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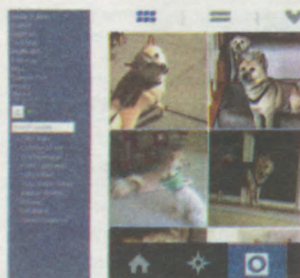
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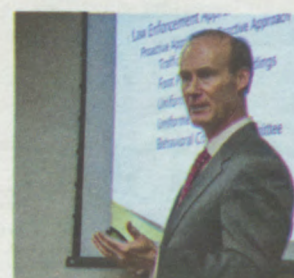
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

CONSTRUCTION LOTS AND PARKING SPOTS// Look outside any window on campus and you'll see two things: snow and construction. On the bright side, one of OU's latest projects is a brand-new parking structure located near Elliot Hall. The project is scheduled to be finished in Fall, 2014. For more photos, you can check out our upcoming construction spread in next week's issue of The Oakland Post. *Salwan Georges/ The Oakland Post*

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Oakland University Police Department has started up their latest text-alert system. Now the law is just a text away.



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The OU Men's Basketball team falls to Wright State in Green Bay, Wisconsin. It was their final game of this season.



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OU's TEDx event is coming up on Saturday, March 15 and features numerous speakers with motivational stories.

POLL OF THE WEEK

What did you think of OU's reply-allmageddon?

- A** I thought it was annoying and immature.
- B** It was the greatest thing ever.
- C** I didn't even know it existed.
- D** I'm still waiting for my money from the Nigerian Prince.

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST WEEK'S POLL

How did you spend your 'spring' break?

- A** Up to my neck in snow and ice.
42.9%
- B** I went on vacation.
23.8%
- C** What break? I worked the entire time.
19%
- D** I didn't go anywhere, but you know I YOLO'd.
14.3%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

MARCH 13, 1964

Kresge Library invested around \$10,000 in a new theft detection system, which featured an alarm that sounds if an unchecked book passes through.

MARCH 12, 1979

As Oakland put the finishing touches on the Hill House dormitory, Alice Hoddiss, director of residence halls, said the dorm would be exclusive to women. Anibal and Fitzgerald were male dorms, with Pryale a co-ed residence.

MARCH 11, 1995

OU Men's swimming team won its second straight NCAA II championship. The men had a final score of 890, a team record, crushing 2nd place California State-Bakersfield at 573.

BY THE NUMBERS

OU's Reply-Allmageddon

15,655

Undergrad students are enrolled at OU

Over 300

Spam emails sent to the undergrad class

\$4

Respectable offer for the used microwave

\$4 million

How much money the Nigerian Prince says you'll make

1

Request to follow somebody's dog on Instagram

STAFF EDITORIAL

Join the OU wolfpack: Protect Michigan wolves from hunters

Over the past few weeks, it has been difficult to step outside the Oakland Center without having an encounter with students asking for signatures to save the Michigan wolves.

We at The Oakland Post urge those who walk past these students to take the time to stop and listen to what they have to say. There is much more controversy to the issue than meets the eye.

The gray wolves of Michigan were protected from 1973-2012 under the Endangered Species Act because they were going extinct. Governor Rick Snyder overturned the legislation and declared them fair game for hunting in late 2012.

Keep in mind, it is estimated that there are currently less than 650 wolves in Michigan.

The reasons for hunting the wolves include: human safety, livestock depredation and pet depredation, according to michigan.gov/wolves.

A 45-day wolf hunt was scheduled for late November, 2013 with a quota of 43 wolves.

In response to this scheduled hunt, the Humane Society launched a petition calling for a referendum to undo the

"THE REALITY IS: THERE IS SIMPLY NO GOOD REASON TO HUNT THESE WOLVES"

Matthew Bershadker
CEO and President of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

call to arms, to protect the wolves and to postpone wolf-hunting season. More than 250,000 people signed the petition.

This petition was noted by the Michigan Legislature, but became meaningless with the passing of PA-21, which gave the Natural Resources Commission the ability to select which animals should be on Michigan's game species list.

Due to PA-21, the hunt went as planned. According to michigan.gov, 24 wolves were killed. Prior to the hunt, there were an estimated 658 wolves in Michigan.

These students outside the OC are asking for you to sign a second petition to overthrow PA-21 to protect the wolves from next year's hunt.

Sign it- these hunts aren't justified.

There has never been a recorded incident where a wolf has attacked a human in Michigan, according to keepwolvesprotected.com. Michigan farmers,

ranchers and other landowners were already permitted to kill wolves to protect livestock or pets, according to The Huffington Post.

There are also numerous nonlethal ways to prevent wolves from harassing pets and livestock according to the resources found at michigan.gov. Among these nonlethal methods are: fencing, flagging, guard animals, technical assistance and reimbursing the cost of damages.

Of course, there is never a full-proof way to prevent the wolves from chasing after cattle, lethal or non-lethal.

Regardless, the fact is that the reasons for hunting the wolves do not add up. There aren't any recorded wolf attacks on humans in Michigan. There are non-lethal ways to deal with the wolves. And nobody eats wolf meat anyway.

Get out there and sign that petition. At least 161,305 signatures will have to be validated and they're due March 13. For those reading hot off the press, that's tomorrow folks.

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OUSC proposes sponsoring another tailgate in the Spring

Oona Goodin-Smith
Managing Editor

The Oakland University Student Congress discussed the proposal of a second OUSC-sponsored BYOB tailgate on Monday, March 10, approving the resolution supporting the idea of the event, and adding a line item for the next meeting to approve tailgate committee chair Josh Pokrefky.

The proposed tailgate, slated for the spring, would celebrate the spring sports season, but "needs to be approved by an administrator before anything's made official," according to OU Student Body President Brandon Hanna. "The last one went really well, and we're hoping for the best," he said.

OUSC held its first-ever BYOB tailgate this fall, celebrating the addition of OU's football team during the annual Week of Champions.

"OU has great events to get the students involved," junior Rachel Redford said of the event.

Discussions of the possible spring tailgate will continue in future meetings.

Heating up the agenda and the discussion between OUSC legislators was talk over the newly revised student congress constitution, particularly the potential separation of the Student Activities Funding Board and the Student Program Board from OUSC.

"Now's the time to do so more than ever," stated legislator and SPB member



Salwan Georges / The Oakland Post

"The last one went really well, and we're hoping for the best," Brandon Hanna said.

Brittany Hall.

"It's been a long time coming," added former OUSC Vice President Robbie Wiliford.

Opponents of the separation argued against the split, saying that the funding board should not share office space with congress if it is to be a separate institution. Discussion on the issue will continue in upcoming meetings.

Additional debate ensued over whether the multicultural initiatives chair

should be removed from the e-board and if the RHA representative should be granted voting privileges.

"Even though some topics were controversial, the constitution hadn't been updated since 2007 and was very outdated," said Hanna. "It's good we are working through the new changes to update things."

The next OUSC meeting will be Monday, March 17 at 4:00 p.m. at the Oakland Room in the Oakland Center.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

International Night, March 14

The "International Masquerade Ball" will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. this Friday in the Banquet Rooms of the OC. Food, entertainment, and music by WXOU will be provided.

Duo Sonidos, March 16

Violin and guitar duo William Knuth and Adam Levin will perform from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Varner Recital Hall this Sunday. General tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students.

For more information on purchasing tickets visit <http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/tickets>

University Housing Tutor Night, March 17

Tutoring will be held from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in The Tutoring and Technology Center in 117 East Vandenberg. Snacks and scantrons will be provided.

3rd Annual American Studies Colloquium, March 17

NYU professor Tavia Nyong'o will present on "Queer Plasticity: Queer Culture After Gay Sensibility?" from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

Admittance is free and open to the public.

Compiled by Ali DeRees,
Staff Reporter

Tax fraud poses large concern

Adam Kujawski
Staff Reporter

Last month, Oakland University Chief of Police Samuel Lucido issued a release to the campus community regarding the filing of fraudulent tax returns on behalf of OU employees.

The incident has been under investigation by the IRS since February 10, but so far no further information has been released by the university.

Associate Professor of the Department of History Karen A.J. Miller is one of the faculty who has been affected by the identity theft.

When Miller filed her tax return, she immediately heard from the IRS that she couldn't submit because one had already

been filed in her name.

She called the IRS and was instructed to re-submit a hard copy - rather than online - and file a police report. She was told it would take up to 180 days for her case to be processed.

"I've had to make some adjustments in my finances because I was counting on my tax return to do some investments that I'll now have to put off," she said.

It is believed that Miller's social security number and W-2 have been stolen. She is under the impression that somehow somebody breached an "employee section" of SAIL where pay stub information is available.

Miller has heard from sources that there are several other cases at OU in addition to her own.

"I have heard - though I did not hear this from the horses mouth - I have heard that there are over 200 cases at Oakland," she said.

The concern now is the breadth of the issue. While hundreds may have to deal with this now, there is still a month until taxes are due; many people may not yet know if they have been affected.

"Typically the people filing before April 15 are those that are owed money by the government," Miller said.

For the rest of her life, Miller will be checking credit card reports and worrying about her retirement account being raided by the thieves that have her pertinent information.

"I'm reasonably confident that the IRS will recognize that I'm the legitimate one filing my taxes," she said. "But my bigger concern is that they have my social security number. When will this go away?"

Reply allmageddon 2014: An email chain to make OU history

Survey sent to 15,655 undergrads results in trolling, pain, spam

Scott Wolchek
Editor-in-Chief

Step aside Mayan Apocalypse 2012, OU's reply allmageddon is here.

So far, over 300 spam emails have been sent out to the entire undergrad class. Keep in mind, the undergrad class is comprised of 15,655 students according to the OU website.

This unrelenting mailstrom began when a WRT 160 student emailed a survey to all undergrads, Sunday, March 9, at around 8:30 p.m.

It is currently unknown how the student acquired access to this mailing list in particular, because it is not posted on OU's public mailing lists website.

All was fine and dandy at first. However, the student made one mistake with her email—she left the option open to reply all.

Within minutes, the first responses began. Soon after, other members of OU's undergrad class caught on and began to troll their fellow Golden Grizzlies with photos, gifs, videos and memes.

Dominic Dabish was the first student to hit reply all.

"I just thought it was so strange how a student thought it was so important to email all 20,000+ students of Oakland University for a WRT 160 survey," Dabish said. "I kind of had a feeling that an OU reply-to-all thread had the potential to be pretty fun, but it got way crazier than I could have imagined."

Some notable entries in the reply allmageddon include: a request to follow a dog on Instagram, gifs of a woman being

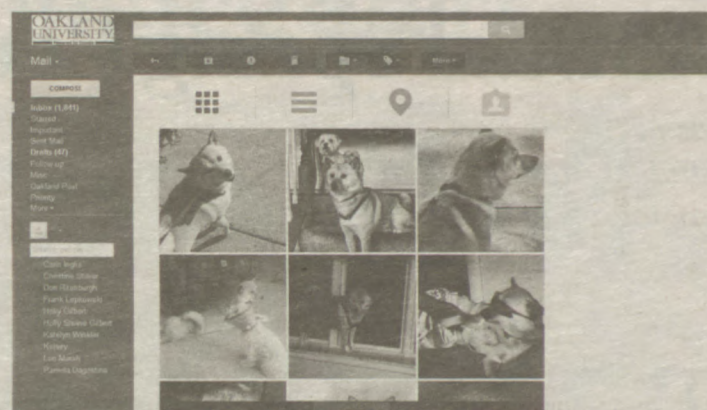
hit in the face with hot dogs, a letter from a Nigerian prince, numerous Rick Rolls, an offer for a used microwave, multiple statements about turtles and videos about how mushrooms can save the world.

Throughout the night, numerous students pleaded to be taken off the email list and urged their fellow undergrads to stop commenting.

Some offered advice on how to mute the conversation. Others offered links claiming they would help one unsubscribe, but were actually sending videos of Rick Astley's 'Never Gonna Give You Up' in disguise.

Eventually, University Technology Services was brought in to help solve the dilemma.

"We forwarded all of the issues to the list owner and they took care of it," said Theresa Rowe, Chief Information Officer



Scott Wolchek / The Oakland Post

Niahl Sheena urged fellow undergrads to follow his dog on Instagram.

of UTS.

The list owner is the OU Registrar's office. The registrar, Steve Shablin, declined to comment on the situation.

The student who originally sent the email declined to comment, as well.

OU's media relations released a statement:

"An all undergraduate email list was accessed at Oakland University over the weekend. A student used the list to try and get other students to participate in an online survey for a class

project. From there, several 'reply all' emails went back and forth among students using that function of the email.

We are now looking at necessary changes to our email policies and guidelines to prevent this situation from happening in the future."

The thread has since died down, but the memories live on.

"The best part was seeing how mad everyone got, when it was actually extremely easy to unsubscribe from the list," Dabish said.

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Annual Spring Concert cancelled

Jason Derulo backs out and Student Program Board apologizes to OU students

Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

The Student Program Board's Annual Spring Concert, featuring Jason Derulo as the headlining act, has been cancelled. The concert, to be held at the Meadow Brook Music Festival, was scheduled for April 11 as an end-of-the-year event.

"This year's spring concert featuring Jason Derulo has been cancelled," SPB wrote on its Facebook page on March 1, citing "circumstances out of our control" and "complications we were not responsible for."

Students who bought tickets have been refunded and notified of the cancellation.

These complications were brought on by scheduling conflicts that the board could not plan for or work around, according to Carin Inglis, mainstage director for SPB.

"Jason decided to push back his album release date and he, and his agents made plans to promote his album in New York on April 11," Inglis said.

Over \$15,000 in tickets had been sold before SPB received the news that Derulo could no perform, according to Inglis.

SPB tried to keep Derulo at Oakland and to "sweeten the deal," according to Kalik Jones, chair of the board. Derulo, however, still decided to go to New York.

"That's kind of his choice and that's kind of out of our hands," Jones said. "You roll with the punches, these things kind of happen."

"He was making a career decision, which is good for him, but there is legally nothing that we could do about it," Inglis said. "And just over a month is not enough time to put together a full concert."

Inglis said she and the other board members are currently working to find a replacement event for the end of the semester. It won't be as large-scale as the concert, but it will be free and will still provide "something nice to end the year out with."

The board is planning for next year as well, according to Jones. The next concert is scheduled Sept. 5, during the 2014 Fall Welcome Week, and the search is already on for "an even bigger artist."

"It's just giving us an opportunity to make it up and make it a little bit better," Jones said.

"I guess what we really want to let

students know is that quality events are really important to us," Inglis said. "We just want people to understand that we're really doing the best we can."

This concert was in the planning phase since October 2013, according to Inglis. She and the rest of the board had to pay for the venue, find and pay for an artist and devise a marketing plan.

The Meadow Brook Music Festival alone cost around \$23,000, according to Jones. Derulo would have cost around \$60,000.

"Usually concerts run around \$100,000 with everything included," Jones said. "That's really why we do surveys. It's what matters the most... to provide the best that we can for the student body."

Inglis and Jones said they are not only disappointed as SPB board members but as students, as well.

"I was really looking forward to going to this," Jones said.

Both Inglis and Jones said that everyone is encouraged to contact board members via email, phone or by stopping in the SPB office with any questions or concerns.

"I just want students to know that we are trying," Jones said, who also spoke about the cancellation on WXOU on Friday, March 7. "I just want our communication to be open with all students."

POLICE FILES

Larceny in bathroom

An OUPD officer responded to Elliot Hall for larceny March 10.

The officer entered the fourth floor women's restroom and met with a campus employee. She said that when she entered the room to clean, she discovered someone had bent back the door to the tampon machine. There were no pry marks on the door.

There was no money left in the machine, but it appeared that the tampons were still there.

Equipment not returned

An ex-lacrosse coach approached the dispatch window to report stolen property March 8.

He said he let another player borrow his lacrosse equipment, and he agreed to return it.

The player failed to attend any team practices about three or four days after he borrowed the equipment. The ex-coach called him, but the player did not return those calls.

A few weeks later, the ex-coach saw the player at his fraternity's house and confronted him. The player agreed to return the equipment, but the ex-coach never saw him again.

The equipment was worth \$1,040.

Harrassment over phone

A faculty member called OUPD because she received a lewd call on her office phone in Pryale Hall March 6 at 1:15 p.m.

The caller had a masculine voice with a British accent. The caller said a sexually explicit statement to the faculty member. The call could not be traced.

Theft in the Oakland Center

A student approached the dispatch window as his property was stolen March 8 at 5:26 a.m.

The student left his Nike duffle bag unattended in the Oakland Center as he went to the restroom March 7 at 5:00 p.m. When he returned, his bag was gone.

The bag contained a prescription for Adderall, a text book, clothes and a grafting calculator.

Grizzlies on the Prowl:

"What was your reaction when you found out the spring concert was canceled?"



Julian Evans-Neans, sophomore

"I got my tickets the day they came out. I wasn't that mad because I bought my tickets to see Jhene Aiko, and when she got cut, I wanted to get rid of my ticket."



Alaina Gallo, sophomore

"A bunch of my friends were going it sounded fun. I was kind of upset I was looking forward to going."



Daniela Pertusi, sophomore

"I didn't really care that much I was most looking forward to Jhene Aiko, and she wasn't coming anymore."

— Compiled by Kailee Mathias,
Staff Reporter

— Compiled by Haley Kotwicki,
Chief Copy Editor

Texts keep campus police alert

OUPD text alerts provides way to report crime, emergencies

Ali DeRees
Staff Reporter

Have you ever found yourself in a situation in which you may have needed help and needed quick action, or didn't think a 911 call was necessary?

Oakland University students, faculty and employees now have that faster, easier option with Oakland University Police Department's text alerts.

Students and faculty can text "OUPD" with a space, then a message to MRAVE (67283) to report suspicious activity or a situation that doesn't warrant the need for 911.

"You send a text with that number and a short message with OUPD," said IT Officer Ken Kiley.

Kiley said the vendor-supported text messaging system has been around since 2007 and the current system is the second version.

Gordon described how important it is to send the message correctly.

"The space is important. Without it we won't get it," Gordon said.

The system that receives the text messages is a workstation found within the dispatch center that gets audio and visual of the text message, according to Gordon. When a text message is

received, an audio alert goes off and dispatchers are able to quickly read and respond to it.

Gordon said text messages come in spurts and range in subject.

"You can't predict what's going to happen," Gordon said.

Gordon said one time the text messaging system proved useful on campus was when there was a suicidal student. The student was surrounded by a group of other students, and one of the group members sent a text to the OUPD in an attempt to get the suicidal student help without possibly upsetting them as a phone call to 911 might have done.

The text alert system has also led to some unlikely cases for the OUPD.

Kiley said that sometime in 2010 or 2011 a text came in to the midnight dispatch saying there was a hostage in a house. After further investigation, it turned out the text came in from Oakland, California and was meant for the police in the city of Oakland, California. OUPD dispatchers called the Oakland Police Department to alert them of the situation and the case was later solved.

Gordon said that the text messaging system should be used for any time a 911 call cannot be made.

Although it's "still a relatively new idea," Gordon said the system is "good



for any agency" and that it has recently been mandated for dispatch centers to have a text messaging system.

These text messages are just as important as any phone call to the police, according to Gordon.

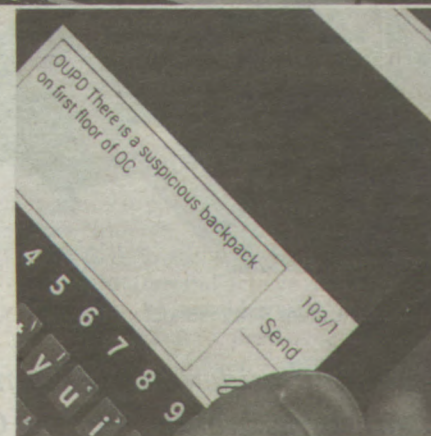
"We look at them just like 911," Gordon said.

Kiley noted that voice calls are still the best method of contact.

"We prefer voice calls," Kiley said. "We like to supplement 911 with it (text messages)."

For more information on text alerts contact OUPD at (248) 370-3331 or at police@oakland.edu.

Contact Staff Reporter Ali DeRees at apderees@oakland.edu



Ali DeRees/The Oakland Post

(TOP) OUPD officer Josh Wyatt monitors security cameras on campus.
(BOTTOM) a test of the text alert system.

High pride in sexual diversity

Oona Goodin-Smith
Managing Editor

Somewhere over the rainbow, OU's got pride. More specifically, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) pride, as this year the Campus Pride Organization has given Oakland University its highest "pride rating" in campus history.

Developed in 2001 by a team of LGBT researchers, "the assessment looks at a variety of climate indicators like LGBT policy inclusion, LGBT academic life, LGBT student life, and LGBT housing and residence life, among others," said OU Gender and Sexuality Coordinator Grace Wojcik. "Our four star score indicates a percentage score between 70-79% [nationwide]."

This time last year, OU's Campus Pride score ranked as the significantly lower three out of five stars.

Wojcik strongly attributed the jump in rating to an increase in campus projects the GSC has been involved with, such as hosting Oscar-winning producer and

LGBT rights activist Dustin Lance Black in the fall, as well as support from campus faculty.

"I think people's attitudes are just changing when it comes including the LGBT community," said freshman Monica Pelkey. "There's a lot more exposure and acceptance in the media now."

"For our Campus Pride score to improve means a few things," said Wojcik. "One, it acknowledges the hard work of many people who helped to start the GSC, were the first to work in the GSC, and the numerous student leaders who have fought for change on campus. Two, it demonstrates OU's overall commitment to diversity and inclusion. Lastly, we hope it will attract potential students to Oakland may not have realized how inclusive the campus environment is for LGBT people."

Wojcik also credited the university's decision to make the GSC supervisor position full-time in January 2013 to raising the Campus Pride score, but acknowledged that there is still work to be done to achieve the coveted five star ranking.

"Achieving a score of 5/5 will only be possible with the support of the entire campus community and I think we are making improvements every year," she said.

In honor of Women's History Month, the GSC is holding events each week during the month, and will be hosting the first-ever Pride Week at Oakland from April 7-April 13 featuring a drag show, pride prom, presentation with nationally-recognized bisexual activist Robyn Ochs, and much more. For information on these events and the GSC's other programs, visit oakland.edu/gsc or facebook.com/GSCatOU.

Contact Staff Reporter Oona Goodin-Smith at ogoodin@oakland.edu



Photo provided by GSC

The united logo for OU's Gender and Sexuality Center on campus. Oakland was given its highest "pride rating" in university history, as gifted by the Campus Pride Organization.

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'The Oakland way'



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Interim President Betty Youngblood came to OU in August 2013 after Gary Russi's retirement

Interim President Betty Youngblood shares her goals, aspirations and love for the Golden Grizzley country

Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

This month is National Women's History Month, and in honor of that The Oakland Post sat down for a conversation with Oakland University's top woman, Interim President Dr. Betty Youngblood.

This is an extremely shortened version of the conversation. To see the full thing visit oaklandpostonline.com.

It's been about eight months as interim president - how are things going?

I think things are going fine. Our primary emphasis has been on keeping the university moving forward and we recently have had a lot of things going on and a lot of forward movement.

What are some specific goals or programs you are currently focusing on?

We have a lot of projects that are on scheduled to be completed in the summer or shortly thereafter. We have a nice athletic project; we call it the Upper Fields Enhancement Project. It will create some additional soccer fields, tennis courts, a track - things like that.

And then of course looking to the future in terms of additional potential projects. We've had a lot of discussion about the need to increase the size of Varner Hall, do some renovation over there. We probably need to expand Elliott Hall at some point.

Based on your experience, what do you want to see in the new president?

The president needs to be deeply committed to academic excellence and needs to have a strong appreciation of the values and the history of the university.

There are certainly many situations where students can work directly with the faculty and have some experiences that on some campuses that they wouldn't be able to have. That's part of the Oakland way, the Oakland experience.

When I started out (in higher ed) I was in my 20's. I'm a long ways from my 20's now, but I still get to do what I used to do and I love it. To now be a part of Oakland is incredibly special.

Do you get to interact with students a lot?

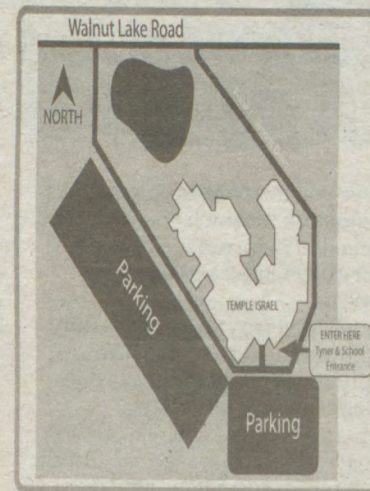
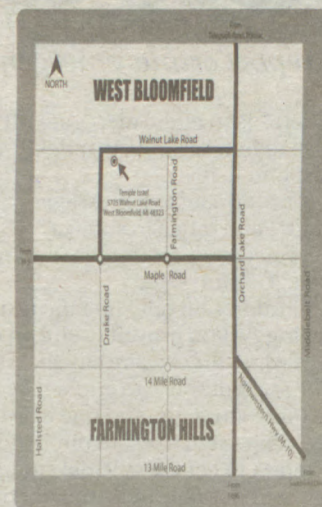
It depends. Every day is not exactly the same.

I go to as many events as I possibly can. I went to almost every basketball game. When you go to games, of course you see lots of students... all kinds of opportunities.

One of the somewhat funny situations a student brought to my attention later: we had a very nice conversation in the line to get a sandwich at Subway (in the OC). The student, I think, was surprised that I was standing in that line.

Is there anything in particular you want students to know?

I'm glad they chose Oakland and I hope we're able to help them achieve the success and the dreams they have, and if there are things that we should be aware of I hope that they share it.



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Country in crisis

Professors discuss Russian involvement in Ukraine affairs

Andrew Wernette
Staff Reporter

Panel discussions on the growing crisis in the Ukraine were held in Elliott Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, March 11 at noon. Professor Peter Trumbore, Director of the International Relations Program of the Department of Political Science, hosted the event. The panel also included Professors Christian Cantir and Greg Allar of the Political Science department as well as Professor Carroll Hart of the International Studies Program.

The panel started off by going over the most recent events in the region, highlighting the protests against the government after it rejected closer ties with the European Union in favor of those with Russia. Also mentioned was the subsequent flight of the Ukraine's disputed president, Viktor Yanukovich, and also the tense situation surrounding Russia's invasion of the Ukraine's Crimean peninsula.

From there the panel attempted to

examine the situation in depth.

"There was never a united Ukraine," said Hart, referencing the populace's steep division between pro-Europe and pro-Russia citizens. She went on to say that the region has historically been a land of competing influences, of both Russian and other nationalities, back to the times of Mongol rule.

The panel spoke about Crimea's ethnic Russian majority, along with its sizable Ukrainian and Tatar minorities. The conversation then turned to what Russia's, or perhaps Russian president Vladimir Putin's, agenda is in its actions.

"I think, strategically, the goal of Russia is not to lose Ukraine," said Cantir.

Allar believed that Putin was acting based on the controversial invasion of Grenada by the U.S. in 1983, which saw international condemnation. The panel also pointed out the Ukraine's wealth of mineral resources like coal, which have lured Russia's eye. A former member of the Soviet Union, the group also agreed gaining control of the Ukraine could be part of Putin's plan to form a new, "Eura-



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The panel consisted of international studies and political science professors

sian" pact of countries.

"I don't know if their plan is to go beyond Crimea in this particular history," said Cantir. He also explained that this has made other nearby countries uneasy, and that the question among them is: How will the Western countries respond? The panel agreed that, while military action from North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member

nations to confront Russia's advances were unlikely, the West was left with a lack of leverage to mediate the situation. But they did believe negotiations between the two sides were foreseeable.

"It's not that we need a regime change in Russia," said Allar. "We need a behavior change in Russia."

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SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT

The search is on: candidates are applying for the position of Oakland University Police Department Chief of Police. The current chief, Samuel C. Lucido, had been scheduled to go into retirement on Jan. 3, 2014, but the nationwide search for his replacement has only just now come to fruition.

A committee has narrowed it down to three candidates, each of which spoke at a series of open forum discussions designed to involve the campus community in the interviewing process. The forums were held on March 3, March 7 and March 11, respectively.

Captain Mark Gordon, Oakland University

Current Duties: Gordon is captain for the Oakland University Police Department, acting as second-in-command under Lucido. Duties include labor negotiations, media relations, oversight of data collection and parking system management.

Employment History: Beginning in 1988, Gordon worked as a police officer of the OUPD for ten years, during three of which he also worked part-time at the Oxford Michigan Police Department. In 1998 he became the OUPD Patrol Sergeant. He was OUPD's first Field Training Officer and remained Patrol Sergeant until being promoted to Administrative Lieutenant in 2005 and then captain in 2008.

Education: Gordon has an associate degree in criminal justice from Oakland Community College, a bachelor's degree in business management from Baker College and a master's in business administration from Baker. He is also a graduate of the School of Police Staff and Command.

Goals/Philosophy: Gordon, who says he wants to get more involved in athletics and housing, says his focus is on building community relationships. "Community policing is the only way you can police a campus," Gordon said at the forum. "Make partnerships to fight crime." He also says he would like to have active shooter education seminars for faculty.

Why pick me? "I have served the Oakland University community for my entire career and consider the opportunity to continue serving the university in an expanded role quite exciting," Gordon wrote in the application letter that was shared via email. He also said at the forum that he is "very well suited to where we are and where we are going."

Captain Penny Fischer, Michigan State University

Current Duties: Fischer is captain at the MSU Department of Police and Public Safety, where she serves as the special events division commander, working with campus facilities such as the athletic department and housing services. She is an adjunct professor at the MSU College of Law and a part-time instructor at the MSU School of Criminal Justice.

Employment History: Fischer has been working in law enforcement since 1981 when she began as a part-time patrol officer in Coopersville. She has been a practicing attorney in Michigan since 1995 and has been working at the MSU police department since 1987. She was promoted to captain in March 2013.

Education: Fischer has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University, a master's in criminal justice from MSU, a juris doctor from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School and a doctorate of philosophy in criminal justice from MSU.

Goals/Philosophy: Fischer says she believes in an open, collective form of leadership, saying that one "can't lead in isolation. My job is to know each and every one of you."

Fischer also says she is aware of Oakland's current changes and is not afraid of that change, which can bring her closer to community members. "Change is a constant in my world," Fischer said.

Why pick me? "Oakland University is an institution that is growing in concert with the needs of Michigan and I would like to be a part of that future leadership," Fischer wrote in her application letter. At her forum Fischer said that achieving community policing is like baking a cake, and that her being chief would give officers the skills to perform this policing and "build a cake we all want to eat."

Senior Lieutenant Paul A. Mascari, Marquette University

Current Duties: Mascari is the senior lieutenant and interim associate director at Marquette University's Department of Public Safety, where he has worked since 2004 and held numerous leadership roles. He oversees numerous operations, units and programs and works with other departments and administrators regularly.

Employment History: Mascari joined the U.S. Marine Corps from 1997 to 2002. He worked as a Sergeant for the General Security Services Corporation from 2002 to 2003 before moving to Marquette in 2004. Mascari has been a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve since 2011.

Education: Mascari has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Wisconsin, a master's in public service with specialization in criminal justice administration from Marquette and a graduate certificate in law enforcement leadership and management from Marquette. He is an active member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association and regularly attends conferences and training on campus law enforcement and police training.

Goals/Philosophy: Mascari says he firmly believes in collaboration and that a university police department must work with other areas and people in and around campus. "Sometimes police departments can be unapproachable," Mascari said at the forum. "It doesn't sound like the case here. That's definitely something I would continue."

Why pick me? "If given the opportunity, I would bring the same dedication and commitment to excellence I have demonstrated at Marquette to Oakland University," Mascari wrote in his application letter. At the forum Mascari said he has had a lot of experience dealing with change and could handle the many changes Oakland is dealing with. "Change is always going to happen," Mascari said. "And when it rains, it pours. You can't put everything on pause; you can't be afraid to make some decisions."

For questions or extensive review of each candidate's application materials email managing@oaklandpostonline.com or apderees@oakland.edu.

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Captain Penny Fischer speaks at her forum on Friday, March 7 in the Oakland Center.



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Senior Lieutenant Paul Mascari speaks on Tuesday, March 11 in the Human Health Building.



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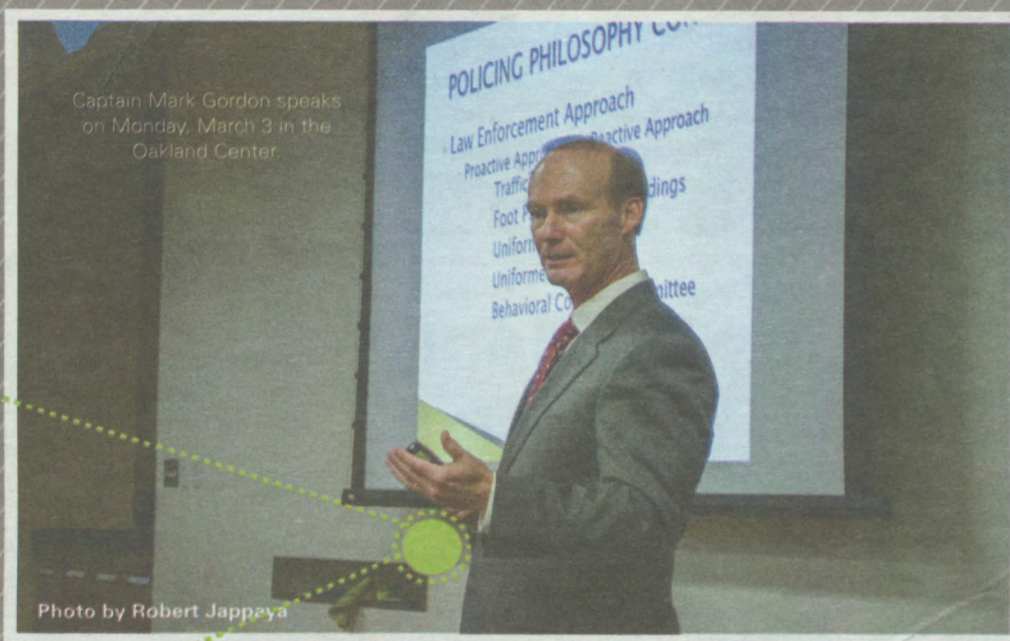
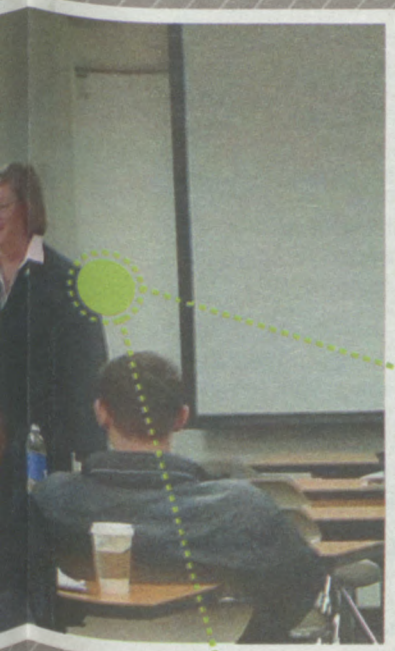


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OU freshman point guard Kahlil Felder advances the ball up the court during a Horizon League tournament game.

Wright State wrongs Oakland

Oakland's season ends as Grizzlies fall to Wright State 73-57

By Timothy Pontzer
News Editor

The Oakland University men's basketball season came to an end Friday, March 7 with a 73-57 defeat at the hands of the Wright State Raiders in the second round of the Horizon League Tournament.

Mired by a combination of defensive lapses and cold shooting, the Golden Grizzlies (13-20, 7-10 Horizon) never led in their third meeting with the Raiders – all of which have resulted in Wright State victories.

"We were just terrible," Oakland head coach Greg Kampe said. "We ended up being who we were, a team of inconsistency. This is probably the worst shooting team I've coached in my thirty years at Oakland."

The Grizzlies shot 18-of-44 from the field, including a 7-of-24 mark from beyond the arc. Wright State countered with a shooting percentage above 50 percent (23-of-43), and a season best nine 3-pointers on 19 attempts.

Senior guard Travis Bader led the OU attack with 20 points in what is likely his last game in an Oakland uniform.

"It hasn't hit me yet that I don't have another game in an Oakland jersey," Bader said. "It has been a really interesting year this season, but this team

showed that it had a lot of fight in it. I'm really glad that I got to spend a year in the Horizon League."

Bader's chase and eventual breaking of the all-time NCAA 3-point record was one of the bright spots in Oakland's inaugural Horizon campaign, but the sharpshooter could not muster enough offense to carry his team against the Raiders.

"We made it a point to take Bader out of the game, and I think we were pretty successful at that," Wright State head coach Billy Donlon said. "(Raiders senior guard) Matt Vest was on him all night and we held him to only seven points in the second half."

Bader credited Vest with stifling his production, but also admitted that he himself failed to live up to his own expectations.

"Matt is a great defender and a great player," Bader said. "He likes to take on that challenge of locking down a player. I still had some shots that just didn't go, and in tournament time you need to have those, but he did a great job of checking me the whole time."

While Bader lamented his output despite a game-high 20 points, Kampe pointed the finger at the other members of his roster, especially at the charity stripe.

"We were 7-of-19 from the free throw line outside of Bader

(who was 7-of-8)," Kampe said. "You can't win like that. You won't beat a bad team with stuff like that, much less a really good team like Wright State."

Kampe also highlighted the poor play of his other senior starter, Duke Mondy. The senior guard only managed to score five total points on 1-of-8 shooting in what will likely be his final NCAA basketball contest.

"Duke has had his ups and downs this year, and it kind of ended on a down for him," Kampe said.

Wright State led the entire affair, utilizing long runs at the beginning of each half. The Raiders jumped out to an initial 14-5 lead right after tip off and opened the second half with an 11-2 run.

"The start of the second half was terrible," Kampe said. "In do-or-die games you have to come out of the box well in the second half and I really think that is what caused us to have such a bad night."

Kampe was very blunt in summing up the season, admitting that the Grizzlies failed to reach their goal. However, he did find a few bright spots to cherish.

"Getting to the NCAA tournament is our holy grail, nothing else matters," he said. "While you're sad right now, later on some of those happy memories will come back. Hey, we beat Detroit twice."

Losing season had its moments

By Matt Saulino
& Jake Alsko
Staff Reporter & Sports
Editor

The Golden Grizzlies played their last game of the season in a loss to Wright State on Friday, March 7 in the Oakland University men's basketball team's debut Horizon League season.

The 2013-14 season marked OU's (13-20, 7-9 Horizon) first back-to-back losing seasons since 2006.

"I'm so impressed with the talent and level of play in the league," OU head coach Greg Kampe said.

Growing pains were expected this year since it's customary for teams moving into more prestigious conferences to struggle initially.

But because the program is accustomed to winning and the taste of that success, another losing campaign stings.

"We didn't get to where we wanted to be, the NCAA tournament," Kampe said.

In just 2011, a 13 seed Oakland was narrowly defeated in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament to 4 seed Texas, 85-81.

Once you make it to the tournament, that becomes the standard for a collegiate basketball program.

Excuses about entering a new conference and not having every player available can be made, but fans shouldn't have to hear or make excuses.

Fans have grown to view Oakland as a potential tournament-bound program,

and if the team continues to fall short of this expectation, the overall perception might change.

But for a year in which the Grizzlies failed fans' tournament expectations, OU surely satisfied the school's desire for exciting, classic basketball games.

Over the course of the season, Team 47 appeared to be out of plenty of games, and yet, continued to battle, regardless of how the outcome shook out.

These Grizzlies gave fans one of the best individual legacies this school has ever seen in Travis Bader. It gave fans buzzer-beaters, one-point instant-classic victories, record-breaking performances and two wins over renewed rival Detroit Mercy.

But most importantly, men's basketball gave its fans reason to be along for the ride, as bumpy as it may be.

Good or bad, the 2013-14 Golden Grizzlies were exciting.

Any good program knows it can't continue to produce sub-.500 seasons and expect enthusiastic support, but playing a wealth of classic games is a pretty good way to stay afloat while the wins and losses sort themselves out.

Sure, come the start of the 2014-15 men's basketball season, wins will again be expected, but Team 47's uncanny knack for fantastic finishes makes the expectations for Team 48 seem much more attainable than a 13-20 record normally suggests.



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Members of the Oakland University men's basketball team huddle before their Horizon League tournament game against Wright State.

One Last Swing

Senior Kassandra Komma reflects on four-year career as a Grizzly golfer

By David Cesesfke
Staff Reporter

During the last four years, Oakland University has been home for senior woman's golfer Kassandra Komma, but after this year is complete, Komma will be returning to her native country of Germany to reunite with her close family.

Growing up in Germany, athletics were always a part of Komma's life and she credits her father for her love of the sport.

"When I was 11, I was playing soccer, I started swimming as well, and soon later I picked up golf when I was 12 with my Dad, whose been playing for around 30 years," Komma said. "We would go to the range together and he got me a swing coach, he got me into the game."

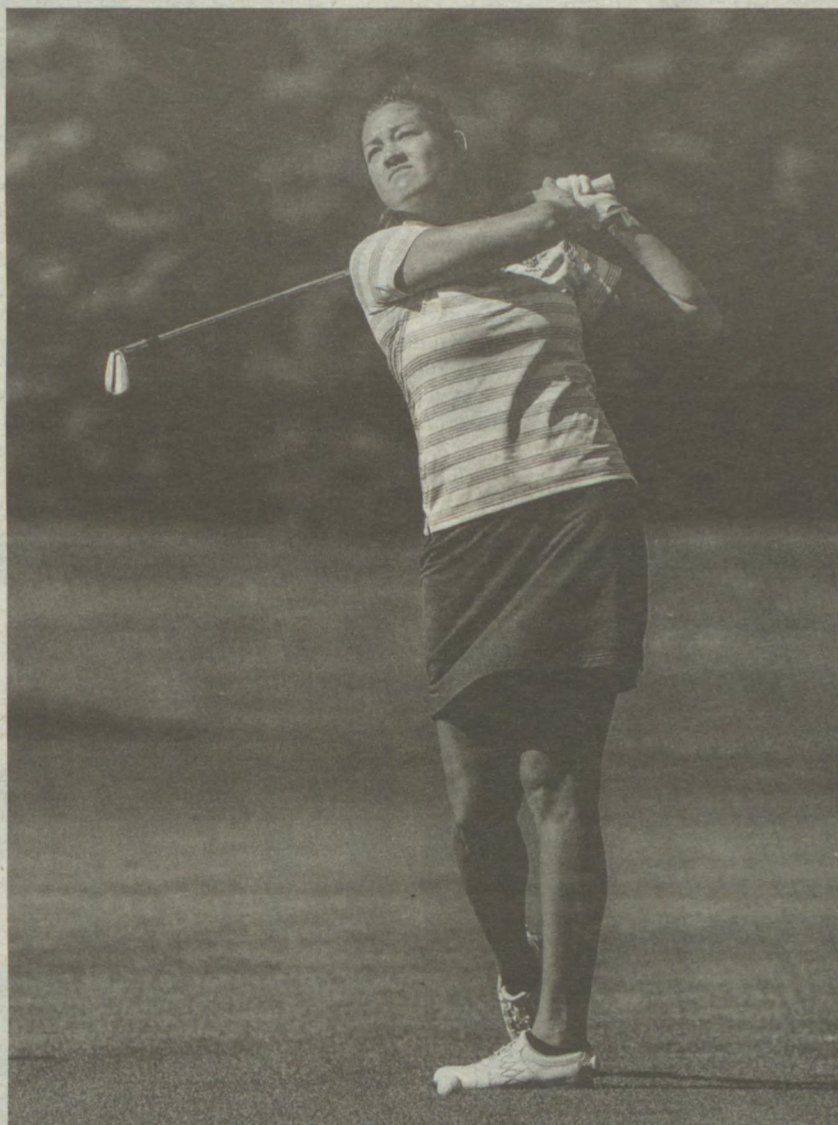
Komma has experienced success at every level with golf, in high school she earned the title of team MVP on the golf team where she spent one year at Neshoba Central High School (Philadelphia, Miss.) in the foreign exchange student program.

"I was the only girl on the golf team, I had fun and it was a good experience," she said.

The transition from high school to college has been a very successful one to say the least for Komma, who is coming off a school-record 221 at the Central District Invitational tournament this year in Lakewood Ranch, Fla. The tournament featured the best field Oakland has ever played against, with six teams in the top 55.

"I just tried to have fun out there, being in Florida where the weather was nice, getting out of this weather especially, I had no expectations," Komma said.

Komma's resume at Oakland has been very impressive and the record is very fitting for someone who has also recorded two back-to-back holes-in-one at Sharf Golf Course on campus. The demeanor of Komma has remained the same through her success. She has stayed humble throughout her accomplishments and credits her coach, Russ Cunningham,



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"It's like a small family, it's a family away from your family," Komma said about her team.

for her success.

"Ever since Coach Cunningham came in he started working with me on my mental game, which is a really big aspect in golf, and even when I was in Germany I never put a lot of practice in mental game, if you go on a course and you're not mentally ready then your swing doesn't even matter," she said.

Now in her senior year, Komma has remained focused and poised to have a successful season.

"When I started my senior year I didn't really think about it being my last year, I'm just trying to have fun and enjoy the company of my teammates while I'm still here," Komma said. "Four years with a team is a long time, you get to know everyone really well

and spend so much time with each other, and I'm just trying to enjoy my time while I'm still here."

Coming to Oakland for Komma has benefited both the school as well as her experience, an experience that happened by fate.

"I actually never visited when I committed to OU, I looked online on the tour and at the campus and though it looked nice and had a nice community around it," Komma said.

This was a decision made by a quick glance that proved to be a perfect match for both the school as well as the athlete, and now school record-holder.

The game of golf has played a big role in Komma's life, especially at the collegiate level and has taught many lessons along the way.

"The game has taught me definitely to be patient, and you can't push anything," she said. "If you push things just like on the course you tend to make mistakes."

With the end of a collegiate career in competitive golf coming to an end, a new beginning starts. Komma plans to get into graduate school in Germany upon graduation at OU and hopes to get her PHD and work out of the country afterwards.

"I've been away from Germany for so long that I kind of got use to it," she said.

While excited for the future, Komma also admits she will also miss many things.

"The tight community on campus, everyone knows everyone as far as athletes go, also my team and the atmosphere, it's like a small family, it's a family away from your family," she said.

The Golden Grizzlies will be on the golf course again March 17-18 as they compete in the Jackrabbit Invitational at the Primm Valley Resort in Nevada.

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Board of Trustees searching for next student liaisons

Student liaisons speak with Board, share student voice

By Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

The Oakland University Board of Trustees is currently accepting applications, due March 31, for the 2014-2015 student liaison. Two liaisons will be chosen and will serve for two years, according to the Board's website.

It is the liaisons' jobs to attend Board meetings and "voice any students' concerns with what the administration is doing or agree with administration," according to Samantha Wolf, one of the current liaisons.

The Board mainly approves decisions regarding projects and budgeting, according to Wolf. At

meetings the administration will present proposals and the Board will approve or dismiss those proposals.

"The Board is a very complicated kind of ordeal," Wolf said. "They are a group of people who are in charge of making sure OU is going in the right strategic direction - they look at the big picture."

Robert Williford, the other student liaison, said he believes he and Wolf have played a great role in communicating what students need for and from Oakland.

"I think that there are times when it's very easy to lose track, for them (the Board), of what the students need," Williford said. "They don't get to see first hand, and that's why it's so crucial that we have great student representation."

Issues Wolf and Williford have worked on include housing,

tuition raises, parking and campus expansion.

The most recent project was the Oakland Center expansion survey that the liaisons worked on with OU Student Congress to see how students felt about the expansion.

Research and reports to the Board can be created on their own time, according to Williford and Wolf. They both said the job is extremely rewarding if you put the right kind of work into it.

"I don't know too many universities where students sit on the board," Williford said. "There are two students who have the opportunity to do that. So I actually like it a lot."

If any students are thinking about becoming a liaison, both Wolf and Williford said they strongly encourage students to apply.

"Do it," Williford said. "Have confidence in yourself. Being



Photo provided by Oakland University.

Robbie Williford and Samantha Wolf, current student liaisons.

confident is important in any kind of leader."

"It's always worth trying," Wolf said. "If you're interested in making a bigger difference at OU and learning what happens with the administration it's a great thing to do."

In order to qualify, students must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and must have at least 56 credits, 28 of which must have been taken at Oakland. Students

must have a record of campus or community service and must have no record of disciplinary action at any university. Finally, a student cannot hold any other leadership appointments during their liaison period.

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TED X: BEHIND THE MICROPHONE

Oona Goodin-Smith
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Do the mid-semester doldrums have you in a funk and lacking inspiration? Shake off the winter blues and get x-cited for OU's

first TEDx conference, taking place on Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Focusing on the theme of "Inspiration," the event will be held in room 1050 of the Human Health Building and feature speakers and performers ranging from hip-hop artists to engineers, all gathering to fur-

ther the TEDx slogan of "ideas worth spreading." "Love Doctor" Terri Orbuch, 12-year-old musical prodigy Daniel Cho, "Insite the Riot" hip-hop artist Allandra Bulger, and world-traveling OU Professor Barbara Oakley are just four of the twelve set to perform at the conference.



DR. TERRI ORBUCH

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

I earned my Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Iowa. I joined the faculty at Oakland University in 1998. As a professor of sociology, I teach courses in interpersonal relationships, social psychology and human sexuality. I am also the project director of a long-term study on marriage, divorce, and repartnering, funded by the National Institutes of Health. I am known as "The Love Doctor," a relationship expert in the media. Personally, I have been married for 21 years and have two children.

Can you give us a sneak preview into what you'll be talking about for the conference?

When you're in a new relationship, how do you know if you're in lust or in love? I will be talking about the differences between lust and love. What are the clues to distinguish between lust and love, and how to reignite that lustful desire in loving long-term relationships.

The theme of this TEDx conference is "Inspiration." What inspires you?

Relationships inspire me -- both personally and professionally. Having positive relationships are vital and key to a happy and healthy life. That is why I'm inspired to bring good scientific advice about how to develop and maintain happy relationships. I want to share the research-based strategies for building strong and positive relationships.



BARBARA OAKLEY

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

I'm a professor of engineering, but I grew from a very unlikely background of loving language and culture. For example, I used to work as a Russian translator aboard Soviet trawlers in the Bering Sea. Also, I have a major book coming out from Tarcher-Penguin this summer on how to learn effectively, and I'm doing a MOOC for Coursera through UC San Diego on the topic, working with one of the country's leading neuroscientists, legendary Terrence Sejnowski.

Can you give us a sneak preview into what you'll be talking about for the conference?

After having many adventures -- going from private to captain in the Army, working at the South Pole Station in Antarctica, and of course, for the Soviets, I began to realize that there was as much or more adventure possible if I explored within. That's why I began studying math and science, and learning in general. It's quite strange, actually -- learning is so important that we spend the first twelve to sixteen years of our lives in formal educational institutions, yet we rarely learn how to learn. That's what I'll be talking about -- how to learn.

The theme of this TEDx conference is "Inspiration." What inspires you?

Adventure and new perspectives! It's good to follow your passions, but it's even better to broaden your passions.



DANIEL CHO

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

My name is Daniel Cho and I was born in Buffalo, New York. I am 12 years old, and I play the violin and the piano and also compose music. Music, for as long as I can remember, has always been in my life. I love music not only because of its artistic, cultural and historical qualities but also because of the wide range of human emotions that it can express.

Can you give us a sneak preview into what you'll be talking about at the conference?

At the conference, I'll generally be talking about how culture and history affects music.

The theme of this TEDx conference is "Inspiration." What inspires you?

What inspires me a lot is seeing great pieces of artwork and listening to great musical masterpieces, and noting the depictions of human culture in such art.

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ALLANDRA BULGER

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

I graduated from O.U. in 2008 with a master's degree in Public Administration specializing in Nonprofit Organization and Management. I am currently serving as a fellow with the Detroit Revitalization Fellowship Program through Wayne State University. I also perform as a hip hop artist under the moniker "InsiteThe Riot", which means to incite a revolution in our thinking. The music I create is a call to action for the listener to overcome limited thinking, persevere and expand self-awareness. I believe music can be a tool for personal development and growth.

Can you give us sneak preview into what you'll be talking about for the conference?

I will actually be performing at the conference. My performance will be framed around using our authentic voice. My work seeks to impact the audiences' perceptions of our individual and collective worth and potential. In a nutshell, the primary message I am conveying is to know yourself, love yourself and let your light shine.

The theme of this year's conference is "Inspiration." What inspires you?

I draw inspiration from the resilience of the individual and collective human spirit. I find inspiration in the history of my ancestors, the stories of my community, the unapologetic fight against injustice, human imperfection, spiritual evolution, the exotic and the mundane.

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A panel of business professionals answered questions meant to educate students on local business opportunities.

Pure mitten, pure Michigan

Panel of professionals discuss business in the Detroit area

By Andrew Wernette
Staff Reporter

Pure Michigan held a panel of guest speakers on Thursday, March 6 at Oakland University in the Fireside Lounge to discuss Detroit's economic and job potential.

The guest speakers were all professionals based in the Detroit area.

Pure Michigan at Oakland University is a student organization dedicated to connecting students with professionals and businesses in southeastern Michigan.

Included in the panel were Justin Jacobs, owner and founder of Come Play Detroit; Matthew Roling, Director of Business Development for Rock Ventures; Olga Stella, Vice President of Business Development at the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation; and Cory Wright, founder and Principal of Mitten Crate.

Pure Michigan President John McCarter provided questions for the panelists throughout the discussion.

The panel was held to illustrate for students how the Detroit area holds potential as a place to start a career.

Each of the panelists told stories about being drawn to the city and eventually calling it home. They also brought attention to its areas of recent growth, such as organic farming, creative institutions and green technology.

One of the terms mentioned by Wright was "ruin porn," which he described as the media's constant labeling of Detroit as a totally broken, terrible place to live. He said that this is not necessarily fair.

"I think there's a lot of really positive stuff going on in Detroit," Wright said, citing the growing food and art scenes.

Wright compared his time in Detroit to his experience living and working in Brooklyn, New York, which he said was expensive and confining. He said he discovered a new liberty back here in Detroit.

Stella mentioned Atlanta, Denver and Portland as "high-functioning" cities, and then made a comparison: she said they were all the same size as Detroit but had fewer people. According to her, Detroit had the power to work toward these examples.

Stella also said she has felt relatively secure living in the

city.

"I keep my wits about me, but I've never felt unsafe," Stella said. "I've always felt like I could go wherever I wanted to go to have a great time, and to have a great life."

"We're at this really unique point in the city's history where we can redefine it," Roling said.

He described the amount of vacant land and the investment currently flowing into Detroit. He also listed the city's growing centers of inhabitation, including Midtown, Corktown and Lafayette Park.

"We can really build this city to be whatever we want it to be," Roling said.

McCarter said that he was "blown away" by the event's outcome. He said he met some of the talk's speakers at a conference put on by the Michigan Economic Developers Association last year - their stories inspired him to bring them to OU.

"I just thought it was a great opportunity to show what Michigan had to offer," McCarter said.

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Cyber security club hosts first ever cyber summit

By Adam Kujawski
Staff Reporter

Oakland University's cyber security club hosted its first annual Cyber Summit on March 7.

The club, Cyber OU, gathered top security officials in the state of Michigan to share their thoughts on what colleges can do to protect their cyber infrastructure.

Michigan's Chief Security Officer, Dan Lohrmann, kicked off the summit with a presentation on the current condition of cyber security in the government.

He praised Michigan's proactive approach to security and its involvement in cyber initiatives.

"Governor Snyder gets it," Lohrmann said. "He is pushing this nationwide among governors."

Lohrmann also cited a UK study on higher education security, insisting a change in culture is a prime factor in recognizing the need to adapt better security practices.

"We all have a role in this," Lohrmann said. "The students, faculty and administration all have a responsibility."

Oakland Deputy County Executive Phil Bertolini was thrilled with the interest Oakland students have shown in cyber security.

"One million jobs are expected to be created in this field by 2017," he said. "I can't stress how important it is for Oakland University to take that seriously."

"That's what [Cyber OU]

is doing, recognizing cyber security is going to be a big player moving forward."

Following the presentations, the speakers were joined by Oakland University Chief Information Officer Theresa Rowe for an hour long panel discussion.

Given the recent tax fraud issue at OU, the first question presented to the panel and addressed by Rowe was whether or not there have any new developments in the matter.

"We can't find any evidence of a security breach or a theft or a lost laptop or anything like that," she said. "All I can do as a CIO is look at our security posture at OU and make sure we do what we can to protect our data."

The case is currently under investigation by the IRS, FBI and Oakland University Police Department.

Rowe assured the audience that Oakland is not the only university to have dealt with these issues. As the National Chair of the Research and Education Information Sharing and Analysis Center (REN-ISAC), she is active in promoting cyber security within the higher education community.

Cyber OU Vice President Trpkio Blazevski was more than satisfied with the turnout for the first summit. With more than 120 registered guests, the conference was standing room only.

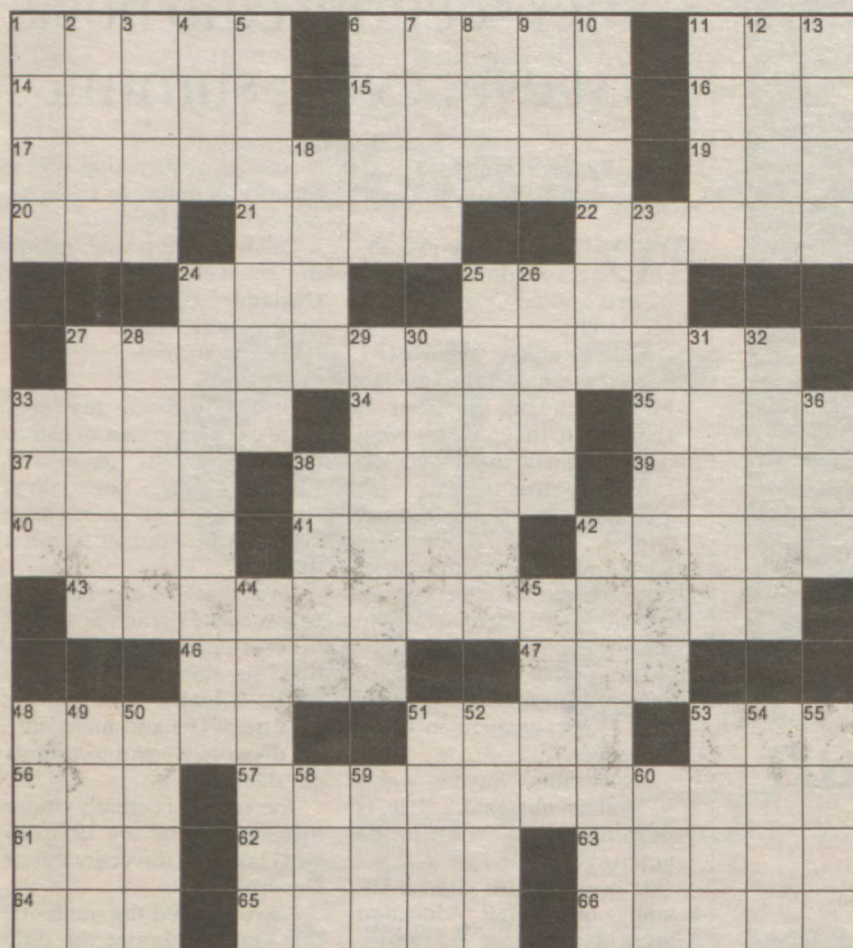
"We would love to make this an annual event here at OU," he said.



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"We all have a role in this," a security official said about cyber security.

Puzzles



Across

1. Get going
6. Work with the hands
11. In the manner of
14. Fielder's faux pas
15. Spine-tingling
16. Leaf in many scul-
ptures
17. Carpenters visit them
19. 'Sweet Pea' singer
Tommy
20. Whimsical
21. Naval post?
22. Almost eternity
24. Dot follower
25. Over the ____
27. SWAT team special-
ists
33. Nickels and dimes
34. Bird with an eerie call
35. Mortarboards
37. Golden Rule preposi-
tion
38. Office aides
39. Drainpipe bend
40. Las Vegas rollers
41. Tape spool
42. Combat site
43. Professionals who
might get your back up?
46. Places

47. Brooding type?
48. Old footwear
51. One way to travel
53. '____ Loves You'
56. Stewing vessel
57. Pure
61. Liable
62. Wasn't upright
63. Barely getting by, with
'out'
64. Craving
65. Ice grabbers
66. Dishwasher cleaning
cycle

Down

1. Starter starter?
2. Test choice
3. Word before ant or brat
4. Hold up
5. Earth movers?
6. Piano's 88
7. 'Far out!'
8. Goof up
9. It may be financial
10. Make potable
11. Curly coif
12. He has his pride
13. Reason and Enlight-
enment
18. Stadium passage

23. Fundamental particle
24. Paddling advocate
25. Hullabaloo
26. Charged particles
27. Kind of boom
28. Sudden snag
29. Is in the arms of
Morpheus
30. Greek hymnist
31. Less common
32. Reaches across
33. Bossy's chew
36. Resort hotel
38. Harness race pace
42. Designer's studio
44. Upshot
45. 'Leading With My
____' (Leno book)
48. Fix a hot dog?
49. English poet Alex-
ander
50. FYI cousin
51. 'You ____?' (Lurch's
query)
52. They may be liberal
53. Ankle-knee connector
54. Biddies
55. Upper hand
58. Opposite of paleo-
59. Summer coat?
60. Biathlon need

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Here's to the nights

SPB's Creole Nights brings New Orleans to OU

Andrew Wernette
Staff Reporter

The doors opened to the sound of a rockin' zydeco band as Creole Nights got underway in the Banquet Rooms on the evening of Monday, March 10. The event was put on by the Student Programming Board, who styled the event in a Mardi Gras-like fashion.

SPB Special Events Director Darnell Gray was responsible for creating and directing the event. He said he was very happy with the event's success.

"I feel this is one of the best turnouts this semester," Gray said as he watched the band play. Gray said that he wanted this to serve as a type of apology to those who had been looking forward to the Annual Spring Concert scheduled for April 11, which was cancelled two weeks ago due to a scheduling conflict on headliner Jason Derulo's part. Gray said that it was also a theme that was close to his heart.

"Mardi Gras is one of my favorite times of the year," Gray said.

The room was draped in green, purple and gold, which are the traditional colors of Mardi Gras. There were Deep South-inspired dishes, such as red beans with

rice and gumbo.

The most sought-after food, however, turned out to be the king's cake. According to Mardi Gras tradition, a small figurine of a baby is baked into the cake, and the person who happens to receive the slice with the figurine in it wins something.

Gray announced that two figurines were hidden among the six cakes being served that night, and the people who found them would win a flat-screen TV and a pair of Beats headphones.

Jordyn Mitchell found the first baby and won the TV.

"I've never won anything when I do lotteries, so it's very exciting to me," Mitchell said.

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1. A student celebrates with some Cajun charm by wearing a masquerade mask and, of course, some Mardi Gras beads.

2. Décor for the event was traditional Mardi Gras colors, including beads hung from the ceiling and table settings.

3. A showcase of festively-decorated Mardi Gras masks



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The kids don't stand a chance

Brian Figurski
Copy Editor / Bad Teacher

The state of education is at an all-time low in America. Like most other struggling economic topics – healthcare, social security, anything that sucks up our money.

While no social types of any sort should be left behind, I have first-hand documentation that the children of this generation have it rough.

This has been a long time coming.

While most people spent the summer farting around, I spent my time teaching workshops at a summer school center in Pontiac. Why someone thought me being responsible for molding young children's minds was a good idea, I did not understand.

Now that it's all said and done, it's clear that there's really no harm I could have caused worse than what's already established. The state of education is heartbreaking.

Historically speaking, I don't really passionately care for anything, so being so taken by this sad state of affairs is surprising to both all my ex-girlfriends and myself.

I taught creative writing to kids of urban Pontiac, anywhere from first to fifth graders. The writing really wasn't accomplished, though – it morphed into mainly drawing pictures.

These kids could vividly tell me about their blockhead characters with square limbs and these insane adventures of rescuing interstellar pizzas and being attacked by blueberry giants, but sadly, most lacked the mental tools to write anything down on paper.

It's a dilapidated system. Schools are rapidly closing in these urban areas, which are surrounded by other communities in decent hands, if not thriving and giving their kids concert-level cello lessons by third grade, and while some neighboring communities have opened their gates to the public, many require discrepancies more than city resi-

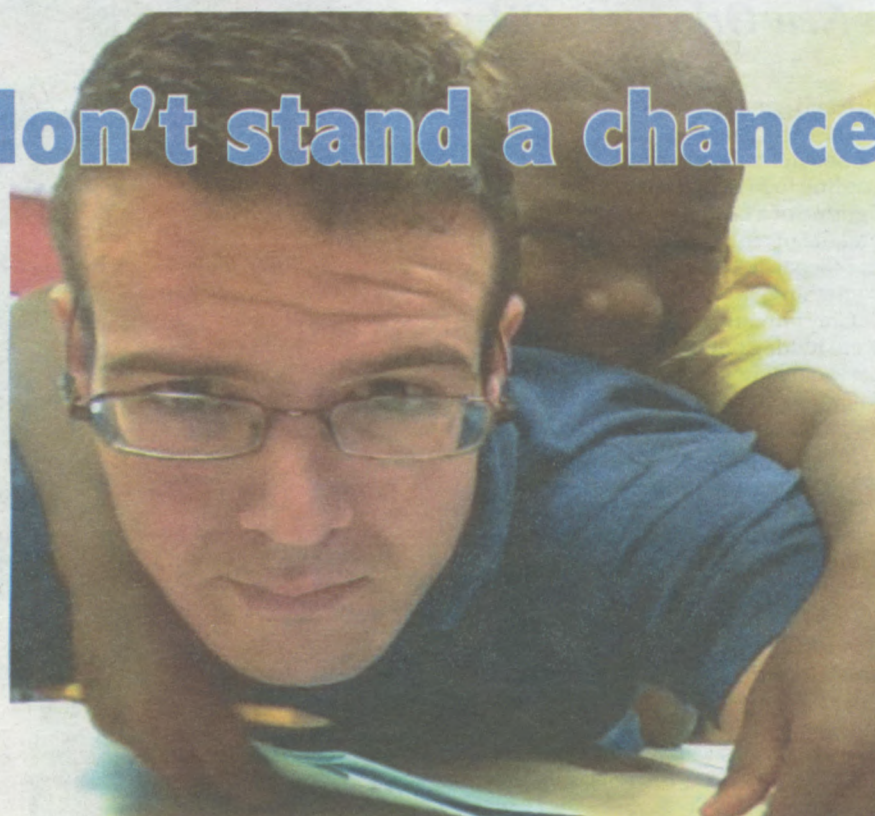


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Brian Figurski gets tackled by one of his former students, Calil, in an airborne attack.

dency before they lower the drawbridge – proof of home ownership, utility bills, water bills. Just invite the principal over for a hot meatloaf dinner at that point.

The average teacher-to-student ratio in some Detroit high schools borders 45-to-one. That's no way to sink any information into a kid for a teacher – that's glorified babysitting, making sure the day ends and no one gets hurt in the meantime.

I know, I once saw a kid start bashing another one's skull against the tile floor in a colored pencil war, because it's all they've learned in their short experience.

I don't think many of us will ever actually understand this. Majority of us come from a middle-class background and have a decent education. We did all get into Oakland University, obviously.

Of course, that's not saying much sometimes. During one of my first semesters here, I had a classmate that was a mop handle with a face drawn on with a Sharpie.

Either way, we haven't experienced this decay. We read about it in papers, sure, but most of us remain ignorant to the actual facts with this laissez-faire let-it-be attitude.

Teaching is a thankless, over-

worked job. The average pay of a first-year teacher in Michigan, according to the National Education Association, is around \$36,000. So let's say they work 40 hours a week in the school, and let's undershoot another ten hours grading papers, writing lesson plans and not ripping their hair from their scalp.

That equates to a measly \$13.85 an hour. In a country where minimum wage is bordering a bump to \$10 an hour, for every working person under the sun.

Rarely do the children these teachers work with on a daily basis show any sign of gratitude and they have seen some of the worse demons in people. But they come back to it everyday and wear that smile.

Thank you to anyone involved in the educational structure of America's collapsing youth. Even the professors at the universities – I'm sure it's not the easiest gig when you have people like me doodling satanic cheeseburgers on all my papers and midterm assignments.

I have tried it and have not the fortitude to pursue it. You are the cavalry on the front line and I hold faith that you can help mend things one born-innocent child at a time until a permanent solution is found.

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EMAILGEDDON TOP 10

After every undergrad received a mountain of inane replies from the rest of our hilarious student body in what will be known as "Reply-allmageddon," we've compiled 10 of the wittiest replies we were honored to witness unfurl Sunday evening.

10. Alivia Gappy - I think this is the most interesting thing that's happened to OU all year.

9. Alexia Atkins - can we just continue this? It's like having real friends

8. Anthony Weed - So did anyone actually take poor jasmine's survey rofl

7. Spiro Zaraovski - Leave me some parking tomorrow, will ya guys?

6. Peter Behnke - (sent the entire transcript of Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace*)

5. Issa Fakhouri - Do you guys ever lay on the kitchen floor and pretend you're a carrot?

4. Hayley Gernert -



3. Mario Adam - Before you guys unsubscribe, I'm looking for a cute girl that passed by me at the OC on approx. 2:45 by Subway. Lemme know

2. Tyler Broussard - Anyone interested in an old microwave I have for sale? A gift any student would appreciate.

1. Niah! Sheena - EVERYONE FOLLOW MY DOG ON INSTAGRAM @baron_sheena