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## ontheweb

This past weekend, Oakland University students held a discussion at Detroit's Youmacon, located at the Cobo Center. Check out more photos on [oaklandpostonline.com](http://oaklandpostonline.com)

## POLL OF THE WEEK

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

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

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

Christmas music will probably start playing soon, how do you feel about it?

- A** I love it! Crank up that Rudolph!  
4 votes
- B** Can I eat some turkey first please?  
12 votes
- C** Play Silent Nights once and I'm out.  
5 votes
- D** [Starts Mean Girls Dance] JINGLE BELL  
JINGLE BELL JINGLE BELL ROCK  
4 votes

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### November 3, 1993

University president Sandra Packard talked about how she went to Lansing twice a week to lobby support for the university, explaining that the school was very respected in Lansing.

### November 6, 1996

ARAMARK employees allegedly discriminated people based on skin color after an employee broke a rule and was fired before any other actions took place to punish the student employee.

### November 9, 2011

One of the republican debates was held at the O'rena. Six hundred students applied for tickets, though only 60 were allowed in of the estimated 1,400 attendees.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, Staff Reporter



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**AIRWAVE PANDEMONIUM** // On Oct. 28, WXOU read the famous radio drama, "The War of the Worlds" by Orson Welles. The original broadcast was inspired by H.G. Wells novel "The War of the Worlds" and was first performed on Oct. 31, 1938. The broadcast allegedly caused mass panic by claiming that aliens were invading Earth.

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### ACA-BELIEVE IT

Performing for seven years now, Oakland University's premier a capella group Gold Vibrations says they're more than ready for the upcoming year.



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### STUDENT ACTIVISM

Students for Life held a protest against Planned Parenthood this past week while trying to inform students on campus about their cause.



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### GOLDEN GRIZZLIES SHINE

Making a big splash with the first preseason game of the year against Adrian, Sherron Dorsey-Walker led his team to a blowout victory on Halloween.

## BY THE NUMBERS

MOVEMBER

2003

The year when an Australian group, the Movember Foundation, started the tradition

21

The number of countries officially having participants in Movember

233,000

New cases of prostate cancer in 2014

585,720

people will die of cancer each year

\$21

million raised for nonprofits last year

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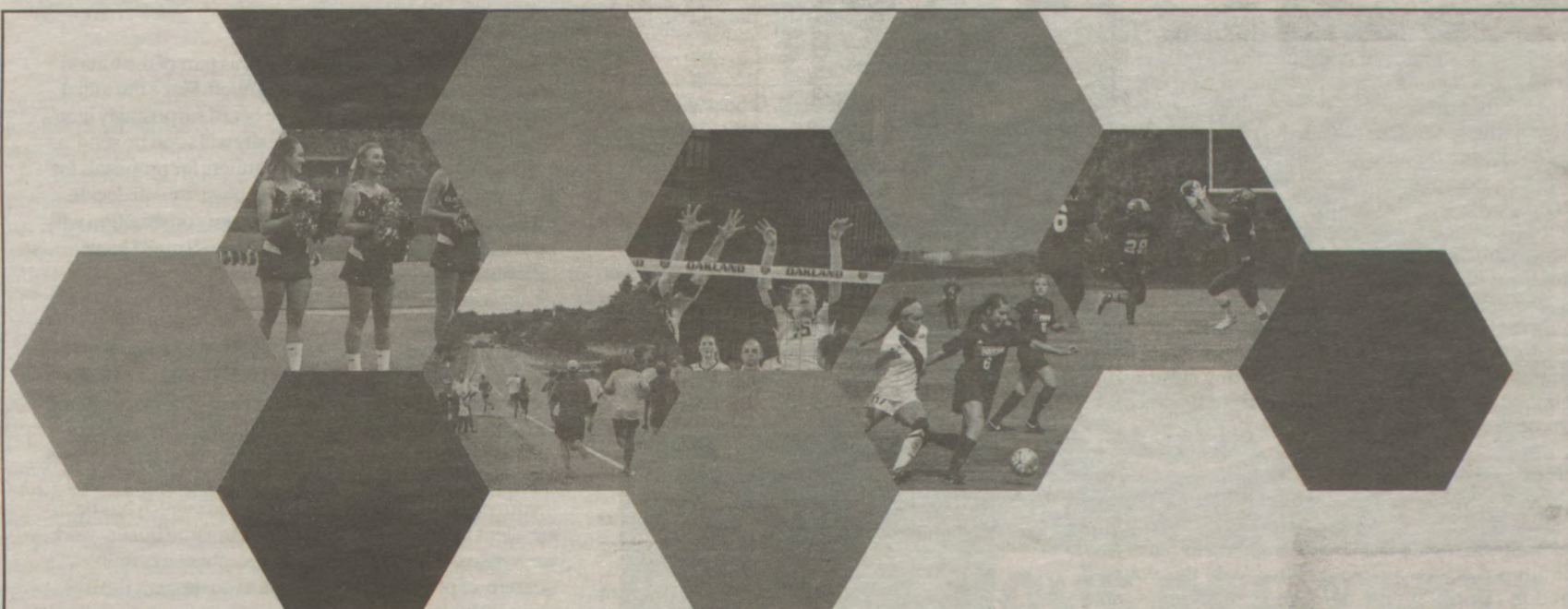
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### Corrections

There were multiple errors in our women's basketball preview last week. The home opener is on Nov. 13, not Nov. 11. Junior transfer Taylor Gleason may not play this year due to transfer rules. Sha'Keya Graves and Leah Somerfield's names were misspelled. Rio Dudgeon and Sidney Santos are both redshirt freshman this season.

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## A better yOU: Composting 101

*Natural process of breaking down waste is beneficial to the environment, campus and you*

**Katie Rose**  
Contributor

What comes to mind when you think of being eco-friendly? Do you think of recycling? Or maybe you think about renewable energy sources? Those are great ways to become more eco friendly. But, what about composting? Most often we forget that we can reduce waste by composting too.



**Katie Rose**  
Environment,  
Health and  
Wellness Director

### What is composting?

Composting is the breaking down of organic materials by microorganisms into compost, which can be used as fertilizer. Organic materials include leaves, grass clippings, food scraps, coffee grounds, pencil shavings, tea bags, etc. Avoid using bones, oil, grease, meats, and dairy products.

### Why should I compost?

Food scraps and yard clippings make up about 25% of the items that make it to the landfill. You may be thinking that these materials are still going to be broken down at the landfill, so what's the point of composting? While the organic materials are still biodegradable, they do not have the oxygen required for proper decomposition in the landfill. This causes them to emit methane, which is a greenhouse gas. By composting your organic materials you are essentially reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming. For every one ton of organic matter we save from going to the landfill, we are preventing 1/3 of a ton of greenhouse gas emissions. Harvard University is an example of a school that has been using composting to enhance their sustainability efforts and has recovered tons of organic wastes.

### How can I compost?

Now that you've heard all about how great composting is for the environment, let's give it a try! Since Oakland University has been struggling to make this a continuous effort, you would have to do this yourself. But don't worry! It's not hard! You can either purchase an apartment/dorm style composting bin or you can make your own. Once you have your bin, you can start to create your compost. Make sure you add equal parts of green (nitrogen-rich materials) and brown (carbon-rich materials). Nitrogen-rich materials include vegetable peels, grass clippings, garden waste, oats, etc. Carbon-rich materials include leaves, coffee grounds, newspaper, tree bark, fruit scraps, eggshells, etc. Once you have created the compost, you can bring it home and use it in your own garden or you can bring it to the Student Organic Farmers on campus to use! Go give it a try!

### UPCOMING EVENTS: ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & WELLNESS

NOV. 3	12 p.m.-1 p.m. American Red Cross Club General Meeting, Oakland Center Room 127
NOV. 4	9 a.m.-3 p.m. Benefits and Wellness Fair, Rec Center 3-Court Gym
NOV. 6	9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Leaders for Environmental Awareness and Protection General Meeting, Lake Superior A Room in the Oakland Center
NOV. 7	5-9 p.m. Leaders for Environmental Awareness and Protection, Belle Isle Park clean-up, Detroit
NOV. 13	6-8 p.m. S.O.P.E Organic Dinner, 4000s Apartment Lounge
NOV. 14	9 a.m.-1 p.m. Greening of Detroit Beaconsfield Street Planting, Corner of Beaconsfield and Haverhill, Detroit
NOV. 17	12 p.m.-1 p.m. Student Organic Farmers Monthly Meeting, Room 126 in the Oakland Center
DEC. 4	10 a.m.-4 p.m. Student Congress Thrift 2 Gift, Gold Rooms ABC in the Oakland Center

### According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), this is how you can make your own indoor composting bin:

1. Drill 1/2-inch diameter holes in the bottom and sides of a plastic garbage can.
2. Place a brick in the bottom of a larger garbage can, surround the brick with a layer of wood chips or soil, and place the smaller can inside on top of the brick.
3. Wrap insulation around the outer can to keep the compost warm and cover the cans with a lid.

## The President's Report

### The 'Big 4' gather momentum

**Nick Walter**  
Contributor



**Nick Walter**  
Student Body  
President

Hello Oakland, Last month I gave a brief report on the progress of the four campaign issues that I ran on. This month, I'll go into some more detail on each of those.

### More Outlets:

I've talked to administrators about the lack of outlets. Here's what they told me: In current buildings, we could add more outlets. However, it would be hugely expensive to do so due to wiring. For new buildings and expansions, however, that's an entirely different story. Administration is planning on putting more outlets in new buildings and expansions on current buildings. Rest assured, every time that an expansion comes up (like the OC), I will be pushing them to remember that promise.

### More Space:

Speaking of the OC, as you know, as part of the tuition increase, the OC is due to be expanded. Since the initial flurry of the tuition increase, I've heard surprisingly little about the expansion. The university will soon be sending out a request to architects and planners for proposals for the expansion. Once they do, the university will decide on which they want and a timetable for construction will be set. I will be involved with that process until I leave office in the spring.

### More Swag:

I do not make excuses. But I believe that I owe you, the student body, an explanation for the delays with the SWAG campaign. There have been two different holdups. One, the vendor OUSC has normally used inexplicably did not perform as expected this summer and fall. Orders were late, costs were increased, and items were printed incorrectly. It is unclear why this vendor, which has been excellent in the past, has not given the same quality work we were used to. Two, in order to purchase a certain quantity of promo items, we have to go through the university. This process takes weeks.

### More 4.0's:

There's not a whole lot to report since last month. The Provost is gathering a task force to work on the grading scale. I am on that force, but have not heard anything from them in some time. I am getting in touch with the Provost to inquire as to his progress. More on that next President's Report.

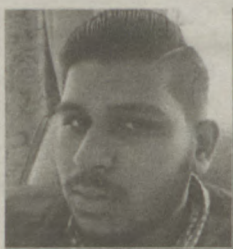
As always, if you have any questions or want more information, stop by my office in the basement of the OC or email me at [nwalter@oakland.edu](mailto:nwalter@oakland.edu).



## The Real Deal: Protecting the natural world is crucial to survival

*The notion of humans being superior is outdated, the time for solidarity is now*

**O**n some issues we can no longer divide ourselves on one side or the other. With the issue of the environment, the facts are clearer than before.



ADITYA TIWARI  
Contributor

Yet still, the issue of the environment is divided among the major American political parties and only the left will agree to watered down environmental protections.

The right for the most part assumes that the rampant and unfettered expansion of irresponsible industry cannot possibly affect the world around us. It appears that as a people, the environment is an all-out turn off to Americans, and the idea of an impending doom of our own making is an issue for another day.

That my friends, is a false notion.

Although we may find it unpleasant to deal with as a society, we must change the role we play on this green earth. For too long we have seen ourselves as the masters of this planet and that we somehow have unchallenged control and divine consent to do as we please with the earth, its resources, and the organisms we share it with, believing that this unfettered dominion is god-given. This human-centered worldview is a fallacy, because the lens through which life exists on earth is not from our perspective. It is from the perspective of the unity of all living things on this planet.

The time has come for us to reject the notion that we are separate from the Earth. Life on this planet will persist, even if we damage the earth in our present capacity. However, our existence is contingent upon the present balance of the world, and our existence is tied to

the health of global ecosystems. The endangered species, the air, the water, and our climate are all vital. This is no longer a political talking point, this is no longer a partisan argument. There is no more room for debate because the facts stand taller than the agendas spun day in and day out.

It is time to declare our independence from fossil fuels that only serve to poison the air whenever we burn them. Their means of extraction pollute our water and our soil, and endanger the health of our communities. The impact of fossil fuel use and greenhouse gases can be reduced immediately when we shift away from these sources. We must no longer permit the oil, coal, and natural gas lobbies to pollute our halls of law and government in the same manner. They taint political campaigns with dark money, and ultimately buy lawmakers to argue and represent their sole interest - profit.

It is time for us to declare solidarity with all else that lives, and strive to find ways to seek true human coexistence with the rest of this planet. We need to work harder to protect and defend endangered species and to stand up against the excessive logging of our rainforests, the destructions of the wetlands, and the oceans. Overfishing, trophy hunting, and illegal whaling must also end. When organisms coexist, they provide services to one another. Whether it photosynthesis providing oxygen, becoming a food source, or regulating the chemical and physical contents of our soil and water. These processes ultimately determine our activities, be it agriculture, fisheries, or human life in general.

It is time for us, to say no to those who would deny science, but also those who refuse to acknowledge faith on this one. Should you truly believe man was given stewardship of the earth, then we ought to live up to that and pick up after ourselves.

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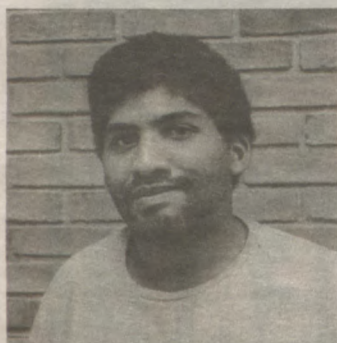
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# Grizzlies on the Prowl



*'Is it too early to start listening to Christmas music?'*



**Javontae Jones, junior,  
cinema studies**

"Yes definitely. They shouldn't start playing it until after Thanksgiving."



**Kate Clark, junior, human  
resource development**

"No, it's never too early. Michael Bublé's Christmas album is always good to listen to."



**Zach Rabideau, senior,  
nursing**

"Not at all. As Buddy the Elf says, 'The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear.'"



**Alexis Gleason, freshman,  
dance**

"Yes! They should at least wait until Thanksgiving."

— Compiled by Dani Cojocari,  
Photo Editor

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Another golf cart joy riding incident on campus

On Oct. 11, a golf cart was taken from outside of the Recreation Center. The Recreation Center called OUPD and reported the vehicle as stolen. Two days later officers were shown footage of two individuals. One was on campus to try out for the Pistons D-League and the other was his friend. One of them pulled a key from his pocket and drove off with the golf cart. No charges were pressed, but it was recommended that the two individuals be given the status of persona non grata, meaning they would be unwelcome on OU's campus.

### Personal vehicle damage in P26

A student called OUPD on Oct. 12 to report damage done to the hood of her car. Upon looking at the vehicle, OUPD determined that someone must have abruptly sat on the hood. Several days later, the student reported receiving a rose on the hood while the car was parked in the same lot; she believes the two events are connected. OUPD plans to review footage taken in P26.

### Breaking and entering in Vandenberg Hall

Two students contacted OUPD on Oct. 13 to report a break-in to their room that occurred on Oct. 11. The student said she had taken a shower and entered her room, leaving the bathroom door open. A male student entered her room through the bathroom a little while later, closing the door behind him. When she asked him what he was doing, he simply apologized and left. The two students said they are fearful that this student will enter the room again because he lives just down the hall from them. No follow up has been done at this time.

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,  
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## Gold Vibrations croons fans, serenades into victories

*A cappella group continues to perform, compete across country*

Sarah Lawrence  
Staff Intern

Many pass 230 Varner Hall and wonder what the harmonious sounds are that bellow from within. Those are the voices of OU Gold Vibrations, OU's on-campus a cappella group.

Gold Vibrations is entering its seventh year of making music at Oakland University and is looking forward to becoming more involved with the on-campus and local community.

"For those who aren't familiar with a cappella, our group focuses on making music without instruments," senior Chris Brody, OU Gold Vibrations music director, said. "We create all of our own arrangements for our performances using a mix of various music genres including pop, rock, R&B, funk and folk."

The OU Gold Vibrations is composed of 18 individuals

with a passion for performing, most of which come from backgrounds other than music.

"Our group is very diverse," junior Joe Danz, vice president of OU Gold Vibrations, said.

"Most of our members come from a background in the arts, however, we only have two music majors in the group. Anyone with a passion for singing and performing is welcome, we are not exclusive to art majors only."

Every year, Gold Vibrations hosts two concerts in addition to their performances in various competitions, which have included the International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) and K440 in Canada.

"We have participated in ICCA for the past four years, and have qualified for the quarterfinals each time," junior Jeanne Beall, OU Gold Vi-

brations assistant music director, said.

"We have traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Dayton, Ohio and Ann Arbor, Michigan to compete. Our group also made it to the semifinals in 2013 and received awards for best arrangement."

In addition to their concerts and competitions, the group has performed opening shows for other collegiate a cappella groups. Some of these include Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

"This year marks the Gold Vibrations seventh anniversary of performance," Brody said.

"We want to encourage everyone to come out and support our group at our concerts and events, both on campus and in the local community. We have an upcoming show at



The Oakland Post Archives

Gold Vibrations performed at last year's "Riff Off" event against Eh440. This is the a cappella group's seventh year of making music at OU.

Avondale High School on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices will be announced shortly."

Students looking to become a member of OU Gold Vibrations should keep an eye out for auditions next fall.

They are usually held in the second week of classes, however, spots each year depend

on how many people leave following graduation.

To find out more about OU Gold Vibrations, visit [www.ougoldvibrations.com](http://www.ougoldvibrations.com) or find them on Facebook as OU Gold Vibrations, Twitter and Instagram @gold\_vibrations or [www.youtube.com/OUGoldVibrations](http://www.youtube.com/OUGoldVibrations).

## New political student org formed, students 'feeling the Bern'

Alexus Bomar  
Staff Reporter

Out of the 289 student organizations on campus, there are only eight organizations that fall in the political category.

Students for Bernie Sanders at Oakland University is one of the newest student organizations in this category.



Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Students for Bernie Sanders at Oakland University helped students register to vote in the Oakland Center on Oct. 28th.

"Our group is here to help students register to vote and we aren't really giving out facts about the other candidates running," Kyle Cooper, president of Students for Bernie, said.

The organization has many events coming up and Cooper added that college students should be more involved and aware of how the voting and democratic processes work.

On Oct. 28, the organization helped students register to vote.

"In terms of another registration day, we are aiming to do one once a month, and the next one may be on the last Wednesday in November," Cooper said.

Nov. 12 is the Million Student March, which is very similar to the Million Man March.

According to CNN, the first Million Man March was on Oct. 16, 1995 and it called on African-American men to take

responsibility for improving themselves, their families and their communities.

The organization will be participating in the march at 12 p.m. at Elliott Tower. After the march, everyone will be meeting up to write letters to the legislators in the Michigan Congress and the national Congress.

The Million Student March is focused on students, graduates and workers who are dealing with college debt. Students who participate demand tuition-free public college, cancellation of all student debt and a \$15 minimum wage for all campus workers. Everyone and anyone can participate in the nation-wide day of action.

According to The Million Student March website, the average college graduate of the class of 2015 has over \$35,000 in debt, and more than 40 million Americans share a total of \$1.2 trillion in student debt.

As of today, there will be 90 colleges and high schools throughout the U.S. participating in this march. OU is one of the six universities in Michigan participating in the march, which aligns closely with Sanders' views on education.

According to [berniesanders.com](http://berniesanders.com), if Sanders is elected as president, one thing he plans to do is make college tuition free and college graduates debt-free. Many countries such as Germany and Chile eliminated tuition, and his plan is to follow in their footsteps.

Sanders also wants to lower the interest rates for student loans from 4.29 percent to 2.37 percent.

The organization will host several democratic debate watch parties, in which the organization watches the democratic debate. The next watch party is on Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. in

the Oakland Room inside the Oakland Center.

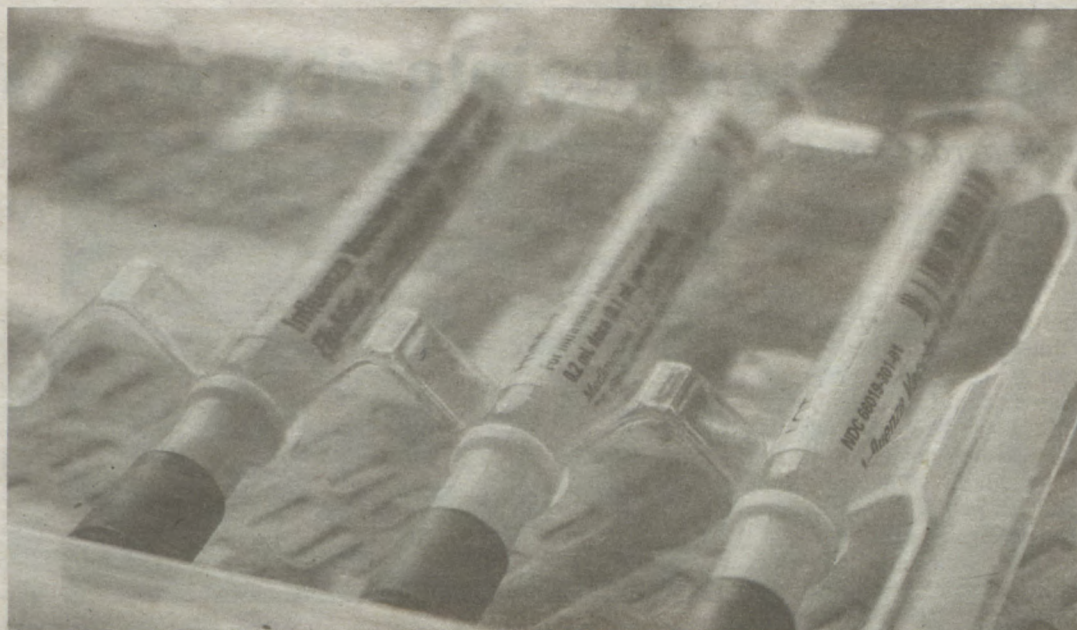
For more information on the Students for Bernie Sanders at Oakland University organization, their upcoming events or the Million Man March, visit their Facebook page.

For more information on Bernie Sanders and his positions on different issues, visit his website at [berniesanders.com](http://berniesanders.com) or [feelthebern.org](http://feelthebern.org).

### Political Student Orgs

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- Amnesty International at Oakland University
- College Democrats of Oakland University
- College Republicans
- Model United Nations Club
- ONE Campaign at Oakland University
- UNICEF at Oakland University





Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

The MDHHS promotes friendly competition between Michigan universities to vaccinate students against the flu.

## Beat the flu, win the gold

*OU hopes to bring home the trophy for most vaccines given*

**Jake Smith**  
Staff Intern

In 2014, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services started a friendly competition between Michigan colleges and universities of all sizes to encourage students to get vaccinated against the flu.

All of the participating schools are split into three divisions: small, medium and large. Oakland falls into the medium division along with Western Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University and Wayne State University. OU currently has the lead with about 400 vaccines administered to students from nurses at the Graham Health Center.

"The competition is scored based on two different types of reporting: reporting done directly by the GHC into MCIR [Michigan Care Improvement Registry] after the vaccine is administered and self-reporting done by students who get their vaccines at the GHC or somewhere else," Director of the Graham Health Center Nancy Jansen said.

The process to self-report a

flu vaccination is simple. After receiving the vaccine, OU students can visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cfc1516> and enter the name of their school, what month they got the vaccine in, where they got it and their age.

OU students can come in for their flu shots any day of the week during normal hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) if they call ahead, or they can come in on Walk-In Wednesdays between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to receive a flu shot without scheduling an appointment.

The GHC accepts most health insurances but if a student doesn't have insurance that is taken or doesn't have health insurance, there are other options to make sure that as many students as possible are getting vaccinated.

"With funding donated by Alana's Foundation and the OU Office of Student Affairs, we had enough money to purchase 300 doses of flu vaccine to provide to students with no health insurance," Jansen said.

Students who don't have health insurance can come into the GHC at any time to take advantage of the free flu vaccines.

The GHC will also be at the Rec Center on Nov. 4th from noon to 2 p.m. for the Benefits and Wellness Fair and Nov. 10th in the OC from 1:30 p.m. to 4

p.m. to provide free flu shots.

Alana's Foundation, the community partner to the Campus Flu Challenge strives to increase vaccination rates by educating the public on the importance of vaccines and providing resources to make them more available to people who don't have health insurance and can't afford it. The foundation originally proposed the idea of the Campus Flu Challenge to the MDHSS.

Last year OU took third in the medium division with only 2.2 percent of students actually self-reporting their flu vaccines.

Wayne State brought home the gold, totalling 2,721 flu vaccines administered. Just a little over two months into the competition, OU has a running total of about 450 self-reported vaccines.

"We've had cases on campus so far this year, but over all in the state of Michigan the numbers haven't been increasing. We don't know when the flu will peak this year so it's important to get your flu shot as early as possible," Jansen said.

The GHC hopes that students will invest in their health by getting their flu shot and self-reporting for the competition so that Oakland can take home the trophy and ensure an overall healthy atmosphere on campus.

The competition season lasts from August until March 31st.

## Oak View wrestles with new building hiccups

*Disabled elevator leads to many frustrated students*

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Staff Reporter

The Oak View north elevator was down for over 20 days, up until Oct. 28. This meant students were unable to use the only elevator that makes rounds to every floor in the building.

This caused problems for some students who may not be able to walk up the flights of stairs due to disability.

James Zentmeyer, director of Oakland University housing, said that the main issue was that the company that produces the elevators was moving to a new manufacturer, and the north elevator was produced with many problems.

"It's a new building, so we expected some problems. But in this case, the minor hiccups couldn't be handled by the maintenance crews," Zentmeyer said. "Though usually, communication is pretty rapid between different departments."

Zentmeyer said that the main problem of the elevator was that it was difficult to find exactly what was wrong with it. He said that the main issue was only found after a three hour surveillance was taken, where

an employee from the elevator company observed how it broke down and why.

"We get this with a new facility: every 'i' isn't dotted and every 't' isn't crossed, but it's lucky we have warranty systems [in] place," Zentmeyer said. "The elevator was repaired on numerous occasions, but the whole issue was never addressed until the three hour observation time."

Kristina Whitaker, a Night Watch worker in Oak View Hall, was upset with the duration of time taken to repair the elevator and the numerous breakdowns.

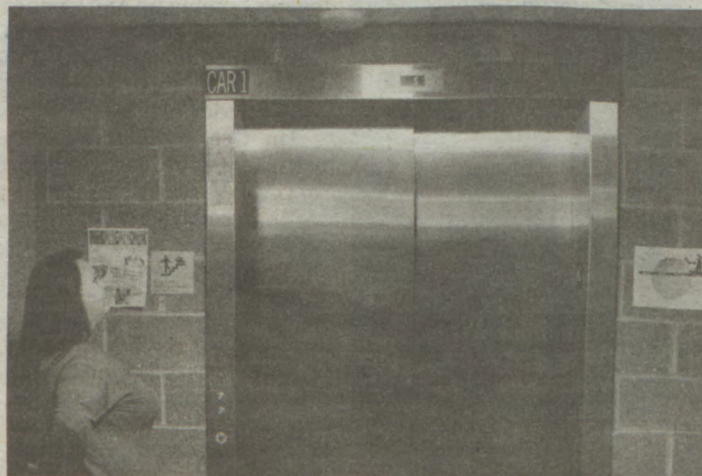
"People are constantly asking if it is down, and if it is, they get mad at us because we don't know when it will get fixed," Whitaker said. "They think we want it broken ourselves."

This problem affected more than just housing employees. Zentmeyer explained that many floors in Oak View are ADA accessible, which means that even though a student in a wheelchair can get from the entry level to their room, it's an extended trip.

"It's why we have three elevators," Zentmeyer said.

Though the problem remains resolved, Zentmeyer has his resentments over the ordeal.

"I'm not happy with the time taken to resolve this problem," Zentmeyer said. "But for now, the maintenance teams involved have at least come up with some kind of solution."



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Opened in September 2014, Oak View Hall has encountered a few problems with their new facility, primarily the faulty north elevator.



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# OU hires chief operating officer to handle leadership roles on campus

Kevin Teller  
Campus Editor

Oakland University's administration grew by one on Tuesday, Oct. 27, when Fiat Chrysler executive and former Board of Trustees member Scott Kunselman was announced via email as OU's new chief operating officer (COO).

According to university officials, the contract for the role of COO includes a three-year term and a starting salary of \$325,000 annually.

This is the first time that OU has had the position of COO.

Its creation is indicative of a completely new model of structure and hierarchy of duties for those in the administration, according to Kenneth Mitton. Mitton is the president of OU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

The role of COO, as mentioned by President Hynd in his email announcement, is to

be concerned with handling leadership roles on campus.

This includes a group of duties and tasks previously allotted to the president, and Hynd credits Kunselman as being an asset to OU as he moves into this new role.

"The establishment of this position represents a further step forward toward empowering the creative energies that helped form our strategic plan and achieving what we expect from a preeminent university," Hynd said in the email.

However, the fact that this is a brand new position for OU may leave some uneasy about how quickly the progress is moving with it.

The announcement of the position's creation occurred simultaneously with the announcement that Kunselman would be taking it on.

With such a progressive and strategic role being added to OU's administration, the AAUP has raised the question

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George Hynd  
President of Oakland University

as to why this was not previously discussed with certain administration associations.

According to Mitton, the AAUP is confused about why there was no search committee put together for this hire. Committees were utilized for the recent hiring of deans and even President Hynd himself.

Therefore, it seems to the AAUP that such a drastic and progressive shift in administration structure may not have had the care and thoughtfulness that others have.

Concerns about outside criticism that may fall upon OU for this move as well as



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Scott Kunselman assumed the new role of OU's chief operating officer, and will handle leadership roles on campus starting December 1.

the potential violation of the Board of Trustees' own conflict of interest policy are also being voiced by AAUP members.

Kunselman is beginning his duties as COO on Dec. 1, meaning that his roles at OU and Fiat Chrysler will not overlap in terms of their timeline.

Kunselman intends to continue at Fiat Chrysler until Nov. 30. He has served in various roles there since 1985.

Additionally, Kunselman

ended his term on the Board of Trustees last month — a role which he had served since his appointment by Governor Rick Snyder in 2012.

The information surrounding this hire is still developing, but the Oakland Post will continue with updates as they happen.

President Hynd will further address Kunselman's hire and the creation of the COO position at his status report on Nov. 11.

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Model UN students enter into the role of a real UN country and debate international topics with fellow members, both from OU and abroad.

## Debating in another country's shoes

*Model UN students prepare for annual conferences to test their debating skills*

Grace Turner  
Life Editor

**M**odel United Nations (MUN) allows OU students to step into the shoes of another country and debate worldwide issues.

Students in the club get a chance to learn about the United Nations (UN), an international organization that works to maintain peace and security.

The club was started in 2008 by Paul Kubicek, professor of political science. Each student learns about a country and assumes the identity of a representative from that country, representing the country in various debates on international issues. Different countries participate in discussions that pertain to them.

"[Participants] assume a different role and learn about multiple perspectives on issues," Kubicek said.

The club replicates recent international debates.

The club had two debates in Fireside Lounge last week. One was about Israel and Palestine and one was on climate change and food security. Students could watch the debate and ask questions after.

MUN isn't specific to OU - it's international. Students can participate in conferences all over the world.

This year, OU's MUN will participate in two conferences. From Nov. 5 through 8, the club will debate in Ohio at the Lake

Erie International Model UN conference. Next semester, members will travel to Toronto for the North American Model UN conference.

Adam Derington, a senior studying history and political science and a MUN at OU member, went to the Toronto conference during the winter 2015 semester.

"It was one of the most amazing experiences I've had," he said.

He is excited to represent China at the Ohio conference and said he learned so much from the last conference.

"It blends so many different skills," he said, including how to be open and communicative.

Derington also said it's interesting to learn about and voice opinions that aren't necessarily your own.

Alexa James, a senior studying international relations and the president of OU's MUN said the club also helps with research skills. Participants must be prepared to discuss a range of topics.

"You never know where the debate's going to go," she said.

A student could debate for eight to ten hours a day at the conference, James said. But that doesn't seem to discourage participants.

"International politics is my passion," James said. "To me, it's a fun weekend vacation."

Kubicek said preparation for a conference is crucial. He has seen debates go

off the rails because someone didn't research.

"It can throw the whole committee off," he said.

Even with the occasional ill-prepared student, Kubicek said participants get a good understanding of how the UN works.

"It captures the essence of the UN," Kubicek said.

During the winter 2016 semester, OU's MUN will host a conference for high school students for the first time. Two-hundred-and-fifty students are registered. The conference will take place on Feb. 26 and 27 and will be run similarly to a college conference.

Because MUN requires a lot of dedication, students must take a class with Kubicek the first semester that they are involved. They learn debate procedures and improve their research skills. Returning members don't have to officially sign up for the class, but it serves as the club's meeting place and time.

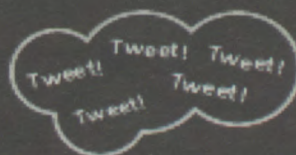
All of this prep work pays off - OU students regularly win awards at conferences, Kubicek said.

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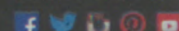
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# Grizzly submits to Sundance

*OU alumnus, now teacher submits own film created with students to festival with high hopes*

**Shelby Tankersley**  
Staff Reporter

Anthony Cilli, Oakland University alumnus and current high school art teacher in Utah, recently entered a film he and his students made to the Sundance Film Festival. The film is currently being considered to be in the prestigious film festival.

Their movie, titled "SCI-FI FLICK" is a parody of the horror genre.

"It's about a group of friends who inadvertently get mutated into their favorite fandoms on Halloween and use their new-found abilities to fight off an alien invasion and zombie hordes that are attacking their school," Cilli said.

Cilli said that he and his students decided to enter Sundance so that they can hopefully be an inspiration to others if their movie is accepted.

"We wanted to inspire other high school aged film-makers to develop their own stories and films and encourage them to pursue film-making and submitting to Sundance," Cilli said. "We figure if we can do it here in rural Utah, surely others can too,"

As a teacher, Cilli hopes to inspire his students. He received some of that inspiration during his time at OU. While enrolled at the university, he majored in linguistics and studio art and also completed a senior thesis for his art major before graduating in 2006.

"I believe Anthony discovered his love for building and manipulating space at OU. That he is now making films seems an extension of this passion," Sally Schluter-Tardella, OU professor and a mentor Cilli found inspiring, said.

"I am not at all surprised that one of his projects has progressed to such a prestigious competition as the Sundance Film Festival. I am very excited for him."

After his time here, Cilli received a master's in educational theory from Arkansas State University. That is how he ended up as a teacher and is able to make films with his students. Cilli said he and his students have been able to make more than one film together.

"My students and I have made three short films so far. Each time we've played them in front of several hundred people at our town's local theat-



Courtesy of Anthony Cilli / The Oakland Post

Cilli's film, SCI-FI FLICK, is about a group of friends who inadvertently get mutated.

er," Cilli said. "They're usually horror or thriller related shorts. Everyone loves them."

They won't just have their town as an audience. In the prestigious festival, the names of well-known Hollywood actors, directors, and independent film makers cover the screens and credits. "SCI-FI FLICK" is made by some high school students and a teacher.

"We're competing against major Hollywood and independent film-makers with seriously huge budgets and real actors," Cilli said.

"While we won't be holding our breath, we do think we have a shot. Our film is very different from most of the films that are going to be submitted."

Cilli mentioned that while their film is no A-lister, they think they have great potential to inspire young film makers.

"While we probably have a better chance in a film festival geared toward high school students, we think we're setting a great example of what high school students are capable of when they are focused and dedicated to something they care about," Cilli said.

## Student group organizes anti-Planned Parenthood protest

**Nowshin Chowdhury and**  
**Shelby Tankersley**  
Staff Reporter/Photographer

Students for Life at OU hosted a protest against abortion and Planned Parenthood outside the Oakland Center on Thursday, Oct. 29. The group had a large display of pink crosses spread across the lawn near South Foundation Hall and Kresge Library.

The pink crosses stood for the number of unborn children who are aborted by Planned Parenthood each day. The group wants students to be more aware of Planned Parenthood's actions.

Members of the group were present to explain to interested students what the display

was and why they held it on campus.

"I've always been pro-life," Ellen Searle, senior and member of Students for Life at OU, said.

Searle said that her parents chose to keep her when having a child in their life wasn't convenient, so she holds the pro-life standpoint due to personal experience.

The students teamed up with Students for Life America to hold this event. The national organization has held this event at over 80 schools across the country this semester. Their purpose is to educate students on what they and other pro-lifers see as a huge problem in today's society.

"The crosses represent the

number of abortions Planned Parenthood does every day, that's 897," R.J. McVeigh, the great lakes regional director for Students for Life America, said. "This makes them the largest abortion vendor in the country."

McVeigh also said that this is his second time helping OU students organize this event.

Aside from the crosses, statistics were a large part of the display. Students for Life had posters about how Planned Parenthood operates, specifically some of the things they did within the last year.

They decided to include the statistics because education is at the group's core.

Their mission statement is, "Students for Life will create



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

897 crosses were displayed near the clock tower on Thursday, Oct. 29.

a culture where those most affected by abortion are empowered and equipped to recruit their peers to join our human rights movement, save lives on the front lines, lead local and national initiatives, and provide tangible resources while supporting those facing an unplanned pregnancy."

Not all OU students agree

with Students for Life's stand point.

"I think the group's presence on campus is horrific," Nick Ronzi, sophomore, said. "I have always been pro-choice."

No issues were reported, however. It was a peaceful event, despite the controversial topic.





Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Students can participate in yoga classes at the Rec Center to de-stress and get some "me time".

## The second-half stretch

*How to stay relaxed, focused during the rest of the fall semester*

**Alexus Bomar**  
Staff Reporter

Once midterms are over and the weather becomes cooler, students begin to lose focus and motivation.

"Feeling burned out and overwhelmed is a very common issue for students, especially around this time," Dr. David Schwartz, director for OU's Counseling Center, said.

In order to stay focused for the remainder of the semester, Schwartz suggested students try relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, getting enough sleep or practicing mindfulness, which means simply paying attention to the present moment.

"Students should be vigilant about self-care, and what I mean by self-care is doing things that relax you such as exercising, meditating or watching a movie," he said.

Schwartz said that students might not have time to go to the gym to exercise, but can easily take a 15-minute walk or do some different exercises inside.

"When I was in school, I wish I knew what I know now," he said.

He explained that students should have a good balance be-

tween their social life, family, work and school.

Every college student needs a support system at certain points on their journey, so the goal of the Student Success Service is to be a one-stop shop.

"A first-year student may need help mapping out their study time or learning about different resources on campus, while an upperclassman may need guidance on how to get through a higher level course," Michele Applebee, student success coordinator, said.

"At this point in the semester, students are likely to know other students who either have the same major or are in the same class, so students should create a study group and encourage each other to finish strong," she said.

Applebee helps students with time management, transitional concerns, procrastination, stress and test-taking anxiety.

"I coordinate all academic support for OU residents and I also coordinate the Academic Peer Mentor (APM) program," she said.

APMs offer educational programs and tutoring onsite, with tutor nights in Hamlin Hall and Oak View Hall available every night for all students.

"Motivational strategies can vary based on the individual, but my suggestion would be to write out your ultimate goal, then work backwards to get where you currently are, identifying smaller goals you can achieve along the way," Applebee said.

One habit Applebee has taken up to stay motivated is making a to-do list.

"I have a large list that I review each day, and crossing items off is very satisfying and also encourages me to keep going," she said.

Applebee said that student's lose motivation from being overwhelmed, which leads to procrastination.

It also occurs from the opposite — a student could do really well on an exam or assignment and think the class is less challenging, so they might study less frequently.

The Student Success Service in Hamlin Hall and the Counseling Center in Graham Health Center are two areas on campus that are willing to help students.

For more information on the different types of academic support offered by the Student Success Service, visit [oakland.edu/housing](http://oakland.edu/housing) and click "Academic Support."

## Behind the scenes of 'A Christmas Carol'

**Meadow Brook Theatre's historical, popular production begins**

**Shelby Tankersley**  
Staff Reporter

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre first introduced its rendition of "A Christmas Carol" in 1982. After the first year, audiences and elementary schools loved it so much that they demanded the show take the stage again the following year.

Thirty-four years later, the play is still performed annually for large crowds. It's Meadow Brook's longest running show of the whole season. Because it's so big, the team at the theatre gets started months before they take the stage.

"They start rehearsing in the middle of October," Paige Biggs Vanzo, a member of Meadow Brook's marketing team, said. "It's really fun for those of us who work at Meadow Brook because our Christmas gets started in October."

The team does in fact get to enjoy Christmas through three holidays — they start casting in September and the show runs through most of November and December. This year, the play will run from Nov. 13 through Christmas Eve.

The show's history and large crowds are reason enough to attempt perfection. The cast and crew do a substantial amount of work to make sure the shows are great experiences for all who attend the performances, whether they have to for school or because they are a fan of the play.

"A lot of our cast and crew have been a part of the show for a long time, some of them since day one," Terry Carpenter, stage director for the play, said.

"Despite that, we still do a lot of work. 'Christmas Carol' is a four-month process out of our season."

The cast is currently being picked and getting ready to start rehearsals. Tickets are already on sale and the set will be brought in when the theatre's current production, "The Explorer's Club," finishes its run on Nov. 1.

"It's our biggest set of the season," Carpenter said. "The sets normally aren't used more than once so we dispose of them at the end of the play's run, but 'Christmas Carol' we save because it happens every year. It's made to be taken apart and put back together."

The set takes time and lots of man power to put together. Carpenter said that it is first transported from its storage facility on campus to Varner Hall where it's fixed, painted in some places and put together so they can make sure everything is in working condition.

From there, it's taken apart again and brought to Meadow Brook where it's then set up for the actors to start rehearsing on.

This play has the biggest set because it accommodates the biggest cast. The cast includes two sets of 10 children alongside the 17 adult actors who will take the stage, and that doesn't even include the understudies.

"Our first 16 days of rehearsal are packed. We have the whole cast in a rehearsal room that is much smaller than the stage," Carpenter said. "So we get out on the stage as soon as we can."

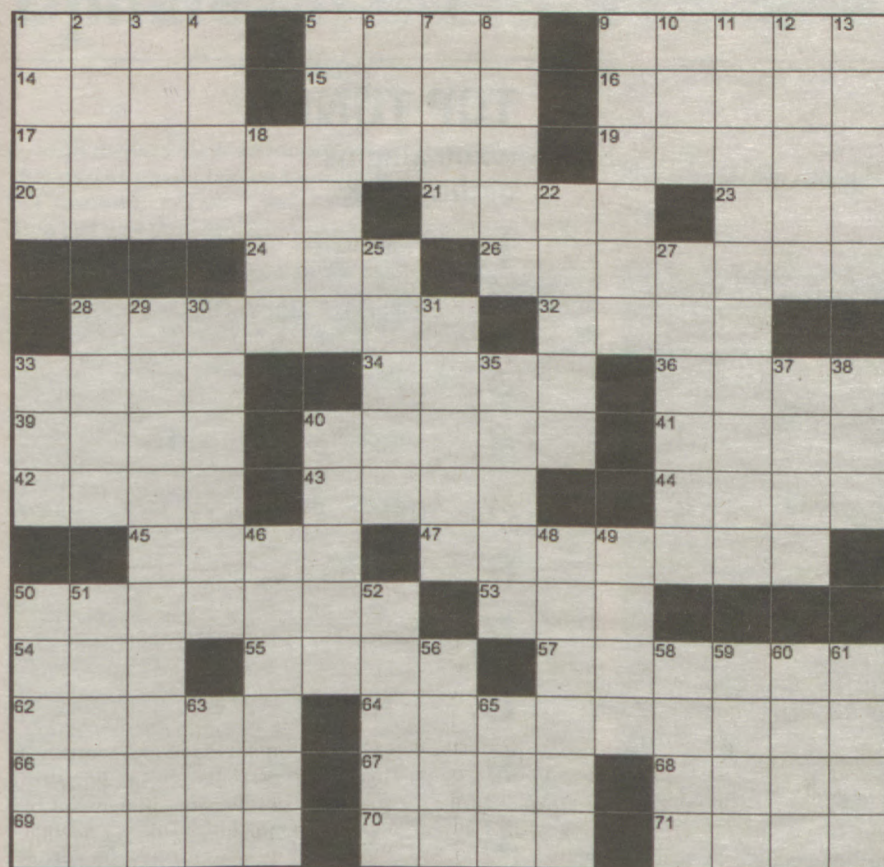
Big cast, big set and, of course, big ticket sales.

"We start selling tickets in June, we open up this show sometimes even earlier," Biggs Vanzo said. "Some of the shows for this year are already close to being sold out."

Who said anything about Christmas being in December? For Meadow Brook Theatre, October is where it's at.



# Puzzles

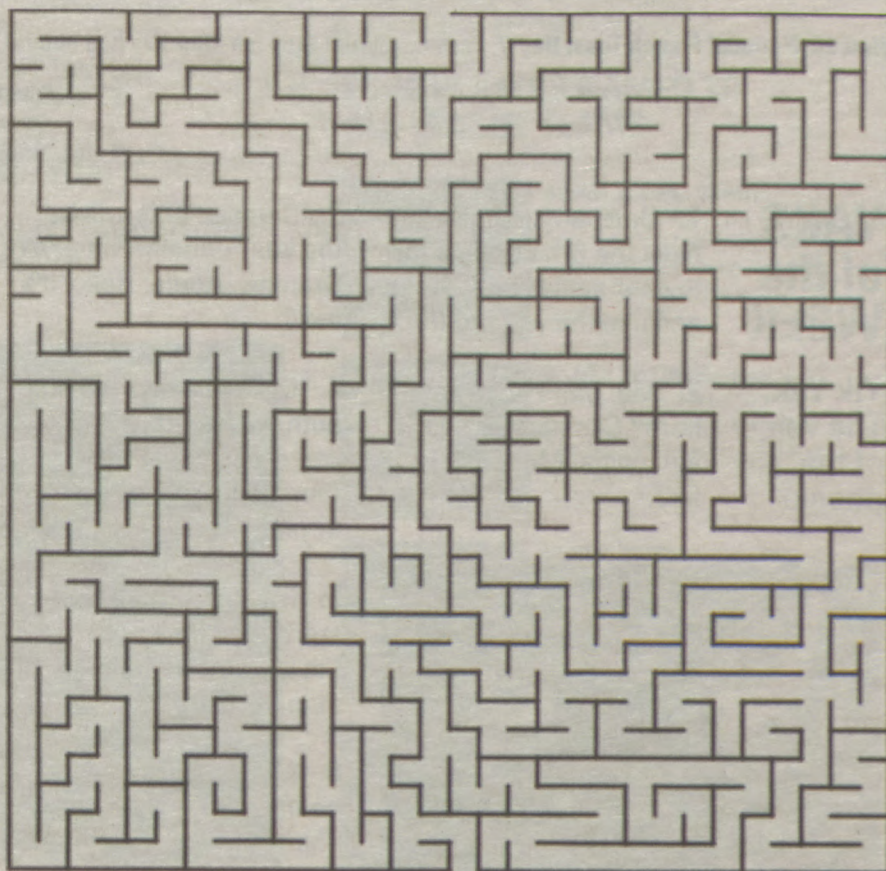
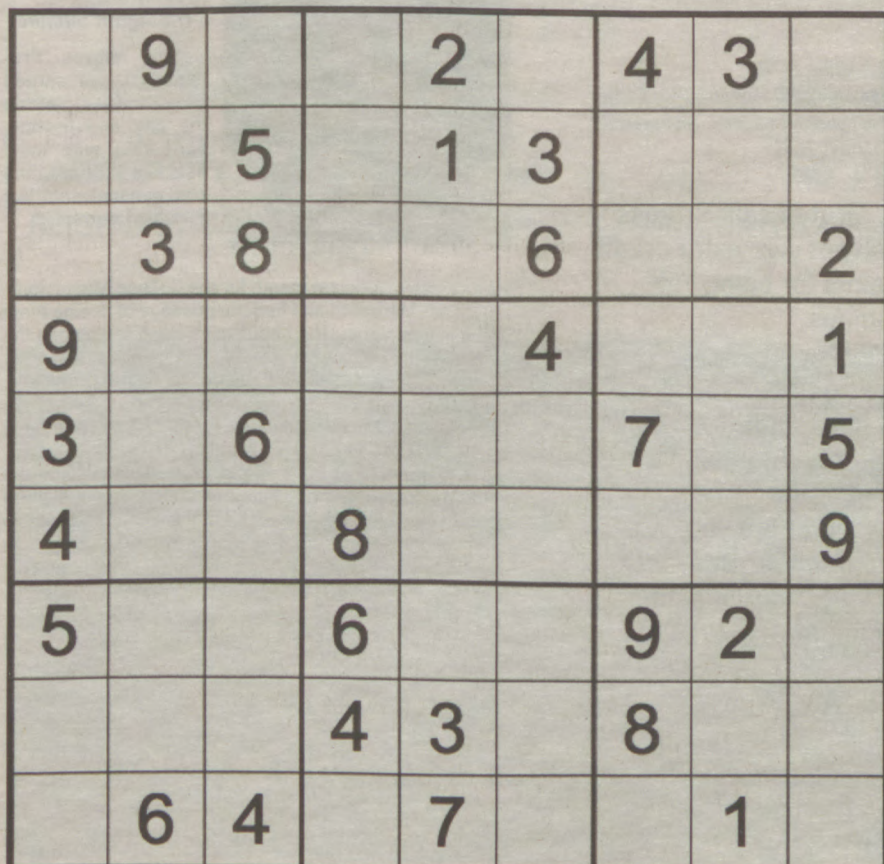


## Across

- 1: Study in a panic  
5: Dad  
9: Scope  
14: Peru's capital  
15: Motion-carrying votes  
16: Disembodied spirit  
17: Ignore the alarm  
19: More ticked  
20: Plan tentatively, with 'in'  
21: In \_\_\_\_ (unmoved)  
23: Put up preserves  
24: Sleepy coworker  
26: Full extent  
28: They have shutters  
32: Whitetail buck  
33: Mouselike farmland pest  
34: Typographical weight  
36: Fiddlesticks  
39: Dagger handle  
40: Put to rest  
41: \_\_\_\_ cheese  
42: Head for the hills  
43: Smile from ear to ear  
44: Add-on for Congo  
45: One-third of a hat trick  
47: Most embarrassed  
50: Entwined and twisted  
53: White Stripes, for one  
54: Auction offering  
55: Bummer  
57: Given a new look  
62: Japanese cartooning style  
64: Wretched  
66: Rub and rub and rub  
67: Lions and Tigers and Bears  
68: Pronounce indistinctly  
69: Gives a thrill to  
70: Juniors, usually  
71: Mormon Tabernacle Choir number

## Down

- 1: Hoof-on-pavement sound  
2: \_\_\_\_ Gauche  
3: Last word in prayer  
4: 'The Sabbath' painter Chagall  
5: Ashen complexion  
6: Bluto's assent  
7: They're 16th of 26  
8: Canned ham glaze  
9: Take for granted  
10: Electrical unit  
11: Venetian boat songs  
12: Think tank output  
13: Shore birds  
18: Fries, often  
22: Winter drink  
25: The 'C' in C-SPAN  
27: Rockette?  
28: Ignition \_\_\_\_  
29: Charge  
30: Space rock  
31: From the nearest star  
33: Channels 2-14  
35: Injured  
37: Adam of 'Batman'  
38: Take to court  
40: More adept  
46: Birch trees  
48: Coercion  
49: Busy sort  
50: Milk container  
51: Time being  
52: Soft-pedals?  
56: Copter's cousin  
58: Johnny with a guitar  
59: In a competent way  
60: Visit a run-down neighborhood  
61: Little gull  
63: Strong coffee, slangily  
65: George W. Bush, to George H.W. Bush





# the mix

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER?

Besides #NoShaveNovember and Thanksgiving, November is full of strange and interesting holidays.

### November is also known as:

- Adopt a Senior Pet Month
- Avian History Month
- National Diabetes Month
- National Fun with Fondue Month
- National Native American Heritage Month
- National Peanut Butter Lovers Month
- National Scholarship Month
- Sweet Potato Awareness Month

### November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**Nov. 6 National Nachos Day** // Any excuse to smother myself in hot cheese! **Fun fact:** The International Nacho Festival is held between Oct. 13 and 15 at Piedras Negras and features a "biggest nacho of the world" contest which is registered with the Guinness Book of World Records.

**Nov. 11 Veteran's Day** // This holiday is dedicated to recognizing those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces

**Nov. 12 National Pizza with Everything (Except Anchovies) Day** // I wish I was making this up but I'm not. Sorry anchovy fans.

**Nov. 19 National Play Monopoly Day** // Also known as the day your friendships are tested.

**Nov. 28 National French Toast Day** // Pass the syrup! Stop me after I've had about 12.

— Compiled by Faith Brody and Nick Kim, Copy Editors  
Courtesy of [nationalcalendarday.com/november](http://nationalcalendarday.com/november)

## YAKS of the WEEK

**Yik Yak:**  
The voice of the people



1. "Does anyone else have the urge to tie a tarp to your ankles and wrists and use the wind to fly?"

2. "Me: Can I get a refund here? Cashier: Sir this is a diploma. Me: Cash is fine."

3. "Singers: This will be the year I finally win a Grammy. Adele: Hello, it's me."

4. "College is like looking both ways before you cross the street then getting hit by an airplane."

5. "My dorm room is starting to look like I'm losing a game of Jumanji."

6. "My umbrella combusted in the wind. Thanks Obama."

7. "Not to self: Professors will not give extra credit points for being Yak famous."

8. "So I hear you like a man in uniform... \*pulls out Boy Scout uniform.\*"

9. "What are you majoring in? Depression, with a minor in eating entire large pizzas."

10. "Albion shirt, Michigan sweatshirt, OU sweatpants. My life is a mess."

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,  
Staff Reporter

## TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the week

1. Protomartyr — "The Agent Intellect"
2. Vulfpeck — "Thrill of the Arts"
3. Jr Jr — "Jr Jr"
4. Chvrches — "Every Open Eye"
5. Alex G — "Beach Music"
6. Big Grams — "Big Grams EP"
7. Deerhunter — "Fading Frontier"
8. Palehound — "Dry Food"
9. World is a Beautiful Place and I Am No Longer Afraid to Die — "Harmless"
10. Kurt Vile — "B'lieve I'm Going Down..."



### Protomartyr — "The Agent Intellect"

Detroit natives Protomartyr have earned a loyal following within the city and beyond, partnering with local acts like Turn to Crime and national acts like Parquet Courts.

I was in New York last month for the College Music Journal (CMJ) Marathon and had the privilege of seeing them twice in two nights. The band was a must-see among the college radio community, playing alongside Perfect Pussy and headlining the Sub Pop and Hardly Art showcase.

"The Agent Intellect" cements Protomartyr's reputation as the best band in Detroit. Grinding rhythms, tense textures and plenty of local lyrical references provide the soundtrack to a complicated city, supposedly making a comeback. "I forgive you / But I feel it'll happen all again / Recurring / Like a turn on Outer drive and sixth," sings Joe Casey on "I Forgive You," not quiet convinced that the troubled city he lives in will ever recover.

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

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

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director



## Update on Horizon League standings

Kristen Davis  
Editor-in-Chief

With the end of the fall sports season nearing, that means it's time for league tournaments. Cross country competed in the league championship last weekend and the Oakland men's and women's

teams finished first, becoming just the fourth team in Horizon League history to have both men and women win the championship in the same year.

The women's soccer tournament is underway, and the volleyball and men's soccer tournaments are approaching in the coming weeks. Here's an update on where Oakland's teams stand in the league as of Nov. 4.

### MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

University of Illinois-Chicago	6-0-2
Northern Kentucky	4-1-3
Wright State	4-3-1
Oakland	4-3-1
Detroit	2-1-5
Cleveland State	3-3-2
Valparaiso	2-3-3
Green Bay	2-4-2
Milwaukee	1-5-2
Belmont	1-6-1

### VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Cleveland State	10-1
Oakland	9-3
Valparaiso	8-4
Northern Kentucky	7-6
Green Bay	6-7
University of Illinois-Chicago	5-7
Milwaukee	5-8
Youngstown State	3-8
Wright State	2-11

REGULAR SEASON GAMES REMAINING:  
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TOURNAMENT DATES:  
NOV. 9, 12 AND 14

TOURNAMENT SITE:  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

REIGNING TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS:  
OAKLAND

REGULAR SEASON GAMES REMAINING:  
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TOURNAMENT DATES:  
NOV. 20, 21 AND 22

TOURNAMENT SITE:  
NO. 1 SEED (TBA)

REIGNING TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS:  
OAKLAND

## THE SPORTING BLITZ

### Swimming

Oakland University's swim team topped Wayne State. The women's team won 177-115 and the men, 178-116. On the women's side, Oakland won all events except the 100 backstroke. Mitch Alters won the 200 butterfly and Nikki Flynn won the 50 free, both by a single tenth. Stirling Fordham and Joe Smith placed first and second in both the one meter and three meter diving competition. In the 200 backstroke,

Hannah Burgess and Mary Pilibosian claimed first and second for Oakland. The Grizzlies also swept in both men and women's 200 breaststroke. Aschan won with a time of 2:21, followed by Melissa VanderMeulen, Katlynn Emaus and Stella Pasolidou. For the men, Kasement won with a time of 2:08, followed by Schihl and Traustason. The men and women both then went one, two, three, and five in the 500 freestyle. The swim team will participate in two meets this weekend, Friday night against Duquesne at home and Saturday afternoon at Eastern Michigan.

### Volleyball

The women's volleyball team split the two games they played over the

weekend. The team took on UIC Friday night at home and won in three straight sets. The victory moved the team's winning streak to six straight games. The next afternoon, Halloween day, the Golden Grizzlies took on Valparaiso but didn't have the same luck. The Crusaders took Oakland down in three straight sets and never looked back. Oakland will travel to Youngstown State and Cleveland State next weekend before returning home for its final two regular season matches against Wright State and Northern Kentucky.

Compiled by Jackson Gilbert and  
Katlynn Emaus,  
Sports Editor and Staff Reporter

## WOMEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT QUICK FACTS

- The women's soccer Horizon League tournament began on *Monday, Nov. 2.*
- Oakland is the *No. 2 seed* and received a first-round bye.
- *Milwaukee* is this year's No. 1 seed.
- The Golden Grizzlies' *first tournament match* will be at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 against Northern Kentucky in Milwaukee.
- The Black and Gold recorded a 1-0 *victory over NKU* on Oct. 21.
- *Valparaiso* is the reigning tournament champion, but Northern Kentucky defeated the Crusaders in the first round.
- Oakland shut out *seven* teams this season.
- The team is currently on a *nine-game unbeaten streak*, recording seven wins and two draws since Sept. 20.

## FOUR PLAYERS NAMED TO ALL-LEAGUE TEAMS



**JOAN SIEJA, Senior**  
Sieja was named to the league's first team. She led the Golden Grizzlies in points with 13 and assists with seven.



**ALICE PALMER, Junior**  
Palmer was named to the league's first team as well. She led the way for Oakland with goals, recording five this season.



**EMILY ZWENG, Freshman**  
Zweng was named to the all-freshman team. The goalkeeper finished the regular season with a 6-0-2 record.



**MARIA ZANDI, Freshman**  
Zandi was also named to the all-freshman team. This season, she helped the Golden Grizzlies record five consecutive shutouts.



# Golden Grizzlies score, clinch senior night

Oakland men's, women's soccer teams showcase strength by winning games against Youngstown, Valparaiso

Ally Racey  
Staff Reporter

## Women's Soccer

Friday, Oct. 30 was an exciting day for the Black and Gold. It was senior night and the team defeated Youngstown State with a 2-0 win on their home field.

Player of the game Cecilie Dokka and Devin Tomlinson each scored one goal in the match.

"I've been trying to get my first goal so I figured this was the moment and I just put my foot to the ball and hoped for the best," Tomlinson said. Alice Palmer, Brianne Horne and Dokka each notched an assist as well.

"The closer you get to the end of the season, points are vital," head coach Margaret Saurin said.

The Grizzlies clinched the second seed in the Horizon League tournament with the win and will play Northern Kentucky on Nov. 5 in Milwaukee. This was Oakland's fifth straight shutout.

## Men's Soccer

Before the game against Valparaiso, on Saturday, Oct. 31, seniors Gerald Ben, Matt Dudley, Shawn Claud Lawson, Derek Nowak, Raphael Reynolds, Matt Rickard, Elliott Tarney and Jacob VanderLaan were honored for their hard work over the season and dedication to the program.

Ben was named player of the game after scoring the game-winning goal off a free-kick rebound just 33 seconds into overtime to give the team a 2-1 victory over Valparaiso. This was his second game-winning goal of the season.

Dudley scored his fourth goal of the season off assists from VanderLaan and Chase Jabbori. It was Jabbori's first assist of the season and VanderLaan's third.

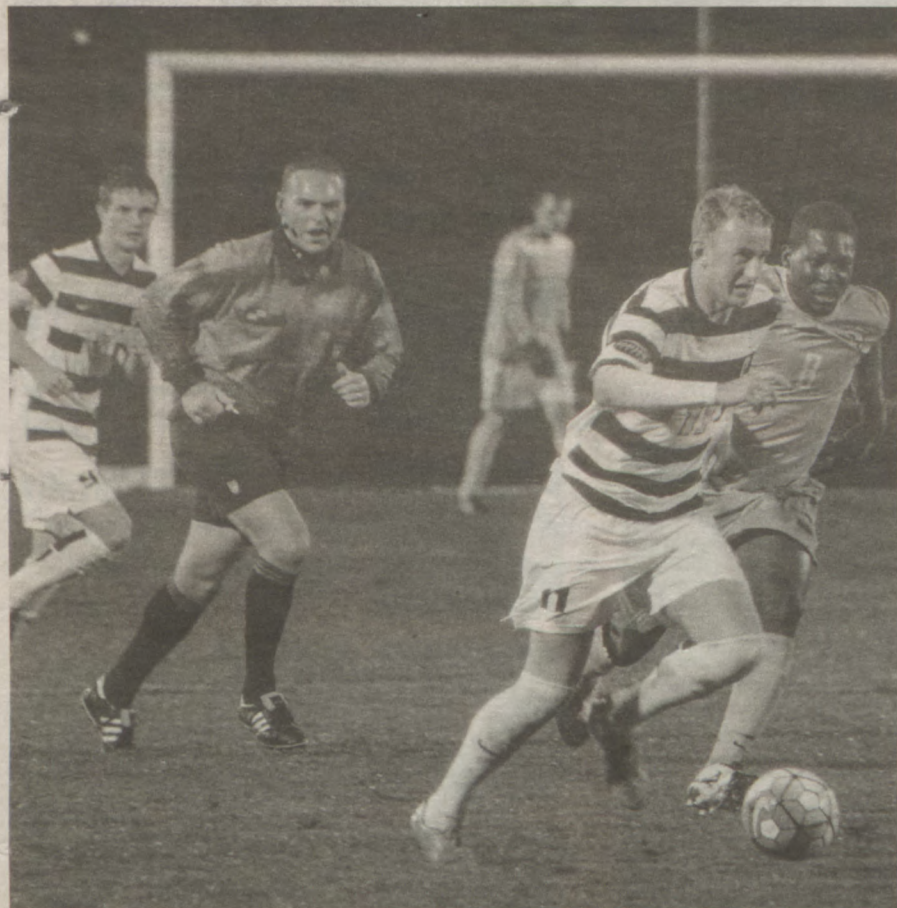
Tarney recorded six saves during the game. The victory was Oakland University's first overtime win in conference play.

"The win is fantastic and all the tribute goes to these guys and what they did and to persevere," assistant head coach Stephen Gorton said.



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Joan Sieja fights for the ball during Oakland University's 2-0 win over Youngstown State. The senior forward was named to the All-Horizon League first team.



Noshwin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Matt Rickard drives the ball down the field on Oct. 31. He, along with seven other seniors, were honored before the game.

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# Oakland exhibits talent against Adrian

*Transfer players shine in their Golden Grizzly debut*

Jackson Gilbert  
Sports Editor

After sitting out for more than 10 months, Oakland University's newest guard Sherron Dorsey-Walker was more than ready to retake the hardwood on Halloween morning. He played 29 minutes in Oakland's 113-58 blowout victory over Adrian College in the team's first exhibition game.

Dorsey-Walker will immediately enter the conversation for Horizon League newcomer of the year after transferring to Oakland from Iowa State in January.

"It felt great, it's a blessing coming back home, Coach [Greg] Kampe gave me a great opportunity," Dorsey-Walker said at the post-game press conference.

The game marked his reunion with high school teammate Kahlil Felder, who played with Dorsey-Walker at Detroit Pershing. Martez Walker, another Golden Grizzlies transfer from Texas, also played for Pershing and will become eligible after the fall semester.

Dorsey-Walker, a 6-foot-4 combo guard-forward, recorded 11 points, nine rebounds and four assists in the showdown against the Division III Bulldogs. He wasn't Oakland's only shining player of the early-morning game, however.

Point guard Kahlil Felder, the Horizon League's pre-season player of the year, scored 23 points on 6-of-14 shooting. He added seven assists and four steals in the effort.

"It's been great to play with Kahlil," Dorsey-Walker said. "When we played together at Pershing it was the same thing except he got way better. It's great being out there with him again."

Oakland's new center, Percy Gibson, also made his debut against Adrian. He replaces the departed senior captain Corey Petros.

Gibson also transferred from Iowa State where he

played for three years. He recorded 15 points and six rebounds against Adrian. He made all four of his free throws, a stark difference from Petros, who shot just 46 percent from the charity stripe in his senior season.

Oakland sank 39 of 45 free throws against Adrian as a team.

"Petros didn't shoot any free throws today, so that helped us," Oakland head coach Greg Kampe said. "Gibson obviously can make shots, we expect to be a good free-throw shooting team."

Two other Golden Grizzlies guards recorded double-digit scoring: sophomore Nick Daniels collected 19 and senior Max Hooper also totaled 19. The two combined to shoot 8 for 15 from the three-point line.

Leading the way for the Bulldogs was Devontae Harris, who scored 18 points and added six rebounds. Rickey Jackson Jr. recorded 14 points and also grabbed six rebounds.

Oakland shot 53 percent from the field as a team and 46 percent from beyond the arc.

"We'll ignore almost all of the stats because they're where they should be. We should shoot over 50 percent against them and they shouldn't shoot 50 against us, I think they were in the low 30s which we were pleased with," Kampe told reporters.

Kampe's Golden Grizzlies bullied Adrian with a full-court press for much of the game, resulting in 19 turnovers for the Bulldogs. Kampe says he plans to play the press all season.

"I thought the intensity and how we covered was really good. I was really proud of how our guys performed today," Kampe said.

Oakland will play one more exhibition game on Nov. 11 against Heidelberg University, a Division III school from Tiffin, Ohio, before opening the non-conference season against Eastern Michigan University on Nov. 18 in the O'rena.

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1. Max Hooper attempts a three over Adrian's Christian Covile.

2. Femi Olujobi (middle right) looks on as his fellow Golden Grizzlies dominate.

3. Kahlil Felder dunks late in the first half.

4. Percy Gibson brings the ball up the court.



# Running straight into the record books

*Oakland makes Horizon League history by winning league titles in both men's, women's cross country*

**Katlynn Emaus**  
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 31, Oakland's men and women's cross country team made history. The Golden Grizzlies became the fourth team ever in the history of the conference to have both teams win the Horizon League title in the same season. For accomplishing this feat, head coach Paul Rice was awarded Coach of the Year.

"The teams on this list [of schools that have swept the league] are schools like Butler and Notre Dame," Rice said. "It is nice to have our name on the list with schools like that because they are very well-established programs and it shows that we are heading in the right direction."

On the men's side, Oakland scored 45 points, just enough to beat out Youngstown State with 46 points for second. University of Illinois-Chicago placed third with 87 points.

"We weren't expecting it to be that close," Rice said. "I had faith we were going to win, we knew it was between us and Youngstown, almost like a duel meet. I give a lot of credit to our guys for pushing through, if anyone hadn't pushed as hard as they did we wouldn't have won. It was a real team effort."

Running an 8K, the total time for the Oakland boys was two hours and five minutes, averaging out to 25:10. Oakland had five runners in the top 15, four of whom were in the top 10. Sophomore Jacob Bowman was the fastest finisher for Oakland in sixth place with a time of 24:59. Behind him was his brother, junior Andrew Bowman, in seventh with 25:04.

Junior George O'Connor followed in ninth (25:10), sophomore Bryce Stroede in 10th (25:12) and sophomore Michael Cox in 13th (25:24). The Bowman brothers were awarded all-Horizon League first team honors. O'Connor, Stroede and Cox were awarded with second team honors.

On the women's side, Oakland scored 32 points. 61 points behind Oakland was the UIC, which claimed second with 93 points followed by Wright State in third with 98 points.

The Grizzlies placed nine girls in front of UIC's top three.

"It would have been impossible for our women to lose," Rice said. "They are so strong and at any point anyone of them could step up. In our top nine, we have

one senior, so we are moving forward toward something very special. Both teams are looking to be better next year."

In the women's 6K, the total time for the Grizzlies was one hour and 51 minutes, while the average time was 22:15. Oakland had five girls place in the top 15 and, like the men, had four in the top 10.

Junior Ashley Burr was the fastest placing finisher for Oakland. With a time of 21:44, Burr finished second overall.

Freshman Rachel Levy finished fourth (21:50), sophomore Miranda Haas finished fifth (22:17), sophomore Karli Keur finished sixth (22:28) and senior Kaitlin Carania finished 15th (22:45).

"I'm very happy to have had a good race," Burr said. "But I'm even happier that the hard work the team put in this season as a whole was showcased so strongly at the conference meet this weekend."

Burr, Levy, Haas and Keur were awarded with all-Horizon League first team honors. Levy was also honored with Freshman of the Year.

The conditions were less than ideal for the meet. The course was a "flat open field," according to Rice. With no trees or buildings to block the wind, the weather offered a more strategic approach to the race.

"When it's windy, no one wants to take the lead, because no one wants to jump out in front to take the wind," Rice said.

"I think this plays into our favor. Our kids were closer to each other and feeding off of each other. It shows that whatever the condition we are ready for it."

Burr explained her strategy for taking on the brisk Ohio wind.

"I tried to latch onto the lead pack and then push to the end of the race as hard as I could," Burr explained.

For this team, winning the Horizon League championship was a goal since June — the end of outdoor track season.

Rice credits the hard work the team has been putting in for the past five months to the Horizon League title. He is proud to see all the dedication and teamwork come together to produce a historic result.

"This is a championship we set out to win going way back into the spring," Rice said. "Looking at the results from spring in the outdoor 5K, we dominated the track. That was our goal with cross country, to dominate."



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The women's cross country team helped Oakland make Horizon League history with both men's and women's teams winning a league title within the same season.

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