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LAST WEEK'S POLL

Hard to believe we only have a month left of this semester, thoughts?

- A) Wow, that went by fast.
17 votes
- B) I've already calculated what grade I need.
8 votes
- C) [KILL BILL SIRENS] WHERE'S MY SYLLABUS
7 votes
- D) Help
15 votes

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

November 9, 2011

A memorial service was held in honor of Jenna Balabuch, an OU student, and Rachel Ring, a former OU student, who were killed in a car crash on Oct. 22.

November 1, 1995

New Student ID cards were introduced in order to increase security. The goal was for the cards to one day replace cash on campus.

November 13, 1991

Students held a sit in at the Vandenberg Dining Center. This was organized through the Residence Halls Council.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT FESTIVITIES // The Ukrainian Student Association shows the many cultural aspects of its holiday Kupala Night at Oakland University's International Night on Nov. 7. This old holiday is a celebration of the summer solstice where the people would make head wreaths out of flowers and send them floating on the river.

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FIT GRIZZLIES MEET FOR FAIR

With over 800 people in attendance, the annual Health and Wellness Fair hosted in the Rec Center brings attention from local businesses about living a healthier lifestyle.



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BACHELOR STAR VISITS OU

Former Bachelor reality show star Dr. Andrew Baldwin came to campus as part of Student Life Lecture Board's series to discuss the impact of being veterans on society.



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6TH MAN RALLY

Grizz Gang held a pep rally at the O'rena to help prepare the crowd for the upcoming basketball season. This is in conjunction with their plan to involve more students at home games.

BY THE NUMBERS

Oakland women's soccer

9

shutouts this season

26

goals scored in the regular season and Horizon League championships

61

total saves made by Oakland goalies during the regular season

1,079

minutes played by goalie Emily Zweng in the regular season

12.6

shots per game during the regular season

— Source: goldengrizzlies.com

As Black Friday nears, it might do more harm than good

Instead of spending time with family, many individuals look forward to sales

Alexus Bomar
Staff Reporter

The day after Thanksgiving, known as Black Friday, is the day shoppers look forward to because all of the sales available.

Many, if not all, stores open up bright and early at 5 or 6 a.m. for shoppers to take advantage of the sales.

Personally, I feel as if Black Friday has become more dangerous over the years. Yes, I get it. Black Friday is one of the best days to go shopping because everything is on sale, but it's not worth risking a life or spending time away from family. It's better to shop online.

"I refuse to wake up at 3, 4 or 5 a.m. to go wait in line, so I just wait until Cyber Monday to take advantage of the deals."

Jeremy Johnson
Freshman

According to CNN Money, in 2014 more people were shopping online instead of going to the store. Americans spent 14 percent more online on Thanksgiving and online shopping on Black Friday was up 10 percent.

According to The National Retail Federation, in 2014, 87 million Americans shopped on Black Friday in store and an estimated 127 million participated in Cyber Monday, the Monday after Thanksgiving in which more sales and discounts

are available online. With online shopping, there are still great deals available.

There are also negatives that come from online shopping, such as waiting for your order to arrive, or something may be wrong with the product such as wrong size for an article of clothing or a broken piece.

But, Black Friday has its fair share of dangers when it comes to shopping in stores, such as getting hurt. Many of the fights or accidents relate to electronic products.

Sources from Fox 13 in Salt Lake City reported in 2013 that a Wal-Mart employee in Clinton, Utah was trampled due to the electronic tablets on sale.

According to a story in The New York Times, in 2008, a Wal-Mart employee lost his life because of everyone rushing into the store for holiday bargains. Among the death of the employee, four other people, including a woman who was eight months pregnant, were admitted to the hospital for minor injuries.

Jeremy Johnson, a freshman pre-business major and an employee at the Nike Factory Store in Great Lakes Crossing, never did Black Friday shopping because of the chaos that comes with it.

"I refuse to wake up at 3, 4 or 5 a.m. to go wait in line, so I just wait until Cyber Monday to take advantage of the deals," Johnson said.

That's another disadvantage of Black Friday shopping — waking up early to stand in a long line.

However, Black Friday shopping is another way to



Alexis Bomar
Staff Reporter

have fun with friends and family. Shopping early in the morning with friends can leave people with good memories.

Most items are available online, but there are some door buster deals that are only available in stores, which is a way for stores to get more customers, so that's another benefit and reason to go Black Friday shopping.

Something else that wins customers over is getting in-store coupons and discounts for being in line. According to MLive, last year at a J.C. Penney in Grand Rapids, the first 1,200 people in line received coupon-filled cushion boxes.

If a shopper wants to avoid the potential dangers of Black Friday shopping, he or she should think about online shopping because it's safer and deals start days or even weeks before Black Friday.

But if a shopper wants to get a product right away or spend some time with friends and family, then in-store shopping on Black Friday is a great idea to consider.



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The Real Deal: How the United States demolished Haiti

A quick look at how the U.S. took advantage of the small island nation

Ryan Fox
Contributor

There is very little debate that the United States of America is the military and economic juggernaut of the world. In order to achieve that status, the



RYAN FOX
Contributor

U.S. has had to exploit many smaller nations. One nation that has suffered severely from U.S. intervention is the tiny Caribbean state of Haiti. You may

remember hearing about Haiti recently as a massive earthquake killed thousands back in 2010. You may have asked back then, why are the people of Haiti suffering so much? Why are they so poor? Well, the United States is partially to blame.

A brief history

It is hard to sum up the history of Haiti, so I will try my best to keep it short. Haiti first became an independent nation from France in 1804 after a brutal 13 year civil war. It was the second republic in the Western Hemisphere (after the U.S.) and was the world's only successful slave rebellion. Due to the fact that the country was run by former slaves, it became ostracized in the international

community which was dominated by Europeans. Haiti fell under the control of a number of crooked presidents and government overthrows were a semi-common occurrence. In 1915 the U.S. occupied Haiti and essentially installed a puppet government. The U.S. occupation ended in 1934, and left the nation in shambles.

In 1957 Francois Duvalier took control of Haiti and initiated the most brutal dictatorship the country had ever seen. He and his successor, his son Jean-Claude, were responsible of thousands of murders carried out by a secret police unit. The Duvalier regime had complete U.S. backing, due to its anti-communist stance.

The U.S. gets involved

After the Duvalier's were overthrown, the people of Haiti were finally free to

have their first democratic election. 63% of the Haitian people supported political new comer Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a priest who promised reform and to help the countries poor. Unfortunately Aristide was not liked by the U.S., since he sought to increase the wages and living standards of everyday Haitians. This clashed with the interest of U.S. business which ran a number of sweat shops in Haiti. The U.S. would overthrow him not just once, but twice. Each time he was elected by an overwhelming majority of Haitians, and each time thousands of Haitians were slaughtered by forces that were financially supported by the U.S.

A troubled future

This massacre of innocents is a huge kick in the gut for those who truly believe in democracy. Each time Haitians

voted for Aristide, the U.S. stood in the way. Now the U.S. is interfering again, and we could see more violence as a result.

Back in the 2010 presidential election in Haiti, the U.S. backed now President Michel Martelly. Martelly has picked a successor, Jovenel Moise. As of when this article was written Moise now stands against Jude Celestin, a politician under Aristide and an overall Aristide supporter. Martelly and Moise's party, the Haitian Tèt Kale Party, has promised outright violence if Moise does not win. Martelly has also been using the Haitian police to assault voters who might support Celestin. Will the U.S. back Moise and his reign of violence, just has it has done before? Only time will tell, and it is our job to hold the U.S. accountable for fighting against popular democracy.

An honest look at millennial students: Not lazy or entitled, but filled with self-doubt

Melissa St. Pierre
Contributor

I teach first year writing. So many faces, with hopeful expressions and a hint of fear. Trepidation oozes from them. So many people taking a courageous step forward, toward a goal that seems so far off.



MELISSA ST. PIERRE
Writing Professor

equally nerdy find funny, I become a person. The awkward label of professor becomes less intimidating.

They can't see themselves the way I do. All optimism and potential.

They have so much greatness to offer this world. So many smart thoughts. My students often need a change of eyes. Of perspective.

I watch them: a future athletic trainer, a surgeon, nurses, businessmen and women, computer scientists, social workers, and teachers. All with doubt bubbles floating around and sometimes swallowing them whole.

I wish they would vomit. Getting rid of self-doubt — purging the adolescent negativity that clings to them, Star Wars style. They are smart,

talented, witty, and deeply conscious.

They're labeled and misunderstood. Called lazy. Rejected as entitled. I vote no. That's not entirely valid.

Largely, my students are none of those things. I wish I knew how to convince them of all they are without sounding contrived. How to make them believe my words are not things that I am "required" to say? They give me hope.

My hope in them drives me. I wake up ready to give them the tools they need to become their own greatest achievements.

They inspire me. It doesn't matter if down the road, they forget my name. If they learn something from me at my spot on their maps, I too have achieved greatness.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why was the COO position kept from staff and students?



ELIZA
HENSLEY
Contributor

Last week in one of my classes, the topic of OU's new COO was brought up and it led to an interesting conversation. I, like most of the students I have talked with, had no idea about the recent hire. After class I decided to do some research and find out what exactly happened with our new COO. First, I wanted to know what more about the role of a COO. Second, how was Scott Kunselman selected, and lastly what it means to the University as a whole.

First a COO, or the Chief Operations Officer, is one of the highest-ranking executive positions in an organization and he or she is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the organization. Essentially, this individual is the second in command at the organization or in our case the University. This is a major position of both power and prestige — a position that should be filled after a thorough consideration of candidates. The process of finding the right candidate for the job is what leads to my second concern about how Scott Kunselman was selected for the position.

According to press releases from OU as well as articles in the Daily Tribune and the Oakland Press, there was no actual search of candidates for the position. In fact the position was only offered to Kunselman.

Kunselman is a former member of the OU Board of Trustees as well as Chief of Automobiles Safety at Fiat Chrysler. In one article, members of the Board of Trustees stated that Kunselman was qualified for the position — I do not doubt that this is the truth; however, I wonder why no one else was considered for the position.

Trustee Ronald Robinson, the only member who voted no for Kunselman's appointment to the position, explained that OU does not need a COO. He stated that many other universities of similar size and status, such as Wayne State University, Eastern University and the University of Michigan do not have a COO. What makes OU different? This

question leads to my final concern, which is the reason for the position as well as its potential impact on the University both socially and financially.

It's important, first of all, to understand the University's reason for the creation of the COO position. In several interviews with different sources, President Hynd explained the purpose behind hiring the COO is to allow the President more time to tell OU's story to potential and current donors. Having the COO run the day-to-day activities allows for more opportunities for the President to reach out to donors.

I understand the need to find additional resources for the University and I think sharing OU's story with donors is a great way to do this; however, would it not be better to have students be the ones sharing OU's story? The majority of students with a major in either Public Relations or Communication studies are required to participate in an internship before graduation. These are the students that are mastering the art of articulate speaking — would they not be ideal candidates to share OU's story?

Although in the previously mentioned interviews it was stated that the COO's salary would currently come from the University's general fund and not the 8.5 percent tuition increase — what type of impact will this new position have on the University's resources in the future? Will this always be the case? Also, where will the funds for the projects or other costs that would traditionally come from the general fund come from? Will this cause another tuition increase? And the biggest question: what will be the long-term impact of the COO position on the resources and students of Oakland University?

Overall, if this position is one of power and will be beneficial to the campus, why was the process kept from the mass majority of staff and students until after the decision was made?

I'm not saying that we don't need this new hire, that OU purposely kept it quiet, or that it will be a negative impact on the campus community. But it would put the minds of the staff, students, and supporters of OU to rest if the administration were more open and transparent with their decision-making process, as well as their hopes for the long-term future.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Grizzly kindness knows no bounds: Quidditch brings students together

Phillip Johnson
Contributor

Have you ever played quidditch? It's amazing. What's even more amazing? The awesome students that run the organization and make Oakland's Owls United club Quidditch team.

I always said that before I graduate (in April) I wanted the chance to play quidditch.

Last Friday, these guys made it happen.

Stinky, tired, and dripping in sweat from just having played basketball, these wonderful Owls invited me to play their game. Never before have I met a group of students so kind, warm, and accepting. They taught me how to play and also redefined athleticism for me.

If you ever see them play, I encourage students not to just pass by or awkwardly gawk at them practicing, but to step inside and make some great connections with great students.

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New Era Detroit to come to OU

Community activist group to hold panel on social issues affecting metro Detroit

Johnny Ricks
Contributor

The community activist group, New Era Detroit, will be visiting OU next week to hold an open panel discussion on social conditions and issues affecting Detroit and the surrounding metro area.

Formed in August 2014, New Era Detroit is focused on encouraging intra-community solidarity and empowering African Americans to secure both economic and political influence in their communities — particularly in the city of Detroit.

Since inception, New Era Detroit has organized several protests, community meetings and neighborhood clean-ups around the city. They have also sponsored two annual Angel's Night

block parties, to help curb arson and other crime on the eve of Halloween.

The leaders of New Era Detroit have been frequently quoted and featured in local Detroit news and the organization has been mentioned in national publications such as Ebony magazine.

The open panel discussion will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Lake Michigan room of the Oakland Center and will be hosted by The Association of Black Students. Noted Detroit activist and entrepreneur Kwasi Akwamu will also be joining the discussion.

This will be the first of a series of forums New Era Detroit plans to have at local area colleges and universities. The hashtag "#riottalks" is being used to promote the discussions and build awareness of the program.



Photo contributed by Johnny Ricks

The community activist group, New Era Detroit, will be visiting OU to discuss social conditions and issues affecting Detroit and the surrounding metro area.

POLICE FILES

Underage drinking in Van Wagoner

On Oct. 24, OUPD was called to the sixth floor of Van Wagoner Hall around 1 a.m. due to a report of underage drinking. The two accused persons were a female student and her male friend. They had been drinking tequila and the male admitted to offering it to anyone who walked past him. After 15 minutes, OUPD let them go with a citation and advised them not to drive.

Battery in Van Wagoner

Around 6 a.m. on Oct. 24, OUPD was called back to Van Wagoner Hall to handle a report of domestic violence involving the same two persons in the entry above. Students had reported a male beating their neighbor and leaving with armfuls of clothing after the students asked him to leave. OUPD found the victim on the floor of her room with a bloody face, mouth and arms. She said he had done this before and that she was trying to break up with him. Housing has been notified to keep an eye out for the male should he return to campus.

Underage drinking in Hamlin Hall

On Oct. 25, night watch asked officers to come to Hamlin Hall to handle underage drinking. Three males had checked in earlier that night and the nightwatch desk said they looked underage and seemed drunk. When OUPD caught up with the boys, they said they had been at the SAE Halloween party, but denied having consumed any alcohol. The three were put through Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and two of them were found to have alcohol in their system. The third proved he was clean of any alcoholic beverage through a breathalyzer test.

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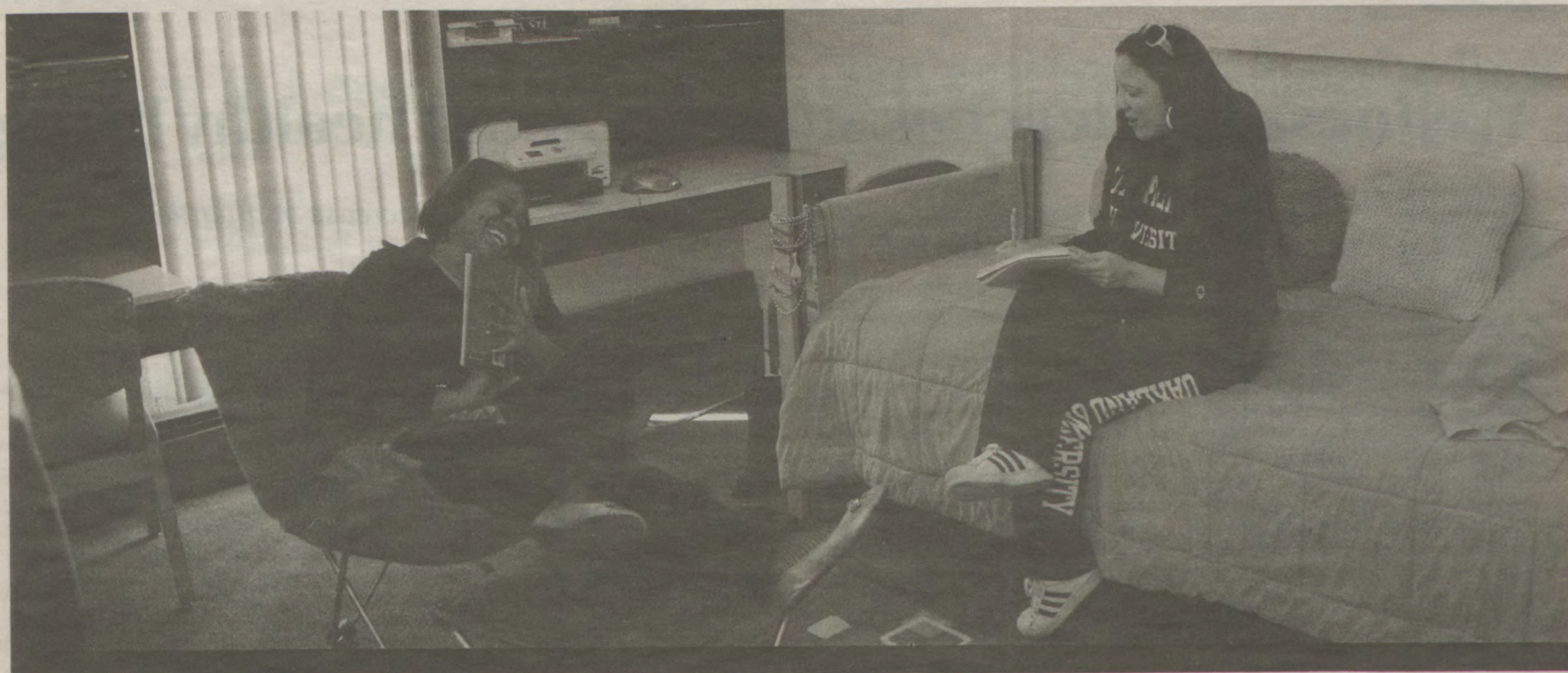
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Wellness Fair teaches students about healthy living

With over 100 Oakland University students in attendance, fair sees dramatic increase in attendance

Sarah Lawrence
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 4, OU Campus Recreation hosted their 2015 Annual Benefits and Wellness Fair as a kickoff for open enrollment. Gathered in the recreation center's 3-court gym, Oakland University faculty, staff and students were given the opportunity to speak with benefits coordinators regarding specific packages offered and seek assistance for adopting a healthy lifestyle.

"This was my third year in charge of this event," Stephanie Willis, coordinator of wellness and educational outreach for campus recreation, said. "The campus recreation department works in conjunction with human resources to provide a one-stop shop atmosphere for faculty, staff and students to inquire about their benefits packages, services and support for health and wellness."

This year, OU Campus Rec welcomed over 60 vendors from a variety of organizations and businesses within the surrounding OU community. Each business represented different areas of wellness and helped provide informa-

tion and support for those looking to improve or maintain a state of well-being.

Sponsored by Orangetheory Fitness, the event offered free flu shots as well as a variety of GroupX classes, which were also free of charge. The classes were available for individuals at every fitness level. Attendees hoping to receive a flu shot only needed to present their insurance card from a wide selection of providers.

There were over 800 individuals who attended this year's event, resulting in an overall 30 percent increase in attendance. This included approximately 150 students.

"We made the decision to open the fair to students this year," Willis said. "Because OU has recently been increasing their emphasis on health and wellness, we are slowly trying to make this a student-focused event. We want to make sure that all members of the Oakland University community have a place where they feel comfortable to ask questions and get any information they may need."

In addition to email blasts from the



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

Oakland University Campus Recreation hosted their 2015 Annual Benefits and Wellness Fair on Nov. 4 in the Recreation Center. One of the vendors gave out free flu shots.

vice president of student affairs and advertising within the Recreation Center, OU Campus Rec partnered with OU Student Congress to help draw more students into the event.

"Student Congress was stationed at the event to inform faculty, staff and students about our health and wellness initiatives," Katie Rose, environmental, health and wellness director of

Student Congress said. "We also gave away water bottles, pedometers and held a drawing for OUSC gym bags in hopes that the winners would put them to good use. It is important for everyone to make health a priority. Having students talk to businesses that are focused on health and wellness can give them a pathway to work toward a healthier life."



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Women in Leadership Panel

Students organize presentation, women share journeys to success

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

The students of COM 380/WGS 301 are bringing Oakland University's first 'Women in Leadership Panel' to campus on Nov. 16, 18 and 20.

The special topics course, instructed by Beth Talbert, required students to plan a presentation in which they would invite women in leadership positions to discuss their journey to success and any obstacles they faced.

"In planning this, it has required [students] to be leaders and to experience their own leadership," Talbert said.

Each panel has a specific theme. The three themes are 'Women Leaders in Public Safety,' 'Women Leaders in the Corporate Sector' and 'Women Leaders in Non-Profit Organizations.'

Students were expected to choose a theme for their specific panel, select and invite the leaders and prepare questions for the presentation.

The panel will feature a variety of women such as Jessica Cooper, Oakland County prosecutor, Patricia Botkin, retired managing director of Talmer Bank and the PrivateBank, and Beth Morrison,

president and CEO of HAVEN.

"When you see the list of women who are coming, they're just outstanding, professional women," Talbert said.

"I think we all have something to learn from their stories."

Following the student groups' planned questions, the floor will be open for audience members to address the panel.

Talbert encourages students and the public to attend the panels. Each panel will be held from 1:20 to 2:20 p.m.

The Monday and Friday panels will be held in Lake Superior Room B and the Wednesday panel will be held in the Human Health Building room 5037.

Posters for the panel can be found around campus.

If you are interested in learning more about the special topics course, visit catalog.oakland.edu/ and search COM 380.

WHO

Students of COM380/WGS301 and a panel of women in leadership positions

WHAT

Open panel where women in leadership discuss their journeys to success

WHEN & WHERE

- Nov. 16 and Nov. 20 in Lake Superior Room B
- Nov. 18 in HHB room 5037

Student Program Board to host 'Family Feud'-inspired event

Sarah Lawrence
Staff Intern

The Student Program Board is bringing the popular television game show Family Feud to Oakland University in their production of Campus Feud on Nov. 19.

"Our goal is to have our event mirror Family Feud," Sarah Novak, student program board special events director, said. "We will be offering an opportunity for students to participate as contestants in the show and compete for a chance to win a variety of prizes."

Individuals who participate in Campus Feud will take part in the Student Program Board edition of the "Bullseye Game" featured on the television show.

This section will consist of a variety of "Survey Says" trivia questions that are specific to college students, as well as some specifically about Oakland University's campus and students.

"We thought this would be a unique event to host because it's something that hasn't been done in a while and most people love game shows," Novak said.

"This will give students a chance



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

The Student Program Board will be hosting 'Campus Feud' on Thursday, Nov. 19.

to participate in an experience that they may not have anywhere else. Our event will be held in Banquet Room A of the Oakland Center on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m."

For those looking to participate in Campus Feud, visit www.oakland.edu/spb and click on the Campus Feud link.

There you will find a list of survey questions on GrizzOrgs that you may answer for the "Survey Says" portion of the show. Those who complete the survey will have an increased chance of being called up to the stage to participate.

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Aspire to rise: Oakland's advertising budget

A breakdown of how advertising dollars are spent

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

With the recent tuition increase, expenses at OU are under scrutiny. As the university grows, however, expenses grow as well.

The Communications and Marketing Department has the heavy task of balancing a growing population while maintaining cost efficiency.

According to John Young, vice president of communications and marketing, the overall budget for the Centralized University Communications and Marketing for the 2015-2016 academic year is \$6,103,994. This money goes towards all general advertising efforts of the university, salaries for marketing staff and other expenses in the department.

The marketing budget is part of the president's division of the General Fund Budgeted Expenditures. The President's division total budget for the 2015 fiscal year is \$16,992,118 and \$16,682,188 for the 2016 fiscal year. This division of the overall budget covers the president's salary, Communications and Marketing, Diversity and Compliance, General Council, Government Relations, Athletics and Outreach.

For comparison, the 2016 fiscal year overall budget of the university comes to \$253,754,100.

"This is all-inclusive for the university's official efforts," Young said. "There are

marketing dollars in certain other budgets that coordinate with us but have very specific audience goals."

Marketing projects remain pretty constant from year to year as Bryan Cain, director of marketing, explained. Each advertising campaign on television plays through recruitment season — the beginning of September to the end of November — and then starts up again at the beginning of January in order to avoid the increased cost of advertising during the holiday season.

The recent renovations to the billboard on the corner of Walton and Adams were funded through annual rent payments by Palace Sports and Entertainment in their contract concerning Meadow Brook Music Festival. The contract allows for Palace Sports & Entertainment to rent out the Meadow Brook Music Festival for shows.

The department focuses on Oakland's brand of authenticity. This is shown as the department uses actual students and staff in as many advertisements as possible.

"Our advertising budget is focused primarily on undergrad recruitment and graduate recruitment," Mandy Summers, director of communications and marketing, college and schools, said.

When asked if any advertisements had assisted his decision to attend Oakland, Nick Lucido, communication major, said: "No, but I see them everywhere all around metro Detroit."



Dave Jackson / The Oakland Post

The new billboard trumpets Oakland's brand across the intersection of Walton and Adams.

Other students like Courtney Davis stated that programs such as dance camps held at the university allowed her to experience Oakland's atmosphere firsthand, before deciding to come here.

"Now that I attend Oakland, I feel as if I see advertisements at least one to three times a day, every day," Davis added.

Students see advertisements, though their return on investment is not easily tracked.

Cain explained that click through rates on OU's online advertisements, though,

are above industry standards and that last year a billion impressions were made by advertisements.

An impression is defined as "presenting an advertisement to a potential user or customer," Cain said.

The department's regional advertising covers Indiana, northern Ohio, northern Illinois and the entirety of Michigan with a focus on the southeast area.

To learn more about the Communications and Marketing Department, visit oakland.edu/ucm/.

Red Cross, students come together to end hunger

Jake Smith
Staff Intern

Oakland Red Cross and Student Veterans of Oakland University (SVOU) are teaming up for the debut of Road March: To End Hunger.

On Thursday Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oakland students and faculty are invited to pack 10 pounds of non-perishable food items and new or gently used clothing into a backpack and stop by Elliot Tower. From there, they will march a one-mile course around campus to raise awareness for the cause.

"Our country's service members carry heavy rucksacks filled with their equipment and living needs while

out on missions, many times walking long distances up mountains or through desert terrain with these heavy loads," Theta Chi's Event Coordinator Evan Parsons said.

The march not only collects resources for veterans in need, but it also allows members of the community to participate and experience what the people they're helping do while serving our country.

The food, clothing and money collected from the event will be donated to the Salvation Army's Veterans Transitional Housing program.

The program provides a place to stay as well as food to homeless veterans and their families in Detroit.

With a unique mix of student organizations, this event is setting the stage for greater event coordination on campus and bigger impacts on Oakland's community.

"The more organizations we have involved, the bigger awareness we can create on campus," Parsons said.

"As Greeks, we bring the most attention to the stage and with the coordination of SVOU and the Red Cross, we have the means to distribute the food and clothing to the families that need it."

SVOU Vice President Kevin Ferguson also weighed in on the coordination with Greek life.

"[SVOU is] starting to tie in events with Greek life in an ef-

fort to integrate into the campus community, making more of a name for ourselves as well as coordinating with other student organizations to allow everyone to put on bigger and more impactful events," Ferguson said.

As Oakland continues to grow and its student organizations continue to collaborate, Parsons and Ferguson are excited to see the benefits of coordinated efforts on events. By working together, the two hope that the Road March: To End Hunger can make a lasting impact on the lives of homeless veterans. They want to set an example for what can be done when the OU student body comes together for a cause.



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Oakland students and faculty are invited to pack 10 lbs of non-perishable food into and new or gently used clothing in a backpack to participate in the Road March: To End Hunger on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grizzlies on the Prowl



'What is your opinion on the new chief operating officer?'



**Tiffany Gee, senior,
psychology**

"I don't know much about it. Some people didn't like it because it didn't go through a specific process. I just know that it was a big deal."



**Brittany Travnika, sophomore,
anthropology**

"Considering most colleges don't have the job title, it's kind of ridiculous. I don't know what the job is other than to help the president."



**Gabe Woodsworth, junior,
advertising**

"I think we have to be open to it. Right now it's kind of sketchy, since it didn't go through a search process. However, we need to wait until more information comes about before making an opinion."

— Compiled by Dani Cojocari,
Photo Editor



**Becca Dopke, sophomore,
studio art education**

"It's weird to hire someone without an official process. It's sketchy, especially if it directly involves staff and students."



**Madison Kubinski, senior,
political science**

"I think the process should have been a national search. A lot of issues the students have deals with that process. We'll have to see what happens. The results may be good."

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To search or not to search: Examining the gray area

Campus community questions process of creating, hiring new administrative position

Kristen Davis
Editor-in-Chief

The nonexistence of a national search in the hiring of Oakland University's newly created — and second-highest paid — administrative position has some students and faculty confused and upset.

On Oct. 27, Scott Kunselman, a Fiat Chrysler Automotive executive and former Oakland University board of trustees' member, was appointed chief operating officer of OU during a formal BOT meeting.

According to OU's website, his duties will include "coordinating and facilitating leadership of university operations except academic affairs across campus."

In the past, these types of administrative positions have required a nationwide search — for example, Oakland's current president, vice president of student affairs and athletic director each emerged from national searches.

But Kunselman's appointment to the COO position, which occurred concurrently with the creation of the position itself, wasn't publicized to the campus community. No other candidates interviewed for it.

From OU students, faculty

Annie Meinberg and Liz Iwanski are student liaisons to the BOT. They participate in board meetings, voice student concerns and provide input on issues as well as report to Student Congress with updates.

Neither Meinberg nor Iwanski were aware that the COO position was being created.

"Calling a last-minute board meeting in less than 24 hours with something this big ... it just came as a surprise to everyone," Meinberg said.

"With any issue really, especially one this big, I think students should be involved in the process and that's part of [Iwanski] and mine's role, but if we don't know something is happening, we can't ask to be a part of it."

The reason student liaisons weren't involved in the process is because the board discussed it at its informal meetings, to which Meinberg and Iwanski aren't invited.

Meinberg thought there should've been a national search.

"I'm confident that [the position]

will be successful and [Kunselman] will be a great addition to the OU team, but I think we would've felt more at ease and more comfortable if it went through a search," she added.

"I just wonder when the board's going to realize that they need to be more transparent."

OU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) also expressed dissatisfaction with the hiring.

AAUP President Kenneth Mitton stated in an email on Nov. 2 that OU faculty was unaware the position was being created.

Mitton questioned why a search wasn't utilized because, "in the shared experiences of our faculty in academia and business, it is typical to have nationally competitive searches for these types of positions."

He also added that there was potential for this to be considered a conflict of interest.

From OU's BOT

Trustee Ron Robinson has served on the board for five years.

He was the only member to voice opposition to the creation of the position. He said he had two reasons for this.

First was the addition to administrative costs that it would create — Kunselman's three-year contract includes a \$325,000 annual salary.

Second was because he's "generally opposed to public boards appointing their members to positions when the search for such positions is not an open one."

He couldn't recall if the position was initially discussed in the Aug. 18 or Sept. 22 informal meeting, but he explained that three trustees — David Tull, Michael Kramer and Richard DeVour — along with President George Hynd were "informally appointed" to a search committee for the COO position.

When Robinson asked the board why there was a need for a COO, he didn't receive a straightforward response.

Instead his fellow board members told him, "we're doing it because we can."

After the initial meeting, nothing else was mentioned until the week of Oct. 11, when Robinson received a phone call from chairman Mark Schluskel. Schluskel told Robinson he

felt it was important to have a unanimous vote for the position and wanted him to reconsider.

On Oct. 15, Robinson sent out an email saying, "I'm not changing my opposition."

An informal meeting followed on Oct. 21, but there was no mention of the COO position, despite it being listed on the meeting's agenda.

On Oct. 22, the board held a formal meeting where members approved a faculty contract. Robinson believes the appointment didn't happen then because they "didn't want to create controversy on that day."

Five days later, Kunselman was appointed.

'Don't nitpick the process.'

Schluskel said he and Hynd had been discussing the position since summer. He just hadn't shared that with the board.

"I believe it's actually an outstanding idea because the university is a very big enterprise and Dr. Hynd has an amazingly large job," Schluskel said.

"In that light, you have to have somebody with real exceptional skills to basically run the operation of the university. [People] need to look at the vision of how this will potentially advance the growth of the university."

He thinks the process of the hiring was effective and wants people to look at its long-term benefit instead of "nitpicking" how it happened.

The board had worked with Kunselman for two years, where Schluskel said he played an "active role."

After Kunselman expressed interest in the COO position, most of the board members thought they had identified the outstanding leader they needed to assist Hynd and Provost James Lentini in growing the university.

Schluskel said that it would just be a waste of time and money to bring other potential candidates in.

Conflict of interest?

Regarding the issue of the hire being a conflict of interest, Schluskel said he thinks it's "plainly wrong" to refer to it as that since Kunselman wasn't a trustee when he was appointed. He resigned as a trustee on Oct. 25 — two days prior to the announcement.

"I'm very comfortable with the process because when you know somebody, you are far better off," Schluskel said.

"If you check universities across the country and even some corporations, you'll see many times people on the board are chosen to become more active in employment after they resign from the board because they are known."

He mentioned Kunselman's tremendous educational background as an engineer and an MBA and his role in a "highly important" executive position at Chrysler.

"I think that the AAUP, the professors, the students of the university, the administration and we at the board are going to be benefitted by this new position and the person who has been hired for this position," he said.

"We'll look back and say this was a very, very good move to enhance the quality and the growth of Oakland University."

Hynd's past comments

In an interview with the Oakland Post after his hiring in August 2014, President Hynd addressed the importance of opening the search for OU's next president after it began as a closed process.

"...I was concerned, coming into this, that it was a closed search because I know that if a president comes in through a closed search, even in the best of circumstances, it will take them a year to two years to get past the notion that they may not have been the faculty's top pick ... I got a call from the search firm who explained the situation to me and asked if I'd be willing to have my name released and my immediate response was 'Of course I would! Why wouldn't I?' If I'm going to be the successful candidate, I'd better be darn sure that this is a position that I'd be willing to put my reputation on the line for ... I was absolutely happy to do that and frankly more concerned had it remained a closed search."

OU's presidential search lasted 385 days.

Regarding the COO, however, Director of Media Relations Brian Bierley and Schluskel said that Hynd decides whether a position should require an open search.

Hynd and Kunselman were unable to be reached for further comment. They will be addressing the topic from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in the Banquet Rooms during Hynd's second President's Report of the academic year.

Putting it in perspective

The following lists illustrate how the process of the chief operating officer appointment stacks up to the process of searching for new faculty members at OU.

No formal process is described in the policy for deans, academic administrators and non-instructional staff, though it states that these searches "are covered by separate, comparable procedures." Visit oakland.edu/policies/human-resources/750/ for more information.

The information below was provided by Mark Schussel and Ron Robinson.

The information found on the right is outlined in the university's Policy 750 concerning faculty hires.

COO Search Process

1. Mark Schlusel, board of trustees' chairman, and President Hynd discuss the creation of a chief operating officer (COO) position.
2. A search committee is created at an informal board meeting.
3. Scott Kunselman resigns as board of trustees' member.
4. Two days later, Kunselman is appointed to the chief operating officer position.

Faculty Search Process

1. Form a search committee. The committee is usually comprised of at least three faculty members.
2. Prepare copy for ad to be placed in multiple venues. Prepare list of venues. Develop search criteria and recruitment plan.
3. Submit a copy to Dean's office.
4. If approved, copy is sent to University Human Resources and Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives.
5. If approved, copy is sent to Provost's office.
6. Upon final approval, ad is placed in various venues.
7. Posting is created on University Human Resources People Admin site. Posting must be approved, again, by all entities.
8. Ad is posted in venues and must run for 30 days before candidates can be interviewed.
9. Once preferred candidate is selected, a rationale for the selection must be written and approved by all four entities before approval is granted to bring them to campus.
10. Candidates come to campus for a two-day visit that must include a teaching presentation, a research presentation, meetings with the Dean's office, AAUP representative and faculty members.
11. Upon approval, the candidate is offered the job.

Understanding the conflict of interest policy

On May 7, 2014, the Board of Trustees revised the university's conflict of interest policy. On Aug. 26 of this year, the BOT met to review the policy updates.

The policy defines a conflict of interest and how a conflict of interest case will be reviewed.

In instances outside of the BOT, any conflict of interest case will be reviewed by a Conflict of Interest Review Committee (CRC) made up of the Internal Audit Director, Purchasing Manager and Assistant VP for Human Resources.

However, if a conflict of interest case involves a BOT member or the President, according to the policy, the "trustees without the conflict of interest will review conflicts of interest."

This means that the

CRC, which reviews all other conflicts of interest at the university, may have no hand in the decisions concerning the BOT or president's conflicts of interests.

Further, the amended Policy 406 states that "no arrangement undertaken by the university is void or voidable or may be challenged by a third party under this policy."

Following either the CRC or BOT's review of a conflict of interest case, no one can challenge their decisions.

In the case of Scott Kunselman, a former BOT member, he can only be judged or reviewed by his former board members. No one can call into question the ethics or conflicts of interest of the situation following the BOT's decision.

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Additional coverage of President Hynd's upcoming report can be found at www.oaklandpostonline.com

Is the search really on?

With no clear policy defined for determining whether or not a national search is necessary in the process of hiring someone to an administrative position, understanding when there is and isn't a search is unclear.

Here's a look at some of Oakland's administrative positions and whether or not they required a search.



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Students have a wide variety of "Wear the Bear" gear to choose from to show their school pride.

Grumpy Grizzly Fridays

Athletic department encourages students to show school spirit

Alexus Bomar
Staff Reporter

Every Friday is now known as "Wear the Bear" Fridays, which started on Friday, Oct. 30.

The athletic department has started something new called "Grumpy Grizzlies." Every Friday, the Grizz and a group of students go around campus to find someone who isn't "wearing the bear" or wearing Oakland gear. That person is asked to admit to the camera that they are a Grumpy Grizzly.

Scott MacDonald, senior assistant athletic director for the athletic department's public relations, is one of the people behind the idea of "Wear the Bear" Fridays.

"We started a brainstorming session about a year ago because Oakland has struggled with its identity, so as a team, we found some unique things about Oakland such as the Grizz's head or the phrase Golden Grizzlies," MacDonald said.

The "Wear the Bear" campaign helps to make Oakland become more recognizable. It also helps to encourage students to wear more OU gear.

"Inside of Michigan, everyone knows OU as Oakland University but outside of Michigan, everyone knows OU as Oklahoma University," he said.

Nicole Briggs, sophomore health and wellness major, was the first Grumpy Grizzly and was a bit upset when she saw the video online, but later realized the campaign is really about school pride and not embarrassing students.

"In all honesty, I was really embarrassed at first and it really caught me off guard because people were jumping on tables and chairs with noise makers and cameras," Briggs said.

After all of the commotion, Briggs received a white "Wear the Bear" T-shirt.

Many students like the idea behind the "Wear the Bear" Fridays.

Sahar Rammaha, sophomore biology major, thinks this is a great idea from the Athletic Department.

"I think the Grumpy Grizzly idea is spectacular because it's a great way to spread Oakland Pride. This in no way is bullying. Instead it's a great way to start making new friends and having

something to remember at OU," Rammaha said.

"If you go to OU, then wear Oakland gear. I understand having U of M, State or Ohio State gear, those are considered big sport teams," Shaqela Chapman, senior communications major and public relations minor, said. "However, on your average class day, wear Oakland or no school affiliation attire."

But, other students don't like this idea because it comes off as offensive and can be seen as bullying.

"I think it's great to show some school spirit, therefore people should be proud to go to OU and show that pride always. However, I don't think people should be publically shamed for wearing gear from other schools," Leia Joyce, junior psychology major, said.

At all of this year's sporting events, there will be Oakland gear giveaways. During the games, the Oakland cheerleading and dance teams will be tossing out Oakland shirts. For certain games, such as the men's basketball game against Valparaiso in January, there will be free T-shirts given.

The "Wear the Bear" campaign is turning Grumpy Grizzlies into Golden Grizzlies. Be on the lookout for the Grizz and students every Friday.

Provost on Grammy ballot for guitar album

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Reporter

The Grammys are getting closer. Only musical super stars like Taylor Swift, John Williams and Daft Punk get a shot at those, right?

Actually, there are thousands of people considered for coveted music awards each year.

This year, Oakland University Provost James Lentini and his wife, Dana, along with two other OU faculty members are on the ballot to be nominated.

"I'm happy to be to be on the ballot and I think it's really great," Lentini said. "I know it's an uphill battle from here because of the number of people, but it's really great to be considered."

Hundreds of people, even thousands for some categories, are put on the ballot each year for each award. From there, all of those submissions are brought down to just five nominees for each category after judges listen to each submission. Going from the ballot to the nominees is a large step.

Lentini said that while the two categories he is on the ballot for — Best Chamber Music & Small Ensemble and Best Contemporary Composition — are much smaller than the ballot for a pop album would be, there is still a lot of competition.

Lentini's album is titled "The Four Seasons for Guitar." He composed all of the music on it and his wife, Dana Lentini, sings in the song "Mother Songs" on the album, putting her on the ballot as well.

"It's a thrill to be on the Grammy ballot, since it takes a recording academy member or a record company to get an artist on the ballot," Dana Lentini said. "It's also great to be able to have the duo for voice and guitar with my husband, Jim, as we've been performing together for such a long time, and the pieces



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Provost James Lentini holds a CD of his album which is nominated for a Grammy.

we recorded have a special meaning to us."

Lentini said he got the idea to do a seasons theme from an old professor he had while he was a student working towards a bachelor's degree.

"I had a guitar instructor while I was a student at Wayne State," Lentini said. "He called me and talked about Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons,' and he wanted something that was specific for guitar."

"Four Seasons" was composed by Italian composer Antonio Vivaldi in 1723 and is meant for a violin. Lentini's album puts a twist on it by using the same idea and playing the pieces on a guitar.

Lentini said that those he has told about his ballot status at OU have been very supportive of it.

"Professor Lentini is a fine composer and performer and we wish him well with this nomination," Jackie Wiggins, chair of the department of music and theatre, said.

Lentini has ties to the music program here and holds the title of music professor even though he works as a provost. Last year, he sponsored a concert with students in orchestra and choir and a well known composer. He said he also does a lot of work with OUSC.

Grizzlies at the Grammys has a nice ring to it.



DR. BALDWIN CHECKS INTO OU

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Reporter

Dr. Andrew Baldwin presented to a crowd of students, faculty, and alumni on Nov. 9, 2015 about his mission of "Service Above Self."

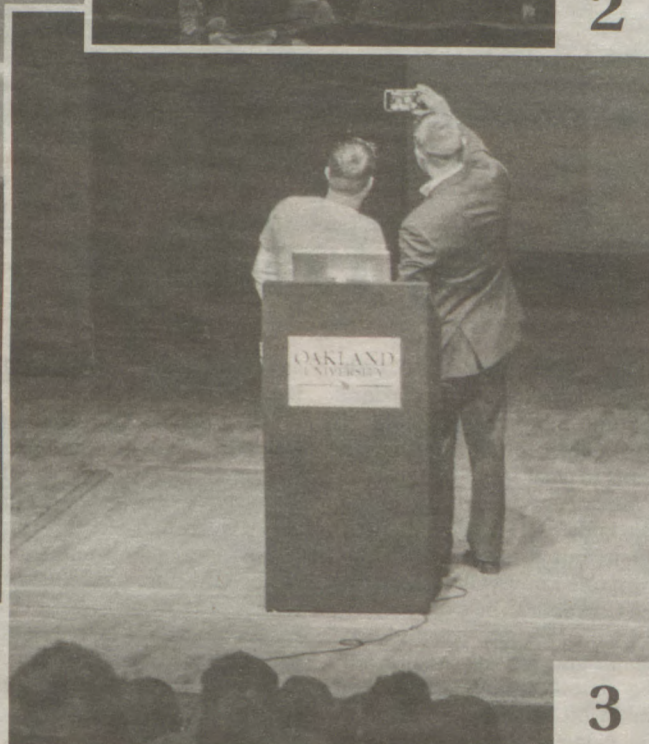
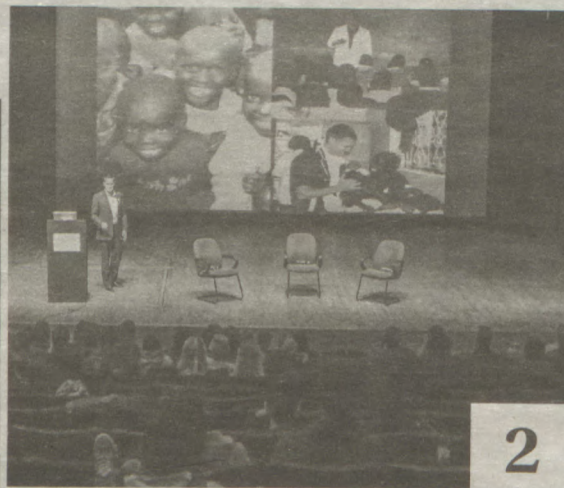
His story began when his grandfather, a veteran who was stationed at Pearl Harbor, told him that he should always look at how he "won the lottery of life," and how he could use said winnings to help others. Currently, his

story is with how he formed a Non-Profit Organization called "Got Your Back", where his goal is to use donations to aid the families of fallen and injured soldiers and to give them the support they need.

In addition, Baldwin is an athlete, and competes in marathons in support of fighting childhood obesity.

He's worked diving recovery missions, traveled overseas as an army doctor helping local peoples, really

Andrew Baldwin has seen and done it all.



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QUOTES FROM ANDY

1. "My grandpa always told me to ask 'How can I help?' He saw how I was winning the lottery of life."
2. "The kids in Laos had so little, yet were so happy. This was a fundamental turning point in my life, it made me know that I wanted to help with public health endeavors."
3. "We all make mistakes sometimes, I like to think I'm a risk taker!" He said this in reference to his time on "The Bachelor."
4. "You should always use your public platform, your sphere of influence, to make a difference. It's special what you can do with a public platform."
5. "Have a good compass, but don't pretend you have it all figured out yet."

TIPS FOR VETERANS DAY:

1. Don't just use lip service! Seek out veterans, shake their hands, have conversations. Ask how you can help. Don't just offer them discounts or free coffee, that's not what matters.
2. Oakland University cares about veterans. You may be busy, but put aside just a little bit of time to volunteer, just make that time.
3. So many families lose loved ones. That's why "Got Your Back" was formed, to help take kids to baseball games their dads would have taken them to, or to take a widow and a child on a vacation. Remember the fallen, and support the families left behind.

1. Dr. Andrew Baldwin is a veteran, physician, and a reality star. His lecture is a vital part of Oakland's respect of Veterans Day.

2. Dr. Andrew Baldwin speaks about his "Service Above Self" life during OU's lecture series on Nov. 9 hosted by the Student Life Lecture Board and Student Veterans.

3. Dr. Andrew Baldwin takes a selfie with Oakland University attendees.

Keeping stylish despite the cold

Tips for keeping warm and fashionable this winter

Parris Page
Staff Intern

With the weather being extremely unpredictable, it's important to know how to adjust to the cold when it hits.

While last week we soaked up the sun and enjoyed 70-degree weather, true Michiganders know that the cold and snow can settle in at any moment. Plus, this is also the season for holiday decorations and Christmas shopping, believe it or not.

It's true that cold weather can often prevent stylish efforts, but here are some tips on how to survive the upcoming cold weather while also looking fashionable, keeping up on dorm and apartment decor and beginning your Christmas shopping.

Fashion

Layers: The secret to staying warm is layering yourself with the proper gear. Start off with a cotton T-shirt, a nice wool sweater and a down jacket (don't forget a hat, scarf and gloves!)

Footwear: Wool or synthetic socks that will keep your feet toasty warm and snow boots! Regular shoes are fine if the ground is dry.

Fashion tips: Layer a chunky sweater over a T-shirt, then throw on that cute peacoat or topcoat.

For more fashion tips, see "How To Survive Your First Winter: A College Students Guide" at MITadmissions.org/blog.

Holiday Decor

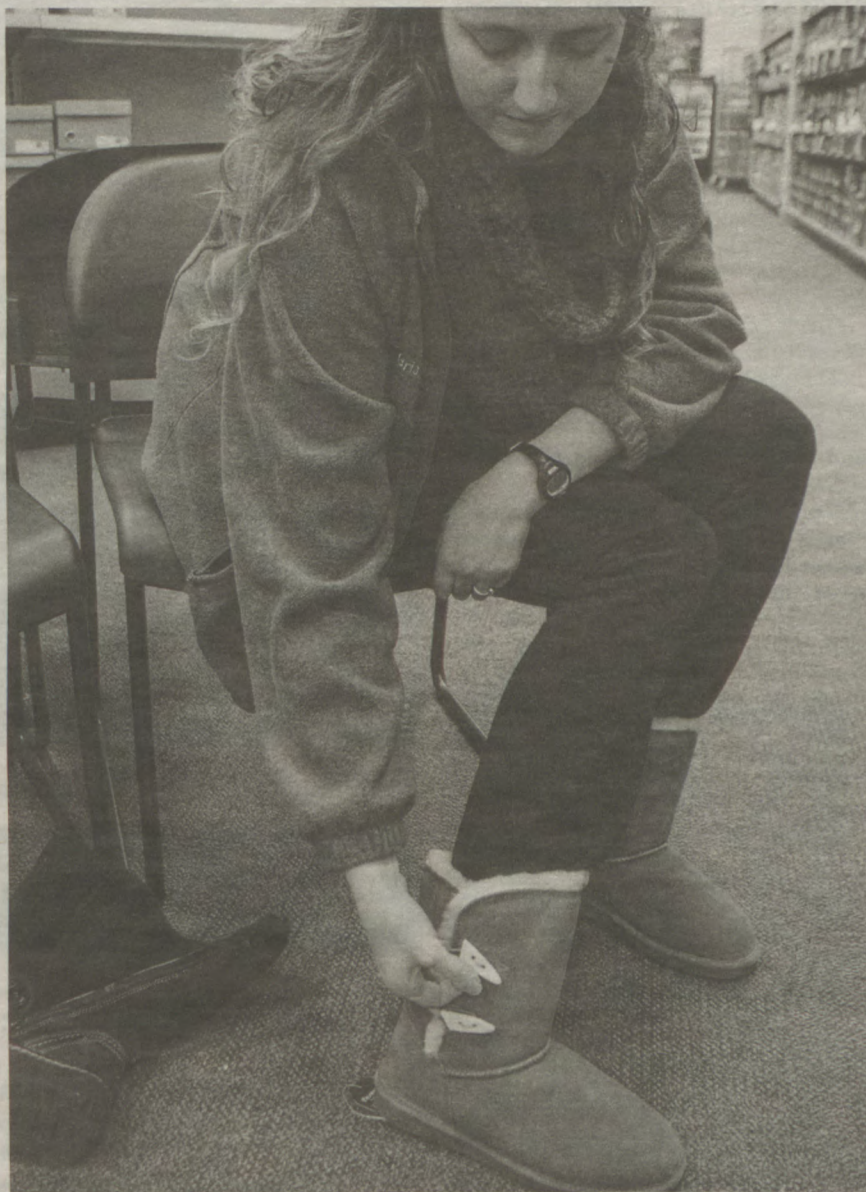
'Tis the season to decorate like crazy! The holiday season is approaching and what better way to get that holiday cheer going than decorating your dorm or apartment? Here are some of the most popular décor ideas to lift those holiday spirits!

1. Add some string lights to give your space that winter wonderland feel.
2. Hang some ornaments to add some drama to your room.
3. Put a mini Christmas tree on your desk and use gift wrapping paper as wall paper.

All of these things are easily accessible from Walmart, Target and Amazon. For more dorm and apartment decor ideas visit HerCampus.com/DIY.

Ahh! Christmas shopping!?

The best time to begin Christmas shopping is early on in the holiday season, but the time may vary depending on your



Dani Cochran / The Oakland Post

"While last week we soaked up the sun and enjoyed 70-degree weather, true Michiganders know that the cold and snow can settle in at any moment."

Parris Page
Staff Intern

shopping goals. If you want to maximize your savings, the best day to shop is usually on Black Friday.

For people who like to shop online the best time is Cyber Monday, which is the Monday after Thanksgiving where all of the sales that people weren't able to catch in stores on Black Friday are available online.



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

TOP Layering is not only a secret to looking fashionable, but to keeping warm during the cold winter season. Wear boots to perfect this cohesive and warm look. **BOTTOM** Decorating dorm and apartments can add a flavor of holiday cheer and serve as stylish decor.

THIS WEEK AROUND CAMPUS

NOV.
11

4 p.m. The Passenger: Art and Medicine. OC Banquet Rooms A&B.

5 p.m. Shakespeare Across Media. Gold Room A, OC.

6 p.m. An Evening with Virginia Lynch (founder of forensic science). Human Health Building.

NOV.
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10 a.m. Supplemental Instruction Leader Recruitment Fair. OC Hallway.

6 p.m. Does Your Physician Speak Autism? O'Dowd Hall, Room 204.

7:30 p.m. Oakland Jazz Singers and the Oakland Jazz Quartet. Varner Recital Hall.

NOV.
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5 p.m. SMEA Fall 2015 Networking Banquet. Oakland Room, OC.

8 p.m. Equus. Varner Studio Theater. \$15 general, \$8 students and 10 a.m. matinee.

NOV.
14

8:30 a.m. Road Trip to the Library of Michigan. Bring OU I.D. Transportation free, but limited seats.

7 p.m. Fight the Night. Contact Anne Maitland for more details.

NOV.
15

2 p.m. Equus. Varner Studio Theater. \$15 general, \$8 students and 10 a.m. matinee.

3 p.m. OU Chamber Ensembles Concert. Varner Recital Hall.

NOV.
16

8 p.m. As You Like It. Varner Lab Theatre.

Programs against sexual assault given funding

With 33 schools applying, only 22 secured grant money

Scott Davis
Managing Editor

Michigan First Lady Snyder announced last week that 22 colleges and universities in Michigan will be receiving \$500,000 to be distributed across all universities in various grants to combat against sexual assault.

The grant will be divided among the schools, with Oakland University receiving \$10,550. The goal of the grant is to help schools focus on sexual assault prevention and education.

Each college and university had to pitch a program and apply for the Campus Sexual Assault Grant Program (CSAGP) this summer. According to endsexualassault.com, the proposals and applications focused on plans to implement bystander training programs, place emphasis on student participation and create networks aiming to improve access to assault prevention resources.

Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development OU, was in charge of creating programs and applying for the grant. The project title at Oakland is "Consent is the New Yes Campus Sexual Assault Campaign" and will focus on multiple campus-wide awareness programs.

Miller plans on using the grant to create more awareness on campus by bringing in a speaker who is an expert on sexual assault prevention and throwing a spring break awareness fair where students can learn about being safe before they travel on spring break. Other programs and events are still being developed as the grant can be used from Nov. 5 through April 30.

"We are planning a mock trial students can be a part of. There will be a judge and jury, and the students will play different roles in the trial so they can learn more about the legal process and ramifications of a sexual assault," Miller said of one of the programs.

The grant can will also look to help with Oakland University Student Congress' "It's On Us" campaign. The campaign was launched at the beginning of the year by the Student Congress and looks to raise awareness, educate the Oakland community and provide aid to victims of sexual assault.

The application process was completed before the two reported sexual assaults that occurred on campus this semester. The first occurred on Sept. 8 in the Ann V. Nicholson student apartment parking lot, and the second occurred one month later on Oct. 8 in West Vandenberg Hall.

According to Oakland University Police Department Chief of Police Mark Gordon, the first sexual assault case was closed because the victim refused to prosecute. The second sexual assault case was also closed after a thorough review by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, after which they chose not to issue a warrant.

OUPD offers a 24-hour, seven days a week visual escort service. Students can call the police department's non-emergency number at (248)370-3331 if they feel unsafe walking anywhere on campus and a patrol car will dispatch to watch them as they travel.

More information on the grant can be found at <http://www.endcampussexualassault.com/grant-program/>. If you or someone you know would like information on campus sexual assault, you can visit oakland.edu/oucc/common-concerns/assault or haven-oakland.org.

Campus grant values

Looking at the other public universities of Michigan, Oakland University received an amount that was lower than the average. Below is a list to compare what other campuses got.

Lake Superior State University: \$60,000

University of Michigan Ann Arbor: \$20,003

University of Michigan Dearborn: \$38,016

University of Michigan Flint: \$29,363

Michigan State University: \$12,000

Western Michigan University: \$25,000

Northwestern Michigan College: \$953

Eastern Michigan University: \$53,926

Central Michigan University: \$33,435

Ferris State University: \$10,000



Danielle Cojocari / The Oakland Post

This year, sexual assault reports have been reported in the apartments and in Vandenberg Hall.

2016 Wilson and Human Relations Awards

Nominations are now being accepted.

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 2016 or have graduated in summer or fall 2015
- 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:**

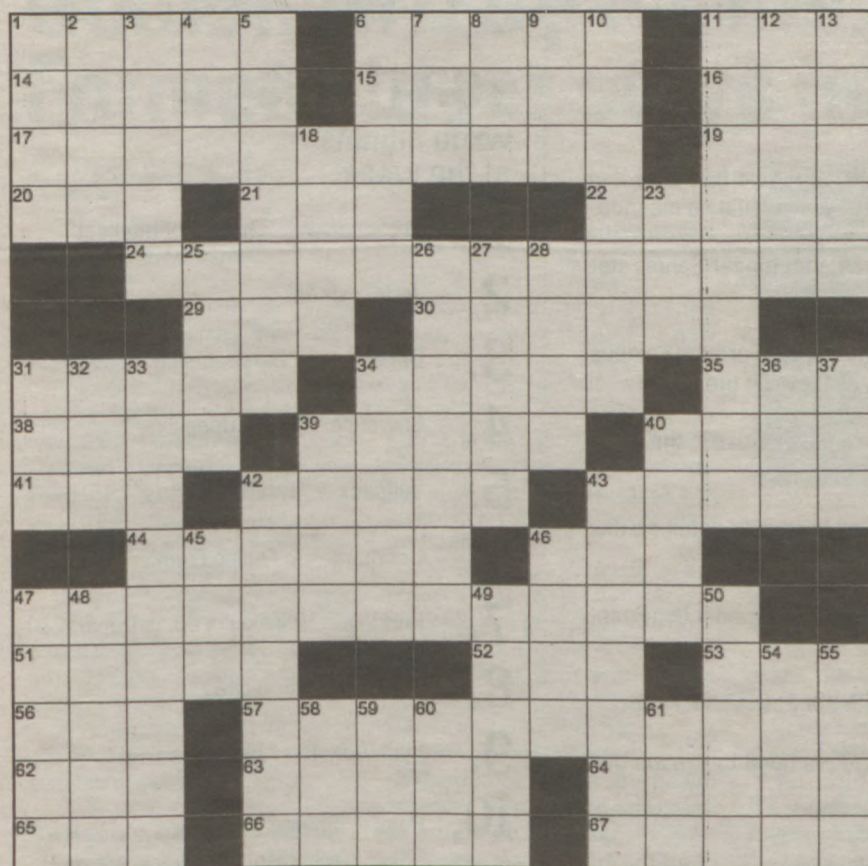
- be graduating seniors in winter 2016 or have graduated in summer or fall 2015
- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

Nomination forms are available at oakland.edu/dean_awards or in 144 Oakland Center. The deadline for both awards is Monday, February 15, 2016.

For questions, contact:

Dean of Students Office | 144 Oakland Center | (248) 370-3352

Puzzles



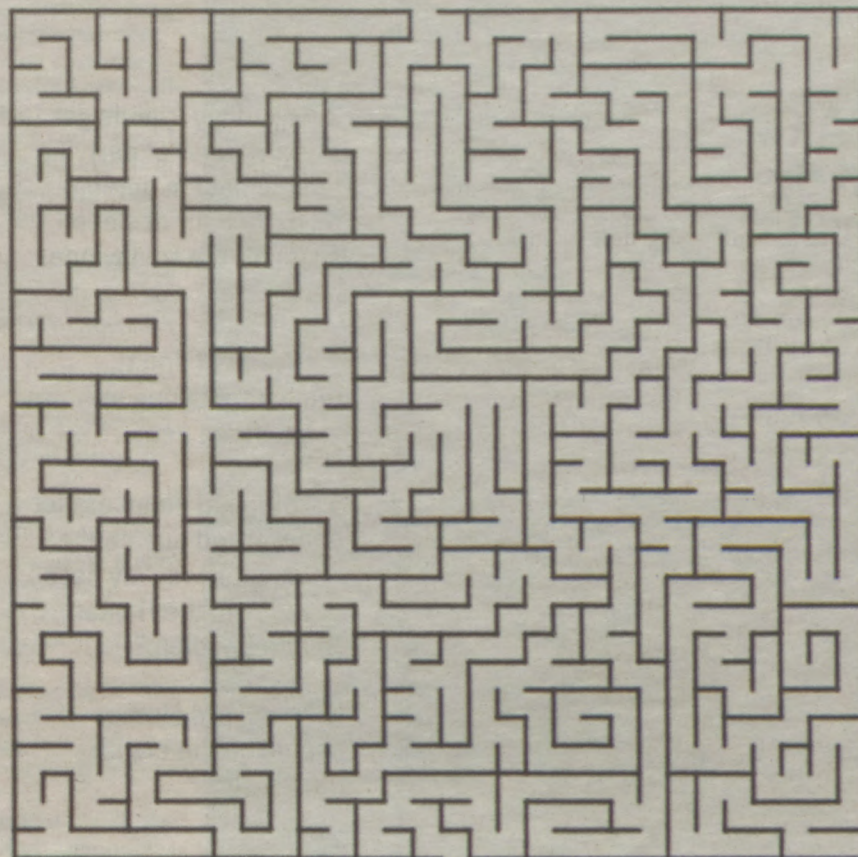
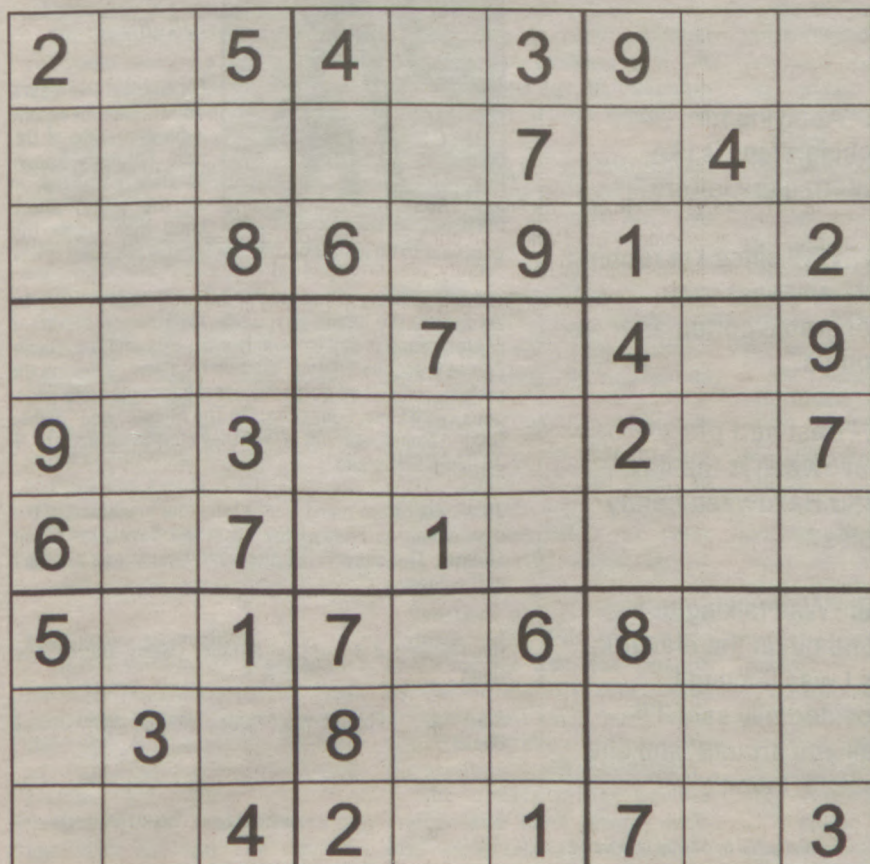
Across

- 1: Does' mates
6: Plotter's output
11: Smidge
14: Make a circle around
15: Female demon
16: Building wing
17: Idol worshipper?
19: Contend
20: Red or Yellow
21: Old hand
22: Clears the deck
24: Change
29: Hour div.
30: Orphan's lack
31: Canned ham glaze
34: Eye protection
35: Starts of sneezes
38: For fear that
39: Axels and lutzers
40: Hang around
41: Fireman's tool
42: Fruity desserts
43: Sorority sisters
44: Foolish
46: Spoil
47: Input for a recorder
51: Concealed
52: Put up preserves
53: Wedding page word

- 56: Quaint lodging
57: Working
62: Verbalize
63: Mr. Big, e.g.
64: Comes down in buckets
65: Line of clothing
66: Nosed (out)
67: 1996 Geoffrey Rush film

Down

- 1: Tipplers
2: Family follower?
3: Crosswise to the keel
4: Beefeater, e.g.
5: Kind of pencil that halts bleeding
6: Murk
7: Word before sheet or session
8: Band blaster
9: Chart shape
10: More severe
11: Lay waste
12: Cover story
13: Glorify
18: Breakfast grain
23: Took the gold
25: Give off
26: Narcotics
27: Grates upon
28: Lions and Tigers and Bears
31: In the manner of
32: Birth certificate notation
33: Mark Twain, to Samuel Langhorne Clemens
34: Vice ____ (conversely)
36: 'I've ____ it up to here!'
37: Methodology (abbr.)
39: Secular
40: Put into piles
42: Small group on the course
43: Mints that attract felines
45: Touch of winter
46: Nitty-gritty
47: Imitative
48: Arm bones
49: Burn with steam
50: Weariness
54: Make money
55: Apart from this
58: School of whales
59: Chicken-to-be
60: Cry over spilled milk
61: Chimpanzee's hoot



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9 THINGS TO WISH FOR ON 11/11

- 1. FREE TUITION:** It's the obvious number one wish for every college student. Free tuition would free up some money for those Chipotle and Starbucks runs. Oh, and no student loans or financial aid problems would be nice too.
- 2. DINNER DATE WITH JENNIFER LAWRENCE:** Imagine a candlelit, romantic dinner with the Hunger Games star and try not to get chills. I know I'd volunteer as tribute.
- 3. OAKLAND MEN'S BASKETBALL PERFECT SEASON:** The season is about to start and the hype around campus is real, but how cool would it be to see the country get excited about the Golden Grizzlies as they run the table?
- 4. FREE ORANGE CHICKEN FOR A MONTH:** We've already been blessed with a new Panda Express in the OC, it would be nice to be blessed with the sweet and tangy chicken goodness for a month.
- 5. DRAKE DANCING ON THE ELLIOTT CLOCK TOWER TO HOTLINE BLING:** No need to go into detail on this one, it just needs to happen.
- 6. J.J. ABRAMS TO NOT MESS UP STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS:** This might be the most important wish of all.
- 7. HOGWARTS TO ACTUALLY EXIST:** Because who doesn't want to be best friends with the Boy Who Lived?
- 8. THE SUPERPOWER OF OBTAINING A FREE PUPPY WHENEVER YOU WANT:** Do we need to explain this one?

— Compiled by Scott Davis, managing editor and Rachel Williams, staff reporter

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



1. "I know we're all trash, but that's why they are called garbage cans, not garbage cannots."
2. "Me when I'm feeling suspiciously relaxed: What responsibility have I forgotten?"
3. "All of my friends get an extra hour of partying tonight but I'm getting an extra hour of sleep so who's the real winner here."
4. "Wait... I don't remember taking my exam in red pen...?"
5. "Stepped on an eraser and freaked out 'cause I thought it was my cat's paw. I'm in the Human Health Building."
6. "I feel like Netflix should be the eighth deadly sin."
7. "Applying for scholarships is like entering the lottery."
8. "Well since I'm running late anyways why not grab a coffee and donuts."
9. "Best part of Halloween is the day after Halloween candy sales."
10. "Was talking to a blind girl in the elevator, as I was leaving I accidentally said 'I'll see you around' and she replied 'I won't.'"

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter

TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the week

1. Protomartyr — "The Agent Intellect"
2. Jr Jr — "Jr Jr"
3. Big Grams — "Big Grams EP"
4. Chvrches — "Every Open Eye"
5. Vulfpeck — "Thrill of the Arts"
6. Deerhunter — "Fading Frontier"
7. Kurt Vile — "B'lieve I'm Going Down..."
8. Son Little — "Son Little"
9. Ryan Adams — "1989"
10. Petal — "Shame"



JR JR —
"JR JR"

For the last five years, JR JR has been the indie pop pride of Detroit. Formerly known as Dale Earnhardt Jr Jr, the group shortened their name this past year to no longer parody the famous NASCAR driver.

Though sporting a new name, "JR JR" doesn't stray far away from the band's past work. Their danceable brand of electropop is still extremely enjoyable and fun. Daniel Zott and Joshua Epstein, the two local minds behind the project, still pull off gorgeous vocal harmonies and infectious synth lines. Songs like, "In The Middle" and "James Dean" remind listeners of why they started listening to JR JR in the first place.

JR JR will return home from a long tour in support of this new album on Friday, Nov. 13 at the Royal Oak Music Theater. The show is all ages and tickets are available at the door.

Recommended if you like: Parquet Courts, Detroit, Viet Cong

Start with: "I Forgive You," "Dope Cloud," "Why Does It Shake?"

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

Golden Grizzly for life: Former player stays home

Amy Carlton eager to continue with basketball team

Ally Racey
Staff Reporter

She can officially call Oakland University her alma mater, but she isn't done being a Golden Grizzly just yet.

Amy Carlton played for the women's basketball team at Oakland University for five years. Her passion for the sport, positive attitude and experience earned her a position as the new graduate assistant.

"I love being active and I love seeing my teammates every day and being a part of the team is an amazing feeling," Carlton said.

"I immediately felt this was the spot for me for the next two years in my life."

Carlton's qualifications

Carlton completed her fifth year of basketball at Oakland this year. She was a walk-on her freshman year, but was redshirted because of a torn ACL.

During her redshirt freshman year, she earned a full scholarship to play for the team and kept it for the rest of her career.

Carlton became a graduate assistant at the beginning of this fall semester.

"I applied for a GA position through athletics and the women's basketball GA just so happened to be open," Carlton said.

"It was a no brainer. It took me about two seconds to say 'yep, you're on board,'" head coach Jeff Tungate said.

Carlton said it's a different aspect working alongside her teammates rather than playing with them.

"During scrimmages at practice, I find myself wanting to go in and play," Carlton said.

Her new position

Her main job as a graduate assistant is to open up the gym and help in drills during practice. She also helps the director of basketball operations and coaches in the office.

Tungate said Carlton was a leader in the way she carried herself on and off the court. He

mentioned how the things she did in the classroom separated her from everybody else.

"There's no surprise that she's able to continue helping us now in a different role and we're excited to have her with us," Tungate said.

She is pursuing a career in physical therapy and says working as a graduate assistant has given her plenty of experience for her future.

"When injuries occur, I am able to see how the players work back to getting on the floor again. Also, I continue to learn time management and how to be a leader throughout my experience as a GA," she said.

Carlton completed her undergraduate degree in health sciences with a concentration in pre-physical therapy in 2014. This year, she will be completing her second year as a doctor of physical therapy student and will graduate two years after that.

She plans to be a physical therapist, but working as a GA has interested her in coaching a local high school basketball team.

"Coaching is a rewarding feeling and seeing the girls improve their game is so much fun," she said.

Thinking positive

She said the hard work and hustle that each player shows gets her excited as a graduate assistant.

"These women accomplish things they never thought they were capable of and learn to overcome adversity, which are great characteristics to carry over into the real world," Carlton said.

Everyone always calls Carlton "Smiles," and her teammates and coaches love the positivity she brings to practice each day along with her work ethic, which is why she was chosen for the graduate assistant position.

"She always brings positive energy and she's always smiling," senior Olivia Nash said.



Contributed to the Oakland Post
Carlton, former women's basketball player, is now a graduate assistant.

Looking forward

Carlton is excited to see how much the women improve as a team this season.

"The chemistry for this team is great," Carlton said.

She said working alongside her teammates has taught her many things.

"I have learned so much that goes behind the scenes for the team that I never knew as a player."

She truly appreciates the hard work the coaches, director of operations, and video coordinator do to make women's basketball a great experience for the team.

"They go above and beyond what any program would do to make sure the girls are prepared for their future after basketball," she said.

Even though Carlton still sees her team everyday, it's not the same as being on the court with them.

She misses the hard workouts and being her with team the most. She considers the women she played with as a part of her family.

"It's like she really hasn't left because she's still a part of the team. She will always be a part of the family," Nash said.

"It's different, but she'll always be there as a GA or a teammate."

Carlton isn't sure where she will be in the future. She said she is taking one day at a time and soaking up every experience that comes her way.

"I am so thankful for all the opportunities and memories I have already had."

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Men's Soccer:

The Oakland men's soccer team earned the No. 2 seed in the Horizon League Tournament after defeating Wright State in Dayton, Ohio over the weekend. The team took home a 2-0 win. Player of the game, Matt Rickard, scored his first game-winning goal of the season. Sophomore Austin Ricci recorded his league-leading seventh goal of the year. Senior Elliott Tarney picked up his fifth shutout with five saves, while senior Matt Dudley and sophomore Alec Greene each recorded an assist. With the win the team earned the first round bye for the Horizon League Tournament. "Today we showed class, determination and we showed what it takes to be a championship team if we can play like this day in and day out," head coach Eric Pogue said. The Golden Grizzlies will play in the Horizon League Tournament next on Nov. 9, 2015.

Volleyball

The Oakland women's volleyball team versed Youngstown State Friday, Nov. 6 and Cleveland State Saturday, Nov. 7. The team took home a 3-0 win over Youngstown State with the help of, player of the game, Jessica Dood and Melissa Deatsch each tallying double-digit kills. Alli Gutschow recorded a match-best 10 digs and Ciara Schultz totaled a game-high 38 assists. The team won its ninth 3-set match. "I thought this was a really well played match especially offensively," head coach Rob Beam said. The team defeated Cleveland State Saturday with a 3-1 win. Player of the game, Alli Gutschow tied a career-best with 27 digs. Melissa Deatsch, Jessica Dood and Cassie Pelloni each recorded double-digit kills. Ciara Schultz broke Oakland's career records for assists and sets played. "I thought this was an interesting match because both teams fought so hard. I think it was one of the best sets I've ever been a part of," Beam said. The team finished league play 8-0 on the road. Oakland trails CSU by half game for first place. The Grizzlies play Wright State Nov. 13, 2015.

Volleyball

The Oakland Swimming and Diving team took on Duquesne at home Nov. 6 and traveled to Ypsilanti to compete against Eastern Michigan Nov. 7. Oakland won 11 of 16 events for a 172-102 defeat over Duquesne. Nikki Flynn and Rachel Waite each earned three event wins. Flynn's time for the 100-yard free was 51.66 and 1:52.48 in the 200 free. Waite won the 50 breast with a time of 29.46 and 1:04.09 in the 100 breast. Paige Rubleski recoded her first career event wins in diving. The Golden Grizzlies remained undefeated in duel meets at that time. Other event wins were taking home by Patricia Aschan, Krissy Harmon, Holly Morren, and Takara Martin. "Some of the coaches have been talking all week about how some of them are really starting to step up a little bit," head coach Pete Hovland said. The men and women's teams each dropped their first duel meet of the season to Eastern Michigan as the men lost 180.5-119.5 and the women lost 193.5-104.5. "Hopefully something like this makes us even tougher," Hovland said. Oakland won the men's 200-medley relay. Their time was 1:30.92. The team was Aleksander Danielewski, Devon Nowicki, Tuomas Kiviluoma and Jeremiah Morren. Kiviluoma swam a team-best 49.90 in the men's 100 fly. Flynn has won at least one individual event in every duel meet this season. "I thought today was a step in the right direction. We've been progressing all season long," Hovland said. The team will travel to UIC Nov. 14, 2015.

— Compiled by Jackson Gilbert,
Sports Editor

From Oklahoma City to Oakland

One on one: Q&A with new men's basketball assistant coach Phelps

Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

Following the departure of Brandon Weems, Oakland filled the vacant assistant men's basketball coaching position with former Oklahoma City University head coach Dionne Phelps. Phelps, who has coached at multiple schools in Texas and Oklahoma for the last twenty years, comes to Oakland after spending his last four years at Oklahoma City.

Before that, he spent time as an assistant coach at Oklahoma, and was there for current NBA star Blake Griffin and Oklahoma's elite eight run.

The Oakland Post sat down with Phelps over the weekend.

OP: Five years head coaching at OCU, what made you decide to come take an assistant coaching position here?

Phelps: It really wasn't in that context, it's an opportunity to get back to a division one level. This is one of those programs where you have a head coach that's been here for 32 years and so there's a lot to learn from him. They've had a lot of success here so it's a great opportunity.

OP: You've spent time coaching at several schools in Texas and Oklahoma, did they prepare you for the weather we're going to have here in Michigan?

Phelps: You know what, it has been some time for me. We had a couple of seasons in Oklahoma where it was cold but I'm not sure if it was as cold as it is up here. We've had a few tough Christmases there. I was actually born in Detroit but left at an early age. From there, I moved out to the Northwest, I lived in Tacoma, Washington for some time.

OP: So what did you know about Oakland before you came here?

Phelps: Really, it was the style of play. I watched them play in a couple of NCAA tournaments and seeing them in early rounds, they're a fast place to play and they like to get some shots up.

OP: Did you know Kampe before arriving?

Phelps: I did not, just kind of heard of him. I didn't know him personally, I just knew that he's done a great job up here and he's run a great respectable program for a long time.

OP: What role will you play in coaching this team?

Phelps: Right now, I'm working with Drew Valentine with the guards. Outside of that, our responsibilities are pretty much the same once we get off the court. Right now, we're working on scouting and everything else is recruiting and preparing for games and trying to help these players become the better players that they want to be.

OP: What have you seen from the team so far?

Phelps: I'm very impressed with them, definitely not surprised though. Having a high-level point guard in Kahlil Felder and the size for a mid major program, we have really good size. And the talent in our size is pretty comparable to some of the power conference teams I've seen. I've seen Big 12 programs that didn't have the same type of size we've got. That's probably the most surprising thing that I've seen.

OP: You spent time at Oklahoma, a power conference team,



The Golden Grizzlies new assistant men's basketball coach Dionne Phelps helps with practice on Nov. 10.

what's the major difference between that and a mid major school?

Phelps: Probably in the power conferences, you have to have at least two or three NBA-level players in your program at a time. I think here what we've seen is that Kampe has gotten some guys to excel beyond what anyone thought they could be. Kampe has done a heck of a job getting guys playing in the NBA and overseas. There's three or four guys here that I think have a shot to play in the big leagues.

OP: So you're ready to say we've got a couple of NBA players on this roster?

Phelps: It's unbelievable if you look in the NBA right now, there's a lot of guys that maybe weren't projected to be where they are right now but because

of their work ethic and their drive, they've made it. To be honest with you, I think we have guys here that if they lock in and push themselves, the sky could be the limit.

OP: Talk a little about what you've seen from Kahlil Felder.

Phelps: I tell you what, Felder is really, really good. And the scary thing about that is that he still has two years left. He's as explosive as any guard I've seen in all my time coaching. I've had the opportunity to be around two McDonald's all American guards in Willie Warren and Tommy Mason-Griffin and I'll tell you what, I'd put K up against them any day of the week.

OP: You spent some time with Blake Griffin at Oklahoma, talk about your relationship with him.

Phelps: Well we make contact about once or twice a year, he's a very busy guy. If I go out to L.A. I'll always make sure I get a chance to see him. Coaching a guy like that is really, Blake is probably one of the easier guys to coach because he's so competitive and has a high sense of urgency and he loves to be in the gym and work. Any time you find guys that are dedicated to their craft like him, they're very easy to coach.

OP: What are some long-term goals for you?

Phelps: Mostly just to keep having the opportunity to teach the game. I enjoy being around the athletes, and help them fulfill some of their goals. As long as I can be around athletes in any capacity, helping them with their game, that's where I want to be.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

LEFT: Oakland's cheer and dance teams perform on the blacktop court. **TOP RIGHT:** The brass band performs. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The Grizz Gang practices cheers for the upcoming season.

Grizz Gang hosts pep rally for upcoming season

Hundreds of students fill bleachers, learn cheers, get hyped for basketball

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 5, Grizz Gang held its first pep rally to get Oakland students excited for the upcoming basketball season. There were performances by Oakland's cheer and dance team, followed by talks with the women's head basketball coach Jeff Tungate and men's head coach Greg Kampe.

Kampe riled up the student section by telling the story of how, for a period of time in the late-2000s, the Grizzlies had a run of 52-2 at home. The O'rena only seats 4,000 and the average attendance during the 2008 season was 4,025.

"If you fit 4,000 people in here it will be so much louder than a place that seats 8,000 people because it's so small and condensed," junior Christian Little, vice president of Grizz Gang, said. "It gets in everyone's head except for ours, and it gets in ours in a positive way."

The Grizz Gang, in junior Jacob

Little's words, is "the student section on campus and we go crazy. We give everybody that comes in here a run for their money, we get in their heads and that makes it hard for them to win here."

Jacob is the marketing representative of the Grizz Gang. The Grizz Gang tries to attend every sporting event, but basketball is most popular.

"It all depends on schedules," Christian explained. "A lot of people don't have good schedules to go to all the games, but basketball fits in much better because it's at night and we are really, really good."

The Grizz Gang, using the incentive of free pizza, invited everyone to the O'rena to practice some basketball cheers and chants. The purpose of the pep rally was to show how serious and excited the Grizz Gang is for this upcoming basketball season.

Kampe himself said "this may be the best team I have ever coached." Coming from the third longest reigning coach in NCAA history, that is a powerful statement to make.

The pep rally was also used to motivate and excite students to come out and support all of the Oakland teams, according to Christian.

"Grizz Gang is just trying to support all of the athletes, not just basketball. And we want to encourage involvement around campus," Jacob said. "I know a lot of people go home on the weekends or sit in their rooms. I don't want that. I want people to come out and have fun and to lose their voices with me."

The renovations of the O'rena will provide a positive impact on the Grizz Gang and the game experience. New lights, speakers and the famous blacktop will all give players the home court advantage and the Grizz Gang a louder voice.

All of the renovations were driven by the athletic department, but they were also student-driven. According to Christian, the athletic department leaves their office doors open for students to come forward with suggestions.

"I know people go to Oregon for their gear with Nike, so why wouldn't

you want to come here and play on the blacktop, the only one in the country," Jacob said. "This year we wanted to do themed games and the athletic department was like 'let's do it.' Everything that athletics has done is surrounded by students."

One idea for a theme day that Kampe fully supports is a white out. Kampe believes that if we get 4,000-plus people in the O'rena in white with the black top, "we will be all over Twitter."

The executive board of Grizz Gang consists of five members, with the Little brothers accounting for two of those members. However, both Little brothers agree that when anyone steps into the O'rena, they are part of the Grizz Gang family.

"You step into the O'rena and you're Grizz Gang," Christian said. "You don't have to wear a Grizz Gang shirt, you don't need to be on the E-board, you can sit in the back or sit in the front. As long as you sit in our section and scream your head off, you're Grizz Gang."

Women's soccer scores first Horizon League championship

Golden Grizzlies to play Notre Dame in NCAA tournament

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 7, Oakland's women's soccer team claimed its first Horizon League Championship title. Walking off the turf of Englemann Stadium in Milwaukee victorious, the Golden Grizzlies defeated Wright State 1-0 in overtime.

Senior Sarah Reynolds scored the single goal of the game off of a corner kick from fellow senior Joan Sieja during the 95th minute.

Having an assist from Sieja was reminiscent of sophomore year for Reynolds. Just two years before, on the same field, Sieja assisted Reynolds to put Oakland up 3-2 against Milwaukee with six minutes to go in the conference championship.

"We ended up losing that game and it was the hardest loss I've ever experienced in my 17 years of playing soccer," Reynolds said. "So this time around, to think Joan assisted me for a game-winning goal where we actually ended up winning is crazy and an awesome experience with one of my classmates."

This time around, when Sieja went up for the corner kick, the team was confident the game would end there.

"When running up into the box for that final corner kick, Aly Rawson turned to me and said 'the game ends right now, we're going to score,'" Reynolds said.

"Then Joan sent a great ball into the box, I was able to get my foot on it and it soared right into the back of the net. After seeing the ball hit the net I went ballistic, I couldn't believe it actually happened. I was in shock. But celebrating with my teammates was the best feeling in the entire world and it's definitely a moment I will never forget."

It was Reynolds first goal of the season.

Wright State put up a fight. The Raiders lead in shots, 18-8, and corner kicks, 7-3. Going into the game, head coach Margaret Saurin knew they were going up



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The women's soccer team celebrate at the Red Ox Tavern on Nov. 9 after learning they will face Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.



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The women's soccer team won the Horizon League Championship title, a historical feat for Oakland. Sarah Reynolds and Joan Sieja were named as Player of the Game and Tournament Most Valuable Player, respectively.

against "an athletic team with a lot of pace." But Saurin had full trust in her team.

"I have a very simple thought process," Saurin explained.

"Trust in the game plan, including the adjustments we may need to make during the game, trust and believe in the players to execute, trust and believe

in the players coming into the game off the bench to make a difference."

The atmosphere on the bus before the game, according to both Saurin and Reynolds, was positive and confident.

The players knew they had task at hand and that it wasn't going to be easy. After all, no

women's soccer team has won a Horizon League title for Oakland before.

"We all believed in ourselves and knew we had the ability to get the job done," Reynolds said. "We knew it was possible to win and everyone was thinking that we were not leaving Milwaukee without a championship."

The Golden Grizzlies started out the season 0-5-4. Saurin said the team never stopped believing in the process and in the team.

They finished 8-5-7 overall, including a dominant 6-1-2 in the Horizon League and finishing with a Horizon League title.

"Where you start is not as important as where you finish," Saurin said.

Having two seniors make the game-winning play demonstrates the role of the senior leadership present on the field. According to Saurin, the seniors are a very driven group of people and "winning this is not just a result of this season's hard work, it is a result of all of the

hard work they have put in over the years."

Both Reynolds and Sieja were named to the Horizon League all-tournament team along with freshman goalkeeper Emily Zweng and senior Jamie Horne.

Reynolds was also named player of the game, while Sieja was named tournament most valuable player.

"My class and I have been through a lot over the last 4 years and this was something we had been working extremely hard for," Reynolds said.

"It's honestly a dream come true, and I'm happy I got to experience it with this amazing group of girls. I'm very proud of everyone on this team and want to thank them for allowing me to experience the perfect ending to my four year career here at Oakland."

On Monday, Nov. 9 it was announced that Oakland will play Notre Dame in South Bend on Friday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.