt is due to the U.S. Puerto Rico is subject to restrictions in trade due to cabotage laws. Foreign ships cannot travel between the U.S. and Puerto Rico, they must offload goods at one or the other and then have them carried by a U.S. ship to the other. Many experts point out that if this rule were lifted, prices would go

down in Puerto Rico because it would no longer have to be the second stop on the chain, and foreign ships could start their deliveries in Puerto Rico instead of the U.S.

“Congress does not care about Puerto Rico because Puerto Ricans do not get to have a voice in the system.”

Ryan Fox
Contributor

More drivers behind the debt crisis are Puerto Rico’s social programs. Roughly 60 percent of Puerto Ricans use Medicare/Medicaid programs. This would be sustainable, accept for the fact that the federal government does not assist territories like it does states. Congress decided to put an arbitrary cap on the amount of money the federal government can send territories. So in a given year Puerto Rico will receive just under \$400 million in federal funding, Mississippi will receive over \$3.5 billion.

Now, there are a large number of factors contributing to the economic crisis, but many of the problems are inflicted by the U.S. government. Puerto Rico cannot file for bankruptcy because Congress will not let it. If Puerto Rico defaults on its debt, millions will lose their pensions and possibly their healthcare.

Congress does not care about Puerto Rico because Puerto Ricans do not get to have a voice in the system. What is worse is that the Puerto Rico does not get to elect any voting representatives to that government. That lack of representation, coupled with the fact that Puerto Ricans do not get to vote for President, is exactly why most mainstream politicians do not talk about the crisis. The only Presidential candidate to make any references to Puerto Rico was Martin O’Malley, and his campaign unfortunately never got off the ground.

It is up to non-Puerto Ricans to voice concern to our congressman about the state of Puerto Rico, and how they desperately need some sort of assistance. If we do not act soon, we may very well see a massive humanitarian crisis under our flag.



Registration by class standing and earned credit hours will begin **MONDAY, MARCH 21 at 6 a.m.** Eligible students will register for summer 2016, fall 2016 and winter 2017 class schedules.

See your academic adviser and register for classes on your appointed day by following these steps:

- Go to **mysail.oakland.edu**
- Log in using your NetID and password
- Once inside the portal, click on **Register for Classes**
- Click on **Check Your Registration Status** (to view any registration permits/overrides or holds)
- Go back to the **Registration** screen
- Select a term to start registering (start with summer semester 2016)

WHEN DO YOU REGISTER?

| CLASS STANDING | EARNED CREDIT HOURS | PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATES (ALL START AT 6 AM) |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| Graduate students and veterans | Not applicable | Monday, March 21 |
| Second undergraduate degree students | Not applicable | Tuesday, March 22 |
| Seniors | 121 credits and above | Tuesday, March 22 |
| Seniors | 91 credits and above | Wednesday, March 23 |
| Juniors | 73 credits and above | Thursday, March 24 |
| Juniors | 56 credits and above | Friday, March 25 |
| Sophomores | 42 credits and above | Monday, March 28 |
| Sophomores | 28 credits and above | Tuesday, March 29 |
| Freshmen | 16 credits and above | Wednesday, March 30 |
| Freshmen | 0 credits and above | Thursday, March 31 |
| Post-bachelor, non-matriculated and guest students | Not applicable | Friday, April 1 |

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rec Center removes students and their rights

With tuition hike, rather than increase hours, members ushered out 15 minutes before close

Ryan Bates
Contributor

It's the final 15 minutes of the workout. The glorious endorphin-fueled pinnacle that the physical crescendo of the workout has lead to. Where bodybuilders and powerlifters find the gates of Valhalla and runners find their escape into cardio Nirvana. This is where athletes find their conditioning and New Year's resolutioners stave off the freshman fifteen, no matter how long ago they were in fact freshmen.

In regards to his workouts, Muhammad Ali once said, "I only start counting when it starts hurting. When I feel pain, that's when I start counting, because that's when it really counts."

The last 15 minutes are

where it hurts; the last 15 minutes are where it counts. These 15 minutes can be the difference between progress and stagnation. So why then is the Oakland University Campus Recreation Center taking these crucial minutes away from its students?

It's been a year since the great tuition hike of 2015 and for the most part, life on campus has continued the same. The parking remains static, book prices stay high and the administration operates in a generally aloof manner when it comes to the wants and needs of its students.

But this is the status quo for modern universities and Oakland University is no different. We cling to what sets us apart, like our giant musical phallic symbol inspiring us to rise

higher, while systemically falling victim to the same faults that seem to plague all institutions of higher education.

Some good has come from these tuition hikes, and notably the addition of more quality faculty has been a boon to the university. However the university is frankly dropping the ball on several key amenities and perhaps the greatest transgressor is the Rec Center.

Parts of the Rec Center are nice, the indoor track is great, the pool is wonderful and word on the streets is that the weight training area for the athletes is amazing. But the sad truth is that the weight area provided for the students is a sad afterthought that barely passes for a complete gym. In fact, key equipment that any consumer would hope to find in a gym is

simply not present in the Rec. Moreover, the equipment that is provided is often broken, and when something crucial breaks it is often removed instead of replaced.

The equipment that is available is very limited. For 20,000 students, plus the paying members, the Rec provides four squat racks, two platform areas and four rowers, only three of which works properly. The fact is that the small size and poor availability of equipment make it hard to get a good workout in any time after 10 a.m. One could only hope that the university would do something to expand the equipment and/or hours to increase accessibility for its students. Sadly, however, the opposite has occurred.

Rather than increasing

the hours, the recent policy change at the Rec has been to push people out 15 minutes before the posted close time.

Why? Because the Rec doesn't want to pay its staff overtime. This is a problem. Not only does this show poor planning and allocation of funds, but the fact that the Rec has brought in an armed officer to encourage people to leave early has strangely dystopian overtones.

Socrates once said, "No citizen has a right to be an amateur in the matter of physical training. What a disgrace it is for a man to grow old without ever seeing the beauty and strength of which his body is capable."

The Rec is removing students' rights and making fools of us all.

'Women'

A poem in honor of Women's History Month

By Imani Smith
Contributor

Women.
Beautiful in all shapes, beautiful in all shades.
Women.
Nurturers, cultivators, powerful beings.
Women.
Extraordinary, fearless with no limits.
Women.
Energy that is memorable to everyone she connects with.
Women.
Reflection of the Earth, Sun and Moon.
Women.
Caregivers, life savers, healers.
Women.
Daring to define themselves.
Women.
Breaking oppressions, patriarchy and inequalities.
Women.
Sassy to the bone.
Women.
Who you are is beautiful enough.
Women.
Able to breath life into life.
Woman.
Without her, there is no you.
Happy Women's History Month!!

WHAT'S YOUR PERSPECTIVE?

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Bring on the sequins and sass

SPB, GSA to host 'Drag Queen Bingo' event, featuring performances by students, professionals

Amy Swanson
Staff Reporter

Chances are you've never seen bingo quite like this.

Drag Queen Bingo will be on March 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center.

This event will be traditional bingo with a twist, led by two drag queens oozing with sass. It's hosted by the Student Program Board (SPB) and co-sponsored by the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA).

It is open to anyone, but only Oakland University students with valid IDs can claim prizes.

There will be several rounds of bingo, along with performances by professional drag queens. Students will be entered in a raffle with every game they win, and prizes will be drawn at the end of

the night. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

The drag queen fun doesn't end there. April 14 is GSA's 13th Annual Drag Show, this year's theme being Mardi Gras.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms. It's free and open to all OU students, staff and faculty.

Both events started separately. However, SPB decided to partner with GSA for the bingo, seeking more insight into the subculture of drag.

"We've really realized that by working together, we can make both events so much better," President of GSA Jasmine Semma said.

This is the third year the drag show will have a mixture of student performers and professional performers. Around 20 students auditioned, more

than they've ever had.

Emceeding the event is the nationally known Hershae Chocolatae, who has performed on "America's Got Talent." The other professionals, Thrustin Bieber and Sabin, are well-known queens in Michigan.

Without any winners, the main point is to entertain the crowd and have a good time.

Semma said that besides events like SPB's concerts or Grizz Gang games, this is the biggest event held by a student organization.

Over 700 people attended last year, and GSA needed to bring in more chairs after running out of room. Semma said there's usually buzz about it before, with people coming from off-campus and alumni returning to enjoy the show.

It will be co-sponsored by many organizations on campus, including Student Congress, the Student Activities Funding Board, the Sociology Club and Voices for Choices, the pro-choice group on campus.

Semma feels these events are incredibly valuable as they promote inclusion and diversity, especially for the LGBT community, which is rated the least safe community on a college campus.

"We need to start promoting more LGBT-related events because it'll increase knowledge outside of the community, and that can stem into more acceptance," she said.

The GSA aims to connect with other on-campus resources to provide the best experience for all OU students and build a strong LGBTQIA community on campus, as stated on its website.

They welcome anyone to their events and weekly meetings, which are Thursdays at noon in Lake Superior A. If interested in learning more, check out the GSA website or Facebook page.

These two upcoming events help to promote their goal.

"They're a great way to bring up the voices that are typically silenced in our society, especially on campus," Semma said.

Student Body President gives 'State of the University' address

With an introduction by President Hynd, Walter talks about his administration's accomplishments, different initiatives

Grace Turner
Life Editor

Nicholas Walter, Oakland University Student Body president, gave Oakland University's first State of the University Address on Monday, March 21 in the Banquet Rooms.

After an introduction given by Glenn McIntosh, vice president for student affairs, and OU President George Hynd, Walter talked about what his administration accomplished – the "Big Four" – and advised members of the OU community to be open and accepting.

More Outlets

While it's too expensive to add outlets to existing buildings, the Oakland Center gained outlets with the new food court. More are included in designs for the new OC.

More Swag

Students could bring gear from other universities and trade it in for OU swag.

More Space

The OC was originally designed to accommodate a campus of 10,000 students, Walker said. Students have been pushing for a new OC for about five years now, and the student population has grown to more than 21,000. The board of trustees approved a plan to build a new OC during Walter's administration. OU's community depends on the OC because so many students commute.

More 4.0s

OU's grading scale makes it incredibly difficult to get a 4.0 — often a 95 percent average in a class translates to a 3.6, Walter said. OU is re-working the grading scale to more accurately translate on transcripts.

Open debate: The lifeblood of a university

Walter said he noticed an attitude of intolerance of opinions on college campuses and called on the OU community to avoid it.

At the University of Missouri, a professor stopped a student journalist from taping a protest.

In England, a graduate student was expelled for posting a peaceful political opinion on Facebook.

Purdue University professor disagreed with a Pro-Life group and said he wanted to rape its members and their family members. He also made other threats of violence.

Finally, here at OU, Walter wrote a legal analysis of the law that was published in the Post. A student group disagreed with him and members came before OUSC saying that high school students wouldn't come to OU because of the article, college



Bodhanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

OUSC President Nick Walter addressed the campus community about the progress he has made toward his "Big Four" initiatives.

students were dropping out and said Walter had compared the group to Nazis or the Ku Klux Klan. None of this was confirmed.

Walter said that this culture of intolerance isn't prevalent at OU, but the campus community must watch out for it and

fight against it.

"You will decide what Oakland looks like in the next five, 10, 20, 50 years," he said.

"You will set the tone. The power is in your hands. And I beg of you, keep Oakland open. Keep it open-minded. Keep it free."



Photo courtesy of Andres Morales

Members of national service co-ed fraternity Alpha Phi Omega help out at the Greening of Detroit last spring.

Service, fellowship, leadership

Alpha Phi Omega offers opportunity to bond, serve community

Nicole Fontana
Contributor

It is almost spring and many students are beginning to venture outside again.

For those students looking to lend a helping hand, the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development has plenty of volunteer opportunities.

With the volunteer program, students are encouraged to volunteer anywhere between 15 to over 100 hours. The program recognizes and awards OU students for all of their volunteer effort by placing them into a drawing to win prizes.

Memberships to the program are based off individual sign-ups though campus organizations are encouraged to sign up their members.

For those students who are looking to volunteer but may be worried to go out alone, there are many student organizations with opportunities available.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national service co-ed fraternity. It offers students a similar experience as

social fraternities and sororities in which students build bonds amongst fellow members but mainly focuses on community service work.

Andres Morales, industrial and systems engineering major, is a member of Alpha Phi Omega.

"Alpha Phi Omega is continuing to grow on campus in the recent semesters," Morales said.

Alpha Phi Omega prides themselves on three key components. These are service, fellowship and leadership. The organization typically has one to two events per week.

Although membership numbers are not as large as social Greek organizations, vice president of service, Drake Dawson, is hopeful that during his term he will be able to boost numbers.

"Giving back to the community and to Oakland University is my passion," Dawson said.

Tracy Maikrzek, Oakland University alumna, has continued her volunteer work long after graduation. She is currently the project manager lead for GP Sandy for General Motors.

"It is important to give back to the community you live in however you can," Maikrzek said. "Volunteering is an excellent way to share your talents with those in need. You never know who you will meet through acts of service."

Volunteering helps develop leadership skills and teaches students the importance of working with others to accomplish a project.

"When you volunteer you are able to see, first hand, the power people have when coming together and working as a unit for something bigger than themselves," Morales said.

Each semester, the organization holds a rush week for those who are interested in joining.

The week consists of events on and off campus that allow potential new members to meet current members and learn about the organization.

Anyone who expresses interest in the organization will be invited to a pinning ceremony in which they will pledge to the fraternity for the first half of the semester before becoming an initiated member.

Alpha Phi Omega has no specific charity it works for, but instead does a variety of volunteering around Metro Detroit. These events include Volunteering in the Redford Theatre, the Greening of Detroit and Habitat for Humanity.

For more volunteer opportunities through CSA visit oakland.edu/csa/volunteer/. For more information on Alpha Phi Omega visit alphazetaomicron.weebly.com.

Exploring the \$124 million in bonds approved for campus

Money to be appropriated for housing development, OC restoration

Sam Schlenner
Sports Editor

The Oakland University Board of Trustees approved the issuance of approximately \$124 million of bonds on Feb. 22 for the expansion and renovation of the Oakland Center, renovation of Anibal House and Fitzgerald House and the construction of a new residence hall on the south side of campus, according to Oakland.edu.

"The bonds have not been sold as of yet," Thomas P. LeMarbe, assistant vice president for Oakland University Finance and Administration, wrote in an email.

If issued, about \$77 million of the bonds would go to the housing complex and about \$44 million would go to the Oakland Center expansion, according to Oakland.edu. According to the university capital debt report, these bonds would raise Oakland's obligations to nearly \$350 million.

The \$349 million is a reason for, among other things, the Engineering Center, Oak View Hall and P32 (the parking structure south of the Engineering Center).

The debt and other non-discretionary obligations come first in annual budget planning, according to LeMarbe.

Issuing bonds for campus growth is a common practice among universities, he wrote.

"Generally, the University issues 30-year bonds for major construction projects," LeMarbe wrote, and the university will repay them with the general fund budget and the revenue from housing. According to him, the repayment schedule does not require any enrollment growth, but is based off of the current level.

LeMarbe wrote that "because most of the bond issue is dedicated to a revenue

-producing facility (housing), we believe we will maintain our current A1 credit rating after we issue the SERIES 2016 bonds."

Oakland's bonding capacity "is examined from the context of maintaining its existing [credit rating]," LeMarbe wrote.

President of Oakland University George W. Hynd appreciates the board's authority.

"Each university [in Michigan] is constitutionally independent," Hynd said. "We can issue bonds. We can actually issue our own debt."

In South Carolina, the last state he worked in before Oakland, it was a different story.

"It was a nightmare to get any bonding authority done," Hynd said, "because you had to go through actually about eight different layers to get approved. Here, we can decide to do that ourselves."

And they have. But the situations are different for the different buildings involved in the series 2016 bonds, he said.

"The [new] residence hall [on the south side of campus]...in a way, it kind of doesn't count because it's revenue-neutral," Hynd said. "The students who are paying to live in the new residence hall are essentially paying it off."

The OC is not revenue-neutral.

"We are looking for philanthropy to step in," Hynd said. "If we can get somebody to pay let's say \$10 million of the \$40 million for the OC...that frees-up \$10 million that could be used for other things."

Hynd hopes the budget for fiscal year 2017 will be ready for presentation at the June 6 board formal session.

The next meeting is at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 11 in the Elliott Hall Auditorium.

Graduate open house introduces continuing education options

Event offers insight to grad school, application process

Alexus Bomar
Staff Reporter

Many students receive their bachelor's degree and move on to finding a career. Others make the decision to further their education and skills by attending graduate school.

On March 15, Graduate Study and Lifelong Learning hosted a Graduate Open House, providing a quick way to learn about the different graduate programs available at OU.

At the open house, attendees had the opportunity to browse the information tables, meet program representatives and view a financial aid presentation. Information tables included College of Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering and Computer Science, School of Health Sciences, Student Financial Services, School of Nursing, Student Services and Resources, School of Business Administration and the School of Education and Human Services.

Attendees were able to talk to program faculty, learn about the different graduate programs and learn the expectations of attending graduate school.

"There are several benefits [of attending graduate school] ranging from intellectual development, to more job opportunities in the field of interest, to increased ability for job advancement, to a higher job satisfaction that leads to an overall higher life satisfaction," Claudia Petrescu, dean of Graduate Education, said via email.

According to the United States Census Bureau, advanced degrees lead to higher-paying upper-level career positions. Median annual salary for those with a bachelor's degree is \$55,700, approximately \$2.7 million over a lifetime, those with a master's degree is \$63,000, or approximately \$3.2 million over a



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At the Graduate Open House, undergraduates were provided information about graduate school options at Oakland University.

lifetime, and those with a Ph.D. \$100,000 or more, approximately \$3.7 million over a lifetime.

Depending on the type of work students want to do, they might need to return back to school to receive something more than a bachelor's degree.

"You can get a job, hopefully, with just a bachelor's degree in any field of work," Petrescu said. "However, the type of work that you will do depends on the qualification that you have."

According to the graduate admissions website, the minimum requirement to attend graduate school is a bachelor's degree from an accredited university. International students must have a bachelor's degree and the proof of ability to be proficient in English.

A graduate program may also require a student to pass a GRE/GMAT test, turn in two or three letters of recommendation and write a letter of intent, depend-

ing on the field of study.

"It is very important for each applicant to read the program description, to understand the program's requirements, and to submit a completed application as soon as possible," Petrescu said.

According to financial services, the cost to attend graduate school varies based on whether the student is an in-state (\$655 per credit hour at OU) or out-of-state (\$1,027 per credit hour at OU) student, the program and if the class is online or in-person.

"I'd like to mention that as the job market is becoming more and more competitive, graduate education pays off," Petrescu said. "Oakland University has very good graduate programs with several of programs recognized nationally."

For more information about graduate school, visit oakland.edu/grad.

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BEAUMONT HEALTH SYSTEMS

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Specialty: General Surgery

Kaitlin Liroff
Specialty: Internal Medicine

Joseph Vercellone
Specialty: Internal Medicine

Edward Sutherland
Specialty: Radiology-Diagnostic

Satyum Parikh
Specialty: Surgery Prelim

Samantha Scouten
Specialty: Surgery Prelim & Urology

Christienne Shams
Specialty: Transitional

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Jeffrey Stusick
Specialty: Anesthesiology

Woodrow Sams
Specialty: Emergency Medicine

Tori Nault
Specialty: Internal Medicine

Raymond Yeow
Specialty: Internal Medicine

Katherine Zanyk-McLean
Specialty: Internal Medicine

Adewunmi Nuga
Specialty: Medicine Pediatrics

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Specialty: Ophthalmology

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Fatima Fahs
Specialty: Dermatology

Kerolos Shenouda
Specialty: Otolaryngology

James David
Specialty: Transitional

Gerta Muho
Specialty: Transitional



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1. PRISM mentor Dr. Alan Silverman passes out envelopes containing the medical students' destinations for their residencies just before noon on Friday, March 18.

2. A sampling of hors d'oeuvres were served at the event, which was held at Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

3. President George Hynd, Richard Kennedy, Ph.D., OUWB Associate Dean for Research, Linda Gillum, Ph.D., OUWB Associate Dean for Academic and Faculty Affairs and Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Dr. James P. Lentini, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost attended the event.

4. Friends and family were invited to share the special moment with the class of 2016.

5. Students labeled the places they would be heading to on a map.



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EMOTIONS

RUN HIGH ON

MATCH DAY



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Tears were shed, hugs were given and congratulations were exchanged at Friday's Match Day for the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Class of 2016.

At exactly noon, the OUWB graduating med students, along with med students across the country, opened an envelope containing the information of where they will be completing their residency.

The room was full of anticipation as students counted down from ten and opened their envelopes. Surrounded by their family, friends and mentors, these students experienced this defining moment in their careers.

It was a moment where dreams came true for many, including Roslyn Oakley.

When Oakley was finally able to open her envelope she stared down at her paper and read exactly what she was hoping to read.

"I'm going to Stanford," she said.

Her words were met with tears of joy from her surrounding loved ones. One very important person in the crowd beamed with pride, her mother, Barbara Oakley, who is a professor in the engineering department at Oakland.

"We are just thrilled," Barbara said.

"Watching as they are dosed with this overwhelming deluge of information and learning how to handle it [...] I was very impressed with how organized the program is."

Roslyn, more commonly known as Rosie, said she was "over the moon" with the news.

"Opening the envelope and seeing that there I almost couldn't even believe it for a moment because it was my number one and I am just thrilled," Rosie said.

According to the Dean of OUWB, Dr. Robert Folberg, students play a small part in the decision when it comes to the match process.

"Students interview and then they rank the preference of where they would like to go," Folberg said.

"At the same time, the organizations rank the students in the order of how they want them."

Students from the class of 2016 are being sent all over the country. Seven students were matched to Beaumont Hospitals and seven to the University of Michigan.

Folberg says the administrators only find out where the students are going hours before the students do. Match Day is one of the most anticipated days in a med student's career.

"For the students, yes (there is a lot of anxiety about today)," Folberg said. "For us (professors), no because we're confident in them."

Dr. Angela Nuzzarello, the associate dean of Student Affairs and associate professor of psychiatry for OUWB, knows how much this day means to the students but says it is touching for the administrators as well.

"I've been through many match days and every one is exciting and joyful," Nuzzarello said.

"To see them come in and not really have an idea of what med school is all about and its like the time goes so fast and here we are three and a half years later and they're ready to specialize [...] its very touching. Part of me is excited for them and part of me is sad that they're leaving."

The students ran all around the banquet room of the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham exchanging congratulations with their classmates.

"It is very typical for OUWB where everybody is here as a group," Oakley said. "Where everyone gets to mingle together and be excited for each other in this fun communal environment."

Creative writing journal to offer new positions through ENG 300

Oakland Arts Review continues to grow, showcase students' skills

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

The Oakland Arts Review (OAR) started last summer, and will soon grow to allow students to act as editors through the ENG300 course.

The OAR is a campus publication with a focus on publishing creative writing pieces, photography samples, illustrations and poetry selections.

Starting next week, over 300 copies of the journal will be mailed out around the country to various creative writing programs to show off the content and editing talent of the OU students involved with the journal.

"This is my second year on faculty at OU, and I was just blown away by the dedication and enthusiasm of the students who got involved in the journal," Alison Powell, faculty advisor for the OAR, said.

Powell said one of her favorite pieces submitted was that of a student named Izzie Sun who attends Hong Kong Baptist University. According to her, a huge draw of the journal is that they take work from students not only around the country, but around the world as well.

Powell explained that this project is rather new, only beginning last summer.

"The project was dreamed up by the creative writing faculty," Powell said. "We figured it would be a great way for students to learn a little about the ins

and outs of the publishing world, help get the name of our program out there in the world and provide an opportunity for students in many different departments at OU to join together."

Unlike other campus journals and publications, the OAR only accepts one Oakland student per issue.

Powell encouraged other interested students looking to be published on campus to check out "Swallow the Moon," an on campus journal that only publishes OU students.

"We hope to use the journal to identify and promote great literary work by undergraduate authors from all different regions and walks of life," Powell said.

Paige Rowland, one of the two poetry editors at the OAR and a sophomore at Oakland University, says she's currently on the hunt for comic artists to interview for the journal.

"[The Oakland Arts Review] is all about showing that undergraduates can make amazing work too," she said.

"It also creates a great window for people looking to publish to get their foot in the door."

The first issue of the OAR featured work from OU student William Georges with his poem "Gusto."

Though most publications like the OAR are produced biannually, Powell said that in order to start off making sure the product is "excellent every time," it will only be published once a year.

Students who are interested in the chance to be included as the sole OU voice in the OAR should visit oarsubmittable.com.

Students wishing to become part of their editorial staff and do not wish to do so for course credit can contact chapman@oakland.edu.



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Award winning WXOU turning a golden 50

Rachel Williams
Campus Editor

WXOU, the soundtrack of Oakland University, will be celebrating its 50th year on the air on March 24.

WXOU was created in 1966 and is a free-form station. They represent a wide variety of musical and entertainment tastes with their numerous shows on air.

The station has won Michigan Association of Broadcaster's Station of the Year award three years in a row.

On Thursday, they will be hosting their annual Birthday Bash and this year it's bigger than ever.

The event will be held at The Crofoot in downtown Pontiac as a means to further the OU/Pontiac Initiative bringing the two communities closer together.

"I'm most excited to celebrate in a different way," Lauren Barthold, general manager of WXOU, said. "In years past, we have held the Bash in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms. Because this is such a big milestone, we wanted to have an even bigger party and I just can't wait to see it all come together."

Openers for the evening will be Flint Eastwood and George Morris and the Gypsy Chorus. The headliner for the Birthday Bash is Canadian indie group, Alvvays.

Alvvays is also set to take the stage at Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival next month.

Planning for this year's Birthday Bash began back in early December before the holiday break. Since then, the station has worked hard to ensure that this year's event draws in students and public, and encourages a greater sense of community with Pontiac.

WXOU worked closely with The Crofoot and the musicians to make this event a reality. Student Program Board and Student Video Productions co-sponsored the Birthday Bash this year.

In order to transport students to and from the event, the Bear Bus will begin shuttling people to the Crofoot



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Last year, talented bands from across the Metro Detroit area came together to perform for the 49th WXOU Birthday Bash.

and back at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. The bus will pick up students in the P2 parking lot next to the Oakland Center.

Tickets are free to students and are available at the Center for Student Activities ticket window. General public is encouraged to attend as well. Tickets for non-students are \$15 and can be purchased at The Crofoot box office.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. Barthold encourages students and the community to come out for a fun night featuring great music while supporting the radio station.

"I hope we put on an event where students and community members can let loose and have fun," Barthold

said. "I also hope people see more of what WXOU has to offer. Many people think you have to go into radio to get involved and that's just not the case."

Students studying in any field are welcome to apply for their own show and get involved with the soundtrack of Oakland University.

For more information on WXOU visit their website wxou.org or find them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Check out next week's issue of the Oakland Post for coverage of WXOU's 50th Birthday Bash and check out the event yourself on March 24.

Concealed weapon licenses draws national university attention

Rachel Williams
Campus Editor

On Nov. 13, 2015, in *Wade vs. University of Michigan*, the court of claims ruled that public universities have the same level of power as the state in terms of creating and enforcing their own ordinances. This specific case was in reference to carrying weapons on campus.

Joshua Wade has since appealed this decision and the appellate court has yet to rule on the case.

The court of claims ruling was based off of two previous cases, *District of Columbia vs. Heller* and *Capital Area District Library (CADL) versus Michigan Open Carry, Inc.*

According to mlive.com, CADL versus Michigan Open Carry, Inc. ruled that libraries were considered "quasi-municipal entities that, like other local public libraries, are subject to state law."

In the *Wade* case, the court drew a distinction between libraries and state universities and ruled that because a university is not a local unit of government (like a library), it has the same level of power as the state.

According to OUPD Police Chief Mark Gordon, Oakland University has had an ordinance in effect for over 30 years, prohibiting the possession of a weapon on campus. Carrying weapons on campus is also discussed in the student code of conduct.

Prior to the *Wade* ruling, enforcing the ordinance was difficult for OUPD as it was unclear whether state law trumped the code of conduct.

Before this decision, concealed pistol license (CPL) carriers had no restrictions concerning open carry on college campuses. Though, they could not conceal their weapon in a residential area or academic building on campus.

Students could not carry at all according to the student code of conduct.

The new ordinance extends to visitors and students and constitutes a 90-day misdemeanor whereas the code of conduct was only enforceable by the Dean of Students.

"An ordinance has more authority than a student code of conduct because it's a law," Gordon said. "Right now, we can regulate visitors because it's an ordinance. It applies to everyone."

The exception to Oakland's regulation is for OUPD and off-duty officers as stated in ordinance 7.06. This allows for them to conceal carry on campus.

Gordon believes that many universities have already had ordinances in effect concerning weapons but that this ruling has made it easier to enforce them by university police.

Gordon also explained that there have only been a handful of times in which in-

dividuals had to be approached about a weapon on campus and that, generally, they were cooperative.

"It's more an educational opportunity than a defiant situation," Gordon said.

Now the question is whether or not the appellate court will uphold the court of claims ruling.

If the ruling is reversed, open carry will be allowed on campus by CPL holders in all buildings. Students who open carry with a CPL will have to go through Dean of Students concerning any penalties because it would only be enforceable by the code of conduct.

A court date has not been set by the appellate court and it could be months before a ruling is announced.

Gordon encourages students and anyone obtaining a CPL to seriously consider the responsibility and restrictions that go with the license and to stay informed on campus policies and ordinances.



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Guests at last year's event received blue balloons, stickers and buttons to raise awareness of autism.

Shedding light on autism awareness

Light It Up Blue event to be held on campus April 2

Rachel Williams
Campus Editor

Oakland University will be celebrating World Autism Awareness Day on April 2 with the Light It Up Blue event.

Last year, the event was put on for the first time by the OU Center for Autism (OUCA). Elliott Tower lit up blue and representatives from the community spoke about autism.

"This year we are doing it on a bigger scale," Meghna Chowdhary, graduate assistant for OUCA, said. "We want the families to participate and get aware of what we are doing."

The goal of the event is to help spread awareness while providing fun activities for families and people with autism or autism spectrum disorders.

Ashley Semma, president of the student organization Amplifying Autism Awareness, helped with last year's event

and her group will be present at this year's as well.

"Autism Awareness Day is a big deal for the autism community," Semma said. "The goal is to spread awareness of autism to the whole student body."

Programs like Amplifying Autism Awareness and the OUCA help provide research, education and resources for students and those in the surrounding community who have autism or have family members with autism.

Within the OUCA is OUCARES. This department offers different programs like sports, summer camps and family days to get the Autism community even more involved.

OUCARES is different in that it is not related to academics, but purely a program dedicated to providing resources and activities for those with autism and their families. The department also offers internships for students who have autism.

The Light It Up Blue event will feature speakers from different organizations like Amplifying Autism Awareness, Dr. Edrisinha from the OUCA and a representative from Autism Speaks.

Chowdhary is still waiting on confirmation from other speak-

ers but encourages everyone to attend the event and show their support.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the Engineering Center.

Three classrooms will be designated for three different age groups. Within each classroom there will be age-appropriate games and activities for participants.

At approximately 7:20 p.m. on April 2, everyone will gather in the atrium in the Engineering Center and make their way to Elliott Tower. There will be free food, music and speakers available for those who attend.

At 7:30 p.m., Elliott Tower and Pawley Hall will light up blue in support of autism awareness.

Landmarks across the world light up blue to celebrate this day and the people it supports.

Semma stressed the importance of this day to the Autism community and the greater Oakland community.

"We can celebrate them and show that we are all special in our own way," Semma said. "It's their day, not ours."

For more information on autism resources on campus, visit oakland.edu/hdcs/center-for-autism or oakland.edu/ouc-ares.

Creativity comes alive in 24 hours at GrizzHacks

Contestants used hardware, software to test their skills

Alexus Bomar
Staff Reporter

GrizzHacks is a 24-hour event for students to showcase their passion for technology and engineering.

According to Adam McNeilly, senior computer engineer major and sponsorship director for GrizzHacks, student-run hackathons like GrizzHacks have been around since 2009 and have been growing each year.

A lot of the organizers drew inspiration from similar events at Michigan State University (SpartaHack) and University of Michigan (MHacks).

According to its website, GrizzHacks, the first hackathon held at OU, is an opportunity for students to create hardware and software projects from the bottom up in one weekend.

"Anyone can participate, regardless of their major or experience with programming and engineering," junior Jack Stouffer said. He is a management information system major and the logistics lead for GrizzHacks.

During the weekend, there were presentations from sponsors, mentors were available to help attendees with their project, and speakers who gave technical talks.

"Great opportunity for people to network and make connections with local businesses," Stouffer said. "When you RSVP, you upload your resume, and your resume is sent to the businesses."

There were also opportunities to relax and have some fun at a Bocce Ball tournament and a cup-stacking competition.

Attendees brought themselves, a laptop, and because it was a 24-hour event, personal hygiene products. Food and everything else needed was provided.

A panel of judges assessed

the hack's creativity and team's user experience.

Judges included Peter Stouffer, president of Apollo America, Javier Fernandez, senior software engineer at Hello World, John Stouffer, senior information technology manager at Diamler AG, Daniel Marus, president at Controller Technologies Corporation and Serge Kruk, associate professor at OU.

Once the 24 hours were up, teams had the opportunity to give a two-minute presentation on their projects, which ranged from websites to cell phone applications.

Prizes were given out for the best developer tool, best domain name and first through third place overall.

The third place winner, a team of three, created a website called "Stocks," which was designed to help users stay up-to-date with the stock market.

The second place winner, a team of two, created a social media application called "Found!" which allows users to post their lost items on a map so users in the same area are able to see missing items and potentially claim a reward.

In first place, also a team of two, created "Euphony - Wireless Music Streaming," which streams all a person's music from a wireless SD card through Wi-Fi into a phone.

GrizzHacks is a member of Major League Hacking (MLH), which is a student hackathon league that holds hackathons in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe. According to its website, MLH gives students the opportunity to build things such as websites, applications and hardware hacks.

"Now that it is over, I am most excited to see GrizzHacks become an annual legacy and trademark of Oakland University that will continue to bring people to this school as well as get our students involved," McNeilly said.

For more information about GrizzHacks and this year's winners, visit grizzhacks.com, grizzhacks.devpost.com or email info@grizzhacks.com.

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TOP 7 BEWITCHING BUNNIES

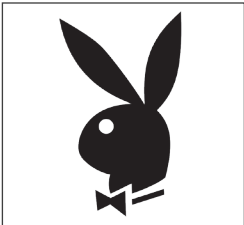
Easter is approaching, the holiday where a magical bunny comes and hides eggs and other goodies for children to discover in the morning. This week we have compiled a list of seven popular rabbits, other than the infamous Easter Bunny.



1. BUGS BUNNY // Not only is he arguably the most famous cartoon bunny, he would probably be our first pick if we were playing a pickup basketball game (see: “Space Jam”).

2. THE ENERGIZER BUNNY // Our favorite bunny associated with batteries.

3. TRIX RABBIT // He might be a silly rabbit, but he always reminded us who Trix cereal was really for.



4. THE RABBIT OF CAERBANNOG // The killer rabbit from “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” simultaneously scared us and made us laugh.

5. THE PLAYBOY BUNNY // One of the most iconic logos ever, everyone knows what they are in for when they see this bunny.

6. ROGER RABBIT // “Who Framed Roger Rabbit?” proved he couldn’t be a murderer, plus him and Jessica Rabbit make for an adorable couple.



7. THUMPER // Bambi’s sidekick and probably the cutest bunny on this list.

— Compiled by Scott Davis,
Managing Editor

YAKS
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Yik Yak:
The voice
of the
people

1. “Raise your hand if you have ever been personally victimized by Daylight Saving Time.”

2. “Assert your dominance by calling your roommate by their student ID number.”

3. “*Follows dreams*

dreams don’t follow back *unfollows dreams.*”

4. “True love: I love you more than Bill Nye loves sun dials.”

5. “Doctor: Now where does it hurt? Me: My bracket.”

6. “Imagine if the zodiac killer comes forward because he can’t stand the idea that people think he’s Ted Cruz.”

7. “Plot twist: Oakland uses our tuition money to put in a new set of

sidewalks that actually make sense.”

8. “The Bachelor should be called Hunger Games: Relationship Edition.”

9. “My roommate doesn’t always have an overnight guest, but when he does, I have an important exam the next day.”

10. “BILL! BILL! BILL!”

— Compiled by Shelby
Tankersley,
Staff Reporter



TOP TUNES

wxou albums
of the week

- 1. RATBOYS “AOID”
- 2. MARLON WILLIAMS – “Marlon Williams”
- 3. PINEGROVE – “Cardinal”
- 4. YUCK – “Stranger Things”
- 5. CHARLES BRADLEY – “Changes”
- 6. TEEN – “Love Yes”
- 7. QUILT – “Plaza”
- 8. DEAR TRACKS – “Soft Dreams [EP]”
- 9. DIRTY NIL – “Higher Power”
- 10. THAO AND THE GET DOWN STAY DOWN – “A Man Alive”

ALBUM SPOTLIGHT

#8. Dear Tracks — “Soft Dreams [EP]”

After a move from Florida to Grand Rapids, Michigan, Matt Messore’s perspective and sound have changed.

Messore is best known for his former band, You Blew It!, that delivered on catchy emo and pop-punk songs. Dear Tracks is a departure from that sound and channels a much more ethereal energy. The four song EP is a small step into Messore’s underwater daydream, complete with heavenly synth layers and plenty of reverb all across the soundboard.

Start with: “Moment of Clarity” and “Soft Dreams.”

Recommended if you like: Beach Fossils, Diiv, Real Estate.

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director



Dynamic duo departs from Oakland

Olivia Nash, Elena Popkey reflect on their time as roommates, teammates, discuss plans for future

Ally Racey
Staff Reporter

Oakland women's basketball will be without Elena Popkey and Olivia Nash next year. These seniors have not only grown close as teammates over the last four years, but they grew to be each other's best friend.

The duo took some time via email to discuss their journey at Oakland, and what led them to their close bond.

Were you roommates since day one?

Popkey: We've roomed together freshman year and senior year.

Was it a random pairing or did you get to choose?

Popkey: Freshman year the coaches roomed all of the freshman together. Senior year we chose to room together.

Some people say you become friends with the people who are most like you. What similarities do you two have?

Popkey: We both just love to have a good time and make other people smile.

Would you consider yourselves best friends?

Popkey: Absolutely.
Nash: Definitely.

Whenever you had a break from basketball, did you stick together or hang out with other friends?

Nash: We pretty much stick together on and off the court.

What's it like living together and spending every minute at practice together?

Nash: Living with her is awesome. Who wouldn't want to live with their best friend? But as for practices go, I think that's where we built our chemistry on the court. That's why we play so well together.

Popkey: It's a blast. We are usually laughing whenever we're together including when we are on the court.

Was it ever too much togetherness?

Popkey: I can't really remember a time when it's been too much. We love being

together, but we also know when enough is enough.

You both played huge roles on the team. Did it take any of the pressure off knowing your teammates didn't just look up to one of you?

Popkey: On or off the court we just knew we had each other's backs no matter what.

Nash: If anything, she kept me sane. I always know she'll have my back. If I'm having a bad game she's the one to pick me up and snap back to my normal self and vice versa.

How did you guys take the games seriously having your best friend on the court?

Popkey: We are both passionate and competitive. We want the team to succeed, so we're able to put things aside and focus on the game.

Nash: Game day is just second nature. We know each other's routines so we easily can focus on the task at hand rather than distracting each other.

After four years of friendship you must have inside jokes between the two of you?

Nash: Yeah we have a few inside jokes.

Is there one you wouldn't mind sharing?

Popkey: (smiling) They're inside jokes for a reason.

Over the past four years would you say your friendship on and off the court has ultimately helped you or hindered you on game day?

Popkey: Definitely helped. She's challenged me to become a better player and leader and she's helped pick me up during some of my lowest times.

Nash: This friendship has definitely helped me on game days. If anything, it's made me have more fun and relax more.

Have you noticed a pattern or something specific the other does during every game? What is it, and does it help on the court?

Nash: Elena prays every game day. And it definitely helps both on and off the court.



Bodhanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Seniors, roommates and teammates Olivia Nash and Elena Popkey celebrate senior night.

It hasn't been very long, but what have you been doing with your free time since the season ended?

Popkey: I'm still training and playing basketball. I've also filled my days with community service and homework.

Nash: My free time since the season ended has been mostly spent catching up on sleep and still keeping in shape and being in the gym.

What are your plans after graduation?

Popkey: My goal is to play basketball professionally overseas.

Nash: I hope to pursue a career overseas continuing my basketball career.

When are you expected to graduate?

Popkey: I've graduated with my bachelors in August, but I'm walking this spring because I wanted to walk with my friends, including Liv.

Any job possibilities?

Popkey: Coaching, playing, counseling, ministry.

Will you remain close friends?

Nash: Oh yeah, we'll remain close friends.

Popkey: Without a doubt.

What do you think it will be like not seeing each other every day after four years?

Popkey: It might be a little odd, but I

know we will stay in contact and I know she will be successful.

Nash: It'll be different not seeing each other every day after the last four years, but I know we'll keep in touch.

What are you going to miss most when you won't be able to see each other every day?

Nash: I'll miss her positive and encouraging words and her overall energy. She's always making everyone smile. And she's funny.

Popkey: She always made me laugh when I needed it.

Coach Tungate said you both left a legacy at Oakland. What is it like to hear that?

Nash: It's very humbling to hear Coach say that. I think having the ability to come into a program and make an impact is huge. I'm just glad I was given the opportunity.

Where do you see the Oakland women's basketball program heading in the years to come?

Nash: The program is only going up from here. There are some great players here that are only getting better, and with their hard work, discipline and leadership, there are definitely championships to come.

Popkey: It's headed in the right direction. There are some great girls on the team and when they come together they will be a force to be reckoned with.

Gaudio amps up women's golf

Head coach and her journey to Oakland, passion for coaching

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Reporter

Alyssa Gaudio is the first head women's golf coach Oakland has ever had. She has been doing the job for a little more than a year.

"Oakland is a very attractive school to coach at," Gaudio said.

She said the school has a strong culture revolving around the student-athlete experience, and that it makes student athletes' collegiate careers the best they can be. She said that ethos and the academic strengths of the school brought her here.

"I couldn't wait to see where the team was at with their strengths and weaknesses," Gaudio said. "[I wanted] to help them develop their games even more."

She works to develop a balance between being a confidant and coach.

"I believe that balance is what produces a high-performing team and develops young women off the course," Gaudio said, alluding to why she might have scored the job.

Gaudio's father, Frank Gaudio, introduced her to the sport, and has followed her to Oakland as a volunteer assistant coach.

"I am very grateful to have him as my assistant coach," she said. "He taught me the game and the way to approach and manage different golf courses. That fact alone helps us share the same message to our players, which is a huge benefit and keeps our message consistent."

Gaudio took what her father taught her and joined her high school team freshman year.

"It was a challenging first couple years, but [it] is an amazing sport that challenges your mind and body," she said.

Some of her favorite accomplishments came during college, including placing 44th in the 2011 NCAA Division III National Championships.

"It was an exciting collegiate



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Alyssa Gaudio is Oakland University's first head women's golf coach.

career and I still enjoy competing throughout the summers," Gaudio said.

"I wanted the challenge of helping others improve on and off the golf course."

Alyssa Gaudio
Oakland women's golf head coach

Her college coach, Tye Thompson, influenced Gaudio to become a coach in the first place.

"[He] made me continually fall in love with the game and enjoy it every time I teed it up," Gaudio said.

She was his assistant coach for two years and loved the impact he not only had on her, but the other players, too.

"I knew I wanted to do the same thing," Gaudio said. "I wanted the challenge of helping

others improve on and off the golf course."

That's what she is doing now as a coach at Oakland.

"Our main goals are to sharpen all areas of our game," Gaudio said. "If we can do this, we can compete against the best and we will be strong when it comes time for the Horizon League Championships."

She looks for certain characteristics in players.

"I like to see a strong mind," Gaudio said. "It's tough to teach a player to stay calm and focused throughout an 18-hole round, three days in a row."

"Players who can learn to shake off the bad have an easier time coming back from a bad swing or a bad hole," she said, adding that that's what matters the most when players are under pressure.

Oakland women's golf competes in the Houston Baptist University Husky Invitational on Monday and Tuesday, March 28-29 in Sugarland, Texas.

COLUMN

Oakland in the Vegas 16: Is it necessary?

Sam Schlenner
Sports Editor

Eleven days after losing to Wright State in a Horizon League Championship semifinal as taut as steel rope, some Oakland men's basketball players gathered behind the arc after practice and played sevens. Basically, you shoot three-pointers in order, and the running score ticks up for every make. Next one to miss receives the count. First one to seven loses.

No air of defeat hung over the Golden Grizzlies that day. At least not visibly.

"We're really just starting over," Nick Daniels said. He said head coach Greg Kampe gave them some days off, but that beyond that, they've been getting ready for the Vegas 16, a new tournament that runs March 28-30 in Nevada.

"It took me three days just to get rid of that taste out of my mouth," Daniels said about the tournament loss.

He said it took Jalen Hayes and Kay Felder about the same time, as well.

"They just stayed in their room," Daniels said. "It didn't seem real because we weren't expecting that to happen to us. I mean it is what it is; we've moved on from it."

"I don't think I'll ever shake it off because I'm using it to feel this run in this Vegas 16," Felder said. "The game hasn't gone out of my mind. Maybe in the summer it'll be gone."

Most of the team went to the finals of the Horizon League Championship after losing in the semis, Daniels and Felder said.

"Just to see how it feels," Daniels said, "because two years in a row we lost in our first tournament game. ... Put it in our back pocket for next year."

"We have to come back hungry," Felder said.

Oakland got a double-bye this year in the Horizon League Championship and faced off against Wright State, which was

on its third game to Oakland's first. Still no deal.

Now there's another shot, if not up an orthodox avenue: Pay \$50,000, the tournament picking up most of the travel bill, and get Oakland out there again into the torrent of hoops that is late March.

It was either that, go to a different tournament, or end it.

And why not end it? After the blazing spark of Golden Grizzly promise got snuffed on March 7, shouldn't they have given it a rest? Recovered? Stacked up for next year? Saved some money? Prepared for another grind of a season?

But that's not the issue. They've proven themselves in the long haul. And the last two years, they've proven their ability to flake in the league bracket.

Yes, it's tournament basketball. Unpredictable. Volatile as anything except maybe luge gone wrong. But like anything, it can be practiced.

So why not practice pressure? The Golden Grizzlies obviously need it. Yes, it's fifty-grand worth of practice, but the payoff could be strata beyond that if Oakland makes March Madness next year and wins a game, especially with someone as spectacular as Felder potentially blooming before the nation's retinas one last season.

And hey, the Vegas 16 is nationally televised, so the school will still get some wide exposure, one of the things Oakland — and Felder in particular — has been good at this season.

The Golden Grizzlies have picked the good fight in heading out to Vegas, even if it looks the inappropriate and ill-timed opposite.

The Vegas 16 is really the Vegas Eight in its inaugural year. Oakland plays the Towson Tigers at 9 p.m. ET on Monday, March 28. Watch on CBS Sports Network, stream on College Sports Live and Vegas16.com, or listen on WDFN-AM (1130).

Oakland hockey wins ACHA DIII national title



Courtesy of Michael Manzo

The Oakland ACHA Division III hockey team won the national championship beating Aquinas.

Hannah Gorosh
Staff Intern

Oakland's American Collegiate Hockey Association Division III team defeated Aquinas College 5-3 in the national championship and captured the Vezina Cup on Saturday, March 12. The Golden Grizzlies scored three goals in the third period.

Last season, Oakland lost in the semifinals with about two and a half minutes left.

"[Losing in the semifinals] stuck with [the] guys and I am glad because it stuck with me," head coach Troy Barron said. "There were a lot of great moments [because] of the guys' believing and coming back each year. That's what we're trying to do here at Oakland."

After being so close last year, they got it.

"All the hard work finally paid off," senior captain Robert Lauro said. "There are definitely a lot of moments with tough losses and you're hoping that it's all going to pay off eventually, but it ended up working out."

They have formed a bond that helped the championship drive.

"Everybody is in it together; there's no bickering, nothing like that. It's pretty cool," Lauro said. "Everybody made it possible. There wasn't one person who didn't contribute."

Seven seniors graduate this year. For them, winning the Vezina Cup has

been a bittersweet end.

"[It's] definitely a weird feeling walking out there," Lauro said.

"You're trying to focus on the game, but at the same time you're like this is my last-ever first period."

Coach Barron said they worked every single practice to earn the title.

"If the guys want it, they can do it. There wasn't a word I could say or anything to get them to do something that they haven't done all year," Barron said. "They stuck with the process of doing what they needed to do."

Lauro said his favorite goal of the championship game came when Aquinas had been changing goalies. Just when the alternate reached the ice, one of the Golden Grizzlies made a back-handed, rarely-seen, empty-net goal from defensive hashmarks.

"As soon as that went in it, [we knew] this is not going to be like last year. We're not going to have that repeat," Lauro said.

"I think everybody knew we were good after that."

"The final goal was kind of the icing on the cake," Barron said. "It was a very special moment and these guys earned it."

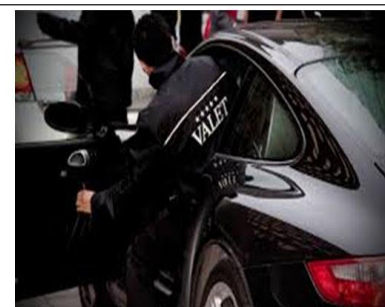
Barron bid the team congratulations. "Third time's the charm," he said. "You get so close ... We controlled our own destiny and if we wanted it, we're gonna get it."

And they did.

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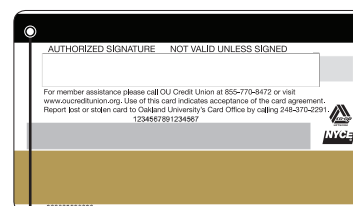


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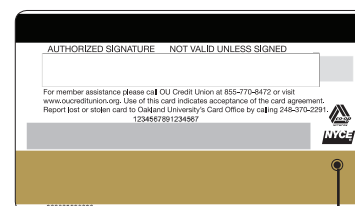


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Elliott Tarney plans to earn his masters in counseling at Oakland while working as a graduate assistant for the women's soccer team.

Once a grizzly, always a grizzly

Senior Elliott Tarney will return as grad assistant for women's soccer team

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Reporter

Senior men's soccer captain and goalkeeper Elliott Tarney's fondest memory of his four years as a Golden Grizzly is winning the Horizon League Championship at home in 2014.

"The feeling of success and being able to celebrate that on campus with the supporters and families was irreplaceable," he wrote in an email. "I remember everyone immediately just pitch invading and everyone going crazy."

Originally from Preston, England, Tarney wrote he misses the food and that adjusting to the time difference was the biggest difficulty. Andy Wagstaff, a former Oakland assistant coach who is now head coach at Saginaw Valley State University, saw Tarney play back in England and helped Oakland recruit him, head coach Eric Pogue wrote in an email.

"[Coming to Oakland was] life changing," Tarney wrote. "It's made me see new cultures and how diverse America is. I have made new lifelong friends and many different connections. Would like to take this moment to say thank you for all those who know me for everything they have done for me and supported me and also accepting me. I have no regrets except not getting to meet a lot more people."

The thing Tarney misses most about

the game is making mistakes.

"If you never make mistakes, then you will never know what you are capable of," he wrote.

Pogue stated that Tarney's work ethic, leadership and passion for the game helped the team bring home championships.

"Elliott fits all the things that you look for as a coach in a teammate and top notch player," Pogue wrote. "Elliott was always willing to do what was in the best interest of the team's success, even if it meant taking a supporting role for the good of the team."

Although he has stepped off the field for the men's soccer team, he's not finished. This fall, Tarney will be the new graduate assistant for the women's soccer team.

"I see coaching at the college or youth level being a big part of his future," Pogue wrote. "He always did a fantastic job working our summer camps as a goalkeeper, coach and counselor, and I know he is highly thought-of from his coaching experience at the youth and high school levels."

This summer, Tarney wrote, he will play for the Michigan Stars, be a coach for Coerver Coaching and be an assistant coach for the Rochester High School girl's varsity soccer team. He hopes to earn his masters in counseling while here.

"I am planning on going home [after this phase of my life] and either trying to go pro or semi-pro at minimum," Tarney wrote. "If I go semi-pro I plan on doing a masters in psychology and receiving a degree in teaching. I want to become a child psychologist if all else fails."

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