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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

TIGERS IN THE GRIZZLY DEN // Detroit Tigers second baseman Ramón Santiago and pitcher José Veras stand with Interim President Betty Youngblood Oct. 16. The pair were on campus as part of a friendly rivalry with the Boston Red Sox to see which team could get more fans to donate blood to the American Red Cross. The contest ran the end of the series, but the American Red Cross always accepts donations. *JON DAVIS// The Oakland Post*

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What are your plans for Halloween this year?

- A** Go to a haunted house
- B** Watch scary movies with some friends
- C** Go trick-or-treating
- D** I don't celebrate Halloween

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

How do you think you did on your midterm exams?

- A** I aced them. No sweat. 25%
- B** It was a struggle, but I did okay. 33.3%
- C** I probably failed miserably. 0%
- D** None of my classes have midterms. 41.7%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 23, 1996

Dean of Graduate Studies George Dahlgren announced his retirement from OU, agreeing to continue working as a part-time consultant.

OCTOBER 20, 1980

The Presidential Search Committee and advisory groups were caught holding a secret meeting at a hotel near Detroit Metro Airport.

OCTOBER 22, 1965

Vice President Hubert Humphrey spoke at OU about the importance of education and the future of financial aid in the United States.



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SAFE AT HOME

OUPD released its annual Safety and Security Report for 2012. Find out what how 2012 fared against previous years in terms of crime, fire prevention and other stats.



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NATURE VS. NURTURE

Speaker Rebecca Kiessling spoke on behalf of Students 4 Life on finding out she was conceived in a sexual assault and her life as an adoptee.



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NOBODY PUTS PETE IN A CORNER

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BY THE NUMBERS

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reports of motor vehicle theft on campus in 2012

34

arrests for liquor law violations

6

arrests for burglary

3

arrests for forcible sexual offenses on campus in 2012

0

incidents of homicide, robbery or arson

Internships - don't give away your labor

Many companies in the Oakland-Macomb area take on interns and help them hone their skills while paying them a modest stipend for their efforts.

Internships can be a great way to get references, hands-on training and that coveted experience we all need for our resumes. They can also be a horrendous rip-off, in which unscrupulous employers treat interns like free temporary employees.

According to the Department of Labor's Fair Labor Standards Act, an unpaid internship must meet a list of six criteria - and it must meet all six of those criteria, not just a few (see the links at the end of this article).

Among the list, the employer cannot benefit from the work of an unpaid intern. An unpaid intern also cannot "displace regular employees" by doing work that should be done by regular salaried staff. If any of those happen, the intern must be paid minimum wage at the very least.

But a Business Insider article shows that more than half of all internships are unpaid. In many of those cases, the employer is committing federal crime.

But what of the experience gained?

An article from The Atlantic shoots down the idea that all internships - even unpaid ones - benefit the student in the form of job offers and experience. Those who worked paid internships had a 60

percent chance of receiving a job offer upon graduation. Those with unpaid internships had a 37 percent chance, as opposed to a 35.2 percent chance from those with no internships at all.

In other words, there's only a 1.8 percent benefit for unpaid interns.

With no monetary compensation, an incremental increase in job offer potential, and possibly long tedious hours, why do so many students jump on the internship bandwagon?

More colleges are requiring internships than ever before. Last year, 36.9 percent of college students worked at least one internship, according to US News. That, combined with employers requiring experience beyond a college classroom, has caused a spike in students willing to give away their labor.

This trend also hurts current employees, and can lead to companies taking on fewer full-time employees, according to Ross Perlin, the author of "Intern Nation." After all, why would a company hire new employees when a fresh batch of interns pops up a few times a year?

This situation is not untenable. A USA Today article shows how students at NYU banded together to remove illegal unpaid internships from the school's campus career center listings.

Another article from the Atlantic tells of a court ruling in which Judge William H. Pauly III declared Fox

Searchlight had broken the law by not compensating two interns who worked on the movie "Black Swan."

These are just the opening salvos of a battle against depreciated labor and illegal hiring practices. The fight can't stop there. Students must continue.

When you see a listing for an unpaid internship when you know it's from a for-profit company looking to benefit from unpaid labor, send that company a link to the Department of Justice's Fair Labor Standards Act.

For those of you who believe you've been unfairly compensated in the past, it might not be too late. Contact a lawyer if you can. Gather evidence of work you did that directly benefited your employer.

Last, but not least, don't give away your labor. Every time this happens it weakens the value of your work and those who come after you.

Make sure companies get the message: If you can't afford to pay us, we can't afford to work for you.

For more information, check out:
 ■ www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs71.htm
 ■ www.nytimes.com/2013/09/30/us/interns-resist-working-free.html
 ■ www.businessinsider.com/is-my-unpaid-internship-illegal-2013-6
 ■ www.pbs.org/newshour/business-desk/2013/09/will-work-for-free-how-unpaid.html

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EDITORIAL

Stump the librarian - What the fox says

Mystery librarian won't be outfoxed by your questions; Ylvis has left the building

Greetings, Ylvis dearest Grizzlies: There were a few that heeded my call into the wild for the hardest questions around. You have yet to even cause me to have even the slightest of palpitations as I ponder my responses, however. Consider this entry:

Q. What does the fox say?

Sometimes a questioner does not really want an answer. There are occasions where the question reveals more of the person inquiring—in this case, perhaps, one's taste in music. Let's see, though, how I might help someone with this question using our collection.

Many knowledge seekers want to turn first to our online databases. To construct a query, you want the correct terms. In this case, "say" would not be a useful keyword, as it is an action verb and doesn't really describe the idea we are looking for when combined with the term "fox".

Rather, one should consider terms such as "vocalization" or "call" or even the generic "sound" in order to get at the topic. A quick search using "fox"



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and "vocalization" in LibraryOnesearch—minus the quotation marks, as they are single terms!—brings up many intriguing results from the scholarly literature, including these:

■ Murdoch, J. D., Ralls, K., Cypher, B. L., & Reading, R. P. (2008). Barking vocalizations in San Joaquin kit foxes (*vulpes macrotis mutica*). *The Southwestern Naturalist*, 53(1), 118-124.

■ Gogoleva, S. S., Volodin, I. A., Volodina, E. V., Kharlamova, A. V., & Trut, L. N. (2009). Kind granddaughters of angry grandmothers: The effect of domestication on vocalization in cross-bred silver foxes. *Behavioural Processes*, 81(3), 369-375.

Another place to look might be in our book collections—for example, we have many online encyclopedias that might give an overview of the animal. One physical book we own also provides this tidbit:

More solitary species such as red foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*) may call in a more aggressive manner to deter potential rivals. Study of their calls has revealed that again, individuals can be recognized by their distinctive intonations.

They bark most often in the winter months, lead-

ing up to the mating period, especially on cold, moonlit nights. (David Alderton, *Foxes, Wolves and Wild Dogs of the World*, New York: Facts on File, 1994: p. 52, call number QL 737 .C22 P44 1994)

From scanning all these sources, it does appear that we have an answer. Foxes, as a member of the canine family, have a call similar to their domesticated brethren:

The Fox (sometimes) goes 'woof'

Of course, one might also be looking for a certain YouTube music video, which The Librarian could provide assistance in locating. Serious scholars that you all are, though, I am sure that was not the case.

As usual, if you seek answers, we've got them—24/7! See our Ask a Librarian page for how to email, chat with us, or otherwise locate animals from the genus *Librarianus*.

Try and stump me next week here: <http://tinyurl.com/stumpOU> or StumpOULibrarian@gmail.com

The mystery librarian prefers to remain anonymous, but can be contacted at the URL above or at StumpOULibrarian@oakland.edu

Lend your voice to the Oakland Center

Building expansion committee needs your opinion on the future of OU

Ashley Monticciolo
Student Services Director

As students, we have all seen Oakland University grow immensely. This has been the first year that enrollment has hit 20,000, and campus life is flourishing because of it.

Due to the increase of students and the new adjustments in parking, people are choosing to spend more time on campus and utilizing all of the facilities that we have here.

If you walk through the library, the recreation center, or the Oakland Center on any given day, you will see mass amounts of students. These areas are becoming extremely crowded, and it's not easy for anyone to find extra space to eat or relax in between or before classes.

The Oakland Center is one of the main places on campus that students come to spend their time getting involved and hanging out with friends. It's the building that most students frequent, and the building many people can agree really needs to be expanded.

If you want to go get lunch in the food court around 12 pm on any given day, the lines are incredibly long, the seats are all taken, and by the time you try and

figure out what your best option is, it is time for you to go back to class. The Oakland Center serves as a central point of campus, a place of great activity and a fun place to promote and emphasize the amazing student life we have. As we grow as a student body, the university must grow with us.

During these past few weeks a group of student leaders have come together to create a survey to assess the student body's needs and wants toward an expanded Oakland Center.

The committee working on the survey consists of Board of Trustees Liaisons, Robbie Williford and Samantha Wolf, Student Body President and Vice President Brandon Hanna and Jibran Ahmed, OUSC Marketing Director Tim Brown, and myself, the OUSC Student Services Director.

The survey contains questions regarding how often students utilize the Oakland Center, what they use it for, what new amenities they may want in a new building, and if they would be willing to make funds available for this project.

Student participation in this survey is imperative. We cannot accomplish an expansion of the Oakland Center without the help of the entire student body. We need your input in order to make this a success. As student leaders on campus we are here to make



Courtesy of Oakland University

This map shows a potential expansion to the Oakland Center building, dependent on student input.

sure your voices are heard and that we are serving the students properly.

Our goal is to have the majority of the students complete this survey so we can prove to the university how important an expanded Oakland Center is. We cannot do it without all of you, and we hope we can reach our goals.



Aaron Pletta, freshman, while studying Spanish, says that he can understand why students lose sleep because they stress over studying

Photo illustration by Kailee Mathias

Under pressure: OU reports high stress

NCHA ranks Oakland higher than national average

LeeAnn Brown
Staff Reporter

Staff at OU's Graham Health Center is working to understand why students are so stressed.

According to the National College Health Assessment (NCHA), given to students in the fall of 2012, Oakland students reported stress at 38 percent, and anxiety at 28.1 percent, to be their highest impediments to learning.

Nationally, students deemed stress and anxiety their highest obstacles to learning. However, OU ranked 10 points higher than the national average on these two percentages.

Melissa Reznar, OU assistant professor of health sciences, said these factors were reported as higher impediments than relationships, Internet use and alcohol use.

Nancy Jansen, GHC director, along with Julie Proctor, GHC Health and Wellness coordinator, spearheaded the process of getting this survey to OU students in 2012.

Commuter stress

Both Jansen and Proctor noted one big difference they think could be causing the extra stress reported by students.

"I wonder if it is somewhat related to the fact that we are a commuter school," Jansen said.

Proctor agreed, saying she wondered if driving in traffic and parking on campus added to the stress levels of students.

"In order to find this out we would have to compare OU percentages to other commuter campuses to see if commuting is the cause of the extra stress," Proctor said.

Work it

There's one more thing — work. OU students ranked work as the third highest impediment to learning at 24.5 percent compared to 13.5 percent nationally.

Proctor said more OU students report having jobs outside of school than the national average. Several students work full or part-time jobs on top of commuting to and from school.

Spreading the word

Since receiving the NCHA report, Proctor and Jansen have been trying to spread awareness of student anxiety around campus.

"Just sitting on this data in our clinic is not useful to students. There's a lot of important information out there that stu-

dents need to be aware of," Jansen said.

"One of the things we're doing is we've sent this information to other departments around campus hoping they will use the information that relates to their department and help students alleviate some of their stress," she said.

iPause

Jansen started the iPause workshop in September of this year.

iPause, which is led by OU students, focuses on meditation, stress management and massage.

"It is a time for students to just be quiet for one hour," Jansen said.

Melissa Reznar has used the NCHA information as inspiration for starting up a health advisory group at OU.

Reznar said the group is in its infancy, but it aims to help students manage the stress they experience in day-to-day life.

"In terms of ensuring that our students are healthy and performing at their best academically, stress is clearly an issue that we need to address," Reznar said.

The group includes members of the GHC and Campus Recreation, both of who have done and are currently doing, programs for stress reduction.

"We also have students on the health advisory committee because nobody knows the realities of student life better than students," Reznar said.

Students who are interested in getting involved in the health advisory group can contact Reznar at reznar@oakland.edu.

Stress in college life is unavoidable but Reznar suggests engaging in relaxation, whether it be meditation, exercise, or deep breathing.

Grizzlies on the Prowl

What's the scariest thing you've ever seen?



Alexander Boulos
psychology major, senior

"One time I was home alone ... I was in the bathroom and thought I heard my brother screaming ... I looked around but no one was home."



Rachel Williams
communication, freshman

"A clown. I don't like clowns."

Paul Coutilish
anthropology, freshman

"A couple years ago I was in New York ... I was walking with friends and there was a homeless guy on the street. When he turned to look at us his eye was missing and half of his face was like burned off. He looked like Two-Face. He smiled at us ... it was definitely a shock."

Campus

Decrease in reported crimes, increase in illegal

Chris Peralta
Staff Reporter

The OUPD has released its annual safety and security report, as required by the Clery Act and for the better understanding of campus safety policies, procedures and resources.

Readers will find information on things like fire drills, emergency notifications and student/employee responsibilities.

At the end of the report, there are statistics for campus, residence halls and non-campus crimes.

But what do they mean for Oakland's students?

In the past year, OU's main campus has seen a decrease in reported crimes like robbery (from two instances to zero), aggravated assault (seven to six), burglary (nine to four) and motor vehicle theft (four to two).

However, there have been increases in crimes involving illegal weapons and

"But with a growing student population, the increase in drug, liquor and illegal weapons arrests is something to be addressed and improved on."

drug and liquor laws.

Last year, three illegal weapons arrests have been made along with 28 drug arrests and 34 liquor arrests.

The last illegal weapons arrests occurred before 2009 and drug violations increased by 86 percent while liquor violations increased by 54 percent.

With that, the campus' safety is increasing in certain areas.

But with a growing student population, the increase in drug, liquor and illegal weapons arrests is something to be addressed and improved on.

For more information on the annual safety and security report, visit oakland.edu/police/statement

POLICE BRIEFS

Camera stolen in Meadow Brook Hall

A worker at Meadow Brook Hall with the Garden Club reported a stolen camera Oct. 8.

After the student left the hall around 3 p.m. and got home, she noticed she did not have her camera bag with her.

She returned at 4 p.m., and the bag was gone. In the bag was a D300 Nikon camera, a zoom lens and additional equipment.

The bag's contents are valued around \$1,000.

Trespasser arrested at West Vandenburg Hall

A student from another school was arrested for trespassing Oct. 10.

An officer saw the student in West Vandenburg Hall, who left the building after noticing the officer.

An incident earlier in the year barred the student from university property.

The officer outside of the building approached him and told the student that he would be arrested for trespassing if he did not vacate the premises.

The suspect refused and said he was waiting for his friend to pick him up and could not call him.

He was arrested after a second officer arrived at the scene. He was taken to OUPD and later released at Oakland Community College.

Car keyed in P-17

A student reported damage to his car Oct. 14.

An officer met with the student around 3 p.m. after returning to his vehicle in P-17.

He had found a sexually expletive message keyed into the passenger side of his hood panel.

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Expanding the experience

Varner Hall gets approved for building upgrades



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An expansion of Varner Hall estimated at \$98 million was approved at a recent board meeting.

Ali DeRees
Staff Reporter

A motion to expand Varner Hall was recently approved by The Oakland University Board of Trustees.

Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and provost Dr. James Lentini said he wants to provide adequate space for every program at Oakland University (OU).

"The whole campus is challenged with space," Lentini said. "We are still at the low end of square footage per student."

The next step in the expansion project is funding. The expansion is estimated to cost \$98 million. Lentini clarified that the Board did approve funding for the expansion, but that the project could move forward.

Lentini said capital outlay from the state is the number one priority for the project.

Capital outlay is a way for public universities and community to ask for funding for building projects.

According to Lentini, capital outlay funding amounts change each year. Funding is usu-

ally given in percentages rather than actual dollar amounts. For example the state may pay for 75% of a \$5 million dollar project.

Lentini says funding could also come from private donations and a possible raise in tuition.

Varner is home to 14 academic programs, many of them from the Social Sciences as well as the Performing Arts.

"We have so many disciplines in that building," Lentini said.

Varner has experienced deferred maintenance as well, according to Lentini. This is when repairs and maintenance work on a facility are postponed in order to save money. But renovations will not solve the problem of overcrowding that Lentini is concerned about.

"If we just renovate, we have no place to put the programs," Lentini said.

Lentini has seen some block diagrams of what the expansion will look like. Sketches of the expansion are still in the making.

"There are very preliminary sketches of what the expansion will look like," Lentini said.

Lentini is very confident

about this project and how it will benefit students in the future.

"I've had a lot of experience with these kind of buildings," Lentini said. "This is a project that affects this whole campus."

Student liaison Robbie Williford also believes Varner is in need of some changes.

"We just need to knock it down and build a new one," Williford said.

Williford believes the Music, Theatre, and Dance programs deserve a better space and it's been a long time coming.

Varner is "something that has been neglected for so long," Williford said.

As a student liaison to the Board of Trustees, Williford acts as the voice of the students at the Board of Trustees meetings. He knows that expanding Varner "has been on the docket for a long time," Williford said.

Williford, who also works with housing, encourages students to go to Board of Trustees meetings if they want projects like this to be done.

"When you get student support it's hard for the administration to overlook it," Williford said.



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Halfway through the 2013 Fall Semester and Oakland University's Housing is continuing to deal with the high demand for housing they experienced at the beginning of the semester.

Director of University Housing Jim Zentmeyer has heard from many colleagues that the current lack of housing space for students is at least "a good problem to have."

"It's really great to see that residential demand," Zentmeyer said.

Because of the high demand for housing and the limited space, some students were given the option to live at one of three hotels until spots opened up for them on campus.

The University contracted with three Extended Stay America hotels to house students, according to Zentmeyer. The main hotel is the Extended Stay America on University Road, and the other two are located on Dorset Road and Featherstone.

Zentmeyer said 115 beds had been secured in total for students to live in the hotels. As the semester progressed, students from the hotel were able to move back on campus when spots opened up on campus.

Students with the earliest contract date are contacted first if space opens up, and they can move back on campus.

All students living in the Dorset and Featherstone hotels were brought back on to campus, according to Zentmeyer. Fifty students remain at the Extended Stay America on University.

"Currently we've been able to work the numbers out to 11 females and 39 males," Zentmeyer said.

Like many, Zentmeyer is anxiously awaiting the completion of the new housing facility.

"It breaks our heart waiting for this new facility to be completed," Zentmeyer said.

The new housing building will be completed by next fall but Zentmeyer saw the need for more housing as soon as he took the position as University Housing Director.

In 2010, Zentmeyer was ready to present new housing plans to the Board of Trustees but the Board said that the

university was not ready new housing.

The building, currently called University Housing Building number 8, will be the home for Oakland University's Honors College.

Zentmeyer believes this housing building will be more than just a place for students to live and relax, but a place to learn and grow as well.

The building will "blur the lines between residential space and academic space," Zentmeyer said.

Resident Hall Association (RHA) president Franklin Kennamer knows the importance of keeping resident students involved on campus.

"We throw programs to keep things fun in the residence halls," Kennamer said.

Kennamer serves as the RHA representative for Oakland University Student Congress and is a Housing Ambassador as well. As an ambassador, Kennamer works at orientations and goes to housing conferences, as well.

Kennamer described some of the events Housing puts on for students.

Grizz Posé is variety/talent show put on each year. Proceeds go to a different charity or organization each year. This year all proceeds will go to OUCARES (Oakland University Center for Autism Research, Education and Support).

Other events include Siblings Weekend and one of Kennamer's favorites; the monthly comedy shows called Friday Night Live.

"We bring in comedians from all over the nation," Kennamer said.

Kennamer says the new residence hall will hold 500 freshmen and sophomores. He sees first hand the changes happening in housing and is thrilled by it.

"Housing students only take up 10% of the student population, but it's growing," Kennamer said.

"I would have never thought there'd be a new residence hall when I was a freshman," Kennamer said.

Blueprints for the new residence hall are available students in The University Housing Office, located in 448 Hamlin Hall.



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Woman conceived in rape, celebrates pro-life at OU event

Kaylee Kean
Staff Reporter

International speaker Rebecca Kiessling spoke to students in the Fireside Lounge Tuesday at noon about abortion and her experience as a child conceived in rape.

Discovering the truth

Kiessling said she had been adopted at birth and never knew her origins. It wasn't until her 18th birthday that she first began the search for her birth parents.

Kiessling found every description possible about her mother except her name. It wasn't long before Kiessling figured out that she had been conceived in a rape.

"I remember feeling so ugly and unwanted," Kiessling said. She said she finally contacted

her mother at the age of 19. Her mother welcomed her with open arms, apologized, and told her of "a love that ate at (my mom) for 19 years."

Kiessling's mother also told her the details of the rape — of how she was a single mother out grocery shopping when she was confronted by a man with a knife, dragged out to a field and brutally assaulted.

"That was so hard to hear," Kiessling said. "I just felt totally worthless, like garbage."

It was then that Kiessling said she found herself in the position where she felt it necessary to prove herself to the world and that she was "worthy of living."

The fight for life

Kiessling said her mom had arranged for an abortion multiple times but backed out because it was illegal and the

clinics were very unsafe and unsanitary.

"For me, this is my near-death experience," said Kiessling. "My mom chose abortion. Pro-life advocates chose life for me."

Kiessling has since then been advocating pro-life around the world.

Kiessling said she also tries to fight society's labelling of people like her — she doesn't want to be part of that classification "conceived in rape."

"It's not fair... to have to deal with that type of stigma," Kiessling said.

She said that it's important to focus on the good things that come out of rape instead of the bad.

Students for Life

Kiessling was brought to Oakland by Students for Life, a pro-life student organization dedi-



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Rebecca Kiessling tells her story of why she advocates pro-life to others.

cated to raising awareness on campus.

Mirna Awrow, president of Students for Life, was in charge of the event.

"I feel like when Rebecca speaks she's going to give us a reason why people shouldn't get an abortion — even in these circumstances," Awrow said.

So far members have raised awareness through "chalking" and a drive that gave away more

than 800 cupcakes with messages attached to them, according to Awrow.

The group plans to hold many more meetings and events this semester, which Awrow said anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information on Kiessling visit www.rebeccakiessling.com.

For more information on Students for Life visit www.orgsync.com/33739/chapter

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The girls fight against cold weather and the U of D Mercy Titans to score goals on the field.

Grizzlies clash with the Titans

Women's soccer team plays a tough game and wins with a score of 2-0

David Cesefsky
Staff Reporter

Oakland University women's soccer (7-7-1, 3-2-0) had to battle Detroit Mercy (8-7-1, 2-3-0) as well as cold weather and constant wind to come away with a 2-0 win Oct. 19.

The Grizzlies came out strong on defense, allowing only two shots in the first half. OU senior forward Meghan Reynolds opened up the scoring for the Grizzlies by providing an early goal on a penalty shot. The goal was Reynolds's sixth on the season, giving her a team-leading 14 points.

"I have been working on them a lot during practice," Reynolds said of the penalty shot. "Just trying to get the ball as far as possible in the corner and try

and hit the side net. Usually I try and take a deep breath and go for it."

OU has won their last three matches at home, all having come from solid defense that led to shutouts. Reynolds credited the team defense and goalkeeping for their efforts.

"Our defense has been really coming together and working hard on keeping the ball out and clearing the ball," Reynolds said. "Payj (O'Shea) our goalkeeper has been doing a good job of making big saves and helping out the team."

"Our defense started off a bit slow at the beginning of the year but now they have started working as a team. They're mostly a new backline this year, so they're starting to work together a lot better now and are stopping balls from going through."

OU scored late in the 76th

minute to take a 2-0 lead when senior forward Serena San Cartier scored, going left side post from defender Aly Rawson and forward/midfielder Joan Sieja.

The Grizzlies turned up the pressure and tempo in the second half, coming out strong and outshooting the Titans 9-5. O'Shea recorded her third shut-out in a row and fifth overall this year.

Detroit upped the ante with heightened offensive pressure late in the second half, but O'Shea made a diving stop off a UDM header in the 84th minute to stave off any hopes of a Titan comeback.

The women's team will hit the road to face Cleveland State Saturday, Oct. 26 and then return home for their regular season finale against Milwaukee on Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Player spotlight

Meghan Reynolds, senior soccer player

David Cesefsky
Staff Reporter

Hailing all the way from Ontario, Canada, OU senior forward Meghan Reynolds has consistently put up solid numbers for the Grizzlies, giving all of herself to the game she loves.

Reynolds is making her final season another memorable one while continuing to provide leadership to the OU women's team.



Photo Courtesy of OUGrizzlies.com

It's your senior season, you have 14 points to lead your team. What does it mean to play for Oakland? What contributed to your consistent success?

I've really enjoyed my experience here so it's really helped make me want to play here for this school.

And I've tried to work hard to keep my success going, and each year try to progress and get better.

When did you first start playing soccer?

I started playing when I was six years old, started playing more competitive club soccer when I was about 10. So yeah, I've been playing for a long time.

Who are your mentors or main supporters?

Main supporters (are probably) my parents, they come to a lot of home games here. It's about a four-hour drive, they come from Canada so it's a long ways away.

In your freshman year, your first ever game here, you scored versus Rochester College. Tell me what that was like.

It was a pretty good experience, especially because that was one of my first games. And it was good to have a team that

wasn't as high caliber, but still good as a team to start off with. It was exciting and eased some of the nerves.

What's your biggest accomplishment you've had playing soccer?

One time in one of my club games I scored five goals in one game, we only won 5-0 so it was pretty exciting and it was a tournament game.

Any memorable games you've been a part of?

I think the most memorable game I've had was when we beat Ohio State last year to go to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

That was definitely the most exciting and I'm never going to forget that one.

You're a senior now as I mentioned, what does experience do for you on the field? Does it slow the game down? Are the nerves still there?

Well definitely not as nervous as I was as a freshman coming in. Often as a freshman I came in off the bench and now I'm more of a starter. I'm definitely more calm and more ready. I know what it really means to win now and how to get things done.

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Leading through hope

Social activist for LGBTQIA community teaches how personal stories can change the world

Salwan Georges / The Oakland Post

Dustin Lance Black, Academy Award winning screenwriter, spoke at Oakland University Oct. 16. He discussed his personal story and encouraged the audience to do the same.

Scott Wolchek
Editor-in-Chief

Dustin Lance Black, the writer of the Academy Award winning movie "Milk" said we're on the verge of making history.

And Black doesn't just come to any school or place of business to say that either.

He hand-selects schools from the areas and states that he thinks need to hear his message the most.

What does Oakland University need the most exactly?

Black says it needs the power of personal story.

The power of personal story was the main topic of discussion in front of an audience of 300, comprised of OU students, faculty members and guests last week.

Black said personal story can change society.

"We can change this country, change this nation and change this world," Black said. "Where we no longer leave one of our brothers or sisters behind, no matter the color of their skin, the god they pray to or who they love."

Black's own personal story includes being raised Mormon in Texas, coming out in California and fighting for equality everywhere.

While he lived in Texas, Black was raised, witnessing the power of fear. For example, he remembers sitting in Sunday Service and hearing former President of the LDS Church, Spencer W. Kimball say, "Homosexuality is sin. Next to the crime of murder comes this sin of sexual impurity."

After Black realized he was gay, he was unsure about what

to do with his life, and then he heard a speech given by Harvey Milk, the first openly gay person elected to public office.

The speech taught Black that one can lead through the power of hope.

"We can change this country change this nation and change the world."

Dustin Lance Black,
Screenwriter

Milk inspired Black, and Black brought some of that inspiration to his audience.

"He has an incredibly moving story," said the Rev. Jody Betten of the United Church of

Christ.

"We can either stand with him, or be quiet," said Miranda Divozzo, the head of Student Life Lecture Board, the group that brought Black to the university.

Black also was able to relate his personal story to Michigan.

Black's brother was a homosexual, and he lived in states that didn't accept his sexuality as much as a state like California.

According to Black, his brother died before he could see the states he lived in become as equal as they could become.

Michigan is one of those states.

People don't realize you can still be fired or denied service," said Becca Reichenbach, president of OU's Gay Straight Alliance.

"The way he was able to tie his story in to Michigan was amazing," said Jean Ann Miller, Center for Student Activities director.

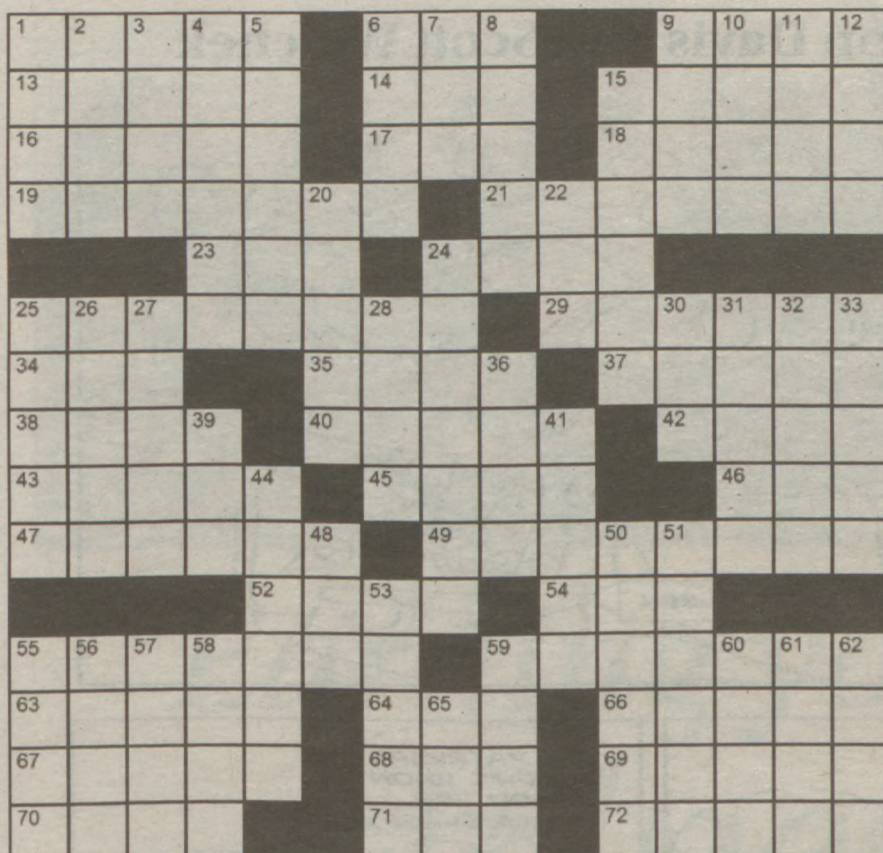
Black stressed that one didn't have to be gay to have the power of personal story. Anyone has the ability to share their experiences.

"For me it's what brought you to a conclusion where you feel like equality is important," Black said.

"Get out there and tell your personal stories," said Black. "For the sake of all minorities. United we cannot be defeated."

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Puzzles



Across

1. Not those
6. French lake
9. Courted a ticket
13. Boosts
14. Belonging to us
15. Close grained wood
16. Warship deck
17. Alias acronym
18. Athens civic center
19. 92nd element
21. Would be thinking
23. Chatter idly
24. Diva Gluck
25. Edgewise
29. Kind of display
34. Ace, when not eleven
35. Galactic time period
37. Armistice
38. Polish lancer
40. Dovetail wedge
42. Fedora feature
43. Frame
45. Eat at the Ritz
46. Mother of the ancient Irish gods
47. Race related
49. Rigid airship

52. Be defeated
54. According to
55. Raised writing
59. Move back and forth
63. Gossipy one
64. Between pi and sigma
66. Hindu statesman
67. ATM button
68. Fasten
69. For the mill
70. Look as if
71. Farm home
72. Double curves

Down

1. Biblical you
2. Frau's spouse
3. Big name in jazz
4. Kind of cake
5. Observation
6. Good dirt
7. Arctic diver
8. Early method of travel
9. Alas accompaniment
10. College worker, abbr.
11. Beige
12. Tropical woody herb
15. Igneous rock
20. Das Boot craft

22. UN agency
24. Ponder painfully, with over
25. Underneath, Fr.
26. Narrow bay
27. Tarot card
28. Call for
30. Circle, in a way
31. In the country
32. Drupelets
33. Geneva's lake
36. Bar follower
39. Convent dweller
41. Highest country
44. Supporting column
48. Pueblo's st.
50. Rapid descent
51. Cafe customers
53. Feudal workers
55. Tourney advances
56. Actress Russo
57. Add to the pot
58. Agenda component
59. Glamorous
60. Not that
61. Celtic
62. Furrows
65. Batter's hope

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Earning your stripes

New fashion club strives to set trends on campus

Kailee Mathias
Staff Reporter

The Fashion House of Oakland University meets weekly and picks a different trend every meeting. Their latest trend is stripes.

The Resort 2014 trend reports stripes are in. The Nautical by Nature explores designs from: Marc Jacobs, Chloé, Valentino, Louis Vuitton and Marni, according to Style.com. Through these cruise inspired styles designers are showcasing sizzling stripes.

"A lot of people are now starting to mix stripes with other patterns, it's an upcoming trend," Ane Taylor, blogger for the Fashion House said. "Stripes are fun to play around with and to mix-and-match."

The fashion house encourages students from Oakland University to support their weekly trends by sporting their weekly trend pick, which

is decided at their meetings.

"I think stripes are a fun way to express yourself. You have to be careful what you pair them with," Nandina Wahi, senior and member of the House of Fashion said.

The Fashion House meets in the Heritage Rooms at Oakland University Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. The organization was developed in September 2013 by Cortney Hopkins.

Each meeting the group discusses their pick for trends and the trend is decided through a vote. They also discuss upcoming events that they are planning, which is normally a fashion show. They discuss together the planning process. They also do ice-breakers at the meeting and focus on the latest trends.

"It feels like we're more than just a student organization it feels so real," Taylor said. It feels like we're at fashion week because we are so stressed and eager to

"Stripes are fun to play around with and to mix-and-match."

Ane Taylor,
Blogger for Fashion House

get it done. I really enjoy the planning aspect and seeing it come together as a whole."

The stripe trend peaked in New York Fashion Week this year when Marc Jacobs' designs featured 1960's style striped outfits, according to Fashion Magazine. Jacobs used all types of stripes: horizontal, vertical and zig-zag.

"Some women like to stay away from horizontal stripes because they make them appear larger. If you have the confidence you can rock it," Taylor said.

The House of Fashion has a Facebook site for anyone interested in more details. Next week the club's trend is pink for breast cancer awareness.



Kailee Mathias/The Oakland Post

1. Fashion House of Oakland University members (left to right) Ane Taylor, Tara Auz, Micah Griffin, Isaiah Whitrow, Alexis Wilson, Amanda White and Tori Ely pose in their striped apparel.

2. Anya Karpov, sophomore med school student, poses in her striped shirt. The Report 2014 trend reports that stripes are in.

3. "I think stripes are a fun way to express yourself, just have to be careful what you pair with stripes," Nandina Wahi, senior, said.

4. Nathan Bennett, junior, sports his striped shirt. Designers such as Marc Jacob, Chloé, Valentino, Louis Vuitton and Marni, according to style.com

Mouthing Off

SATIRE



Brian Figurski gets cornered, scolded and heckled by a pair of sports nuts at a gym in the O'rena for his lack of athletic enthusiasm.

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It's a hard knock life for this 21st century boy

Brian Figurski
Copy Editor / Cat Fanatic

I'm a pretty liberal guy here, you guys. I think, in 2013, we're a little beyond categorizing gender roles by topics.

That being said, it's been a very hard month for this non-traditional man.

I've been meeting a plethora of new folks lately, and that means I have to engage in small talk and act like I have any valuable opinions. Since I'm not inclined to expose just any old body to the strange, diluted me, I usually sift in the awkward silence until they start the conversation. It's always sports.

I don't know if it's my athletic appearance that makes people think I care about sports, or the simple fact I am a carrier of a penis, but everyone who doesn't know me wants to talk about someone hitting or kicking a ball.

I'll give you a typical scenario, and one that actually happened at my job the other day. "So that Scherzer game last night! Wowwie! What'ya think of the last inning?"

This is when I reach into my grab bag of automated responses. My

choices include, "I don't care who wins, I just want to see a fair game," "It was a real slobberknocker, I tell you," or I just laugh and slam my head on my desk.

Sorry my genitals threw you off, I like poetry and Food Network. I strictly indulge in these hobbies while covered in a blanket of cats. No I don't give a fart about Scherzer's one-hit game.

Sorry I can't get behind a sport where a "perfect game" is when nobody hits the damn ball. Might as well down a bottle of melatonin tablets.

The only reason I'll root and hoot for the Tigers is that if it gets me out of class early, let's see some touchdowns, boys.

My editor just told me the Tigers were ousted from the playoffs over the weekend and all these references I'm making are outdated and unneeded.

I really just don't see the point in small talk sometimes. If our intended interaction time is poised for less than two minutes, instead of asking my preference of Michigan or State (trick question - I'm a "proud" Grizzly,) we can play a game where you hold your breath until I'm done

with your transaction. If you pass out, I win.

It's very assertive to just unload your life onto a stranger and I'll never do that. I won't start talking to someone about my iPod with the Urban Outfitters soundtrack on it or a knittin' kitten sweater convention, so have some respect in not doing so to anyone else with your sports balls.

Unless you're trying to court someone by overwhelming them with your unique version of entertainment, seal the lips from which words eject.

I'm just a Pinocchio. I guess I'll never be a real boy until I care about sports in the eyes of the middle-to-upper aged men I encounter. To be fair though, these are the same people that whisper to me about their violent dreams of seeing Obama "taken care of," so I don't know how much I can trust their opinion.

I apologize if I offended anyone by not wanting to be heartbroken by the repeated failures of the Lions. I hope you understand that we are just not the same.

You're still invited to my spinning class on Wednesday evenings in the rec center.

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SATIRE

Sigh of relief

Alex Stigleman
Guest Columnist

There is little worse than walking into the restroom and the only stall open is the middle one. You set yourself up, but the feet of your fellow males keep stretching into your stall. They grunt and groan from a different form of childbirth.

I hover due to a germ phobia so you could say I'm biased in this bathroom topic. I'm not here to attack the cleanliness. Props to the janitorial staff. More so to propose to the architects.

Privacy is important for many. With a school full of commuters how about we accommodate? I suggest completely walled off stalls. Little rooms for a sanctuary where the porcelain throne sits and waits patiently.

It could be used to gain admissions.

"...not to mention a top ranked engineering program and isolated toilets."

I'm sold.

It's not like I'm asking for more parking. Cough. I'm simply asking for a private place in a public area. A personal enclosure in an open world.

Maybe keep extra toilet paper in there so waddling out and risking the chance to be seen pants down nervously flailing at the motion sensor for paper towel doesn't have to be taken.

Let us have piece with our relief. Don't give it a second thought. Let it be number one and number two in your minds. The potty humor is bad, but this pain in my stomach from holding it in is worse.



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Editor-in-chief Scott Wolchek checks out the terrible noises in the restroom.