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A FURRY FRIEND// During the Men's Basketball game against St. Xavier, The Grizz kept the fans pumped up. One lucky kid got to dance with the Golden Grizzlies mascot during a "Media Time-Out."

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What do you think of the strategic planning committee?

- A** I think it's a crucial step to bettering this university. Go OUI
- B** I'm not sure yet - I want to see what it does next.
- C** It's a bunch of hot air and won't change anything.
- D** Don't know, don't care.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What are your thoughts on anime?

- A)** Anime is my life. There's so much fun and creativity!
42.3%
- B)** I really think people need to re-evaluate the use of this word.
10.4%
- C)** Anime? That's for weirdos.
29.4%
- D)** Spongebob counts, right?
17.8%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

November 12, 2003

The Modern Language Department resolved a dispute by choosing to cancel one section of German 115. It originally planned to cancel German 455, which would have kept 10 German majors from graduating.

November 15, 1996

Chi Upsilon sorority president Stephanie Maximuik received a package that contained a dead raccoon and a note that said "die bitch." She told OUPD that she thought it was another sorority member.

November 15, 1978

University Congress voted against removing Congress President Gary Foster, even though he was found guilty on two impeachable offenses.

-Compiled by Andrew Wernette, Life Editor



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LOOKING AHEAD

President Hynd and a planning committee spoke to the OU community on Tuesday with strategic plans for the future.



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GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

Students donated basic goods to those affected by ISIS in Iraq at the Workshop for Peace on Wednesday, Nov. 5.



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BEYOND THE KIDDIE POOL

The men and women's swimming teams came just shy of victory at a meet with Bowling Green State University and Eastern Michigan University on Saturday.

BY THE NUMBERS

Make-A-Wish edition

89%

of health professionals say they believe a wish experience can influence a wish kid's physical health

40%

wishes involving The Walt Disney Company

25 billion

frequent flier miles are needed to meet all the travel needs for wish kids and their families

25,000

active volunteers for Make-A-Wish in the United States

14,000

wishes granted by Make-A-Wish in 2012 alone

Editorial

STAFF EDITORIAL

Regulated we stand, monopolized we fall

By Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

What are you willing to pay to Google a cat meme? How about to stream that full season of American Horror Story on Netflix? The next time you log on to Moodle, have your wallets at the ready, OU.

As of last January, when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia overthrew many of the federal rules requiring broadband providers to treat all Internet traffic equally, we as Americans have lost control of our web, turning it over to the hands of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and major broadband providers such as Comcast and Verizon. This opens the possibility of these companies purposefully slowing down Internet connection, charging more for higher-speed browsing and eventually access to online content such as YouTube, Spotify, Netflix, and other users of high bandwidth.

"Right now it's more expensive to just get Internet than to buy Comcast's package," said Politics and Internet (PS 319) student Krista Squier. "You can see where they're already trying to have a monopoly."

"It's a gate-keeping issue," said her classmate Courtney Souden. "Rather than to go see what you want, you only see what Comcast wants you to see."

On Monday, President Obama publicly called for "net neutrality," or "no toll roads on the information super highway," saying that "an open Internet is essential to the American economy, and increasingly to our very way of life."

In other words, he suggested that, following Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, which would make the broadband providers "common carriers," the Internet would become a utility, "like electricity and water."

Provoking the age-old debate over big government versus individual rights, the call for government regulation has naturally caused protest.

"'Net Neutrality' is Obamacare for the Internet; the Internet should not operate at the speed of government," tweeted Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX).

"What about subsidies and taxpayers?" questioned political science student Mike Snow. "If you turn [the Internet] into a utility, it can be government-regulated even more."

If left in its current state, however, the potential of Comcast and other broadband big-wigs, according to USA Today, "charging tolls for 'fast lanes' or discriminating against content" looms. Eventually, what you see for free on the Internet could be completely decided by these companies, monopolizing the "information highway" and thus the

resources of the American people.

While we at *The Oakland Post* recognize the current potential pitfalls of government regulation for the Internet consumer, we believe that net neutrality is overwhelmingly positive, especially for today's college student.

As Oakland's tuition continues to increase and student loan levels sit at an all-time high, we at *The Post* believe that the last thing college students need is to be forced to pay more money for information access.

For computer science students and Internet entrepreneurs such as Vazor team member Ziyad Al-Obaidi, the resistance to net neutrality could also stifle his budding career. "We're designing web apps: one of the most amazing things you can do. We may not get to compete with a big company as they can pay the extra charges and essentially limit what we do. As a young college student entrepreneur, you definitely don't want to have that. You want to use your money in the most important way."

The Oakland Post urges students to fend for your right to information, for your right to knowledge. In the words of political science professor Terri Towner, "free and open Internet is essential for democracy."

After all, knowledge is power, and at the end of the day, Oakland, who do you want in control?

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Perspectives

Community involvement IS all it's jazzed up to be

No matter what you are majoring in or doing at OU, there are easy opportunities to have a good time

Freshman year, I was a stinker. I hated just about everything and everyone.

Well, 'hate' is a strong word, but I certainly wasn't happy. I didn't want to make new friends, didn't want to get involved, and had convinced myself that people were behind everything dastardly and dark.

In addition to being a spiteful little thing, I was afraid. I liked to pretend I was some big, bad shark come to dominate the ocean, but in reality, I was a goldfish from a country puddle. While I loved my tiny puddle and hadn't known anything else, it didn't exactly set me up for social success.

So more than anything, I was scared.

Let's skip forward three years to the present time. As managing editor of this fine newspaper and an active student in my program, I consider myself pretty involved, and feel like I know so many more people, places and things I missed out on during that first year. I've really



Kaylee Kean
Managing
Editor

come to love OU and know I'll be sticking around after graduation in May.

It's been over 15 months since I joined the Post, and I'm much more sure of myself. I'm happier. I'm more mature (that's a stretch, but let's go with it).

But before all of this, there was something else: music.

There was Word of Mouth Open Mic Night, which I first went to in the dark winter months of freshman year and have been going to since.

Before I got into journalism, I was a musician through and through. I gigged whenever possible, kept a relatively updated YouTube, and wrote like the world was going to end. I've dug into local music scenes and acts and have seen some talent. You think I'd be immune by now, but I'm not. Every week there's

always something, or someone, that wows me or makes me incredibly happy. That's the best.

I never really thought much about it until now, but open mic has been a part of my life at OU longer than anything else. It's changed hands and locations a few times — in fact, I'll be helping to set up and lead the show now — and the crowd has died down a little, but there's still that dedicated core I've come to love.

And it's not just music: we get singers, writers, poets, comedians, rappers, percussionists, dancers, actors — you name it, we've probably had it. Oh yeah OU!

Did you go to OU's Got Talent this year? Remember Brie Shines, who covered Colbie Caillat with an acoustic guitar and a soothing voice? She performed at open mic last week, and it was just as beautiful, and much more personal. Remember Leo, the comedian who won first place? He's made his appearance, and many pants were soiled. Or what about that

sassy opening act who did the Campfire Song Song to get the crowd pumped up? (That was me.) She plays each week too, and I hear she's even cooler in person.

Not to sound cheesy, but you lose yourself at open mic. You see faces that normally don't pop up in your day-to-day routine, and you greet them with a smile. You jam and dance and rock out; you laugh and learn and tease; you're absolutely amazed by the talent that goes unnoticed on your very own campus.

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So here's some shameless self-promotion: come to open mic this Thursday at 9 p.m. in the Vandenberg Glass Room. Anyone can come, and you only have to perform if you're comfortable with it, though we're friendly with all types. It lasts about two hours. Two hours of easy, free fun.

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Perspectives

Give me your tired, poor, huddled masses — legally

Student statesman sheds light and voices opinion on the American illegal vs. legal immigration plight

Nicholas Walters
The Student Statesman

For those of you who may have missed it last week, the format for this political column will be simple. The first half will be raw explanation. No spin, no bias, no politics — just the background behind and introduction to the topic.

The second half will be raw opinion.

So, let's talk about the border. Here's the situation: our southern border is experiencing a flood of illegal immigration.

The illegals are coming not only from Mexico, but also from other Latin American countries.

There has also been a large number of children, about 52,000, according to the BBC, that have crossed the border, most of them unattended.

The Border Patrol Agency has been overwhelmed by the surge and has therefore been housing illegals in very poor conditions.

Those are the facts.

Before we move on to the opinion part though, there's one important distinction we have to make.

I'm not against legal immigration. I'm against illegal immigration.

It's super important to not confuse the two, otherwise you hear stuff like, "Amnesty is good because immigrants built this country."

Okay, okay, okay. You've heard all this before.

Now, why does it matter?

Here's why (One note: this is a massive subject; for the sake of time, I'm not going to talk about every aspect, like the kids, the drug problem, etc.).

We've created a double standard.

People who illegally immigrate are given free healthcare, education, housing, food and clothing, according to Judicial Watch (an anti-government waste research center).

We've got millions of people coming into the country who are being taught that America is about getting free stuff if you break the law.

On the other hand, people who try to follow the rules and legally immigrate here go through a tortuous examination process, pay heavy fees, take difficult tests and wait for up to

10 years.

Practically every news agency in the country has run a story on our lengthy and expensive legal immigration process. Ten years!

So the rest of the world looks and says, "Hmmm, if I break into the country, I'm treated like a hero by politicians, but if I try to come legally, I'm treated like a criminal."

Did I say 10 years?

Look, I'm all for immigration. My ancestors were Scotch, Welsh, Irish, English and a smattering of other ethnicities.

I'm for immigration. I love it.

So, I say, let's have legal immigration. Let's open this country's borders to all those wanting to move here to escape tyranny and have a better life.

But let's not do so by saying that breaking the law is ok.

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Grizzlies on the Prowl



"How do you feel about no-shave November/beards?"



Courtney Sharbaugh, freshman, wellness, health, promotion & injury prevention and psychology

"My friends participate in it. Some people know the real cause behind it but some people don't."



Sarah Hale, freshman, physical therapy

"There are some people who participate because it's a trend. I think they should participate for the cause."



David DeGroot, freshman, mechanical engineering

"I'm participating by not shaving. But it's become more of a trend than raising awareness."



Dustin Trombly, junior, computer science

"I'm aware of the cause behind it but don't participate. It definitely raises awareness because I wouldn't know about it without hearing No-Shave November."

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury, Photographer

POLICE FILES

Vehicle damage reported in P-2

OUPD responded to a call in the P-2 parking lot on Nov. 5 at 9:49 p.m. from a complainant stating that his car was damaged while parked in the lot.

The complainant told the officer that he parked his car in P-2 around 5:00 p.m., and when he returned to the vehicle about four hours later, he saw a broken bottle on the ground near the vehicle and key marks near the driver's side headlight and along the driver's side of the vehicle.

The officer asked the complainant if he had been in an altercation with anyone that day. He said that when parking in the spot that he may have pulled in front of a pick-up truck and taken the spot from that other driver.

The officer reviewed security camera footage and noticed a pick-up truck matching the complainant's description enter the parking lot, but did not see anyone leave the vehicle or anything else happen.

Student issued MIP in Hamlin Hall

OUPD was dispatched to Hamlin Hall on Nov. 8 at approximately 3:00 a.m. for a report of possible underage drinking.

The officers met with housing staff who said that they had checked the room in question because they had been told there was a party going on. They told the officers that when they entered the room they observed alcohol containers in the room.

One of the occupants indicated that he and the four other occupants were having a party in the room and that they had been drinking.

All students consented to a breathalyzer test. Four of the occupants registered a .000 blood alcohol content and were not cited. One of the occupants registered a .024 blood alcohol content and was issued a citation for minor in possession.

Student cited for suspended license, registration plate violation

On Nov. 6, at 10:45 p.m., an officer was patrolling on Walton Road when he observed a Dodge Charger with expired registration.

The officer stopped the vehicle, approached, and identified himself. The officer asked the driver for her driver's license, registration and proof of insurance. The driver told the officer that she didn't have her license and that the vehicle belonged to her brother.

The officer returned to his patrol unit and was able to identify the driver. He discovered that the driver's license was suspended and that the driver had a misdemeanor warrant for failure to appear in traffic court.

The officer approached the vehicle and asked the driver to step out of the vehicle. The driver hesitated and continued to have a conversation on her cell phone. The officer asked the driver again to step out of the vehicle. The driver hesitated again, but then stepped out of the vehicle.

The officer then placed handcuffs on the driver and conducted a search of the vehicle for contraband or weapons. The officer found none.

The officer issued the driver citations for failure to display a valid license, driving with a suspended license, and registration plate violation.

The officer then confiscated the license plate off the vehicle and it was placed into evidence. The vehicle was towed and impounded. The officer then explained the reasoning for the citations and gave the driver a ride back to the Police and Support Services Building.

— Compiled by Josh Soltman
Copy Editor



Kaylee Kean / The Oakland Post

President Hynd explained the university's plans to improve the school and community, with students and faculty present to ask questions.

Looking ahead and reaching high

Strategic planning committee shares plans, answers questions on vision and goals

Ali DeRees

Campus & Administration Editor

Oakland University is transforming: last Tuesday President George Hynd and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Kevin Corcoran gave students and faculty a glimpse into what they and other leaders of the university have been up to these past few months. Their ideas and updates were shared during a free luncheon open to all in the Oakland Center, and the session was concluded with a question and answer portion.

Missed the presentation? Check out our top ten key points from the luncheon:

1. "It all starts with the faculty. That's what universities are built on, high quality faculty who care about their work and care about their students," Corcoran said. He highlighted the many achievements of the faculty and how they will guide discussion and higher learning at the university — faculty is the lifeblood of OU.

2. The College of Arts and Sciences courses expand to those who are in the other professional schools, Corcoran said. He stressed that courses in the arts and sciences affect every student in the university, regardless of their majors, and should be taken seriously.

3. "We are growing in a variety of areas within the college," Corcoran said. Corcoran cited growth statistics, such as the chemistry major showing 25 percent growth and the psychology major showing 18 percent growth.

4. "We at the College of Arts and Sciences have a space problem," Corcoran said. With the expansion of buildings for several of the other professional schools, the largest and only college on the university is in desperate need for adequate space for students and faculty.

5. We need engagement in the community. Both Dean Corcoran and President Hynd stressed that as a metropolitan university, we have an obligation to use our skills and resources to better the surrounding community. This type of involvement is beneficial for both community members and students looking to gain valuable experience outside of the classroom.

6. OU will become a "doctoral research institution with a global perspective." This was stated in Hynd's presentation of the strategic planning update. He and the committee want the university to compete on an international level and be a leader in groundbreaking research.

7. We need to continue to re-brand. Hynd said the committee has been discussing the branding and "what it is, exactly people, think about when they hear the words 'Oakland University.'"

8. "Our students feels we are more student-centered than other institutions across the state," Hynd said, citing the branding survey that was done earlier this year. Hynd wants to continue this focus on the students and providing them with a "robust teaching and learning environment."

9. We need diversity. Hynd and the planning commission welcomed comments on this topic from the audience members, which included faculty administration.

10. "We need your help," said Associate Professor of English and President of the American Association of University Professors, Kevin Grimm. He was one of the many committee members to stress community input and involvement.

Send questions and comments to Betty Youngblood, former interim president and current vice president for organizational development and strategic planning, to youngblo@oakland.edu.

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12 p.m. "2014 Teaching Excellence Award Winners" Workshop in 200A Elliott Hall

5 p.m. International artist Osman Khan lecture in 208 Wilson Hall

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12 p.m. Political Science post-election "Campaign Roundup" discussion in the Oakland Room, Oakland Center

5 p.m. Ireland study abroad information meeting in the Lake Michigan Room, Oakland Center

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12 p.m. Communication & Journalism Lecture Series: Revolt of the City and Bromances in 4043 Human Health Building

8 p.m. World Music concert with Rahul Pophali in Varner Hall

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9 a.m.-4 p.m. Student to Professional Conference in the Banquet Rooms, Oakland Center

8 p.m. The Liar in Varner Studio Theatre

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9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Fundraiser for the OU Club Football team at Classic Lanes; \$15/person for three hours of bowling and live music

3 p.m. Oakland Symphony Orchestra in Varner Recital Hall

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7 p.m. 90s Night featuring food, games and prizes in the Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

7:30 p.m. Percussion Ensemble Concert in Varner Recital Hall

Clinton event assault: the real issue at hand

Sam Schlenner
Staff Reporter

Larry Mitchell got bored. He was waiting in line for an hour when he approached libertarian protesters outside Hillary Clinton's speaking event on Oct. 16 at Oakland University. Mitchell, a member of the St. Clair Shores Democratic Club, wanted to talk with them. It turned out to be more than just a talk.

"I just came from Texas, I have Ebola, and now I'm going to give it to you!" he exclaimed. He didn't have the disease.

He licked his hand and tried to touch a protester. Somebody videotaped it. The story blew up.

Over the next week, "Campus Reform," "The Daily Caller," "The College Fix" and even "The Daily Mail" from the UK ran the story.

But it's not news, according to Mitchell.

"It's trivial," he said in his New York accent. "The real question should be, 'Why would these guys have to be so far away?'"

The protesters had to stand in a free speech zone across the street from the people lined up for the event.

"There is no free speech anymore," Mitchell said. "You have to get a permit to have a march or to protest something."

But actions like Mitchell's are the reason why protesters had to stand across the street.

"If I don't put a barrier between you and the opposing side, we're going to end up with fights," said Mark Gordon, Chief of OUPD. "In fact, we had an assault at the Hillary Clinton visit."

Previous court decisions have established that law enforcement must accommodate protesters with a place, a time and a manner in which they can demonstrate.

Mitchell wanted the protesters to be allowed to come closer.

"That's why I went out there, because I can't talk to them from a distance of 200 feet," Mitchell said.

But Mitchell said his story was sensationalized and shed light on the wrong thing. An imprudent prank got a magnifying glass on it because it was exciting.

But why make the scene about Ebola?

It was the first thing that popped into his head.

"A childish diversion," Mitchell said, "Street theater."



Sam Schlenner / The Oakland Post

Nurse practitioner Sam Damren stresses that people should take actions to protect themselves from the flu and worry less about Ebola.

"There is no free speech anymore. You have to get a permit to have a march or to protest something."

Larry Mitchell
Member of St. Clair Shores
Democratic Club

Ebola has been floating around the news, to say the least. Maybe that is the true infection.

"It's the ultimate irony," said Sam Damren, a nurse practitioner at the Graham Health Center. She said that while the American public is clamoring for an Ebola vaccine, they're not taking a more vital step. Nearly 58 percent of U.S. adults did not get a flu shot last year, according to the CDC.

"The flu is far worse than Ebola," Damren said. "The flu kills more people every single year."

According to the CDC, influenza

has killed a low of 3,000 and a high of 49,000 Americans each year from 1976-2006. According to the NPR, 32,743 per year died in the first decade of the new millenium. It's estimated that the flu kills between 250,000 and 500,000 people worldwide each year, according to the WHO.

Ebola has killed 4,960 people, according to the latest numbers from the CDC. That's for this outbreak, which was first reported just over seven months ago.

"From the 1700s onwards, every single century, there has been a pandemic kind of influenza," Damren said, citing a Yale lecture by an infectious disease specialist.

She brought up the Spanish flu of 1918-1919, which killed about 40 million people worldwide within only two years, according to flu.gov.

"The flu happens every single year," Damren said. "It's highly contagious. It's easily disseminated. It's droplets,

you know? Sneezing. Being on a plane with someone. Being in a movie theater."

She mentioned the premise of some movies that dramatize disease:

"The nexus. So, patient zero, and then it just spreads like wildfire," she said. "That's the flu. The flu is a hell of a lot more contagious than Ebola."

Mitchell assaulted a protester in a fairly unconventional way and the story spread like past outbreaks of Ebola—fast, but burning themselves out. His exclamation was a diversion from the real issue of a free speech zone, according to Mitchell.

Ebola broke out of Guinea and spread. So did the panic; a diversion from the more substantial constant of influenza, according to Damren.

Frank Bruni summed it up best in a recent New York Times op-ed entitled "Scarier Than Ebola."

"We Americans do panic really well," Bruni wrote.

Students search for time to sleep

Full-time students doubling as full-time employees have difficulty prioritizing

Erica Marracco
Staff Intern

Because of varying financial situations, many students find themselves simultaneously in two positions: full-time student and full-time employee.

Balancing work life and school life can be tough. It takes a disciplined person to manage time down to the hour. Making room for a social life is near impossible. Basic things like showering, eating and sleeping are almost seen as a chore.

First-year student Celeste Lowe works about 22 hours a week at a pizza joint close to home. Before starting school this year, she'd never had to rely on coffee. Now she always drinks coffee before her morning classes.

Among other changes, she's

also had to figure out how to manage her time and regularly map out her day.

"I keep close watch of the syllabi and plan accordingly," Lowe said. "I make mental notes to work on things but sometimes it can be flustering when I have to work on the day something is due."

Since she has to wake up at six, Lowe has to reduce her sleeping schedule to sometimes less than five hours a night.

Dr. David Schwartz, psychologist and director of the Oakland University Counseling Center, recommends about seven to nine hours of sleep for a student.

"Sleep deprivation has been compared to functioning as someone who has ingested alcohol," Schwartz said. "It can affect a person's ability to remember information or make quick decisions."

Time management is impor-

tant to those who are attending school and working on the side.

Kristiana Hila, a first-year nursing student, is used to the craziness of school and work. In addition to taking 13 credits, she works close to 30 hours as a hostess and drives a 30-minute commute to school every day.

"I chose to work and go to OU at the same time because it teaches me time management, how to be knowable at other things, and manage stress levels," Hila said.

Since entering the nursing program, Hila has had to reduce her hours and prioritize how she spends her free time outside of class or work.

"My advice to younger students is to enjoy everything while you can and keep in mind that it's all worth it," Hila said. "Embrace the struggle."

Sometimes a student has to accept that their load is too big and to reduce their time at school in order to take care of things that need to be done.

"Some things are not possible and a lot of the time you have a choice," Schwartz said. "Drop a class or take a semester off."

Schwartz likes to use the metaphor of athletes and their training.

"It's not a sprint it's a marathon," he said.

Senior and business major Lisa Fresard took a break from school life and is now starting back up again. She is a personal trainer at the gym "Art of Strength" and works about 80 hours a week with over 35 clients. She is only taking two classes but doesn't mind "taking it slow."

At Oakland University, it is nearing final exam time and students can probably feel it in their nerves. Students feeling overwhelmed and who are having trouble managing time can stop in at the Graham Health Center and talk to wellness coach Julie Proctor or make an appointment to see a personal counselor.

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- Health and Wellness coaching is free to all students

Words of wisdom from Dr. Schwartz

- Never cram or do 'all-nighters.'
- Talk to someone when feeling overwhelmed.
- Positive thinking can do wonders.
- Coffee doesn't help the anxiety.
- Be honest with yourself and know your limits.
- Self-medicating doesn't help with long term issues.
- Depression and anxiety are far more common than you might realize; know that it is okay to ask for help.



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Over 60 vendors set up tables for students and faculty at the Benefits and Wellness Fair.

Healthier habits lead to happier hearts

Annual Benefits and Wellness Fair provides tips, pushes students to 'get healthy and stay healthy'

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

The annual Benefits and Wellness Fair kicked off the period of benefits choice for qualified OU staff and aids in providing information on healthy living.

The Recreation Center was buzzing with a palpable energy as staff, students and community members piled in.

Starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5, the center opened its doors bright and early, welcoming everyone in the OU community and surrounding area to sample some of the incredible local health and wellness resources.

"Our goal is to foster a healthy campus culture for faculty and students," said Becky Lewis, assistant director of programs with the Rec Center, estimating that over 500 attended the fair.

Over 60 vendors from gyms, insurance agencies, restaurants and more set up booths on the Rec Center's basketball courts to provide information on the benefits of their services.

"[The Benefits and Wellness Fair] kicks off the benefits choice period for OU staff," said Lewis.

"We want [students and employees] to learn about their health," Lewis said, gesturing to the bustling crowd of people moving between the different vendors.

"Students and employees are our target," Lewis said, "and we want them to see what's local and available to them."

After being checked in on the first floor of the Rec Center, students and staff made their way downstairs to the courts where they were given a goodie bag, filled with information and a snack-sized bag of Skinny Pop popcorn, to inspire healthy choices.

Kristy Garrett with Yoga Shelter of Rochester Hills was one of the local faces in attendance.

"Yoga Shelter is offering OU affiliates 10 days of unlimited yoga for \$10," she said.

Garrett explained the benefits of taking one hour of yoga as part of a healthy lifestyle, citing that yoga can help with sleeping patterns and a general feeling of mental well-being.

"If you're willing to take the time to make the change," Garrett said, "then you'll see the benefits."

Yoga Shelter of Rochester Hills was just one of the local area businesses willing to offer special deals and incentives to members of the OU community in order to foster a healthy and active community environment.

"We want our OU community to get healthy and stay healthy," Lewis said, "and if they're already healthy, we want to enhance what they already do."

2015 Wilson and Human Relations Awards

Nominations are now being accepted.

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

- be graduating seniors in winter 2015 or have graduated in summer or fall 2014
- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

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- be graduating seniors in winter 2015 or have graduated in summer or fall 2014
- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

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Campus



Victoria Alcorn, who is in charge of promotions for the club, said that the event was not meant to just celebrate Harry Potter, but to bring people together who had a common interest. The goal was to get people to connect and be able to have a great time, which she also believes is a goal of the club as a whole.

"It's not all about the sport, it's about friends. Making friends is one of the reasons I love being on the Quidditch team," Alcorn said.



Along with students from the Quidditch club, other students came because of their love of Harry Potter, while others came for the free entertainment.

And along with the popular butter beer (which does not contain beer), the ballroom was filled with a Harry Potter-like atmosphere. Even though the music included modern hits, the DJ from WXOU often sprinkled in music from the Harry Potter films.

Students enjoyed taking pictures with Harry Potter-themed props with the photo booth provided to them.

President of the OU Muggle Quidditch League, Yahawa Ashagua, said the inspiration for the event came from the fourth installment in the Harry Potter series, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire. The club held the event for the first time last year with no plans of it being an annual tradition, but it got a lot of positive feedback and decided to hold a second ball. The turnout was even bigger this year, as 45 students were at last year's event, while estimated 80-90 students attended this year.

One of the bigger changes this year was the addition of the OU ballroom dance club which gave students ballroom dance lessons. Majority of the attendees joined in the lessons which included such lessons as the waltz and fox trot.



Harry Potter diehards and non-fans alike came together this past Saturday night at the Oakland Center for dancing, eating, and lots of Harry Potter entertainment.

The Oakland University Muggle Quidditch League sponsored the second annual OU Yule Ball at the gold rooms in the OC. Admission, food and entertainment was free for students who came dressed in their suits and dresses. The night also included a contest for the best-dressed witch and wizard.

Yule Ball returns, enchants and entertains students

Muggles and wizards alike danced the night away at the Oakland University Quidditch League's second annual Harry Potter-themed ball

By Scott Davis / Staff Reporter

Photography by Erika Barker / The Oakland Post



Behind the scar: Did you know?

- J.K. Rowling is the first person to become a billionaire by writing books. She went from being unemployed to a millionaire in five years.

- Harry Potter is the first children's book since Charlotte's Web (1952) to be included on the New York Bestseller list.

- 12 publishers rejected the first manuscript because it was too long and literary.

- Rowling and Potter share the same birthday: July 31.

- Rowling wrote her first ideas on a napkin while on a train to London.

- Her real name is Joanne Rowling. The 'K' comes from her grandmother's name; J.K. was a publishing suggestion since a woman writer of a wizarding story might be unpopular.

The event is not a yearly tradition, but with the turnouts the club has been getting with the first two dances, it would be hard to imagine there not being more. Club president Ashagua thinks it ball can grow into something even more special one day.

"Maybe one day if we could ever get enough funding, we could have it at the Meadowbrook Mansion, get ice sculptures and have fancy menus just like the ball in the movies," said Ashagua.

The OU Quidditch club does not have any scheduled event until next April when they will host a Quidditch tournament on campus. More information can be found on the club's Facebook page, facebook.com/ouquidditch.



Meet Alayna Zalac, a 13-year-old who loves animals, her family, her cat Angel, and being the star of the show. She was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on July 2, 2013, and since then her life has been a rollercoaster of emotions and events. There have been two things that have remained constant throughout this year, however: her shining personality and the love and support of her community.

The Orion Warrior Princess

Alayna Zalac is 13 years old. She loves her family, friends and her cat, Angel. She enjoyed biking, swimming and using her diva tendencies and comical antics to entertain — she's a star at heart, as her friends and family say.

She was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on July 2, 2013, when she was 12.

It's been a little over a year, and while that year has had some serious ups and downs, Alayna hasn't let it get to her, and neither has the community that's rallied around her with gusto.

She's Lake Orion's "warrior princess," something that was evident at the Make-A-Wish party held in her honor on Thursday, Nov. 6.

Story by Kaylee Kean
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Party for a star

The party, held at Alayna's home, was mainly outdoors. The quiet suburban street was lined with cars, and bodies of all shapes and sizes crowded around the heated tents sheltering farm animals. While the day's weather was gloomy, the party was far from it.

"Alayna always said that she was going to be famous; she wanted to be a movie star or a model," said Kris Lavin, a second grade teacher that grew close to Alayna and her family after teaching her

older sister, Madalyn, seven years ago. "And she loves animals."

That was the theme for Alayna's wish: on Monday she went to Detroit Zoo, where she fed some of the animals and took a behind-the-scenes tour. On Thursday, the red carpet was rolled out and Alayna was brought home to paparazzi, a choir's serenade and an array of even more animals.

"This was all to make her happy," Lavin said. "She's the star of the day."

'Orion's little girl'

"Everybody knows the little girl from Lake Orion and her battles," Lavin said.

Before she was diagnosed, Alayna had planned to take guitar lessons from 14-year-old Jackie Priebe, the older sister of Bryan and daughter of Dawn Priebe, all of whom had been close to Alayna and her family for years. When the Priebe's heard of the diagnosis and Alayna could no longer take lessons, they knew their long-time friends would need financial help and decided to step up to the cause.

Jackie, who plans on attending OU for her music when the time comes, organized a benefit concert in September 2013 with over nine hours'



(TOP) Alayna poses with the group of Oakland University volunteers that worked with Make-A-Wish to make her wish happen. They helped create a party centered around her love of animals and dreams of stardom and fame.

(RIGHT) Alayna and her father, Michael Zalac, smile at the future Leader Dog napping on Alayna's lap. The puppy did not have a name when it came to the party, but it left with one — Alayna, named after Lake Orion's brave, beautiful princess.



worth of local musicians and used space donated by the township supervisor. Her goal was to raise \$10,000 — she ended up raising \$55,000, according to her mother.

When Jackie brought a report of what she had done back to the township, it helped to bring Alayna's story to the forefront of Lake Orion talk. Community leaders pulled everything they had together to build a more accessible addition to the house at no financial burden to Alayna's family.

"She's challenged us to be the best we can be, and I think she's brought out the best in the entire community," Dawn said. "Everyone loves her and she'll live forever through each of us."

"They call her the warrior princess. She's Orion's little girl."

Inspiring strength: Alayna's story

"It's been a rollercoaster since July 2, 2013."

"That's an understatement."

That's what Teri Huff, Alayna's mother, and Michael Zalac, her father, said.

Alayna was a "very active, typical 12-year-old" that was excited to begin her seventh grade year when the diagnosis came. She was scared, but always a tough one, and never let things get to her.

The chemotherapy began immediately, and because of rare reactions to that chemo, Alayna will never walk again. She nearly died from septic shock and experienced many other complications, including severe brain damage and loss of speech capabilities. It's been hard, but she moves on with her large heart and equally large smile.

After months of this treatment and pain, the doctors finally said the golden words: the cancer was in remission. Alayna came back to the home her community had fixed up for her and began learning to live with the big changes she had experienced.

The family wasn't expecting the cancer to come back, but after nearly a year, it did.

They decided together that it would be too much to continue with the chemotherapy. Alayna will soon enter hospice, and Make-A-Wish is only one of the many, many ways the community has gath-

ered even more closely around its princess.

Out of everything that has happened, Zalac said the biggest thing he has taken away from this is that there is no problem too big in comparison to Alayna's trials.

"It gives you the courage to not complain about little, petty stuff," Zalac said. "I use Alayna as kind of an inspiration for courage and strength to face my problems in every day life... There's nothing that can happen to me that could be more difficult than what she's going through."

"She's got a million excuses to be pouting and crying all the time and sad and she just — I can make her laugh, and smile, and she lights up when I come in the room."

Such was the case at Alayna's party. Boasting a bright pink boa, artfully painted purple nails and a sparkling tiara, the famous warrior princess bonded with animals, posed for pictures and shared her light with all animals and people alike.

Make-a-Wish

"We want to show Alayna how important she is, that she really is a celebrity among her friends," said Lauren Singer, an M2 student at the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine. "Alayna is truly a sweet girl and her family has been through a lot since Alayna's diagnosis."

Singer is president of the community service-based Oncology Interest Group, and for the past year or so she has been working with 10 or so other medical students to develop a partnership with Make-A-Wish at OU. Alayna is her fourth "wish kid."

She and her co-volunteers put together the party as soon as they received the request, and although they didn't have much time, they received a surprising amount of reaction and help.

Groups that donated time and resources included Buffalo Wild Wings, Home Bakery in Rochester, Busch's, Party City, Fed Ex and so much more. Different farms and animal organizations brought an alpaca, goat, cow, iguana, rooster, prairie dog, kangaroo and fennec fox, to name just a few. There was free face painting, a free photo booth and free food for all.

"I'm having a blast getting to see the smile on Alayna's face," said Mayank Agarwal, a second year medical student and fellow volunteer. "It's really heartwarming to see the families and the community come around a kid who just wants to have some fun for a little while."

Agarwal and Singer said all students are welcome to volunteer whatever and whenever they can, and are encouraged to contact Singer at lsinger@oakland.edu.



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Students lined up to receive flu vaccines at the Graham Health Center's Fluapalooza event. The first 50 vaccines were free.

Shots, shots, everybody

Graham Health Center encourages vaccination against the flu virus

Kevin Teller
Staff Intern

It's a question that everybody has probably heard this year, and will likely hear again: "Have you gotten your flu vaccine?"

But what does that mean? Why should students get a flu shot?

Nancy Jansen, Director of the Graham Health Center, thinks so.

"[Young people] do tend to have a respiratory failure from a very strong immune response [to the flu]. That's the understanding of it," Jansen said.

Jansen asserts that not only do the "very young and very old" need flu shots, but everyone in between does as well.

Last Wednesday, Nov. 5, the Graham Health Center was part of a vaccination-centered event in the OC called Fluapalooza, in reference to the Lollapalooza music festival.

But instead of music, the purpose of this event was to give out 50 free vaccines to students, regardless of whether they had health insurance.

Nursing student Sean Czikora was one of the 50 to take advantage of this opportunity.

"I just figured I'd be safer this year," Czikora said.

He admits that while there is sometimes controversy over the flu vaccination, he has no fear in receiving it.

"Your body responds more effectively

to the live virus," he said.

The "live virus" that Czikora mentioned is in reference to the type of vaccination that was used for Fluapalooza. A nasal mist was used, which is a vaccine that is taken through the nose, using no needles at all.

The live virus has been found to actually be more effective than a vaccine containing a killed vaccine. However, one should not consider this option if they are too old or too young, have a pre-existing health problem, or are pregnant.

The vaccine is quadrivalent. This means that it will protect against four of the most common strains.

Half of the funding for the vaccines given out was from a grant from OU Student Affairs, and the other half came from Alana's Foundation, according to JoAnna Yaksich.

Alana's Foundation is a non-profit organization with the purpose of spreading the word about the seriousness of the flu and vaccination. It was founded by the family of 5-year-old Alana Yaksich, who died of the flu in 2003.

Yaksich, Alana's aunt, played a large role in planning the event itself. She said that her goal was to make students more motivated to get the vaccination.

Also a part of the event was Patricia McCormick, mother of Ashley McCormick, the 23-year-old who died of the flu last year.

"It's not just the very old or very young,"

McCormick said "I don't want this to happen to another family."

Before Ashley's death, no one in her family had considered receiving a flu vaccination. Since then, her entire family has stressed the importance of the vaccine for people of all ages.

The Campus Flu Vaccination Battle is something that students can take part in to raise awareness on their own as well. In order to do this, students who have received their flu vaccination already this season can go to www.surveymonkey.com/flubattle. Once there, just check the bubbles that say you have received a flu shot and attend OU. Thirteen schools in Michigan are actively participating in this challenge, so this is a way to help represent what OU is doing.

For reasoning as to why, as a society, all should be vaccinated, the Graham Health Center's Nancy Jansen looks to the example of the Spanish Influenza epidemic that claimed thousands of lives each day in the early 20th century.

The Graham Health Center has already requested another round of free vaccines from the manufacturer to do an event like this again. However, they also strongly urge students not to solely hold out for that and want everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Flu vaccines can be administered there at any time by appointment. To schedule, call the Graham Health Center at 248-370-2341.

Flu or False?

5 Reasons Not to Get the Flu Vaccine (And Why They're Bogus)

1. "I got the vaccine and still got the flu."

The largest misconception that people have here is the difference between influenza and a cold. There are many clearly different factors present in each of these sicknesses. The GHC is more than willing to help anyone that has questions about these symptoms as well.

2. "Doesn't the vaccine actually give you the flu?"

Technically, it's true that the vaccine contains the flu virus. However, the virus contained in the shot is dead and incapable of making someone sick.

3. "It only protects against certain strains."

The strains that the flu protects against are altered every year based on research by the Center for Disease Control. They measure which strains were the most prevalent and alter the vaccine to protect against it. Given this information, it is strange that some people will say...

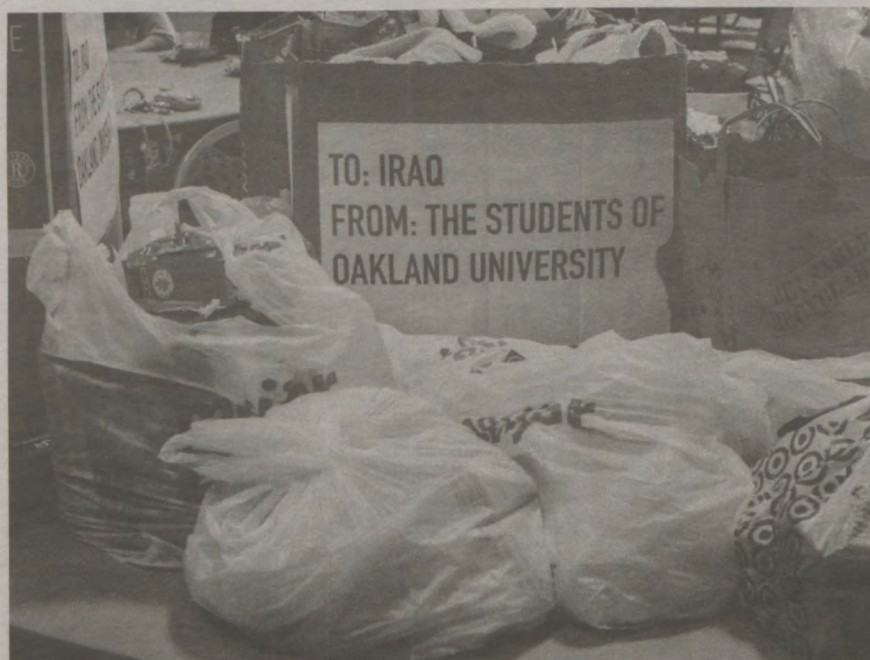
4. "I don't need one every year."

The only way to protect against the new strains is to stay current on your vaccinations. The effects of the vaccine also do not last very long, so the new vaccine the next year can act as a booster.

5. "I can prevent the flu by eating right."

While some people are more resistant to certain infections, the GHC recommends that the safest way to go is to get a flu shot just in case.

-Compiled by Kevin Teller,
Staff Intern



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Students participated in different stations which included learning about ISIS, making quilts for freezing Iraqi citizens, and a place where students could make donations.

Doing their Peace

Students dedicate time and resources to help Iraqi families

Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

ISIS has affected many Iraqi families and left them with nothing but the shirts on their back. Devastated, freezing and starving these people have been torn from their homes in hopes of survival and they need our help.

"These people have nothing, either they left their houses and belongings or they were killed," said Brittany Savaya, head of public relations for the Chaldean American Student Organization. "We need so many donations and it's very important because these people were unable to take anything they needed to survive."

Students came together and took part in Workshop for Peace on Wednesday, Nov. 5 to learn and help out Iraqi people in need. The event was created to raise awareness and money for people who are suffering and affected by ISIS.

"ISIS has no regard for life," said Junior Branden Jarbo. "When my family in Iraq fled from their homes for safety they were not able to take much with them."

Different stations were laid out for students to personally take part in aiding the Iraqi people.

Each station served its own purpose,

including one with information on Iraq and ISIS, a station where students could make quilts to give to those who are freezing and a donation station where students could help sort all of the generous donations.

"Our goal is to give these people in Iraq any essentials that are needed," said Anthony Shalla, co-secretary of the Chaldean American Student Organization. "Anything that is needed we will provide."

Hygiene products, blankets, food, as well as any other necessities are encouraged.

The turn out was great as students were eager to help. The donation box located in the Oakland Center has already successfully been filled three times in less than a week.

The Chaldean American Student Organization has partnered with Chaldean American Ladies of Charity (CALC) and they will be giving all of the donated items to them. They will then ship the items to Iraq and have them distributed.

Every item counts and all help is appreciated in this time of need. Although the event is over, donations are still appreciated and being accepted in the OC.

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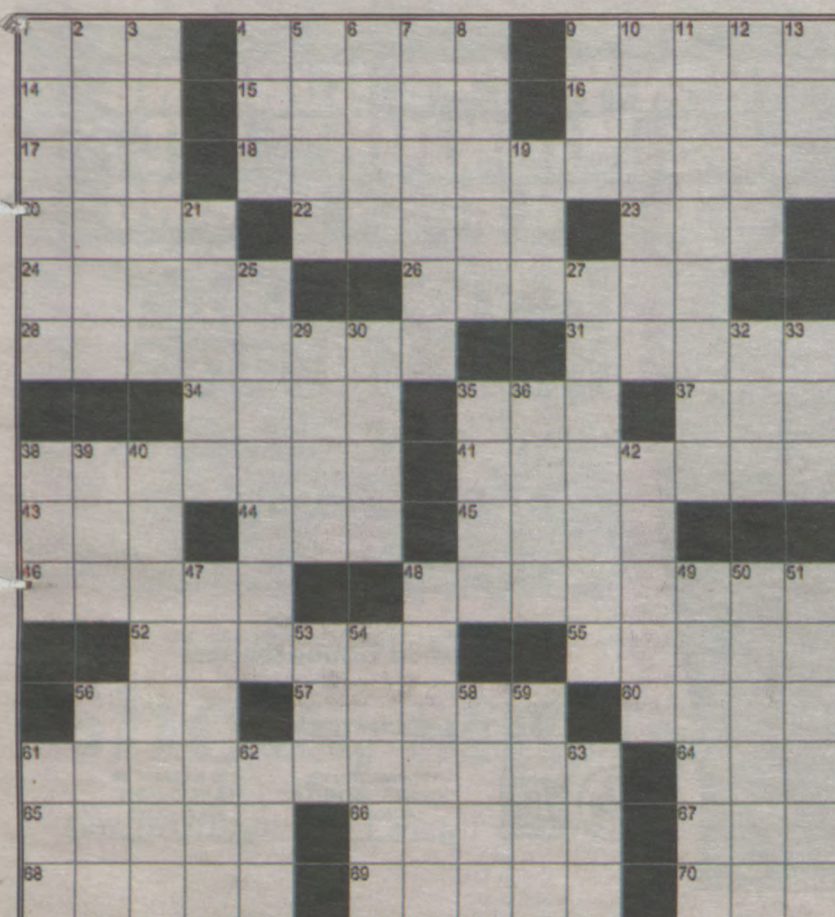
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18: Steps within a computer program
20: Piecrust ingredient
22: Some afternoon TV shows
23: Stylish, in the '60s
24: Curved moldings
26: More thoughtful
28: Do Zen
31: Tests that allow talking
34: Fly alone
35: Temple student
37: Opposite of paleo-
38: 'Grey's ____' (hospital TV drama)
41: Saluted
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56: '____ Loves You'
57: Teen faves
60: Church recess
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64: Full amount
65: Apples and pears
66: Noah's ark measurement
67: 'You ____ here'
68: Decade units
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9: Picked up a lap
10: Simple text
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12: Prompted
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19: Employ
21: Religious rationalist
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- 30: Stocking stuffers
32: 'I'm Sorry' singer Brenda
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36: Court order
38: It may be financial
39: Easter preceder?
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48: Heavy shoe
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50: Make certain of
51: Considered
53: Tenth wedding anniversary gift
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Parking ticket passion

Jake Alsko

Web Editor/OUPD ticketholder

I graduate from Oakland this winter. Transferring from Macomb Community College in 2012, I've thoroughly enjoyed my two and a half years at Oakland.

The parking tickets, not so much. I've accrued \$140 for four tickets this year alone. All this money being collected from disobedient students and, to my knowledge, there are still blue emergency lights around campus waiting to be repaired.

Am I being unreasonable and irresponsible for complaining about fees that I ultimately have the ability to avoid? Just partially, I believe.

I had received at least one of the tickets while working at The Post until five in the morning Wednesday for our Tuesday production days. I was parked in the P2 parking lot between Vandenberg and the Oakland Center.

I was encouraged by several people that I should fight that particular ticket because I was hard

at work for the school paper and wanted to remain parked close so I didn't have to walk cross-campus while simultaneously avoiding knock-out game participants.

Nope, not good enough. My appeal was rejected and I was encouraged by the OU Police Department to park my car in an overnight spot and request a police escort to take me there.

Those of us who stay until the early morning have been told by students that we should give OUPD a hard time and all request individual escorts five minutes apart from each other to inconvenience the on-duty officers.

With our luck, we'd then be kicked out of the Oakland Center at midnight, be forced to work from home and produce a issue worse than when we had Iggy Azalea on the cover.

To be fair, I have yet to ask anyone if it'd be possible for student orgs to get special parking permits that would prevent us from getting



Josh Soltman/The Oakland Post

Web editor Jake Alsko's poor parking decisions have cost him a small fortune.

ticketed in non-overnight spots in P2. But unless OUPD's main goal is to bend The Oakland Post — and any other student org that relies on long hours — over a barrel and show us the 50 states by instituting a curfew for how long we can stay in our own offices, the proposition only makes sense.

I've been staying this late on Tuesdays since August, and the P2 parking lot has never been congested around those times, sometimes not occupied at all. Making P2 an overnight lot could reduce the risk of potentially dangerous campus encounters at night, mainly for students coming from the Vandenberg dorms and the Oakland Center.

OUPD can encourage police escorts, but not every single person on campus is going to use one when walking alone at night, even if they should.

Issues like these have a tendency

to be brushed under the rug as trivial black-and-white matters of principle: just accept the existing rules and personal responsibility for your actions.

But when authoritative figures make mistakes — like the OUPD failing to fix the blue light phones in a timely manner — they're oftentimes automatically given the benefit of the doubt and everyone else must adjust based on their instruction or suggestion. When those not in authoritative positions make mistakes — like students parking illegally — this benefit of the doubt is generally more elusive.

It just doesn't seem right that overnight parking tickets in particular are readily available at a time where the blue emergency phones aren't, but hey, I graduate in December, I know I can afford to ignore this concerning irony for another month. As far as every other student goes, I'm not so confident.

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'Music chooses you'

*OU provost performs
with famous guitarist
Celino Romero*

Jasmine French
Staff Reporter

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit presented performances by guitarist Celino Romero with special guest Dr. James Lentini, senior vice president for Academic Affairs and Provost at Oakland University. The concert took place on Sunday, Nov. 9 in Varner Recital Hall.

Willa Walker, vice president of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, was in attendance.

"This is the second season of our series at Oakland University presented in partnership with the department of music, theatre and dance," Walker said.

Moved by music

Steve Wogaman, president of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit, said, "I knew I wanted to be a musician from the age of four and never had a second thought about that."

Wogaman obtained a doctorate in piano performance from Indiana University.

"Music chooses you," Wogaman said. "It's amazing when you listen to someone who really does performance for a living, the sensitivity, the sound and the way the music communicates is so advanced that it's just intuitive."

Lentini is also a guitarist and composer. He performed during the recital in a duet with Celino Romero.

"James Lentini did a fantastic job," Wogaman said. "The thing that was most impressive about his performance tonight was that he was able to listen so well to what Celino Romero was doing that it was as though he was another Romero on the stage."

A harmonic history

Romero is the youngest member of the legendary Romero Quartet, founded by Spanish guitarist Celedonio Romero along with sons Celin, Pepe and Angel. Romero gave insight on his preferred guitars.

"There are two makers that really



Courtesy of Oakland.edu

Celino Romero, of the Romero Guitar Quartet, performed at OU last weekend.

come to mind, and the first one is the all-time legendary, his name Miguel Rodriguez," Romero said. "Tonight I played a Pepe Romero Jr., so it's Pepe Romero's son, and this was his 202nd guitar."

"My mother was a soprano, and I've been around all kinds of music...I learned how to read music when I was 15 years old with my mom," Romero said.

However, it wasn't always all about music. At one point, Romero did want to become a professional baseball player.

"I still play baseball a lot, and out of high school I just wanted to clear my head so I took a semester off," Romero said. That's when he "just really got in with the guitar" and began studying at the Romero School of Guitar and touring around the world

Teaching his passion

Romero is not only a performer, but also a private instructor.

"Basically, with my students, I think the most important thing is really believing in their teacher and what the teacher is telling them," Romero said.

The students need to listen to their instruments as well as their instructors.

"If I'm going to give a student advice, it's to play a slow, clear metronome and also don't forget one key thing: you've got to always listen to the sound coming out of your guitar," Romero said. "A lot of people forget to listen to their instrument."

TOP 10

WXOU's albums of the week

10. Max Jury -
"All I Want: The Sonic
Factory Sessions" [EP]

9. Homeshake -
"In the Shower"

8. Frontier Ruckus -
"Sitcom Afterlife"

7. Alt J -
"This is All Yours"

6. Jeff the Brotherhood -
"Dig the Classics"

5. Electric Youth -
"Innerworld"

4. Foxygen -
"And Star Power"

3. Zola Jesus -
"Taiga"

2. King Tuff -
"Black Moon Spell"

1. Alex G -
"DSU"

The WXOU Music Department submits a weekly list of its 30 top albums to CMJ (College Music Journal) that are currently getting play at the station. Tune into 88.3FM WXOU Radio to hear these hits all week or visit wxou.org for more.



Homeshake - In The Shower

Homeshake is the moniker of Montreal, Canada's own Peter Sagar, a former member of Mac DeMarco's band (DeMarco's Salad Days is 2014's most enjoyable album). "In The Shower" is a mellow, moody, ten song set that incorporates elements of noise, jazz, pop and indie rock into one easy listen. This album proves Sagar can stand on his own after rising to previous success with his buddy Mac D. Give it a listen when you're winding down at the end of a long day.

Key tracks: "Making a Fool of You," "Cash is Money" and "Home at Last."

-Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

Published poet? Check that off

Student makes an early headway into the publishing world through poetry

Andrew Wernette
Life, Arts and Entertainment
Editor

Not many fresh college graduates can put "published poet" on their resume.

Yet, for English student Rhianna Marks, this achievement has come rather early in life.

Marks, 23, is having her book of poems, "The Miry Places Thereof..." being put into print through Dancing Girl Press in Chicago next spring.

She will have her own copy around the time that she walks the aisle to graduate.

"It's really weird," she said. "Like, really, really weird. Getting published is helpful, and it's something that I was planning on doing the year between applying and graduating. But now I got a head start on it."

Marks said that, previous to a writing workshop that she took, she had never written much poetry.

In fact, she was more inclined to writing stories.

"I mainly thought I was going to be a fiction writer," she said.

Marks only realized she had some poetic talent when she took the Introductory Workshop in Creative Writing in Fiction and Poetry, taught by lecturer Vanessa Stauffer.

Marks joined to test out her fiction skills.

However, Stauffer noticed that the poetry Marks produced had potential.

She invited Marks to join her more focused Workshop in Poetry course in the fall, which Marks did.

"I mainly took the workshop to get like a thick skin, and get used to criticism," she said.

It was during this course that Marks said she struck a creative vein and "just spat out a bunch of stuff."

She developed an interest in

different forms of poetry and began experimenting with line positioning and its physicality.

She even found inspiration through reading interviews with famous poets.

Again, her work was not lost on Stauffer.

By the end of the workshop, Stauffer suggested that she try publishing the body of poems that Marks had written.

"I knew it was good enough to be published by a national journal or press," Stauffer said. "But more importantly, I knew that the work Rhianna did in that class was an important breakthrough for her."

Stauffer referred Marks to

"Getting published is helpful, and it's something that I was planning on doing the year between applying and graduating. But now I got a head start on it."

Rhianna Marks
Author and OU Student

Dancing Girl Press, where she had previously published work of her own.

After looking at other publishing houses, Marks decided to submit to them based on their lack of a reading fee.

She was accepted.

"When I first got the notification online form, I ran up to my fiancée, and I was like, 'Could you please read this?'" Marks said.

"Sometimes I have to, like, keep going back to it, just be like 'Okay, it actually happened. It wasn't a dream.'"

"I thought her aesthetic, which often combines poetic lyricism with a kind of scientific curiosity, would appeal to Kristy Bowen, the editor," Stauffer said. "And Rhianna's poems often investigate gender as well,



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

English major Rhianna Marks' book of poetry, "The Miry Places Thereof..." is set to be published in the spring of next year.

which is a nice fit with DGP's mission of promoting women's writing."

"It's tempting as an instructor to do everything you can to help a student succeed, but when it comes to the extraordinarily difficult world of literary publishing, you're not doing her any favors in the long run by making the process initially appear to be easier than it actually is."

The poems themselves vary in subject matter. Marks said that swampland appears in many of them, a feature that comes from the marshy areas around her home in Grand Blanc.

It helped her come up with the "miry" title of her book.

"I didn't know how important swamps were to me until I started writing," she said.

Family roots also play heavily in some of her poems. She said she was inspired by family stories and old letters from relatives in Eastern Europe following World War II.

Marks plans on applying for graduate school and earning a Ph.D. in English. She hopes to become a scholar.

She also plans to continue writing and publishing poetry in the future.

They were just like us— once upon a time

Maybe the professors we think we know aren't so different from their students after all

Shelby Tankersley
Intern

What were high-up OU faculty doing before they were professionals?

Sometimes it can be hard to view a dean or a professor as a real person because they have so much authority over students.

But the reality is that they were once in lowly shoes, trekking their way through a higher education.

They once held those novelty jobs many high school students and college students end up doing.

And yet, after making it to their current positions and living a life that may dream of reaching, many look back at their former positions with nostalgic pride.

James Hargett and Graeme Harper in particular did some work that may seem very familiar to college students like us here at Oakland University.

Read all about it

Hargett, OU's Assistant Vice President and Controller, held several jobs before he got his first professional career.

"I started out as a paper boy delivering for the Oakland Press," Hargett said.

He also said he held jobs like being a dishwasher and a busboy at Big Boy.

But, he said, the jobs that have helped him the most were working in construction and as a mechanic.

"During my last year of college, I worked a construction job," Hargett said. "I helped build several homes, decks and pole barns."

His time as a mechanic, besides repairing whatever came into his shop, had him also fixing and selling tires.

Hargett said that this, along with his time as a construction worker, led to him to take better care of his cars and

do plenty of "do-it-yourself" projects around his home.

The jobs he held before Oakland gave him skills he still uses.

"I really value the various experiences I gained from my early jobs," Hargett said.

I'm on a boat

Harper, an OU professor and Dean of the Honors College, has been around when it comes to jobs. He's done everything from boat

"I think, if you're having a good time and enjoying it, that's a great thing to wake up to."

Dr. Graeme Harper
Oakland University professor

building to baking.

"I used to get up at 4 a.m.," Harper said, "get on my skateboard, skateboard to the grocery store and mop."

He said that he later worked in factories, for a bakery and even was a novelist.

For a time, he was even did screenwriting.

"I was a screen writer for a film company for about six years," he said.

He added that he had also worked on a fishing boat "catching shrimp and stuff."

He said both were fun experiences. Harper also spent some time building boats.

"It was kind of cool making stuff. We made boats for the Singaporean police force," Harper said. "At the end we were like, 'Wow. We made this.'"

He concluded that not everyone should strive for a high-prestige job, but that the most important thing is that they are having fun with it.

"I think, if you're having a good time and enjoying it, that's a great thing to wake up to," he said.



Kaitlin O'Connell and David Johnson were two students featured in the the hamber ensemble concert.

A classical affair

Department of Music, Theatre and Dance features chamber ensemble showcasing student musicians

Jasmine French
Staff Reporter

Students, staff and families came out to enjoy sweet sounds from students in the Varner Recital Hall on Sunday, Nov. 9 as the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presented performances from members of its chamber ensembles.

Brett Hoag, special lecturer of classical guitar, welcomed the audience and introduced the concert. He discussed the motive for students participating in the chamber ensembles concerts.

"The main motive is for them to learn how to operate in a chamber music environment and how these concerts work," Hoag said.

"Performance feels a lot different than practice, and this is a good experience for them to learn with that aspect of what it's like.

"You have to always find

a way to enjoy the work that you're doing," he said.

Flutist Kaitlin O'Connell and guitarist David Johnson performed a piece entitled "Standchen" by Franz Schubert, an Austrian composer, in a duet.

"One challenge is doing a duet in general," Johnson said. "It's because you're really relying on two players to sync up at really important times."

"I've liked music my whole life; it's something I've always wanted to do," O'Connell said.

"How you present yourself on stage has always been a tougher subject, especially handling stage fright. I mean, I battled that kind of stuff when I was younger and it just kind of becomes more natural the more you perform."

Some students who study music begin very young.

"I started piano lessons when I was about 9 years old, and then I started the flute once I got into fifth grade,"

O'Connell added.

"I didn't know I wanted to be a guitarist for a long time," Johnson said.

"I got a degree in something else, but I've been playing since I was 10, so the answer has been right underneath my nose the whole time, and I've finally decided to come to school and learn more of the theoretical end of things."

Johnson studied film and video at the University of Michigan and later chose to study classical guitar at Oakland.

"I worked in the industry out in Los Angeles for a while, and then I happened to live near here, and so it was just a perfect fit," she said.

"There's a lot of different ways to have a career doing this and in the arts in general," Hoag said.

Hoag acknowledged his wishes for his students.

"At the end of the day, I want them to be phenomenal musicians," he said.

Cultivating compassion for chronic condition

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

The Center for Disease Control has deemed November to be National Epilepsy Awareness month, hoping to spur conversation across the country about this common and misunderstood condition.

"One in 100 people are epileptic in America," said Graham Health Center RN Samantha Damren. "That's one percent [of the country]."

At the age of 10, Damren's close friend fell into an epileptic seizure while the girls were at summer camp.

"Epilepsy ran in her family," Damren said, explaining that epilepsy is not a condition that could ever spread from one person to another, but is largely due to family history and predisposition.

"She was shaking...like what you'd see in the movies," Damren said. "She had a tonic-clonic seizure."

Damren explained that muscle stiffening, intense shaking, an episode of incontinence, and possibly airway blockage and saliva expulsion most often categorize a tonic-clonic seizure.

"[Epilepsy] is frustrating," Damren said. "In most cases, the epileptic can't drive, and in an area like Metro Detroit, people need cars to get around. Their livelihoods depend on it."

"[Epilepsy] can jeopardize one's ability to make a living, and I'm very sympathetic to that," Damren said.

Although it's one thing to understand that individuals on campus may be living with and managing a condition like epilepsy on a daily basis, it is another thing entirely to be an educated community member and know what to do if someone with epilepsy presents with a seizure.

In the spirit of National Epilepsy Awareness month, Damren provided crucial information to every OU student and staff member, so that they may be better equipped to handle an epileptic emergency.

Damren said that the first thing one should do when caring for someone with epilepsy who has just had an episode is to call 911.

"A seizure is always abnormal," she said, "and you always need to call [emergency personnel]."

Second, Damren stressed that nothing should be placed into the patient's mouth, as it can further block the airway and cause additional damage.

Lastly, Damren said that someone having a seizure, or just having come out of one, should not be moved. But those on the scene should do what they can to minimize damage to the head, neck, and spine.

Damren suggested that a soft object like a blanket or coat be placed under the patient's head in order to keep them comfortable and reduce movement of the head and neck.

Additionally, Damren explained that when someone has a seizure, they lose control of all of their muscles, resulting most times in an episode of incontinence.

"This can be extremely embarrassing for patients," Damren said, and suggested that anyone caring for someone who has just had a seizure be cognizant of this.

"People with epilepsy are not fragile," Damren explained. She said that the vast majority of those with the condition are actively managing it with medication, which commonly produces side-effects of extreme tiredness or fatigue, often resulting in peers believing that something is "wrong" with those who are epileptic.

Damren said that those with epilepsy are just as intelligent and capable as those without and should never be excluded from activities due to their condition.

"Awareness of various conditions is crucial for community education," said Andrea Shea, a graduate nursing student at OU. "[It] builds understanding and reduces perceptions that may be negative."

For those with beard, we salute you

Sean Gardner
Staff Reporter

What do Charles Darwin, Abraham Lincoln and Plato all have in common? Besides the fact they all changed the world.

What they all have are great beards.

Jonathan Weyhrauch, a student at Oakland University, has one of those great beards and the aspirations to have his name mentioned in the same company as those great bearded men.

Weyhrauch is a double major in biology and environmental science, with a concentration in resource management sustainability.

"I'm a scientist," Weyhrauch said. "If I discover something great and I'm put up next to the rest of them, then you need a good science beard or you're going to look weak next to everyone else."

For the last 10 years he has had a beard, and has no plans to let it go.

Many women like their men clean-shaven—think Ryan Reynolds and Channing Tatum.

Not Katie Weyhrauch, his wife of two years. She is all about the beard.

"I feel fell in love with him and his beard," Katie Weyhrauch said. "He did shave it all off due to a trimming mishap once, and I just couldn't get past the baby face underneath. It just didn't fit his personality."

The problems continued as his skin was sunburned, due to the area being so sensitive to sunlight. In fact, sensitive skin is one reason why he started growing out his beard.

Since the age of 16, he has had a goatee. But shaving under the chin led to breakouts, and he decided to just grow it out.

Trimming mishaps and overall grooming are of no worry to him. He conditions and brushes often and, every couple months, a trim. Especially the mustache.

The problem lies in eating. Food finds its way in the beard and untrimmed mustaches make saucy foods a pain.

"All the time, five napkin minimum," Weyhrauch said.

Like most things, you get used to it and find ways around problematic situations.

Today, beards like Weyhrauch's



Katherine Cagle / The Oakland Post

"Everyone has bad days, so sometimes us bearded folks just want to be left alone," Jonathan Weyhrauch said. Some days Weyhrauch just wants to be alone with his beard.

are generally hard to be found and lead to many who want to touch it and ask questions.

"I still find it amusing how many compliments and comments he receives from random people at random times," Katie Weyhrauch said.

For the beardless, avoid asking questions like how long a person has been growing his beard—unless you like sarcastic remarks for answers. Also, and this is important, do not talk about Duck

Dynasty.

"Everyone has bad days, so sometimes us bearded folks just want to be left alone," Weyhrauch said. "Do not just grab someone's beard, unless you are currently or in the immediate future planning on sleeping with them."

It is a long process to grow a beard like Weyhrauch, and at first it did not turn out how he wanted. However, he stuck with it.

"It takes patience, man," Weyhrauch said.

Seven great beards (in no particular order)



Colonel Sanders

The famous founder of KFC. What I'm not sure about is if it's his well-maintained goatee or chicken that is "finger-lickin' good."



Chuck Norris

Legends about his beard are world famous. Some say it hides a third fist or is used to sharpen knives. One thing's for sure: it is epic.



Ernest Hemingway

There are few men who are manlier than Hemingway. To take his manliness to the next level, he grew a beard—a beard fit for a storyteller.



Abraham Lincoln

His beard can be attributed to 11-year-old Grace Bedell. Bedell wrote to Lincoln, telling him his presidential prospects would go better if he grew a beard. He did, and the rest is history.



Grizzly Adams

His nickname is Grizzly and he was a mountain man—who raised bears. If he didn't have an awesome beard, would anyone care?



ZZ Top

This band has beards so long, they could be cast as Gandalf and Dumbledore. Ironically, the drummer, Frank Beard, has no beard.



Walt Whitman

A truly great beard that would make Santa Claus jealous. Whitman is one of the most loved poets of all time. His beard is equally as iconic. So iconic, that it is mentioned in many poems that he is the subject of.

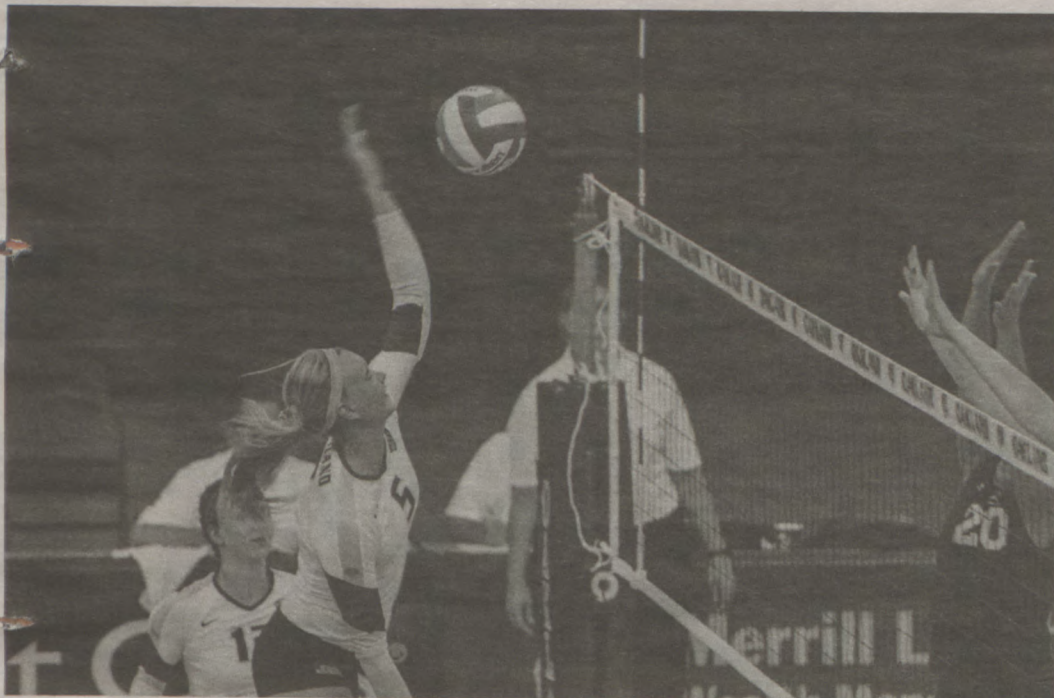


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"This team is a family. We aren't just playing to play. We are playing for each other," Jessica Dood.

Don't mess with this Dood

Jessica Dood looks to elevate to the next level All-freshman season

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

Jessica Dood has been a dominant force in the Oakland volleyball team's offense for the past two seasons.

She has played in all 57 matches since she joined the team last fall and was named to the Horizon League All-Freshman team last season. This year she is currently third on the team with 256 kills. Her hitting percentage for the season is .246, good for second on the team. Dood's favorite aspect of the game, however, is blocking which she has tallied 73 of so far this season.

Dood prepares for each game by blasting Migos' Fight Night. She'll also dance in the locker room with the team which she feels helps get everyone fired up before the match.

"I definitely get nervous," Dood said. "But it's an excited nervous. It means I'm ready to go."

Volleyball wasn't the only sport Dood played growing up. She played softball and competitive dance growing up and was a member of the basketball

team throughout high school. This team is different than any other team she's played on according to Dood.

"This team is a family. We aren't just playing to play. We are playing for each other," she said.

It's been quite the year for Oakland volleyball. When asked what the highlight of the season has been for her, Dood couldn't pick just one.

"It would either be beating Mizzouri because that game sent us on an uphill streak or beating Milwaukee in the first round of conference because that gave us the confidence to believe this could really be our year," Dood said.

Dood's favorite thing about Oakland is the relationship amongst the athletes.

"We are one big, huge family," she said. "Your team isn't just your team. Your team is our team."

However if she could change one thing, she'd want "more people to support their own school" by going to sporting events and having more pride in Oakland.

Oakland appealed to Dood for a few reasons, but most important was the location. Oakland is not too far away from Dood's hometown of Grandville, Michigan so her big family can make it to a lot of games.

"My grandparents and four younger siblings are able to make it to a lot of games and my aunts and uncles watch on the Horizon League Network," Dood said. "But my parents are my biggest fans."

"I wouldn't be able to do as well anywhere else because I'd be too homesick," says Dood.

Dood said another big reason for choosing Oakland was "the chance to make history" which the grizzlies have a chance to do this season. The volleyball team has never won a conference championship, but this team is two games away from that goal. The team is headed into the final weekend of regular season play with a one game lead on Milwaukee who they play at home on Friday.

"We are really hoping to get a lot of support on Friday. It will definitely be a game worth watching," Dood said.

Thrilling dual meet leaves Grizzlies short of victory

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University men and women's swimming and diving teams came up just short against Eastern Michigan University and Bowling Green State University this past Saturday.

At the Oakland Aquatic Center, the men's swim and dive team lost a thrilling meet against EMU that came down to the final race. After well over three hours of swimming, the two schools were tied and the final 400-yard freestyle relay race would decide the winner.

EMU ended up squeaking by with a time of 3:03.16, just ahead of OU's time of 3:03.71. The .55 second difference gave EMU enough to secure the victory, 153.5-144.5.

The OU women's swim and dive team also found themselves in a close meet against both the EMU Eagles and the BGSU Falcons. Despite trailing at both of the first two intermissions, the Golden Grizzlies were able to pull out a tie against the Eagles, 149-149. OU was never able to catch BGSU, however, as they ended up losing 155-139.

Despite the two losses and the one tie, OU head coach Pete Hovland said that he was proud of his team of how they kept grinding throughout the afternoon. In front of a very energetic crowd, Hovland said he thought that his team

"did great against two schools who also have very good swimming programs."

"They have nothing to be ashamed of," he said. "This was a great collegiate meet and this was college athletics at its best. We came up short but it was not because of lack of effort, we swam about as well as we could at this point and time of the year."

Hovland added that a meet like this will make the team more battle-tested and mentally prepared when it comes time for the conference championship.

Individually, both OU men and women's swim teams had some stand outs. Aleksander Danielweski won the 100 and 200-yard backstroke races, along with the 200-yard IM. On the women's side, Tricia Grant won both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving events to keep her undefeated streak alive, and Patricia Aschan won the 1000-yard freestyle race.

The team will not have another meet until the Dec. 5 Eastern Michigan Invitational in Ypsilanti. Coach Hovland said that he will use the slight gap between meets to refocus the team and get back to some serious training.

More information such as schedules, past meet results, and individual statistics on both the OU men and women swim teams can be found at goldengrizzlies.com.



Nowhsin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

"We came up short but it was not because of lack of effort, we swam about as well as we could at this point and time of the year," OU swim coach Pete Hovland said.



Jacob Mulka / The Oakland Post

OU soccer season ended Thursday after a 1-0 loss to University of Detroit. The team finished with a 6-10-3 record.

Opportunities in every loss

Women's soccer team stays positive after last game of season

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

The Oakland women's soccer team was defeated by University of Detroit Titans in the Horizon League semifinals Thursday night, ending their season 1-0.

The Golden Grizzlies advanced in the tournament after beating Cleveland State in the quarterfinals. The women were seeded third heading into the tournament, Detroit entered as the two.

"I was happy with the conference part of our season. We won all of our home matches in conference and got an important point on the road against UWM," head coach Margaret Saurin said. "After a close match we lost in OT to a PK call by the referee. It was a disappointing end to the season. We were certainly not ready to be done."

Alyssa Lotito scored the game's only goal on the penalty kick. It was against OU goalkeeper Alison Holland.

Titan goalie Marina Manzo pitched the shutout for UDM, she had six others on the season. Lotito had just one goal in 2014 to this point.

Alice Palmer and Jenny Rosonke were the only two players that managed to get shots on net for Oakland. The team's top goal scorer Kyla Kellerman only managed one shot, but it wasn't on net.

The team started slow, but dominated in time of possession, which allowed them to create more scoring chances.

Kellerman made big waves in Oakland history this year breaking into the top ten of the all-time scorers list. She ends her career tied for eighth.

"Although it's an individual statistic it's something I would have never been able to accomplish without all my teammates over the past four years," Kellerman said.

Kayla Owens, who played in 11 games this year for the Grizzlies, couldn't make it into the field of play in the women's last match, but sees opportunity in every loss.

"Although the season did not end at all how we wanted it to, this year was a year for growth, especially with having to get to know a third coach in my

class's four years here," Owens said. "I am proud of the team for getting through the hardship of transitions and know that they are in good hands for the upcoming years with the coaching staff and support we now have."

Saurin made her debut as a Grizzly this year, and will try again next year in Oakland's third year in the Horizon League. OU finished (6-10-3, 4-3-1 Horizon)

"As a coaching staff, we wanted to instill a certain style of play this season and foster a certain mind set in our players," Saurin said. "We feel that we were able to accomplish that. We will now be able to progress and add some other dimensions to our game this off season."

Saurin believes that the atmosphere promotes high achievers, and said that even in defeat everyone will remain supportive of one another.

Coming in as a new coaching staff, they were welcomed with open arms.

The Grizzlies made it to last year's final where they lost to Milwaukee. The Titans will now go on to face the winner of Green Bay vs. Valparaiso. The Crusaders were host to this year's tournament.

Cancer hits home for men's basketball

Basketball team organizes fundraiser for opener

Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

Oakland University is urging students and staff to attend the men's basketball home opener on Wednesday, Nov. 19 to cheer for the Golden Grizzlies as well as support cancer research.

The game will double as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society (ACS), and all attendees are encouraged to purchase a \$3 button, with The Grizz bear logo and words "Beat Cancer" surrounding it. Proceeds from the sales will go to the ACS.

The men's basketball team has long supported cancer research—holding fundraisers in the past for the ACS at BD's Mongolian Barbecue in Auburn Hills. Next week's event, however, hits a little closer to home.

One of the Oakland players' relatives was diagnosed with cancer during the summer.

Lathisha L. Mitchell, mother of Golden Grizzly junior forward Tommie McCune, died June 2.

Her obituary reads, "Our beloved daughter, mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend went home to be with the Lord..."

Mitchell was 39 years old.

In a promotional video for the event, Coach Greg Kampe talks about the disease hitting home and his decision to have a game dedicated to fighting cancer.

"We're going to beat cancer, with your help that night, three dollars is all we're going to ask for, 100 percent of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society," Kampe said. "Let's

fill the O'rena and get everyone to purchase these buttons."

Kampe said Monday that an Oakland professor has already committed to purchasing \$300 worth of buttons. He said he hopes that Oakland can raise more than \$12,000 for the society. Kampe also mentioned that the team has plans down the road for more fundraisers, but that he wasn't ready to comment on what they were.

"We've all been touched by cancer, any time we're trying to raise money for causes like this it's important not only to help other families," Oakland Senior Assistant Athletic Director Scott MacDonald said.

"This one really hits home because we've all been affected by it. My aunt, Julie MacDonald, passed away from breast cancer way too young," MacDonald said.

He said it's always the goal to sell out the O'rena, but that this game is particularly important being against in-state rival Western Michigan University and being the cancer fundraiser.

The Grizz Gang is also in full preparation mode in hopes of having a fired up crowd for the home opener. Gang leaders are sending out tweets and including information about the buttons in their weekly newsletter.

"We're pushing heavily for the \$3 pins. We've circulated Kampe's video," Grizz Gang President Brittany Hall said.

"It's important for us to support varsity sports, but it's even more important to support the ACS. It's near and dear to all of our hearts and we are doing everything in our power to help raise as much money as possible."

Students admission, as always, is free.

'Motivation to prove that we are good'

Olujobi give Kampe second thoughts on redshirt plan

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

The Golden Grizzlies defeated the St. Xavier Cougars 87-72 in their final preseason performance Friday night. Kahlil Felder led the game with 21 points (17 first half), but it was freshman Femi Olujobi that had the big night for Oakland.

"With about a minute to go in the game I said to Coach Washington or Sorenson, I guess we're not going to be able to redshirt him," head coach Greg Kampe said. "That kid's got a chance to be a special player."

Olujobi finished the night with 17 points on 8-12 shooting and seven rebounds in only 23 minutes of action.

It was Olujobi's second career game with the Golden Grizzlies.

"Playing within the offense really helped me score, and I just really took a couple of opportunities that came my way," Olujobi said.

In the first exhibition Olujobi was featured predominantly at the center position, in this match he played forward and was able to face the basket and



Danielle Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Fans clapped and sang along as the band played OU's fight song, roaring "go black, go gold," as the Golden Grizzlies beat St. Xavier 87-72.

take two 3-pointers making one.

OU out-rebounded the Cougars 41-30 as Kampe directed his role players opposite center Corey Petros to show their presence on the glass. It was forward Tommie McCune who answered the

call, gathering 12 rebounds and scoring 14 points recording the games only double-double.

He also recorded two blocks and a steal in the game.

"That's all from Coach Kampe," McCune said.

According to McCune, Kampe

wanted the players to attack the rim for rebounds every time they could.

"When you wear down your opponent, after a while things are going to start falling your way," he said.

McCune said that after practicing so much it just turns into habit. Earlier, had Kampe shown the team an article stating that the players surrounding Kahlil Felder and Corey Petros were not that good.

As a result, it has given his team a chance to play with a chip on their shoulder.

"It's a motivation to prove that we are good," McCune said.

Oakland was picked to finish seventh in the Horizon League this year. One of the things the team is waiting on is guard Nick Daniels.

"We got to survive until we get Nick Daniels back from the injury, and Kay (Felder) is going to have to play a lot of minutes until he comes back," said McCune.

The team expects him to return sometime in December, and hopefully have him full-go by Horizon League play.

The men headx to No. 15 ranked Iowa St. next Friday to begin the regular season.

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THE SPORTING BLITZ

Men's Soccer

Oakland won the Horizon League regular season championship with a 2-2 tie at Valparaiso Nov. 7. Cody Archibald and Shawn Claud Lawson scored first-half goals for Oakland.

The Golden Grizzlies finish Horizon League play 5-0-3, going undefeated in conference play for the first time since 2009.

No. 1 seed Oakland will host the Horizon League Championship Nov. 13 and 15 at the Oakland soccer field.

The Golden Grizzlies will play its semifinal match on Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. against the lowest remaining quarterfinal seed.

Volleyball

Amanda Baker tallied 10 blocks — good for ninth in Oakland history — as Oakland defeated UIC 14-25, 26-24, 25-21, 25-21 on the road Nov. 7.

Cassie Pelloni led the Golden Grizzlies with 15 kills and Jessica Dood added 11 and Melissa Deatsch posted 10.

Taylor Humm had a match-best 16 digs while Ciara Schultz tallied had 44 of Oakland's 48 assists.

The next day, Taylor Humm had 34 digs, a Horizon League high-mark this season, as the Golden Grizzlies (18-9, 10-2) defeated Valparaiso 25-23, 15-25, 34-32, 25-16 Nov. 8.

Humm's 34 digs is tied for 13th-best in the NCAA this season in a four-set match. Oakland has now won six matches in a row hold a one-match lead in the conference standings.

Baker was named to the Capital One Academic All-District 5 Second Team Nov. 6.

Baker, a health sciences major, holds a 3.96 GPA and has been a four-time Dean's List honoree.

-Compiled by Jake Alsko,
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Horizon League Standings

Women's Soccer				Men's Soccer				Women's Volleyball			
W	L	D		W	L	D		W	L		
1. Valparaiso	8	0	0	1. Detroit	6	2	0	1. OAKLAND	10	0	
2. Detroit	5	3	0	2. OAKLAND	5	0	3	2. Wright State	1	11	
3. OAKLAND	4	3	1	3. Wright State	4	3	1	3. Valparaiso	8	5	
4. Green Bay	4	4	0	4. Cleveland State	4	4	0	4. Youngstown St.	7	6	
5. Cleveland State	3	4	1	5. Valparaiso	3	3	1	5. UIC	7	6	
6. Youngstown State	3	4	1	6. Milwaukee	3	3	2	6. Cleveland State	6	7	
7. Wright State	3	4	1	7. UIC	3	4	1	7. Green Bay	2	10	
8. Milwaukee	2	4	2	8. Green Bay	2	5	1	8. Milwaukee	9	3	
9. UIC	1	7	0	9. Belmont	1	7	0				