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OU Rec Well kicked off its Wellness in the House Series with an info session about making lasting health changes and staying on track with New Years resolutions. PHOTO / Mary Mitchell  
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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**POKER FACES** // The Oakland Center was transformed into a casino on Saturday, Jan. 14, when the Student Program Board hosted its annual Casino Night. Entertainment included slot machines, roulette, Texas hold'em, mocktails and a performance by master illusionist Elliot Zimet. Students turned in their chips to a raffle drawing at the end of the night. *TAYLOR STINSON // The Oakland Post*

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The presidential search committee held a series of six open forums to gather community feedback on what OU needs in its next president. PHOTO / Elyse Gregory



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Men's basketball was defeated for the first time in conference play by University of Detroit Mercy in front of a record-breaking O'rena crowd. PHOTO / Nowshin Chowdhury

## BY THE NUMBERS

**SPRING BREAK**

31

days until the official start of OU's winter recess on Saturday, Feb. 18

18

the average number of drinks a college-aged male has per day during spring break

12%

of college students will share hotel rooms with 7+ other people over break

1,825

college students aged 18-24 die each school year from alcohol-related, unintentional injuries

## POLL OF THE WEEK

How will you be spending Inauguration Day?

- A** Drunk and despairing
- B** Ushering in a new era!
- C** Protesting in the streets
- D** Binge watching Netflix, as usual

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

How was the first week of classes?

A) It was k  
53 votes | 36%

B) Trash  
19 votes | 20%

C) I have 53 questions already  
54 votes | 37%

D) The professor didn't show up  
12 votes | 8%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### JANUARY 15, 1979

The legal drinking age increased from 18 to 21. OU relied on an honor system to maintain this policy in the dorms. An Oakland Post article said it wasn't RAs' jobs to "play undercover to catch underage drinkers."

### JANUARY 14, 1980

Students felt "uptight" about the prior year's drinking age change. The policy affected when and where students could serve alcohol on campus, which included serving alcohol at events in the OC and buying kegs for dorm rooms. Prior to Proposal D, students could possess a keg with RA and head resident approval.

### JANUARY 13, 2016

"Vandy II" closed for good due to lack of attendance. Director of OU Housing James Zentmeyer said this was because of a severe decline in usage. To compensate, transfer meals were adjusted to allow students seven per week. Dinner was also extended a half hour.

# Looking Back

## The deaths of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Isaac Jones

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

The 1968 death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was discussed in an undated special edition of The Oakland Observer. The paper was put together by students, some who were part of The Observer staff and some who were not.

"The purpose of putting out this four-page paper is not merely to eulogize Dr. Martin Luther King," the first line of the article "From a White Student (to White Students)" read. "It is an attempt to emphasize and clarify the Problem of America: racism."

The four-page special issue directly addressed white students about what they were too afraid to do.

"... his death was the result of the general attitude of a large segment of American society," the article read. "... what is at issue is that Americans have been promoting or ignoring the climate of racism which made his death inevitable. Many of those who now mourn for him never

did a thing to further his cause." The issue contained seven original articles and two pieces of poetry published alongside King's "Letter From Birmingham Jail" on the cover.

One article contained a list of programs for students to get involved with over the summer, ranging from the Poverty Rights Action Council to the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau.

The fall semester before King's assassination, the Fair Housing Act of 1967 was being endorsed by the newly formed Human Relations Council. The article said this committee was only finishing the "meager beginning(s)" of real change through the formation of the Isaac Jones Scholarship Fund.

Isaac Jones was Oakland University's first African American graduate. He graduated in 1965 with a degree in sociology.

Jones was fatally shot in 1968, just before King was. He was killed by an attendant at a gas station on Auburn Road who did not want to service a black man.

"He stuck the gun through

the window of the back door and shot him," said Jones' brother, Robert, who was only nine at the time of the shooting and was in the car with his brother when he was shot.

"[The attendant] said if I didn't get off the property, he would shoot me," Robert told the Oakland Press. "... I was in the back seat ... I had to put my foot over the console with my brother leaning on me. I drove home."

The killer ended up being charged with first-degree murder, but pled guilty to second-degree murder and received a three-to-12 year sentence of hard labor in solitary confinement.

Following Jones' death, a scholarship was set up in order to allow students of color from Pontiac to attend OU. Soon after, the Association of Black Students was formed in 1968.

"We as a nation have lost in this endless racist game," said one article in the Martin Luther King Jr. special issue. "But it is not enough to simply feel bad, to express regret over what is happening."



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### Corrections Corner

The Oakland Post corrects all known errors of fact.

In our Jan. 11 article, "Police recruits decrease across state, country, Oakland campus," a pull-out quote was accidentally attributed to Patricia Dolly instead of Lt. Nicole Thompson from OUPD.

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## Search for Oakland's new president continues

*University community shares desired qualifications, characteristics for next president at open forums*

**Paige Brockway**  
Editor-in-Chief

**C**harisma. Likability. An ability to tell OU's story. Problem-solving skills. Passion about student success. A knack for fundraising.

These are all characteristics that the members of the Oakland University community are calling for in the next university president, who will have a five-year contract.

In December, Washington D.C.-based firm Academic Search signed a \$90,000 contract to conduct the search.

Jessica Kozloff and Bill Howard — the president and vice president of Academic Search, respectively — visited campus Jan. 10-11 to conduct a series of six open forums about the qualifications and characteristics that the campus community would like to see included in the job description.

Faculty, staff, administrators and students were invited to the forums, which were held in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms and Lake Huron Room on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Though no students showed up for the session that was specifically designated for students at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, about 20 attended the following session, which was designated for student congress and student leaders.

According to chair of the Board of Trustees and of the presidential search committee, Richard DeVore, the job description was not drafted prior to the open forums because the search committee wanted community input first.

"I think it would be extremely disingenuous if it [the job description] were sitting in my pocket," DeVore said. "That would undermine why we're having these [forums]."

The search committee met with Kozloff and Howard after the last open forum to work on the advertising documents.

"Our role is to facilitate the search," Kozloff said. "We won't be coming to the search committee with, 'Here are 10 people, here are the ones you should interview.' . . . The search committee is the boss here. We're just the facilitators. We're not taking over your search in any way."

Kozloff said the search will remain confidential while Academic Search "culls down" candidates and conducts neutral-site interviews with eight to 10 in-

dividuals, but will open up for public vetting on campus when the pool has been narrowed down to between two and five candidates.

"Our goal is that those individuals will be on your campus in April," she said.

She noted that there are disadvantages to having an open search like this one, as potential candidates who hold high-ranking positions at other schools are less likely to apply because it would put their careers at risk.

"I think you have to accept the fact that it's [the candidate pool] not going to be laden with sitting presidents," Kozloff said.

DeVore also specifically addressed what he called "the Kunselman effect," the rumor that Chief Operating Officer Scott Kunselman is going to be shoe-horned into the job.

"If anybody thinks this is a conspiracy, it's not true," DeVore said. "He's not going to be president. I've heard the rumors, by the way, about me [becoming president] . . . it's not going to happen."

Notably, President George Hynd's wife, Alison Hynd, attended two of the sessions. After the last session, DeVore said he wondered if anyone in the room recognized Mrs. Hynd and whether her presence affected what they brought up in the forum.

### Someone who can drive the university

A reoccurring discussion that arose in multiple forum sessions was confusion over the university's direction. Members of faculty, administrators and staff expressed a shared desire to have a clearer vision for what OU is today and what it is trying to become.

"We need thinkers and leaders to look at what is the horizon today and think about what education needs to become in the future," said Robby Stewart, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "The reason they were calling us the Pioneers was that we were doing things differently. When we shifted to the Golden Grizzlies . . . the Pioneer left our personality."

Others expressed confusion over which roles are designated to the president.

"It's very important to know, what is that new president going to be able to do?" said Ken Mitton, associate professor of biomedical sciences and president of OU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. "What is



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Faculty, staff, administrators and students were invited to share their thoughts on the next university president at a series of six open forums last Tuesday and Wednesday.

their power? What is their jurisdiction? I can tell you that the faculty don't know. I can't tell you what the power is of the president versus the COO versus the Board of Trustees."

"We really want to try to find a way to put less of a burden on the students or not increase the burden on the students," he said. " . . . Quite frankly, our endowment is not where it needs to be and is not where it needs to be in the future."

### Someone inclusive

Jo Reger, sociology professor and director of the Women and Gender Studies Program, asked about Academic Search's history in recruiting and placing female leaders or leaders who have experience facilitating female staff.

"I think, in the history of Oakland, we don't have a lot of success in having a lot of women leaders, particularly administration," she said.

According to Kozloff, Academic Search exceeds the national average in placement of women and racial minorities. Kozloff said she has recruited about 15 presidents in the last eight years, all but three of whom were women "in highly competitive pools of men."

### Someone from academia . . . or not

While some forum attendees said they want a president who has experience in academia, has worked as a professor or holds a Ph.D., others said they would be open to a nontraditional candidate.

Kozloff said she would ask the search committee to provide open, generic minimums for the position in order to cast a wide net.

"There's a former president [Barack Obama] available," joked one faculty

**"**  
I've heard the rumors, by the way, about me [becoming president] . . . it's not going to happen.  
**"**

Richard DeVore  
Chair of Board of Trustees and  
presidential search committee

### Someone with a proven track record in fundraising

When asked what qualities were lacking in current-President George Hynd's role, DeVore brought up the pace of fundraising for the university. Operation and development of the university relies in part on donations.

"Sixty to 70 percent of [the president's] job is fundraising and negotiating in Lansing," DeVore said.

Though the Board of Trustees approved a 3.95-percent tuition increase in June, which is below the state cap, OU remains the lowest-funded state institution in Michigan.



# Faculty raise concerns over stagnation

*OU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors weighs in on presidential search*

Grace Turner  
Managing Editor

Worries about Oakland University's future swirl in wake of the Jan. 10 and 11 open presidential search forums.

According to representatives from Oakland's chapter of the American Association of University Professors which serves as the faculty union, the faculty still have two big concerns: small issues were not fixed during current-President George Hynd's term and Oakland doesn't have a clear direction.

One example of a small issue involves Disability Support Services. Ken Mitton, president of Oakland's AAUP and associate professor of biomedical sciences, said that while the office's staff is excellent, the DSS is understaffed.

This is especially problematic for part-time faculty who are paid per credit hour. If they stay longer to accommodate a student's need for more time on a test, they aren't paid for the extra time. Also, many share office space, so it's hard to find a place for students who need a silent environment.

"Sometimes, students end up in a hallway," Mitton said.

Mitton said he informed Hynd of the issue shortly after Hynd took office, but the relatively small expense of hiring students to proctor exams outside of classrooms was never undertaken.

"I'm perplexed that that didn't get fixed in three years," Mitton said.

However, this led to bigger questions, as Mitton said at the forum for faculty. He said the extent of the president's power is a mystery to him. Richard DeVore, chair of the Board of Trustees and search committee, assured Mitton that Hynd has always had the power to give more funds to DSS.

"If the president has the power to do this, it tells me that something around him is resisting," Mitton said.

Mitton said that many faculty perceive the president as a figurehead with no real influence. He also questioned the relative influence of the president, Chief Operating Officer Scott Kunselman and the board.

Another issue involves the merit pay system that was agreed upon in the contract between the AAUP and Oakland administration in October 2015. Faculty are scored on a five-point system based on performance and expertise in their respective fields. The lowest score is one. Scores help each academic unit decide how much of a raise each faculty member receives, with each receiving at

least 0.5 percent.

Some professors have received zero percent merit pay, which isn't in the contract.

Mitton said the fact that some faculty got no raises hurts morale.

"It's just mean-spirited to me," he said.

While these issues are relevant to students and faculty, there is a bigger issue that affects the whole campus community and was brought up in numerous open forum sessions: Oakland doesn't seem to have a direction.

Karen Miller, member of the AAUP executive committee and associate professor of history, has heard the complaint from students and faculty.

"Whoever comes in has an extraordinary leadership problem in front of them," Miller said.

Miller said that the university was factionalized under former-President Gary Russi. The residual effects of that environment, combined with a lack of strong leadership to steer the university, resulted in conspiracy theories that a president has already been selected to benefit the board or campus politics. These theories aren't helped by the fact that no literature was published regarding why Hynd is leaving.

"When people go to that space instinctively, that's a bad sign," Miller said.

A lack of direction is clear in situations that Miller declared "counterproductive." One example goes back to October 2015's contract negotiations.

Administration and faculty acknowledged that Oakland faculty are paid below their competitors. A committee was formed to measure how much, using a method that other universities have used.

It turned out that faculty were underpaid about \$3.5 million at the time. Only the administrators were surprised, Miller said.

The contract allowed for a small fix, but faculty jobs at Oakland are still not paid competitively.

A similar study was done for administrative personnel, and their pay was adjusted to be competitive with other universities.

Students also don't see a direction for Oakland. Miller said it's obvious when they talk about the 8.48-percent tuition increase, announced in July 2015.

Raising the tuition in one huge step was a shock to students, and they were not made aware of what the money would be specifically spent on, though Hynd discussed how it was spent after the fact. This lack of knowledge made

students feel like cash cows, Miller said.

Miller has heard freshmen complain about this tuition increase, even though it didn't directly affect them.

She said that the upperclassmen were upset by it enough that it has become a part of Oakland's student culture.

"That should not be our narrative," she said. "Students should not feel that way about a tuition raise," as it was ultimately spent on services to improve Oakland.

Finally, Miller said she hasn't heard the why and how of strategic planning initiatives.

Oakland's long-term goals don't have an obvious strategy or reason for existing.

While Mitton and Miller were happy that the open forums were held and that the presidential search will be open at the end, they are disappointed that there is only one faculty member — Karen Markel, chair of the Management and Marketing Department and associate professor of management — on the search committee.

Both Mitton and Miller insist on a president who has a background in academia.

When what Mitton calls "low-hanging fruit" hasn't been picked, it's difficult for faculty to trust that the next president will solve issues that could have been solved long ago. Mitton and Miller said that morale is low and will not rise until changes have been made.

"I have an enormous fondness for Oakland University, and I want it to do well, but I have concerns," Miller said.

“ That should not be our narrative. Students should not feel that way about a tuition raise.

Karen Miller  
AAUP Executive committee member  
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# Who ya gonna call? Well, in this case, the Bear Bus Express Route

Laurel Kraus  
Staff Reporter

It's no secret that Oakland University's parking situation is one of the biggest hassles that students face.

OU Student Congress (OUSC) Vice President Anders Engnell reported that during the fall 2016 semester, parking lots on campus were at least 95 percent full on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Those with 8-a.m. classes get prime spots, but most everyone else is left to drive in circles until a space presents itself. This can often lead to more creative parking decisions.

According to OU Police Department Chief Mark Gordon, OUPD has issued approximately 600 parking citations per month since the start of the fall semester.

OUSC is constantly trying to better this problem, with the most recent solution taking the form of a new Bear Bus Express Route.

The Express Route began operation on Tuesday, Jan. 17 and will ferry students back and forth from P35 and P37 on the south side of campus to both the Engineering Center and Mathematics and Science Center.



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The Bear Bus shuttle program provides almost 50,000 rides per year to students on campus.

"Students who have to climb that hill in the winter, we wanted to do as much as we could to help them out," Engnell said.

The new route was initiated by OUSC, Gordon and Chief Operating Officer Scott Kunselman. The buses will run continuously from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

"We're trying to make a no longer than 10-minute route from one end to the oth-

er end, so that people don't have to wait long for the bus, and they can see where it's at for the most part when they park," Gordon said.

Along with aiding in the parking situation, the Express Route is also expected to decrease the amount of traffic on Library Drive.

"I would just encourage people to try this route," Gordon said. "We know that if you get up in the P36 and P34 area, you get trapped up there, and it takes a long time to move. Park in P37 and P35, give this bus route a try and see if it works for you."

Students who ride the Express Route will receive a Bear Bus Express Rewards Card, which can be redeemed for OU swag in the OUSC office.

According to Engnell, if the Express Route works successfully, there is potential for other express routes in the future.

Engnell and Gordon reported that there is also talk, although no funding has yet been approved, of the possibility of expansion for multiple parking lots this summer, as well as parking structures being built over P1 and by Oak View Hall in two or three years.

"I was actually going through the Student Congress archives the other day, and I found a speech from 15 years ago by a Student Congress president, and it started out with, 'We all know parking is the main problem on campus,' so this has been an issue for decades," Engnell said. "I'm just really glad we're finally getting on top of this issue."

For more information on the Bear Bus system, visit [oakland.edu/bearbus](http://oakland.edu/bearbus).

Direct inquiries regarding the Express Route can be addressed by calling the bus at (248) 259-5247.

## POLICE FILES

### Ex vs. Xbox

On Jan. 8, the Oakland University Police Department (OUPD) was called to Vandenberg Hall at 11:10 a.m. to investigate an assault. The officers spoke with a male who stated that a female hit him. Officers located and interviewed the female. Immediately, they noticed blood on her front teeth and that she was wearing a ripped shirt. A bad breakup occurred the night prior. The female had texted pictures of the male's Xbox to the him, saying she was going to leave it at the entrance of the building. After not finding the Xbox, three men went to the room, and witnesses could hear things being thrown around and someone saying phrases such as "Stop" and "Get off me." Later, another altercation occurred. The male told officers the female had a metal track baton and used it to hit him in the face twice. When a neutral party tried to break up the fight, the female's lip was inadvertently hit. In the female's room, officers discovered that she had choked the male with her forearm, knocked off his glasses, attempted to break his Xbox and jumped on the male's back. The female was read her Miranda rights, arrested and transported to Oakland County Jail.

### Are you drunk?

Officers were sent to Vandenberg Hall on Jan. 12 at 12:14 a.m. to investigate underage drinking. Three individuals in the room consented to a breathalyzer test. One person in the room had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .000, while the second person had a BAC of .172. Before the officers tested the third person, he told them he had just brushed his teeth and that there may have been alcohol in his mouthwash. Instead, he consented to horizontal and vertical gaze nystagmus eye examinations. The officer noticed unusual eye movements and the smell of liquor on his breath. When the test concluded, he immediately admitted to drinking two beers. In response, the officers issued him a minor in possession citation and informed OU Housing of the situation.

### Broken car window

Officers arrived at P2 on Jan. 12 and interviewed a woman who said her vehicle had been vandalized. She told police she went to work shortly before 1 p.m. When she returned, she found her back window broken. Officers reviewed video surveillance in order to discover who might have committed this act. Unfortunately for the woman, officers were unable to get a clear view of her vehicle due to low lighting conditions and trees obstructing the view of the camera.

Compiled by Robert Ogg  
Staff Reporter

## 2017 Wilson and Human Relations Awards

### Now accepting nominations.

**THE ALFRED G. AND MATILDA R. WILSON AWARDS** recognize one female senior student and one male senior student who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the OU community. **Nominees must:**

- be graduating seniors in winter 2017 or have graduated in summer or fall 2016
- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

**THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD** recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the OU community. **Nominees must:**

- be graduating seniors in winter 2017 or have graduated in summer or fall 2016
- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

Nomination forms are available at [oakland.edu/deanofstudents/dean\\_awards](http://oakland.edu/deanofstudents/dean_awards). The deadline for all application materials is Monday, February 13, 2017.

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# Biology professor receives hefty \$400k research grant

Shelby Tankersley  
Campus Editor

Evolutionary medicine practices can help explain why we get sick over and over. Many diseases evolve and change, meaning that we can get ill from them more than once.

Fabia Battistuzzi, an assistant professor of biology at Oakland University, recently received a grant of over \$400,000 from the National Institutes of Health to study evolutionary medicine using malaria cells.

She will conduct the research using databases over a period of three years, which is about how long a grant this size will last. While doing this research, she may apply for more grants so that the project can continue.

“Research is expensive,” said Arik Dvir, the chair of Department of Biological Sciences.

“The university simply cannot sponsor it. When [faculty] start here, we give them a certain chunk of money to get them started, but then they have to get the grants so they can continue.”

He stressed that this grant is something for Battistuzzi to be proud of, since many applicants are unsuccessful in being awarded grants.

“The National Institutes of Health is the main government sponsor for medical research,” Dvir said. “Winning the funding is between a 10 percent to 25 percent chance of getting what you need. So we’re very proud of her.”

Dvir also said that databases are a relatively new way to do research and that Battistuzzi has great knowledge in this area.

Battistuzzi said that unique knowledge is what helped her

get the grant in the first place, since the funding is so competitive.

“It had to be something that nobody has done before in terms of research,” she said.

Battistuzzi’s research certainly will be different, since using databases for this purpose is not a common practice, according to Dvir.

“The research will be looking at genomes,” Battistuzzi said. “I’m going to focus on genomes from pathogens that cause malaria in humans and other organisms. I’ll collect them in a database and compare them to one another.”

Battistuzzi said she’ll be allowing students to get involved in the project.

“One of the things that I really like about this grant is that it allows me to hire students, both graduate and undergraduate,



Elyse Gregory / The Oakland Post

Biology Professor Fabia Battistuzzi plans to research evolutionary medicine.

to work on it with me,” she said. “They’ll be exposed to a type of research that they don’t usually do. This will increase their experience and put them in a better position later on.”

Dvir said that Battistuzzi takes on about eight undergraduates and two graduates to work with her during each academic year, and those positions may change by year.

Above all, Battistuzzi said it was very exciting for her to know that she’ll actually be able

to do her research.

“It was a moment of great joy,” she said. “And of course because they [the grants] are so competitive to get, it’s a very stressful process. So, it was also a big relief to know that I had gotten it.”

Now she’ll be able to put the money to use with the hopes of making progress.

“We want to learn new things and teach students how to learn new things,” Battistuzzi said. “That’s exactly what grants like this allow us to do.”

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p><b>10-11 A.M.</b></p> <p>Mental Health Kiosk Unveiling Kresge Library</p> <p><b>12-1 P.M.</b></p> <p>SPB Hump Day: “Education is...” Discussion Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge</p> <p>“Evangelization in the Modern World” Lecture by Thomas Mulcahy Oakland Center, Gold Room B</p> <p><b>1-1:50 P.M.</b></p> <p>“Getting Back in the Groove” Workshop hosted by OU Rec Well Recreation Center, Herman Room</p> <p><b>4:30-6:30 P.M.</b></p> <p>“Bridging the Chasm: A Social and Political Dialogue that Matters” Oakland Center, Gold Room A</p> <p><b>7-9 P.M.</b></p> <p>“A Tyranny of Development: Terra Nullius and the Political Ecology of Large-Scale Land Transfers in Ethiopia” Lecture by Getnet Bekele Oakland Center, Gold Rooms B &amp; C RSVP to jkessler@oakland.edu</p>	<p><b>12-1 P.M.</b></p> <p>Excellence for Detroit Hosted by Phi Alpha Theta 479 Varner Hall</p> <p><b>7-9 P.M.</b></p> <p>“A Different World” Hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Oakland Center, Lake Superior B</p> <p>“Inequality” Lecture by Chuck Collins Oakland Center, Banquet Room B</p> <p><b>8 P.M.</b></p> <p>The DDA Concert: Detroit Dance Artists Showcase Varner Lab Theatre</p>	<p><b>11:45 A.M. - 1 P.M.</b></p> <p>“The Rising Star Expedition: Excavating Homo naledi” Lecture by Anthropologist Hannah Morris Hosted by the Sociology Club Oakland Center, Gold Room C</p> <p><b>7 P.M.</b></p> <p>Women’s basketball vs. Cleveland State O’rena</p> <p><b>8 P.M.</b></p> <p>The DDA Concert: Detroit Dance Artists Showcase Varner Lab Theatre</p>	<p><b>12-3 P.M.</b></p> <p>Women and Gender Studies Film Festival, “Style Beyond the Binary: Transgender Visibility and Recognition” 201 Dodge Hall</p> <p><b>1 P.M.</b></p> <p>Swimming and diving vs. Michigan State Oakland Aquatic Center</p> <p><b>2 P.M.</b></p> <p>The DDA Concert: Detroit Dance Artists Showcase Varner Lab Theatre</p> <p><b>8 P.M.</b></p> <p>The DDA Concert: Detroit Dance Artists Showcase Varner Lab Theatre</p>	<p><b>2 P.M.</b></p> <p>The DDA Concert: Detroit Dance Artists Showcase Varner Lab Theatre</p> <p><b>3 P.M.</b></p> <p>Women’s basketball vs. Youngstown State O’rena</p> <p><b>3-5 P.M.</b></p> <p>Performance by Pianist Christopher O’Riley Varner Recital Hall</p>	<p><b>11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.</b></p> <p>Global Health Lunch N’ Learn: “The Physician’s Role in Human Rights” with Ranit Mishori 204 O’Dowd Hall RSVP to cyreedhe@oakland.edu</p> <p><b>12-1 P.M.</b></p> <p>“What Now?” Election Discussion Hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge</p> <p><b>7:30-9:30 P.M.</b></p> <p>Jazz Double Bass Concert feat. Miles Brown and Jeff Pedraz Varner Recital Hall</p>





Photo courtesy of the Detroit Institute of Arts

Pictured is a porcelain tea and coffee set (1842–1843) from the Detroit Institute of Arts collection.

## Food, drinks for thought

*DIA to host cultural festival on origins of coffee, tea, chocolate*

**Laurel Kraus**  
Staff Reporter

**R**epresentatives of the Chinese, Japanese, Arabic and Indian cultures will converge at the Detroit Institute of Arts on Jan. 21 and 22 for the International Coffee and Tea Festival.

Each cultural setup was organized by an individual on the DIA's auxiliary board, Friends of Asian Arts and Cultures: Mieko Inaba (Japanese), Jumana Cooper (Arabic), Li Hsieh (Chinese) and Rupali Lunani (Indian).

Craft, fashion and cultural demonstrations will also be exhibited, but the main purpose of this event is to display the way that these cultures' coffee and tea have affected Western societies.

"It shows how the cultures where coffee and tea and chocolate originated heavily influenced culture when we started trading for those commodities," said Emily Bowyer, the DIA's family program director and lead organizer and liaison for this project.

According to the DIA, coffee was historically imported from Africa through the Middle East, tea from Asia, chocolate from the Americas and sugar was harvested by slaves on colonial plantations.

Both Saturday and Sunday will feature main events in the Great Hall from noon until 4 p.m. These will include, but are not limited to: coffee cup reading; a display of Chinese and Taiwanese Paintings; a Sencha (casual tea) demonstration and tasting with Japanese sweets; and an Indian clothing display of rural, bridal, ethnic and modern Bollywood fashions.

The two days will also include hands-on activities in the student lunch room, such as writing Japanese calligraphy and making Indian candle holders.

"The thing that has hit me the most working

with this group of people is how excited they are to be able to present parts of their culture, parts of their tradition, in a platform like we have here at the DIA," Bowyer said.

On Saturday, performances and demonstrations in Rivera Court will include a Lebanese line dance and belly dance, Arabic music played on traditional string instruments called the oud and qanun, and Arabic calligraphy, all at 1 p.m. At 3 p.m., there will be a Chinese Tea Ceremony; music played on the guzheng, which is an ancient string instrument also known as the Chinese zither; and Chinese painting and calligraphy.

"The Arabic group, they're having music, and there are instruments that I had never heard of before, and now that I've gone to YouTube and listened to them, I'm really excited to see it live," Bowyer said.

Sunday includes a Japanese Tea Ceremony (chanoyu) and a kimono show at 1 p.m. At 3 p.m., guests can experience music played on an Indian instrument; an Indian classical, folk and fusion Bollywood dance; and a fashion show of colorful Indian outfits.

"It's a chance for these people to share their traditions with you, and if you're unfamiliar with any of these traditions, I think that this would be an excellent opportunity to see someone with passion sharing with you," Bowyer said.

Museum admission is free for residents of Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties, and \$7 for Oakland University students with IDs. Museum admission grants full access to all events within the festival.

The DIA also hosts weekly events such as Friday Night Live!, featuring live music from around the world from 6 to 10 p.m., and Sunday Music Bar with sets at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

For more information or inquiries, contact the DIA at (313) 833-7900 or visit their website at DIA.org.

## Film festival to address transgender, gender-nonconforming issues

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

**T**he Women and Gender Studies Program at Oakland University will be holding its 33rd annual film festival on Saturday, Jan. 21. This year, a documentary titled "Suited" will be played, telling the story of Bindle & Keep, a tailoring company in Brooklyn that caters to transgender and gender-nonconforming clients.

There will be a discussion following the film featuring four guest speakers:

- Dr. Kathleen Battles, associate professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism
- Jacob Semma, student assistant at the OU Gender and Sexuality Center
- Morgan Shaw-Andrade from Transcend the Binary in Ferndale
- Aiden Ramirez-Tatum of the Spectrum Center at the University of Michigan

"I hope that people will ask respectful questions that will help them gain knowledge and understanding of LGBTQ issues," Semma said. "I think that students will gain a unique perspective into the lives of the LGBTQ community, at least in terms of navigating clothing, but hopefully in terms of just navigating everyday life."

Ami Harbin, one of the planning committee members, said that anywhere between 150 and 200 people come out in support of the film festival each year.

"It [the film, 'Suited,'] opens up a number of important discussions about how all of us come to know our gender," Harbin said. "... how other people and relationships affect how we experience our genders, what happens when our sense of gender is not the same as how others see us, and what kinds of things out in the world can make it possible for all of us to feel supported in our gender identities."

Harbin explained that the film talks about the ways that clothing allows for people to present themselves in a way that represents their gender.

"Part of why the film is so moving is because it shows how even something as simple as an outfit can help us feel more like ourselves," Harbin said. "There are a

number of gorgeous scenes where we see people who have for a long time felt uncomfortable in their own skin ... suddenly feel much more at ease and comfortable just because they have been given an outfit that reflects who they really are."

This year, OU has made attempts to allow trans students to feel and reflect who they are officially. A new preferred name policy was unveiled in the fall semester, allowing students to change their names on MySail and Banner.

Harbin discussed how university campuses can allow for transgender students, staff and faculty to feel welcomed in the everyday workings of the campus community. She listed some of the most important policies that a university should have to create a welcoming space:

- Having preferred name and pronoun policies that allow for in-class and on-record use
- Having gender-neutral bathrooms accessible in every building
- Having clear policies that allow for protection for transgender students using bathrooms
- Having open and welcoming medical care and counseling services that have professionals trained in the medical needs of the LGBTQIA+ community
- Having classes and programs for students to learn about oppression within society that harms people in trans communities, and having these courses talk about the accomplishments of the trans community
- Having faculty who are committed to ensuring the success of trans students

Semma hopes that the movie and discussion will help bring awareness to some of these issues.

"I think that people should know that gender is socially constructed, and there are people that are all over the spectrum of gender," he said. "I hope to talk about my experience as a trans man when it comes to health care, media representation, university life and, overall, my experience. I want to be able to bring attention to the trans experience, especially of those who are not as privileged as I am."



# This year's Alternative Spring Break choices

Gina Navaroli  
Staff Reporter

Spring break is rapidly approaching, and it is about time to figure out how to fill the free time. Among various volunteer opportunities provided by Oakland University, Alternative Spring Break is one that students wait all year to apply for.

During these trips, students are involved in multiple mission works including disaster relief, health care, education and tutoring.

In previous years, ASB students have traveled to South Carolina, Texas, Pennsylvania, Florida and Illinois.

This year, groups will be traveling to provide community services in four locations. Here's what each place is all about, according to ASB's GrizzOrgs page:

**Austin, Texas** — Thinkery, Any Baby Can, Austin Animal Shelter and Starry: Students will be helping at an animal shelter and doing minor home repairs.

**Nashville, Tennessee** — Nashville Rescue Mission: Volunteers will be serving at a soup kitchen and working in a warehouse that handles donations for underprivileged people. This option is a new addition this year, according to Emily DeLano, the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development's coordinator of leadership and service learning.

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida** — Victory Living: Students will be working with an organization that strives to give people with disabilities services and opportunities.

**Kissimmee, Florida** — Give Kids the World: Volunteers will be serving food and operating rides at this cost-free resort and theme park for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

This year, OU's spring break is Feb. 19-26. Attending ASB is an opportunity to make a difference, meet new people and develop new skills during time off from classes.

DeLano gave insight into this year's ASB as she looks forward to her seventh year of volunteering.

"Students have life-transforming experiences," DeLano said. "They oversee recreational therapy for kids with illnesses. Students learn from people in need. They learn thankfulness, patience [and] a greater appreciation for their college education."

She said 70 students volunteer and fly to the various locations. They volunteer around eight hours a day.

The student fee for ASB is \$300-\$500. This cost includes housing, meals and transportation. DeLano expects ASB's application to include volunteer and leadership experience, hard work and great character.

"There is no greater feeling to see students serve others and, in fact, they [students] learn from serving," DeLano said.



Photo courtesy of Cassie Stoutenburg

Students participating in Alternative Spring Break get involved with a variety of volunteer projects, including disaster relief, health care, education and tutoring.

"There is no other gift better than to serve someone else in need. If they [students] are ready to grow in character and be a servant leader, this is the trip for you."

Cassie Stoutenburg, president of ASB and senior biomedical sciences major, explained ASB from a student perspective. She is going into her fourth year attending the trip.

"My favorite part about ASB is the people that I meet while on the trips," she said. "Meeting people from OU that are passionate enough about volunteering on their week off from classes is a really cool thing when you are also that passionate."

Stoutenburg said her bond with the people in need makes the work worthwhile.

"Seeing the smiles on their faces and hearing the appreciation in their voices makes the early mornings and late evenings on our week off beyond worth it," she said.

Going on a trip with no familiar faces can be a step out of a student's comfort zone. Stoutenburg said attending ASB her freshman year changed her for the better.

"I met the most incredible students at Oakland through that trip and learned so much about myself," she said. "I would tell students that these trips will transform their outlooks on life. You will come back refreshed and thankful, and that is something that you truly cannot understand until you experience this."

## 'Mom's Gift' charms audiences at Meadow Brook Theatre

Amy Swanson  
Staff Reporter

The heartwarming comedy "Mom's Gift" is now showing at the Meadow Brook Theatre. Written by Phil Olson, this Michigan premiere will run through Jan. 29.

The show stars American television icon Cindy Williams, who is best known as Shirley Feeney on the classic sitcom "Laverne and Shirley."

In "Mom's Gift," Williams plays Peggy Swenson, a mom on a mission, according to a press release.

She arrives at her husband's birthday party, despite being dead for the last 11 months. To make matters worse, the only person who can hear or see Peggy is her older daughter.

Similar to the angel in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life," Peggy needs to accomplish a special task in order to earn her wings. However, what that task is remains a mystery.

"One by one, the family's secrets are peeled away, revealing a shocking truth

that surprises even our ghost," wrote one reviewer from The Oakland Press.

This is Williams' fourth show at Meadow Brook. Travis Walter, MBT artistic director and director of "Mom's Gift," believes it will be an audience favorite.

"We're thrilled to have Cindy back," he said. "This is a great show — very funny and heartfelt. I knew Cindy could bring the role just the right touch of humor and humanity. We consider anyone who performs here to be family and are always happy when someone can come 'home' again."

Williams is joined by Mark Rademacher as Jack Swenson, Dani Cochrane as Kat Swenson and Franny Kromminga as Britany Swenson.

As this is Kromminga's first season at MBT, she appreciates the opportunity to perform alongside this cast.

"Especially as an actor right out of school, I have really valued my time with all of my more experienced castmates, and I have learned a lot from watching them work," she said.

She feels this production stands out

from others.

"Mom's Gift" is such a treasure of a show because it uses things everyone finds familiar — family conflict and support — to illustrate a classically funny, tangled storyline," she said. "It's relatable for absolutely everyone and manages to be both funny and heart-wrenching, sometimes in the same scene."

Similarly, Walter believes that any audience member can identify with one of the characters.

"That is the beauty of this particular play," he said. "Everyone sees it from a different angle based on their own life experiences."

Ultimately, Walter hopes audience members leave the show inspired to strengthen their family relationships.

"I want them to call their parents and tell them they love them," he said. "Life is short, and no matter what your differences are, you should try to resolve them."

Completing the cast is Monica J. Palmer playing Trish and Mrs. Norquist, and Tyrick Wiltz Jones as Kevin Reese.

Working behind the scenes is stage



Photo courtesy of Sean Carter

Cindy Williams (left) and Dani Cochrane (right) play the role of Mom and Kat in "Mom's Gift."

manager Terry Carpenter, with set design by Kristin Gribbin, costumes by Karen Kangas-Preston, sound by Mike Duncan and lighting by Reid G. Johnson.

Ticket prices range from \$27 to \$42. Student discounts are available, and tickets can be purchased by calling the MBT box office at (248) 377-3300 or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For group pricing on parties of eight or more, call (248) 370-3316.

Visit [www.mbtheatre.com](http://www.mbtheatre.com) for more information.





**GRAND RAPIDS** Only about two hours from OU, the city is known for its wide selection of restaurants and breweries, as well as its art and culture. There is plenty to do and explore here.

# Winter Wanderlust in the Mitten

*Michigan offers a variety of destinations for adventure, no need to leave for spring break*

**Amy Swanson / Staff Reporter**  
**Taylor Stinson / Intern Photographer**

**W**ith the semester in full swing, daydreams of lounging on a warm, sandy beach begin creeping in.

While a tropical getaway may be out of the question this spring break, don't get discouraged — there are tons of inexpensive things to do right here in Michigan.

A trip to one of these cities will feel like an escape, even if you don't leave the mitten.

## Grand Rapids

With over 60 craft breweries within an hour from downtown, this place is known as Beer City, USA, according to ExperienceGR.com.

Feb. 15 begins the monthlong event Cool Brews Hot Eats, during which restaurants will offer food-and-beer pairing specials. Oakland University's winter recess officially begins at 10 p.m. on Feb. 18, which happens to be the first weekend of this event.

There are also many free beer tours and inexpensive wine tastings at different joints.

And the deliciousness doesn't stop there.

Thrillist named Grand Rapids Michigan's best food city of 2016 because it has made a big impact on the state with its vast variety of restaurants.

Then, there's its rich art culture. Admire the work of local artists at galleries or visit one of many art institutions.

Options include the Grand Rapids Art Museum, which has free general admission all day on Tuesdays, as well

as Thursdays from 5-9 p.m. Admission comes with a free guided tour, according to the museum's website.

Currently, there is also a landmark exhibit displaying the work of the influential Chinese artist and activist Ai Weiwei at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. The complex is one of the world's 100 most-visited art museums, according to ExperienceGR.com.

Another deal is at the Arts & Carafes Studio, which has open paint from 12:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. For \$10, a guest gets a 10-inch-by-10-inch canvas to create whatever he or she wants.

Or just bundle up and explore the murals and sculptures tucked in corners throughout the city.

Save some time for shopping in downtown stores, boutiques and malls.

Complete the trip by taking in the winter scenery on cross-country ski trails, or enjoy the fresh air while ice skating on Rosa Parks Circle, which is \$1 for those 17 and under and \$2 for those 18 and up.

## Traverse City

First off, this spot has winter sports galore, with indoor and outdoor ice skating rinks, as well as skiing and snowboarding.

One specific event is Snowshoes, Vines & Wines!, held Saturdays and Sundays at Black Star Farms. After roaming the trails, enjoy mulled wine, hot chocolate or a bowl of chili on the Terrace Patio. In addition, guests can purchase wines, ciders and spirits.

For thrill-seekers, there are over 100 miles of trails for exciting snowmobile rides.

"Tubing at the ski hills is something to do with friends that is really fun, accessible and affordable," said Trevor Tkach, president and CEO of Traverse City Tourism.

The highest hill can be found at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, with the famous 260-foot Dune Climb, according to TraverseCity.com.

For the 21-and-up crowd, the city's location near the 45th parallel makes it great for wine production, according to



WanderWisdom.com. There are over 30 well-known wineries to check out.

Beer-lovers aren't excluded, as the city boasts many distilleries, breweries and taprooms.

Of course, the downtown stretch has tons of stores and restaurants, as well as museums, theaters, spas and casinos.

Tkach believes the city is ideal for students, as prices are reasonable in February.

"TraverseCity.com even has some special True Escape packages that will give you deals on lodging, dining, entertainment, shopping and more," he said.

There are certain events going on during Oakland's break, such as A Whole Brunch of Art on Feb. 18. A \$35 ticket includes Scandinavian-themed food, two cocktails, live music and artist demonstrations. The event encompasses the "Hygge: A Winter's Glow" Art Exhibit, which runs through Feb. 25. This free multimedia art exhibit pays tribute to the different ways people find happiness during these chilly months, according to TraverseCity.com.

Visitors can cheer on those competing in the ICE CUBE - Winter Sports Team Relay on Feb. 25 or the ICEBERG - First Winter Sports Triathlon on Feb. 26. Details can be found at TraverseCity.com.

## Frankenmuth

Although this quaint town is a little over an hour away from OU, its charm transports visitors to old-world Germany.

Of course, one go-to is filling up at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, famous for its family-style chicken dinners.

As of now, it is the country's largest family restaurant, with seating for almost 1,500 guests at a time, according to WanderWisdom.com.

While traveling in that direction, hit the Birch Run Premium Outlets to score some deals. Then, in Frankenmuth, take a stroll through downtown's Main Street and browse its characteristic boutiques, or the more than 40 stores at River Place Shops.

For those not ready to give up the holiday cheer, visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland. It's the largest Christmas store in the world, according to WanderWisdom.com.

"There's so much to do here, and a little something for everyone," said Elaine Smith from the Frankenmuth Visitor and Welcome Center. "A lot of people especially rave about our museums."

History buffs can get their fix at stops like the Lager Mill Brewing Museum. Admission is only \$1 for students and includes entry to the Frankenmuth Historical Museum.

There's also Michigan's Military and Space Heroes Museum, which focuses on wartime experiences of men and women from the state of Michigan. Col-

lege students get in for \$5.

And make some time to relax.

De-stress from the hectic semester at Serendipity Day Spa, which offers services like manicures, massages and body treatments. Or get cozy and take a horse-drawn carriage ride through the city's pleasant streets.

For some cheap booze-filled fun, there are many options.

Visit the Wine Garden Tasting Room at the Frankenmuth FunShips to enjoy samples of Michigan wine and hand-made chocolate. The pairing costs \$5, or \$3 for just chocolate, according to Frankenmuth.org.

In addition to \$5 wine tasting at St. Julian Winery, Michigan's oldest wine company, there is also free tasting of Michigan spirits at the Grand Traverse Distillery.

## Ann Arbor

This place has more than just the average college-town bars and spirit-gear stores.

Meander down Main Street and check out the plethora of shops, bookstores and art galleries. And if you're a fan of cherries, be sure to stop by Cherry Republic and load up on free samples of abundant Michigan products.

Then, make the difficult decision of where to dine. Of the options is Frita Bati-dos, offering one of the 10 best hamburgers in America, according to USA Today.

In the evening, catch a stand-up act at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase.

Nationally-touring comic Shane Torres will be there Feb. 16-18, and Bil Dwyer will be there Feb. 23-25, with tickets as low as \$9. Or check out local performers and open-mic nights during the week.

Looking for a novel experience?

Hang out at the cat café, Tiny Lions, and sip coffee while making some furry friends.

There's even Yoga with Cats on Sunday mornings for \$10. Those 18 and older can also snuggle during a movie at the event Big Cat's Night Out on Feb. 18. A \$15 ticket includes two alcoholic drinks and popcorn.

Or you can go to Ann Arbor's historic Michigan Theater to watch a movie like never before. First opened in 1928, its historic auditorium and screening room now play a variety of films, from contemporary to classics and silent-era films, according to the theater's website.

To keep the brain sharp, check out the University of Michigan Museum of Art, the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History, or one of three escape room companies.

For some exercise, purchase a public skating pass at the Yost Ice Arena to use during designated hours.

Or you can throw on some layers and explore the trails at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum. To

warm up, stop in the conservatory to view different plants from all around the world.



## Mackinaw City

You might think of Mackinaw City as a summer destination.

However, you can experience an entirely different side of the area during the winter months.

Mackinaw Crossings is open, with attractions like the Courtyard Cinema. And while many stores are closed, some open at various times or even on request, according to Mackinac.com.

Then, although service is limited, take a ferry or winter taxi to Mackinac Island. This cozy, secluded spot is perfect for those looking to escape the chaos of life, slow down and relax with friends.

Take advantage of the winter wonder-

land — there are plenty of cross-country ski trails to explore, as forest covers 80 percent of the island, according to Ski-Mackinac.com.

In fact, the entire east half of the island is reserved for cross-country skiing and is one of the best places for the activity in the country, according to Mackinac.com.

Trek past Fort Mackinac and make it to Fort Holmes, the highest point on the island, then to Arch Rock and take in the view of Lake Huron.

Or go old-school — not many can say they've gone snowshoeing surrounded by snow-covered cedar trees.

And while many restaurants are closed in the winter, there are still some options. This includes the Grand Hotel's new restaurant Cawthorne's Village Inn, as well as the Mustang Lounge that offers live entertainment.

Doud's Market, the oldest grocery store in America, according to its website, is also open year-round. Stop by to stock up on goodies and spend a warm evening in.

One annual event that falls during Oakland's break is the Great Turtle Chili Cook Off on Feb. 18. Held at Cawthorne's Village Inn, home cooks and professional chefs compete for first through third place, according to MackinacIsland.org. For a small price, grab a score card and sample some chili made from scratch.

It doesn't get more up-north than that.

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Holly Robinson Peete spoke about her philanthropic work with individuals affected by autism and Parkinson's.

## Honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

### Seven students receive Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards

**Paige Brockway**  
Editor-in-Chief

**O**akland University kicked off its African American Celebration Month with the 25th annual Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards, honoring seven students with \$5,000 scholarships each.

Keeper of the Dream Scholarships have been awarded since 1993 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to students who "exemplify Dr. King's vision," according to OU's website.

In order to qualify, students must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average, "have a clear career focus and academic persistence" and be returning to OU for the following fall and winter semesters.

This year's recipients were Daryl Blackburn, Ashley Chillis, Alex Currington, Shayla McCullough, Gabriela Saenz, Jacob Semma and Aditya Tiwari.

OU Student Congress Vice President Anders Engnell also received special recognition for his work on campus and in his hometown of Pontiac.

"It is an unfathomable honor to receive an award under Dr. King's name and vision," Saenz said in a video shown during the event.

The highlight of the ceremony was keynote speaker Holly Robinson Peete.

"You all really understand

what it means to keep this dream moving, and we need you," she told the award recipients. "We really need you."

Robinson Peete is known for her performances in Fox TV's "21 Jump Street," ABC's "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper" and NBC/WB's "For Your Love." She was previously a host of CBS's "The Talk" and now stars with her family in the OWN Network's reality series "For Peete's Sake."

She is the daughter of Matt Robinson, the first actor to play the role of Gordon on "Sesame Street," and is married to former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete, with whom she co-founded the HollyRod Foundation in 1997.

The foundation seeks to provide compassionate care and services to individuals with Parkinson's disease and autism. Its creation was inspired by Matt Robinson's experiences with Parkinson's disease and her oldest son's diagnosis with autism.

"My father . . . and my son both led me to a life of service, one with Parkinson's and one with autism," she said.

Robinson Peete discussed her son's special needs and how they have impacted her family.

"It was devastating to us," she said, referring to her son's diagnosis at the age of three. "It caused friction to our marriage, to our lives."

Now 19 years old, Robinson Peete's son has a job, holds a

driver's license and voted in the presidential election. The Peete family uses its reality show to raise autism awareness.

Robinson Peete also turned attention toward politics during her speech. She lightheartedly discussed President-elect Donald Trump, whom she encountered when she appeared on "The Celebrity Apprentice."

"If you would've told me that the guy I was sitting across from would be the president, I would've said, 'There's just no way,'" she said. "But stuff happens, and then you pray."

"We're all going on this ride together . . . We have to have a sense of comradery. There's so much divisiveness. We have to get rid of that. That's the only way we're going to get through."

This year's Keeper of the Dream Scholarships were sponsored by Autoliv North America, Beaumont Health, the Key Bank Foundation, The Lynne and Lia McIntosh Scholarship, the Marshall Family Scholar Foundation, the OU Alumni Association and the OU Credit Union.

Jan. 16 was the first day of African American Celebration Month at OU, which runs through Feb. 15. There are 14 events scheduled, including Black Cinema Movie Night, MLK Day of Service and a Black Lives Matter panel discussion. For more information, visit [www.oakland.edu/cmi/aacm/](http://www.oakland.edu/cmi/aacm/).

## Bocce club sport looking for student leadership

*Ancient Egyptian game being brought to Michigan as the newest strategic sport*

**Simon Albaugh**  
Staff Reporter

**W**hat's recognized as one of the oldest games in the world may become a new part of Oakland University's club sports program.

The sport known as bocce, stemming from as far back as 5000 B.C. in ancient Egypt, is a combination of skill and strategy that can challenge any person.

Palazzo di Bocce of Lake Orion, the largest bocce complex in the country, is looking for students to lead the club sport at their Jan. 20 event.

Palazzo di Bocce features 10 bocce courts and will serve as the club's home court until interest in the sport makes an on-campus court a necessity.

"We have the mentors, we have the facility," said Annette Battaglia, daughter of the founders of Palazzo di Bocce. "We're making this happen in our community."

Bocce is played with two teams, each fitted with one to four players. Each team has four 60-gram balls that they try to roll as close to the target ball, or pallino, as possible.

"The joy of the sport is in the finesse," Battaglia said.

In the early development of the bocce club sport, the location of the home court may serve as one of the team's greatest assets.

Palazzo di Bocce is the home of two elite bocce players, Jose Botto, who was second in the world in 2015, and Jason Wisniewski, who was fifth in the world in 2006.

"I like to compete," Botto said. Botto started playing at the insistence of his father and has recently become a member of the world's most elite players.

Botto said one of the best aspects of the sport is having the opportunity to travel, both throughout the U.S. and the world, for bocce competitions.

The sport is highly strategic. "You almost have to be able to read your opponent's mind," Botto said. "There's an opportunity in every game to make unpredictable decisions that change the course of play immensely."

The organizers at Palazzo di Bocce are looking for people with a strategic mindset to offer decisive leadership that could ensure the bocce club sport for years to come.

With good leadership, the bocce club sport may be able to cultivate contenders for the 2024 Summer Olympics, according to Devon Meadows, a representative from Palazzo di Bocce.

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**Jose Botto**  
Elite bocce player

The goal of the potential club sport is to offer transferable skills and a deep appreciation for the sport in its participants, according to the club's recruiting presentation.

Those in attendance of the Jan. 20 event would be considered for an officer position in the developing club sport.

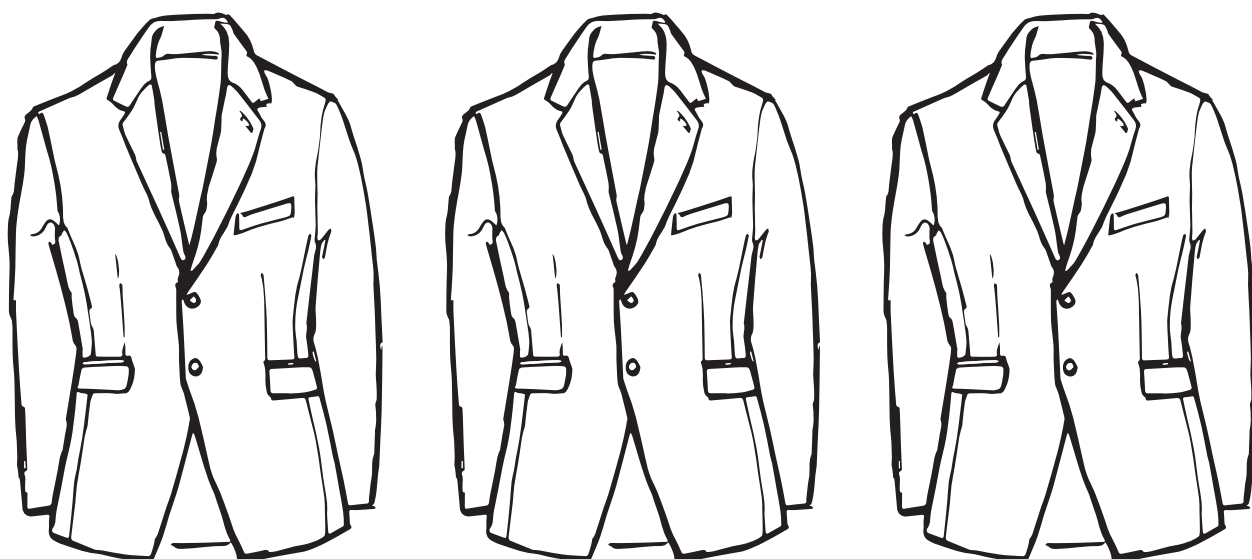
For any questions, email [directors@bocce@palazzodi-bocce.com](mailto:directors@bocce@palazzodi-bocce.com).

Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to participate in the discussion page "Bocce Club Recruitment Day" on Facebook.

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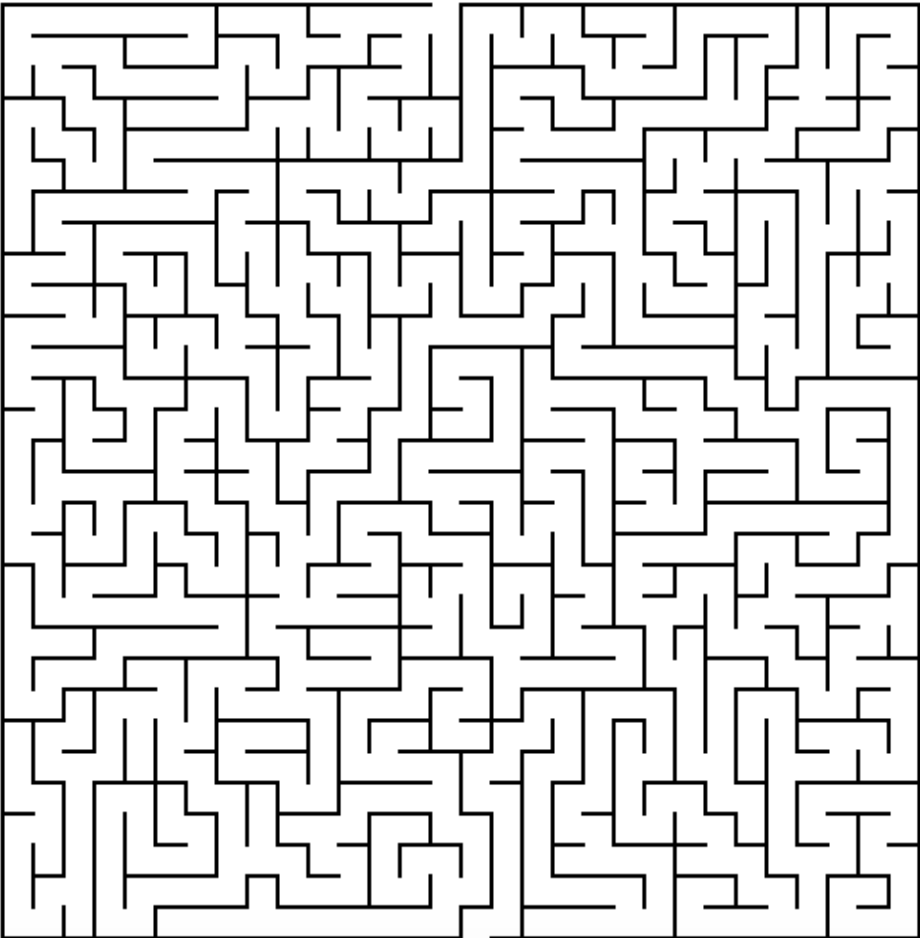
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## Drew's Review:



### Is rock 'n' roll dead?

**Drew Hagge**  
Music Columnist

All right, before you throw off your Metallica T-shirt in a blind rage, let's try and approach this question with some semblance of pragmatism.

First, we have to find a reasonable definition of what "dead" actually means. To have this conversation void of emotion, the mere existence and playing of rock music, at any level, can't keep rock alive by itself. So, no, having a "cool mom" who lets you play rock music in your basement with your friends doesn't exactly meet the threshold for vitality.

Defining "dead" can be tricky because people have always, and will always, be playing rock music, no matter how casually, since the genre's inception. Given that, we must define "dead" according to the genre's relative popularity compared to all other genres of music.

Several factors go into discussing the current state of rock music. These factors include the number of contemporary rock acts (which have a significant following), the popularity of such rock acts (which can be measured by number of streams and album sales) and, most importantly, rock's popularity relative to the other genres of music on the charts.

According to SPIN Magazine, Deerhunter, Parquet Courts and Protomartyr make up some of the best modern rock acts. Unfortunately, after looking at these band's most recent work, Deerhunter's "Fading Frontier" was most popular, peaking at 72 on Billboard's Top 200 chart.

In order to find a rock act on Billboard's Hot 100 list, you'd have to expand the definition of rock music to include Twenty One Pilots. Yeah, sad, I know.

So, is rock 'n' roll dead? Maybe not, but it's just as alive as jazz.

## 'Moonlight': A glowing cinematic masterpiece

**Lawson Robinson**  
Movie Columnist

Each year, one or two films are created that transcend the confines of a movie-going experience and become a work of art. Films like "Moonlight" bring together various parts, like pieces to a puzzle, and craft a film that can be defined as "perfection."

"Moonlight" was both written and directed in a wondrous manner by Barry Jenkins to tell the coming-of-age story of Chiron, a gay black male. Jenkins displays an in-depth look into both the gay and black communities as he works this story through both cultures. Through his characters, Jenkins addresses topics such as fatherhood and masculinity in an emotional context.

A strong sense of cinematic direction is also exemplified throughout every second of this motion picture. Jenkins adopts the classic "show, don't tell" style of

filmmaking that is difficult to perfect. Dialogue is used only when necessary as Jenkins utilizes the visual nature of cinema.

The most crucial aspect of this film is its actors and actresses, who truly embody their characters. From Mahershala Ali, who has garnered nominations for his support performance, to Janelle Monáe and her ability to display empathy as a character. All three of the actors who play Chiron through the different acts of the film (Trevante Rhodes, Ashton Sanders and Alex Hibbert) deserve a large amount of praise, as well.

"Moonlight" is a beautiful masterpiece that won the Golden Globe for best drama and should win plenty of Academy Awards. Years from now, "Moonlight" will be taught in cinema classes. Go see this movie.

**Rating: 5/5 stars**



## Depiction of teenage troubles in Emily Fridlund's 'History of Wolves'

**Simon Albaugh**  
Staff Reporter

With the initial premise that presents itself as a typical coming-of-age novel, Emily Fridlund's "History of Wolves" proves that there's a lot more to the loner in the high school hallways.

Tracking the desperate attempts of protagonist Linda, who is trying to belong, this book shows the lengths some would take in order to fit in with a community.

Linda is a teenager living with her family on a failed hippie commune and is ostracized for this in school. She's only able to find a friend in a recently hired teacher who is later convicted for the possession of child pornography.

Startled by this, Linda then directs her need for connection toward a family that moved across the northern Minnesota lake where the commune is located. What follows is her slow insertion into the family dynamic of what she feels is a "normal" home life.

However, it's slowly revealed that the "normal" household she's trying to belong to is actually a little more insidious. Her desperation to belong demonstrates the grayness of an aspect of humanity that we all may think is morally black and white.

This can especially be seen in the rapidly decreasing health of the family's child, as the parents refuse to get medical help because of ideological reasons.

Emily Fridlund's debut novel, which was released Jan. 3, is a successful look at morality and companionship. She shows moral ambiguity with the dark and intimately revealing tone of some of the best Gothic writers of the 20th century.

Possibly its most successful aspect is the perfect match of the narrator's personality with Fridlund's narrative style.

Linda's morbid curiosity mixed with continued disappointment created a character who was almost emotionally detached from every aspect of herself except the desire to belong.

The detachment of the character seems to be a throwback to teenage angst that many people can clearly remember going through in their high-school years, which makes this an interesting read for many college students.

In addition to this, the book's progression of events can seem separate from the established plot, which makes this a confusing read for the first third of the book.

Emphasizing this confusion is the continued reference of certain characters that didn't seem to have enough de-

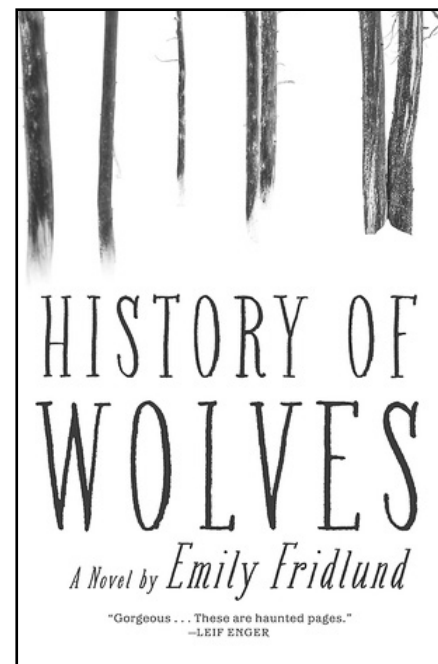
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Whether this is supposed to be because of Linda's detachment from those characters' lives or because of bad characterization, I don't know, but ignoring those negative aspects of the book, this novel can be an extremely telling show of the depravity of a teenager's need to belong.

I would recommend this book to anyone with a psychology, secondary education or sociology major looking to understand what to expect when teenagers begin navigating an increasingly menacing world.

For anyone looking to understand the mind of a teenager in the grips of an intense need to belong, this book may reveal exactly what you're looking for and more.



**Rating: 3 out of 5 stars**





# Political Focus: ‘Obamacare’ repeal, replace process begins

Melissa Deatsch  
Sports Editor

In the final days of the Obama Administration, the legacy of the 44th president is under debate. However, one of the biggest accomplishments of his eight years in office may be undone by a Republican-led battle in Congress.



On Jan. 13, the House of Representatives voted to take the first step in repealing the Affordable Care Act, nicknamed “Obamacare.” However, many Republicans and Democrats alike have concerns regarding the repeal. If the ACA is repealed without an immediate replacement, this will leave over 20 million Americans without health insurance.

According to CNN, House Speaker Paul Ryan vowed to have a replacement for Obamacare at the time of the repeal; however, he provided little specifics on how that replacement will look.

On Jan. 8, Senator Rand Paul unveiled some details of his version of a replacement plan on CNN’s “State of the Union” with Jake Tapper.

He mentioned a couple of debated topics that can give us an idea of some of the goals Republicans have for their replacement.

## Obamacare’s mandates

“One of those key reforms that we will do is, we’re going to legalize the sale of inexpensive insurance,” Paul said to Tapper. “That means getting rid of Obamacare mandates on what you can buy.”

One of the biggest complaints that Republicans have with Obamacare is with the mandates that limit the customization of health insurance plans. Obamacare took multiple benefits that were hard to find and required insurers to include them in all of their plans. Those in opposition of the ACA argue that this raises the cost.

Under Paul’s plan, consumers would be able to choose the plan with the benefits that makes the most sense for them.

A common argument is something along the lines of, “Why should a 55-year-old couple have to pay for maternity benefits?”

By giving consumers more choice, insurers can lower premiums. However, this is likely to raise deductibles.

## Health savings accounts

“We are going to help people save through health savings accounts, as well as tax credits,” Paul said.

For these higher deductibles, Republicans encourage people to take advantage of health savings accounts. These accounts allow individuals to set money aside for future medical expenses tax-free.

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An all-out repeal of Obamacare isn’t likely because of the Democrats’ ability to filibuster the vote. Republicans, instead, have to take a different route.

To be eligible for these accounts, an individual must be covered by a high-deductible health insurance plan. As of right now, according to National Conference of State Legislatures, high-deductible plans are those that require single patients to pay the first \$1,300, or families to pay the first \$2,600.

Paul also mentioned tax credits as a way to help lower the cost for those who need help. Under Obamacare, the federal government provides funding to help pay for insurance based on income. The less you make, the more money you get to help cover the cost of your premium.

Republicans are in favor of these tax credits; however, according to CNN, the Republican plan would base credits on age, not income.

## It’s a complicated process

An all-out repeal of Obamacare isn’t likely because of the Democrats’ ability to filibuster the vote. Republicans, instead, have to take a different route.

The vote that took place last week to set the repeal into motion was on a “budget reconciliation.” As Think Progress explains, this vote now allows congressional committees to create legislation around federal spending and, in turn, allows legislation to be created to undo major portions of Obamacare.

This means last week’s vote was only step one, and it was the easiest part of the battle to repeal the legislation. Congress will need to agree on a replacement plan and specific legislation to repeal the provisions. The process will take a long time, and nothing is changing anytime soon.

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# How Dr. King's message matters with today's issues

Isaac Martin  
Political Contributor

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, and educated at Boston University, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was made a household name across America by a boycott in 1956.



Known today as the face of the civil rights movement that climaxed with the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, Dr. King's legacy lives on today, 49 years after his assassination.

We remember him lest we forget not only some of the worst mistakes of our country, but also several of its most glorious triumphs.

Dr. King presented a powerful plea which held, at its core, the supreme value and dignity that resides in the soul of every human being. Dr. King's America looked very different from the one we observe around us today, however. This past week, I was talking with a friend born in 1953, and the ugly differences between the two periods came into startlingly sharp focus.

As a young black lad growing up in the south, he had many firsthand experiences with segregation. For instance, when my friend and his family wanted to eat out, they were subjected to less-than-courteous service.

Even at respectable dine-in establishments, his family was forced to order through a little window and eat their food outside as they sat on empty Coke crates. Meanwhile, they could see white families through the store's windows, sitting on chairs at tables covered with tablecloths.

They had both paid the same price for the same food at the same restaurant; the implied inferiority of his skin-tone was not difficult to pick up. Yet my friend readily admitted that much has changed since his youth — change that stemmed, in part, from Dr. King's message of hope and human dignity.

But even the noblest cause does itself a grave disservice if advanced by evil, unjust means. Dr. King understood this truth and asserted that nonviolent confrontation would be the avenue through which true reconciliation and equal standing under the law

could be achieved.

It was his commitment to nonviolence that won Dr. King the hearts of Americans. As the Bible says, "The greatest of these is love."

We cannot be lulled into believing that Dr. King's message and mode of operation are only for yesteryear. Indeed, even as the civil rights movement of the 1960s drew to a close, a new movement emerged.

In fact, one of the leaders of this movement is none other than Dr. King's niece, Dr. Alveda King. She sees the pro-life movement as a continuation of the civil rights movement, stating, "Civil rights. Human rights. It all goes together."

She views abortion as a devastating danger to the African American community, saying it "has wiped out one out of four blacks in the United States. That's 15 million Americans who have been denied the most fundamental civil right, the right to life."

The fight for liberty and justice for all is by no means over. Dr. King himself argued that "The Negro cannot win as long as he is willing to sacrifice the lives of his children for comfort and safety."

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So long as abortion is legal, we must join hand-in-hand to oppose this tragic travesty. We must remember the sage words that emanated from a Birmingham jail, that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

It is imperative that we regularly recall the memory of Dr. King. If we neglect this man, we will be doomed to continue in our failures and impeded in our progress toward a brighter tomorrow.

## SATIRE

### For sale: President-elect

Couple seeks a new home for unqualified pet

Simon Albaugh  
Staff Reporter

After rushing to get a president-elect in time for Christmas, my husband and I realized this decision shouldn't be made lightly.

We thought it'd be cute to give the president-elect a trial run to help us figure out whether we want any bigger responsibilities. You know, to give us something to take care of before we decide to have kids.

But this turned out to be a nightmare that I don't ever want again.

We're losing our minds trying to deal with the president-elect we have. He's been barking everywhere we go at everybody he thinks is a threat, which is almost everyone.

I say almost everyone because he loves our creepy Russian neighbor along the eastern side of the neighborhood. For some screwed up reason, he's absolutely ecstatic whenever they get to see each other. Not good for when I try to forget that neighbor exists.

And even though we have a perfectly good fence around our yard, he insists that we build a wall to keep the Hispanic mailman, another perceived threat, away from the house.

The weird thing is that he's really possessive. Even before we took him in as president-elect, he'd try to make other people pay for things that he needed. I just chalked this up to trying

to be cute to get adopted, but I'm starting to realize it's a personality flaw.

And he attracts all the stray Republicans wherever he goes. You're not just dealing with the president-elect when you try to walk him, you're dealing with an entourage of strays that all seem to bark at the same dumb things.

What's worse is one of the strays, Mike Pence, gets our president-elect all riled up about homosexuals and abortions. Not what we're looking for in a president elect at all.

It seemed like a good idea because, at the start, there wasn't much of a variety to choose from. The only other option was another one of the same problem pets. And we were NOT about to get a cat.

So, we've decided to staple fliers around the neighborhood and near the schools, looking for somebody to take him in. He's not right for us, and we thought maybe it would be better than just putting him out on the street.

We know most of the sensible neighbors aren't going to want him. But we were thinking that maybe the Russian guy from the eastern side of the neighborhood would ask the price at least.

He's done good things too. Like . . . Well, he'll show you if you buy him. He always talks about the things he's the greatest at.

You name the price, because we want him gone. If you're not looking for a pet, we don't care what you use him for anyway.

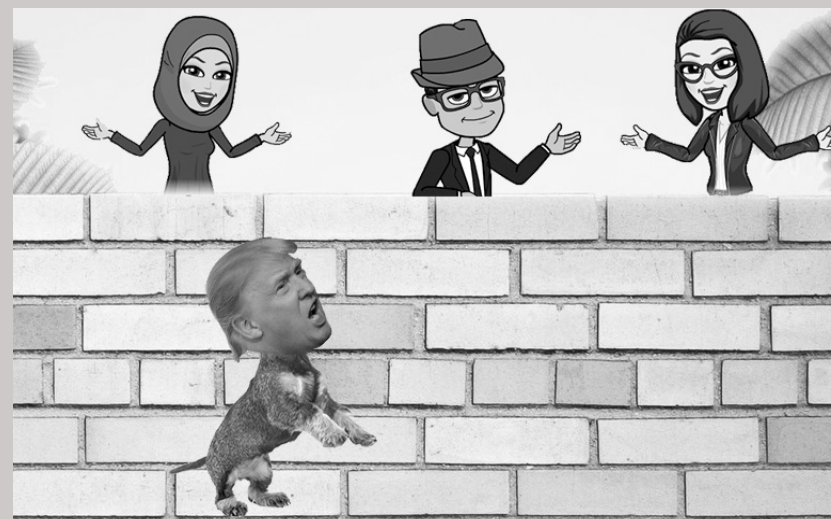


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# Two coaches are better than one

*Golden Grizzlies become first Division I baseball team to have two co-head coaches*

**AuJenee Hirsch**  
Staff Reporter

**O**akland University Director of Athletics Jeff Konya announced this past June that Athletics decided to not renew former baseball Head Coach John Musachio's contract.

Musachio had coached the Golden Grizzlies' baseball team for nine years and compiled a 169-294 (.365) record.

With this announcement, the national search for a new head coach began. Instead of finding one head coach, the athletics department found two. One is a familiar face to the OU community, and the other's last name is tantamount to baseball in Michigan.

In July 2016, it was announced that Jacke Healey, former Oakland assistant coach, and Colin Kaline, former Florida Southern College assistant coach, would be the two co-head coaches of the baseball team. This marked the first time in history that a Division I baseball team had two head coaches.

"Oakland University Athletics has been leading the way in innovative thinking, and this is another example of that," Kaline said via email. "I was very excited to learn that we would be the first Division I program to have co-head coaches, and while naturally there was a little anxiety not knowing exactly how it would go, I had the utmost confidence in the athletic staff that Jacke and I would be a great fit together."

Healey also agreed that he and Kaline are a "great fit."

"I was excited to continue working here with someone like Colin's background," Healey said via email. "I was also excited about the opportunity to learn from him and the rest of our coaching staff. I know Colin and I would do everything in our power to develop these young men, provide a great student-athlete experience and continue to elevate this program."

Both Healey and Kaline have extensive résumés and unique skills that Oakland Athletics felt would be beneficial to this year's team.

## Co-head Coach Jacke Healey

Healey played baseball at Youngstown State University, where he established himself as one of the program's all-time great infielders. He earned first team all-conference recognition at shortstop twice, becoming the first player in program history to accomplish that feat. He currently holds the Penguins' single-



Mary Mitchell / The Oakland Post

Co-head Coaches Colin Kaline (left) and Jacke Healey (right) will lead Oakland's baseball team this season.

season records for home runs (12), RBI (59) and runs scored (63).

He was drafted by the Houston Astros in the 27th round of the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft. Before coming to Oakland, Healey also spent a year as the infield coach at University of Pittsburgh, where he also worked with offense. In 2013, he helped the Pittsburgh Panthers win a school-record 42 games.

Healey joined the Oakland baseball staff in fall 2013 as assistant coach after Ty Rogers left. He works primarily with the hitters and infielders. In his first season at OU, Healey helped raise the offense's batting average over 30 points.

## Co-head Coach Colin Kaline

Kaline is the grandson of Major League Baseball and Detroit Tigers Hall of Famer Al Kaline.

The Detroit Tigers drafted Colin Kaline in the 25th round out of Birmingham Groves High School, where he batted .535 with just three strikeouts in 187 at-bats as a senior. At Florida Southern College, he led the team in walks his last three seasons, batting .287 his senior year.

Coming out of FSC in 2011, Kaline was drafted by the Tigers again in the 26th

round. He never signed with the team.

He spent three seasons as the assistant coach at FSC prior to coming to Oakland. He coached the hitters and infielders, helping the team make a Regional Final appearance in 2014 and reach a rank of No. 7 in the country in 2016. In his last two seasons at FSC, the team finished with an over .300 batting average and scored over eight runs per game.

## The players' reactions

The transition from one head coach to two has been interesting, but smooth, according to senior right-hand pitcher Tyler Palm.

"At first it is different having a new coach, but we were fortunate enough to have our assistant from last year, Jacke Healey," Palm said. "Colin is a great guy as well, and both have helped make us feel comfortable. They are easygoing, but push us to be better. All-in-all [it has been a] very smooth transition."

Kaline and Healey have both earned the trust and respect of the team in a short amount of time.

"They are laid-back people, but they expect 100 percent all of the time, which we understand," Palm said. "If we are

struggling, they don't yell. They simply let us know the right way we should do it. It is simple with them. Listen and do things the right way, and there will be success. We all respect them because we trust what their plans and goals are for us."

Kaline and Healey are enjoying their time as co-head coaches, as well.

"It has been great . . . him and I work very well and kind of feed off each other," Healey said. "I think we have developed not only a working relationship, but also a personal relationship. We have become pretty good friends, which I think is extremely important for the success of our student-athletes."

Kaline says communication is an important part of making this partnership work..

"As it pertains to working together, things have been running as smooth as they could be," Kaline added. "Open communication is key, and being able to bounce ideas off of one another has made the transition a lot easier."

The coaches' abilities to work together will be tested as the Golden Grizzlies start their upcoming 2017 season. Oakland opens up the year at Lipscomb University on Feb. 17.





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Despite Oakland's Jalen Hayes' (4) scoring a career high of 28 points, the Golden Grizzlies lost to the Detroit Mercy Titans 93-88 Friday night at the O'rena. Jaleel Hogan (21) scored 39 points and led UDM to its win.

## Titans give Grizzlies their first loss

Melissa Deutsch  
Sports Editor

The tension of the Metro Series rivalry rose early this week when University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball's Chris Jenkins boldly predicted to The Detroit Free Press that his last-place team was going to take down the undefeated Oakland University Golden Grizzlies.

He was right.

The Titans (then 3-14, 1-4 HL) issued the Golden Grizzlies (then 14-4, 4-1 HL) their first loss in conference play 88-93 on Friday, Jan. 13 in front of a record-setting O'rena crowd of 4,123.

To those who only watched the start of the game, this may seem impossible. Oakland was strong at the beginning, electrifying the atmosphere in the O'rena with two early dunks by Isaiah Brock and Sherron Dorsey-Walker.

The Golden Grizzlies rode this energy to a 12-point lead, the biggest lead they'd see all night. Immediately, Detroit Mercy responded with a 13-0 run, regaining the lead with 10:29 left in the first half.

The Golden Grizzlies battled back and headed into the half-time break up 9 over the Titans.

The second half was an all-out battle. The Golden Grizzlies held the lead for the majority of the second half, but by narrow margins. With 4:58 left in the

game, the Titans tied it up at 77.

The teams traded the lead four more times, but the Titans came up victorious as time expired.

"The reality of it is, you've got to give Detroit all the credit in the world," Oakland's Head Coach Greg Kampe said in the postgame press conference. "They sped us up. I give them all the credit in the world because I didn't think they could do that to us . . . I tip my hat to someone when I see things like that."

The Titans rallied around an unbelievable performance by junior Jaleel Hogan, who recorded his career-high 39 points. Hogan's previous career high came earlier this season, when he scored 22 points against Northern Kentucky University.

The Golden Grizzlies simply had no answer for the forward.

Brock entered the second half struggling to play with a hip injury from a foul during the first half. Kampe sent Xavier Hill-Mais in to take his place.

However, two missed field goals from Hill-Mais sent him to the sideline and Brock back into the game, visibly in pain.

"Hogan was a beast," Kampe said. "We just had no answer for him . . . the bottom line is, it doesn't matter if someone's hurt, Oakland's got to go out there and play, and we just could not guard him."

Jalen Hayes shared Kampe's view.

"[Hogan] is a good player, man," Hayes said. "Give him

credit for being aggressive, but at the same time, we didn't do a good enough job following the scouting report, taking away his strengths and making him go to his weaknesses . . . We gotta learn from it."

Absent from the majority of the game was Oakland's starting point guard, Stevie Clark. The junior has been averaging 22.6 minutes per game, but only saw seven against the Titans.

"I just thought body language and all that kind of stuff," Kampe explained after the game. "He did not play at the level we need him to play at in the first half, and I decided to go with some other people."

Kampe put his trust in freshman Brailen Neely instead. Neely scored 6 points, going 1-for-4 from the field, 0-for-3 from three and 4-for-6 from the free-throw line.

"I thought Brailen played good until the last 10 minutes, and then he played like a freshman," Kampe said. "But I don't discount Brailen at all. I thought he did a really good job for the circumstances."

Hayes was the one bright spot in Oakland's blackout game. He recorded a career-high 28 points for Oakland, in addition to 16 rebounds.

Oakland will get its shot at revenge on Detroit Mercy at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10 at Calihan Hall. The Golden Grizzlies returned to the Blacktop at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16 to take on Cleveland State University (see page 20).

## The Sporting Blitz

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Sports Editor

### Swim and Dive

The Men's and women's swim and dive teams traveled to Cincinnati University over the weekend to compete in their first meet of 2017. Both teams finished third behind Ohio State University and Cincinnati University.

Paul Huch had a successful weekend. He took home first-place finishes in both the 200-yard backstroke (1:50.28) and the 200 free relay. Huch's relay team, consisting of Jeremiah Morren, Tony Eriksson and Andrew Binder, set a pool record with a time of 1:21.91. His 200-yard backstroke performance was closely followed by a second-place finish by his teammate Aleksander Danielewski (1:51.26).

For the women's team, Patricia Aschan finished third in the 200 IM (2:05.95) and the 200 breaststroke (2:21.10), while Grace Shinske swam to a third-place finish in the 100 backstroke (57.45).

### Track and Field

The men's track and field team opened up 2017 with a first-place team finish at Saturday's meet at Central Michigan University. Among the many successes of the day, Brandon Davis broke the school's indoor record for long jump with a mark of 23 ft., 6.25 in.

Oakland's men's team saw seven other first-place finishes, including Gino Vitella in shot put (57 feet, 0.25 inches), Nick Girodat in the 60-meter dash (6.9 seconds) and George O'Connor in the mile (4:17.73).

The women's team saw four first-place finishes in their second-place team finish. Chanel Garder won the 200-meter with a time of 26.05, while Dana Tessmer took home the gold in pole vault (11 feet, 5.75 inches).

### Women's basketball

Women's basketball split

its road trip this past week with a narrow win over Milwaukee (75-73) on Jan. 11 and a tough loss to Green Bay (89-47) on Jan. 13.

Leah Somerfield had a career-high performance with 25 points against the Panthers (11-5, 3-2 HL), while Nola Anderson added a season-high 15 points. The Golden Grizzlies pulled off the narrow victory thanks to their free-throw success. Oakland finished the game with a season-high free-throw percentage of 82.

In Friday's loss to league-leading Green Bay University, Taylor Gleason led the team with 16 points, while Sha'Keya Graves added 14. The Golden Grizzlies entered the half down 54-27 after scoring only seven points in the second quarter to the Phoenixes' 24.

The split put the Golden Grizzlies at 9-7 on the season and 3-2 in the Horizon League heading into Monday's matchup against Wright State University (see page 20).

### Women's Tennis

In its first match of the year, the women's tennis team took on Western Michigan University on Jan. 14 in Kalamazoo. The Golden Grizzlies fell to the Broncos 6-1 overall, and Amanda Nilsson was the sole winner in her No. 6 singles match. Nilsson defeated her counterpart in two out of three sets (7-6, 0-6, 10-5) to bring home her victory.

In the doubles division, Alexandra Whall and Samantha Galloway took on Tracy Kuhle and Melina Lyubomirova in a tight match-up. Whall and Galloway ultimately came up short in a 6-4 set. Also making waves in doubles, Daria Artamonova and Amanda Nilsson got to 5-3 before their set was cut off due to time regulation.

The Golden Grizzlies look for their first team victory when they take on Eastern Michigan University on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Chipewawa Club in Ypsilanti.





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Wright State's Chelsea Welch led the team with 18 points, and Oakland's Taylor Jones led with 17 points Monday night at the O'rena. The Raiders defeated the Golden Grizzlies.

## Raiders claim victory, 73-61

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Nothing seemed to go right for the Golden Grizzlies (9-7, 3-2 HL) in their defeat by the Wright State Raiders (12-5, 4-1 HL) on Monday, Jan. 16. The Golden Grizzlies suffered their third loss in conference on the Blacktop 73-61.

Taylor Jones led the way for the Golden Grizzlies with 17 points after entering the halftime break with only six. Hannah Little followed Jones with a double-double, 13 points and 12 rebounds, and Nola Anderson finished with 12 points and six rebounds.

Oakland trailed the entire game, finishing the first quarter down seven to the Raiders. The Raiders lead would only grow after a disastrous second period, which was a big point of frustration for Head Coach Jeff Tungate.

"In the second quarter we didn't compete," Tungate said after the game. "We didn't work hard. We weren't making shots . . . It was just a matter of trying to find the group that wanted to compete the most, and once we found that group . . . I thought we played the way we were supposed to play."

Oakland scored only 12 in the second quarter to Wright State's 29, sending the Golden Grizzlies to the halftime break down 24 points.

"That second quarter absolutely killed us," Tungate said. "We weren't making shots and we let that affect our defense. In the second half, we started making shots, and we started guarding. But we can't let our offense dictate our defense."

The Golden Grizzlies decided to take action.

"In the locker room at halftime, we were talking about what we need to do," senior Nola Anderson explained. "But at the same time, I said we always talk about what we need to do, we need to go out there and do it instead of just keep saying it. Because actions speak louder than words."

The team looked much better after that conversation, but had dug themselves a deep hole in the first half. Oakland couldn't close the gap enough to climb back into the game. After allowing 45 points in the first half, the Oakland defense was able to slow the Raiders down a little, giving up 28 in the second half.

With Taylor Gleason just getting over the flu and Sha'Keya Graves having an off game, Tungate had to move a variety of players around in his lineup to get the Golden Grizzlies going on Monday evening.

"We had to kind of mix and match and try different lineups," Tungate said. "That's why we had Nola running the point at the end. I thought Nola did a really good job running the point, never playing there before . . . Unfortunately, it took us until the third quarter to figure it out."

The Golden Grizzlies have four days to prepare for their next Horizon League matchup against Cleveland State on Friday. Anderson said it will be strictly business at practice this week gearing up to play the Vikings.

"Practice is going to be plain focus," Anderson said. "No one is going to come in joking around. We're going to get straight to what we need to get to . . . We're going to come in ready on Friday."

Oakland will take on Cleveland State (9-8, 4-2 HL) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20 on the Blacktop.

## Golden Grizzlies suffer second conference loss against Vikings

*Hayes becomes 35th Oakland player to surpass 1,000 points*

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The Golden Grizzlies (14-5, 4-2 HL) suffered their second conference loss 76-65 to the Cleveland State University Vikings (6-13, 2-5 HL) on Monday, Jan. 16. The defeat by CSU pushed Oakland to 2-2 at home in league play and snapped a three-game winning streak against the Vikings.

Oakland University Head Coach Greg Kampe expressed his disappointment with Team 50.

"I thought the highlight of the night was the young lady that played the national anthem on the violin," Kampe said to start off the postgame press conference. "Other than that . . ."

The Golden Grizzlies were never able to get control of the game. Oakland never had a lead over CSU, and once the Vikings began to separate three minutes into the second half, the Golden Grizzlies were never able to tie it back up.

"We had a bad night defensively, probably our worst defensive effort of the year," Kampe said.

Isaiah Brock was missing from the lineup due to a hip injury he acquired during the game against University of Detroit Mercy on Jan. 13.

"You could see the difference," Jalen Hayes said during the postgame press conference. "We didn't really have a true rim protector out there and [CSU] got layup after layup. Even if Isaiah's offensive game isn't there game to game, obviously, we need him on defense."

For Cleveland State, Rob Edwards led the Vikings with 32 points, making him the second player in two consecutive games to score more than 30 points against the Golden Grizzlies. Edwards also led the team with seven rebounds.

"That's a big concern," Hayes said of Edwards' 32 points and Detroit Mercy's Jaleel Hogan's 39. "We were not following the game plan. We were giving Rob easy layup after layup . . . Jaleel got easy buckets as well."

The Golden Grizzlies suffered on offense as well, going 23-for-56 from the field and 2-for-18 from the three. Oakland was 8-for-44 from beyond



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With 25 points for the Golden Grizzlies, Jalen Hayes reached over 1,000 career points Monday night at the O'rena.

the arc over the last two games.

"We're shooting probably the worst I've ever had a team shoot from the three," Kampe added. "We just can't shoot the ball. It's just evident we can't shoot the ball."

Oakland saw greater success feeding the ball inside to Hayes. For the third game in a row, Hayes had over 20 points, leading the team with 25. He went 11-for-18 from the field, 3-for-5 from the free-throw line and got eight rebounds.

Hayes became the 35th player in Oakland history to surpass 1,000 points. He has pushed his total career points to 1,015.

"It's a great accomplishment whenever you can reach that milestone," Hayes said after the game. "I would much, much, much rather take the win, but [it's a] great accomplishment."

Martez Walker was the only other Golden Grizzly in double-digits. He finished with 10 points.

The Golden Grizzlies are looking for a victory to get back on track as they hit the road for two games this weekend.

"We've gotta go on the road now and play two games against two pretty good teams, and we've just got to figure it out," Kampe said. "We've got to learn from our mistakes, what's causing our issues and fix them."

Oakland will face off against the Northern Kentucky Norse at 7 p.m. ET on Friday, Jan. 20 at BB&T Arena.