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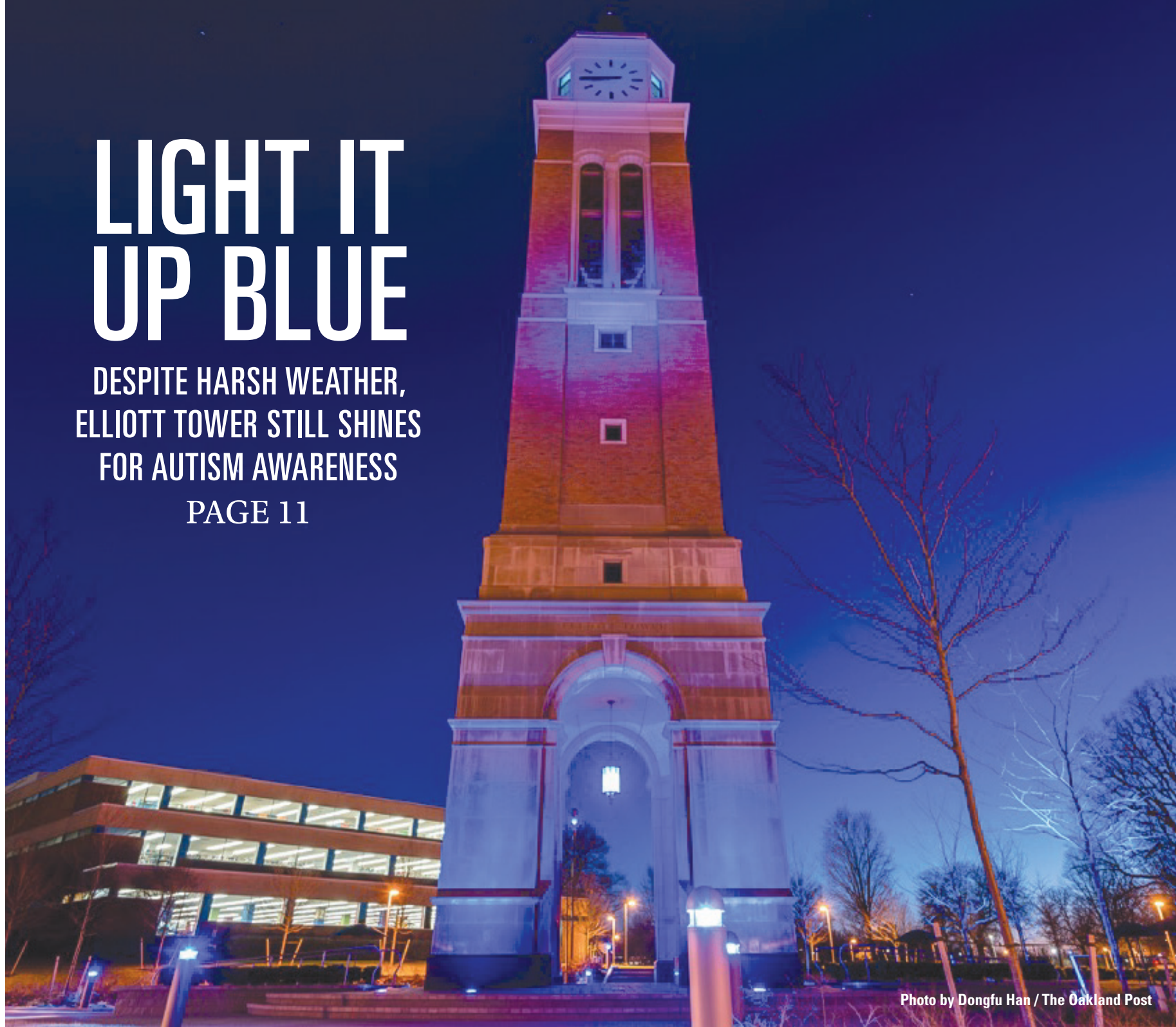


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Graduating senior Nicole Fontana looks back at her time at Oakland in her Senior Reflection. Read her blog on [oaklandpostonline.com/blogs](http://oaklandpostonline.com/blogs).



## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**GRIZZLIES SWEEP UP IN CHI-TOWN** // Students show their school pride by holding the Oakland University flag in front of the Chicago Bean at the Millennium Park. The Student Program Board at OU planned the annual trip to Chicago from April 2 to 3. The trip cost \$65 and included hotel and transportation fees.

*Photo contributed by Oona Goodin-Smith*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

It's the end of another glorious semester, how are you feeling?

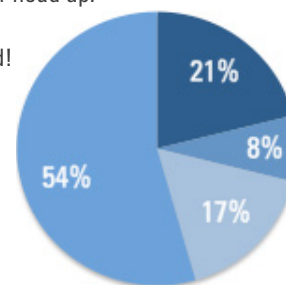
- A** Fantastic! Haven't slept in days and my grades suck a\*\* :) 21%
- B** I don't know how I survived in all honesty. 8%
- C** [sobbing] I JUST CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR! 17%
- D** Brace yourself, finals are coming. 54%

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

How do you feel about the Andy Grammer concert getting cancelled?

- A** Nobody can keep their head up. 19 votes | 21%
- B** But honey, we're good! 7 votes | 8%
- C** (Hallelujah) - the student body 15 votes | 17%
- D** Fine by Me 49 votes | 54%



## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### April 4, 2007

Paralympic medal winner Cheryl Angelelli visited OU. She was an OU alum and graduated the university with a communications major.

### April 8, 1991

The Handicap Awareness committee of OUSC had a week-long "Handicap Awareness Week" in order to raise awareness of the struggles students with disabilities on campus faced.

### April 14, 1993

OU crime dropped to a 10-year low after the Uniform Crime Statistics Report, which is a document sent yearly to the FBI and Michigan State Police

—Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, web editor



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### THE WORLD COMES TO OU

Armed with a passport in hand, students were transported to all four corners of the globe on April 1 at the annual International Night.



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### READ ALL ABOUT IT

The Oakland Arts Review, which features work from over 30 contributors in the fields of fiction, poetry, screenplays and even comics, made its grand debut.



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### SPRING BALLIN'

The men's soccer team will be participating in the Michigan College of Tournament Champions where they will be facing off against Sagina State Valley University.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Autism Awareness

1 in 68

children are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

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the age that most children are diagnosed with an ASD

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the median annual medical cost for kids with an ASD

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the estimated cost of intensive behavioral interventions for a single child for one year

—source: [cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data](http://cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data)

## COLUMN

# Political Focus: Rescheduling Marijuana

**Melissa Deatsch**  
Staff Reporter

### What's the issue?

This past weekend, protesters gathered outside the White House in Washington, D.C. and openly smoked marijuana. The protest was initiated by the group DCMJ, a group dedicated to fighting for the rights of cannabis users.

The couple hundred protesters were joined by a 51-foot inflatable joint to call for the rescheduling of the drug.

Marijuana is currently considered a Schedule 1 drug, a classification for the most dangerous drugs. Schedule 1 drugs are considered by the Drug Enforcement Agency to be "drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse." Other schedule 1 drugs are Heroin and Ecstasy while Cocaine, OxyContin and Vicodin are all examples of Schedule 2 drugs.

DCMJ is calling for the drug to be rescheduled or completed taken off the list. Moving to a Schedule 2 drug would acknowledge the plant's potential medical uses. However, at the end of January President Obama said at the Democratic retreat in Baltimore that marijuana reform was not on his agenda for 2016.

### What are the sides?

The president has stayed away from the debate with relatively vague answers to reporters and activists. He has noted that any change would have to come from Congress, and tends to answer questions with "If you got me a bill, and got it on my desk, I'd probably sign it."



**Melissa Deatsch**  
Staff Reporter

This stance has continued to infuriate activists. Within the general public, there is plenty of support for not just the rescheduling of marijuana, but the legalization of the plant.

According to the latest Pew Research Center poll, 53 percent of Americans support full legalization. While a CBS poll last year found that 84 percent of Americans support legalization for medical use.

The change to Schedule 2 for marijuana would aide in the research of its medical purposes. Presidential candidate Sanders wants to remove the drug from the list of controlled substances completely.

To do so would be a major step towards full legalization. Though it wouldn't legalize the drug by itself, it would allow states to pursue legalization without barriers from the federal government.

Opposing Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton has come out in favor of the rescheduling to a Schedule 2 classification, while John Kasich has said he is against the legalization of any drugs.

Ted Cruz has said he does not personally want legalization but he thinks that the power to make that decision belongs to the states. While Donald Trump has gone from saying he supports the legalization of all drugs before his candidacy to opposing legalization for recreational use and supporting access to marijuana for medical purposes.

### Why should you care?

Whatever history you may have with the use of marijuana, it's important to understand both the pros and cons to the drug.

In terms of medical uses, many doctors feel that there is plenty of evidence to suggest that marijuana can ease certain symptoms caused by illnesses such as cancer, AIDS and Epilepsy and the drugs used to treat them. However, opposers advise against its use because of the lack of consistent data and the availability of other medicines to serve the same purpose.

In terms of the recreational use of marijuana in addition to medical use come the concerns of addiction and the gateway affect. Many suggest that people who use marijuana regularly show many of the same symptoms of withdrawal as is consistent with drugs containing nicotine.

There are also numerous studies showing the trend of marijuana leading to the use of other, more dangerous drugs such as heroin or cocaine. While those in favor of legalization site other studies showing the vast majority of users don't use it everyday and give it up in their 20s or 30s.



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Identity Theft

A student received a letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury on March 21 stating that someone filed for taxes using his name. The student contacted OUPD so the department could make an official report and he could receive help figuring out who filed the taxes. OUPD is looking into the incident, but does not yet have any leads.

Sexual Harassment

A female student went to the police station on March 12 to report harassment. She had been in a relationship with a male student since July 2015. The student tried to end contact with him, and she has since confronted him in person, but she said it didn't make a difference. OUPD has instructed her to have no contact with him and is investigating the situation.

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,  
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## The Real Deal: The new law passed in North Carolina

*Legislature reminds us that the LGBT+ community still has a long way to go in gaining equal rights*

**Ryan Fox**  
Contributor

North Carolina just reminded the rest of the country that despite the Supreme Court Ruling last summer, the fight for equality for the LGBT+ community is far from over. The North Carolina legislature just passed a bill that requires transgender Americans to use public restrooms that identify with the gender on their birth certificate, not the gender they identify as. Not only that, but they made it illegal for cities to protect the rights of LGBT+ citizens, effectively legalizing discrimination based on sexual orientation. Not only is this a morally corrupt ploy to try and make life even harder for LGBT+ North Carolinians, it is also a massive waste of time and resources for the state of North Carolina.

Why all of the sudden has this issue been brought to the forefront in North Carolina? The North Carolina legislature responded to the actions of the city of Charlotte, which voted to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation. The North Carolina legislature was not meant to reconvene until late April, but it decided to hold a special session so it could react before the Charlotte ordinance took effect on April 1. This was the first special session the North Carolina legislature has held in 35 years. Over the course of 12 hours the state legislature proposed and passed the bill, and the governor signed it into law.

Let's break down how much conservatives in North Carolina had to back pedal on their own ideology in order to pass this measure. Firstly, conservatives flaunt how they support local government and self-rule. Yet when a city tries to exercise its authority, they pass a law that takes away power from the cities. Keep in mind Michigan Republicans reacted the same way when cities started granting protections to the LGBT+ community. The law also bans cities from establishing their own minimum wages, effectively taking away the ability of a city to influence its own economy. Republicans don't seem to really support local govern-



**RYAN FOX**  
Contributor

ment; they only seem to support consolidating power around whatever level of government they control.

Republicans also flaunt about how they support the rights of the people. This makes the action in North Carolina extremely hypocritical. The city of Charlotte was expanding the rights of its people, and Republicans ripped a right away from those people. Republicans only seem to support the rights of the people when it is convenient, picking and choosing what rights people are allowed to have. Republicans are unwilling to allow gun safety reform because it may infringe on the right to bear arms, however they are totally alright with taking away basic human rights.

Republicans also wasted a great deal of money on passing this law. The ACLU calculated that they spent roughly \$42,000 on passing the law in one day. This is \$42,000 wasted on making it legal to discriminate. Not so fiscally conservative of Republicans to do.

This law is a huge waste of time for the people of North Carolina. Legislators could have been debating how to protect North Carolinas environment, or how to decrease the wage gap between men and women, or how to decrease income inequality. But instead they decide to spend taxpayer time and money to take away the rights of North Carolinians. Republicans need to become more concerned with actual issues facing their constituents, and not political stunts like this that are only meant to hurt them.

## The President's Report: For the last time

**Nick Walter**  
Contributor

Oakland, Wow. What a year it has been. I ran for office promising sweeping changes, not the least of which was a complete restructuring to the very academic foundation of OU through reforms to our grading scale. I promised more OU swag, and more electrical outlets. I promised to continue the fight to expand the building which is the beating heart of our campus, the OC.

It wasn't a one-man effort, though. The executive team that I had the privilege and honor to work with and lead were the unsung heroes that were such a huge part of OUSC's success this year. Not only did they help us accomplish the Big Four, but also they worked on awesome projects of their own. Cultural events, educational events, campus reform initiatives, sexual assault awareness campaigns, OU swag, SAFB requests, a microwave in Kresge, marketing of OUSC and other orgs, La Tomatina, It's On Us, Rock 4 Rights, Talkin' Trash, Exam Cram, OU Day at the Capitol, A Walk Through History, Mind Matters, Arabian Nights, Grizz Art, the Companion App, TurboVote, VoteSpotter and hundreds of others.

What about the Big 4, those goals I kept bringing up in report after report? Well, you already know about three of them. We have more outlets in the food court with more coming in expansions and new buildings. We had more swag this year as OUSC passed out hundreds of shirts, scarves, padfolios, and sweaters (those Finally Famous sweaters around campus? Ours.) We have more space as, after five years of work, the OC will at last be expanded.

And the grading scale? What about that? I've said it before, and it still is true for me: if OUSC had accomplished absolutely nothing this year, nothing at all, and yet we had fixed this grading scale, I would consider it one of the most successful administrations of all time. My friends, I am immensely humbled and proud to tell you that come fall 2017, we will have a new grading scale. Alphanumeric, which is standard for most universities, and fair, with none of this 99 percent=4.0 nonsense. It's finally happening.

It has been my great joy and privilege to serve as your student body

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president. As a final word, I would like to leave you with a warning, and a promise. The warning is this: at many, many colleges around the US, administrators, faculty, staff, and students are actively, openly trying to shut down students they disagree with or opinions they find "uncomfortable." This attitude has not struck OU yet, but I promise you that if it does, we will become a dry, withered husk, a place of fear and intimidation. I've seen it happen to other schools (to our shame, often with the approval of those schools' student governments) and it would break my heart to see it happen here.

To put it bluntly, if you are comfortable your entire time at college, something is dreadfully wrong. Just like an athlete must push his or her body to the limit and endure pain and soreness to become great, so we must push our minds to the limits and grapple with tough ideas and awkward questions to move from the teenage years into the adult ones. We won't always agree, but it is this very disagreement, this diversity of thought, that made OUSC great this year and that make OU great every year. Without it, we are worthless.

My promise to you, then, is this: just as OU will wither away if you let it become a place of censorship of uncomfortable or controversial ideas, so it will blossom if you stand up for free expression for all. In the same way, these initiatives that we have started will fade away unless you continue to fight for them. You students must continue to push for what students want in the expansion of the OC and keep pressure up to ensure that the grading scale reform isn't dropped to the wayside. I have every confidence that you will succeed. I cannot wait to come back to OU as an alum and see what you've made of the place. It's going to be great.

For the last time,  
Nicholas James Walter,  
Student Body President



# Grizzlies on the Prowl

*“Finals are coming up, how do you de-stress?”*



**David Spomer**  
Freshman, Health Science/Pre-Med

“I listen to rap and country music. It calms me down and prepares me for exams.”



**Payton Trevino**  
Sophomore, Nursing

“I eat greasy, terrible foods. Playing games also helps.”



**Matt Small**  
Sophomore, Biochemistry

“I try to do something I normally wouldn’t do, like paintball. I also workout and go outside. You just have to do something other than study.”



**Brittany Jerzowski**  
Freshman, Psychology

“I listen to atmospheric music. It’s on Spotify. It makes me think really hard and motivates me.”

—Compiled by Erika Barker,  
Photographer

# The GRIZZ Comics



—By Derek Queen

## New addresses alleviate misinformed GPS app

Alexus Bomar  
Staff Reporter

**O**akland University Chief of Police Mark Gordon released information about the new campus address system, which was put into effect on Monday, April 4.

From now on, each building on campus has its own address. Previously, everything was addressed to 2200 N. Squirrel Road.

For example, a student may need the address for Graham Health Center (GHC). Previously the address for GHC was 2200 N. Squirrel Road, but now the updated address would be 408 Meadow Brook Road.

According to OUPD's website, there were three reasons for the address change: improve general public safety response, meet new requirements for 911 dispatching services and increase accuracy of maps and navigation applications.

With this change, emergency response agencies, fire departments and ambulance services will be able to report to the exact location of an emergency in a timely manner. According to the website, campus visitors who aren't familiar with campus will be able to use precise, locatable addresses in their GPS devices.

As of April 3, emergency service pro-

viders receive 911 calls but the calls are not as detailed as it should be. Only receiving the 2200 N. Squirrel Road location has resulted in delayed response times in some cases.

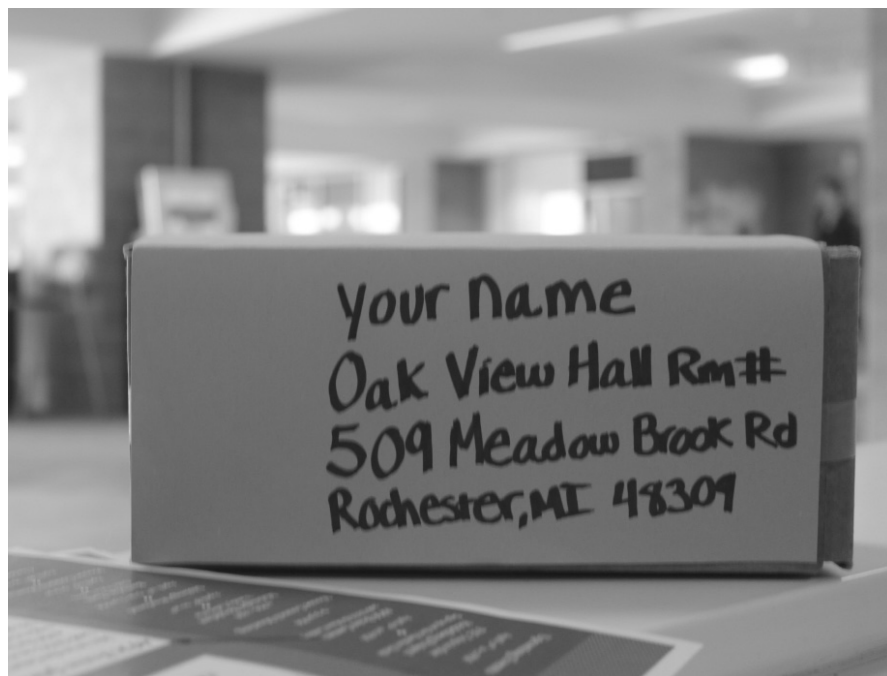
The new addresses have been approved and documented by the U.S. Postal Service. Addresses can be viewed on the campus address lookup webpage.

Based on U.S. Postal Service guidelines, several examples of how university mail should be addressed are available on the Oakland University Police Department "How to Address Mail" web page.

"We anticipate a significant improvement in response times with the new campus addressing system," Gordon said in a press release. "Part of this will depend on each campus community member taking time to become familiar with campus street names and with street addresses of the buildings they frequent."

Those interested in more information should not contact the OUPD dispatch center because it may interfere with campus safety and security services.

Instead, visit the OUPD Campus Addresses page, which offers a New Address Checklist, contact OUPD's IT Service Desk at (248) 370-3407, service-desk@oupd.com or visit the Police and Support Service building.



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## Student employee hours reduced by five

**Paige Brockway**  
Contributor

Beginning next fall, Oakland University's on-campus student employees will be able to work a maximum of 20 hours per week, a five-hour cutback from the current 25-hour limit.

Along with this change comes a university-wide implementation of time clocks for student employees.

Under the Affordable Care Act, employees working an average of 30 hours per week are considered full-time and therefore qualify for health care benefits. Although student employees working the current maximum of 25 hours don't meet this criteria, working 1,560 hours per year equates to an average of 30 hours per week.

Under the ACA, a student working the 25 hours during the fall and winter semesters and 40 hours during the summer would cumulatively be working enough hours to qualify for health care.

According to Oakland University Payroll Manager George Leaver, universities wishing to avoid paying ACA-mandated health care are basically split into two camps: those who allow students to work less than 30 hours per week year round, and those who allow students to work less hours during the fall and winter semester, but more hours during the summer.

For example, students at Western Michigan University are allowed to work on-campus for up to 25 hours per week, while students at Michigan State University are capped at 29 year round.

A task force made up of representatives from OU's four hiring departments decided that OU will join the second camp, alongside Wayne State University, University of Detroit-Mercy and Lawrence Technological University, which all employ a 20-hour weekly maximum for on-campus student-employees during the fall and winter semesters.

"There's been conversation back and forth over the years over whether 20 or 25 hours is appropriate for the students, and the Affordable Care Act actually forced us to relook at things," Leaver said.

"Our effort in this task force was to understand the law because it kept changing," he added.

This decision was based heavily on the fact that less than 100 of OU's 2,300 student-employees currently exceed 20 hours per week during the fall and winter, while an average of about 158 students work the maximum 40 hours in the summer.

But, the new policy does remove potential hours from students who don't work on campus during the summer, and therefore would not qualify for health care even if the 25-hour maximum remained.

"We actually found that a third of the students that are going over the limit are working more than one job on-campus," Cindy Hermesen, director of financial aid, said. "So, some of the thought is that by going over the 20, that's denying other students the opportunity to work on-campus."

Although Hermesen noted that there have been recent increases in minimum wage, individual departments are not required to adjust students' wages accordingly. Hermesen added that announcing the changes this far in advance gives students time to make additional employment arrangements if needed.

She said one option for students who will be negatively affected by this change is to find an off-campus job, and according to Hermesen, hours worked on-campus for third-party employers, like Chartwells or Barnes and Noble, will not count toward the 20-hour maximum.

"What is troubling is that we [students] weren't really included in the decision-making process," new OUSC President Zack Thomas said. "No one in student congress was involved, no one was reached out to about it."

The university announced a similar cut in August 2014, but later retracted it because some leeway was found within the boundaries of the law. However, new changes effective in June bring the threat of a \$2,000 fee for every employee who should be offered benefits, but isn't. This

puts pressure on employers to enforce the ACA's limits.

"We're definitely on top of monitoring changes. The political landscape is questionable . . . It could be a completely different conversation this time next year, but for now, these are the ground rules and we're trying to work under them," Leaver said.

### New time clock system

A new university-wide time clock system will keep employees and supervisors accountable for hours worked. Implementation began in October 2014, and Leaver hopes to see the entire university converted by the beginning of next fall.

There are currently 38 Tracy UltraTime machines up and running, on which employees punch in and out using a touch screen menu and their ID cards. There will eventually be 52 machines installed throughout campus and all part-time employees will be required to use the system. Each machine costs \$1,700 plus installation fees.

Approximately 800 employees are already using the system, including workers in the Campus Recreation Center, the Student Technology Center and Housing. Leaver said the system has received positive feedback.

"Once you train the students how to swipe the card and push the button, there's a lot less work for the supervisor," Leaver said.

## Nate Fleer 'joy' to friends and family, leaves legacy of kindness

**Rachel Williams**  
Campus Editor

Former Oakland University student, Nate Mark Fleer, unexpectedly died on March 12, according to family members. He was 25.

Fleer was born in Portland, Ore. and later moved to Rochester Hills with his family. He attended Rochester High School before coming to Oakland University.

According to the Oakland Press, Fleer studied philosophy at Oakland until 2013, was a member of the Honors College and performed as the Grizz mascot from 2009-10.

His two brothers are also members of the campus community. Luke Fleer is regional

development officer and Josh Fleer, a Ph.D. candidate, is a special lecturer in the religious studies program.

Fleer was described in his obituary as "a source of irreplaceable joy to his family and close friends."

"Nate was one of the most caring people I've ever met," close friend Dylan Garmany said. "He always tried to bring out the best in people. He never had expectations of how anyone was supposed to be. It was however you were, that was how Nate accepted you."

Fleer was active in the theatre program at Rochester High School and passionate about politics. He inspired fellow theatre students to pursue their passions and even officiated

friends' Aaron and Rae Garmany's wedding.

At Fleer's memorial service, family, friends and former professors spoke about his wisdom, kindness and warmth. Several mentioned his incredible 'bear hugs' and big personality.

Dylan Garmany said that Fleer never knocked on his door when visiting his home, but rather "kicked" down the door and announced his presence.

Fleer's older brothers, Josh and Luke, both called their brother their personal "sound-ing board," and said he offered advice and input that was wise beyond his age.

According to his obituary, "More importantly to his family and most intimate friends, Nate provided a certain depth

of thought and kind-heartedness with his pastoral presence which, for them, made all the difference in the world."

"The Oakland community lost a friend in Nate Fleer," Jeff Konya, director of athletics, said. "Nate served as Grizz for the 2009 to 2010 basketball season and we send our best to the Fleer family."

Fleer's memorial service was held on April 3 at Pixley Funeral Home.

He is survived by his parents, David and Mae Fleer of Rochester Hills, brothers, Joshua (Meg-

an) and Luke (Marianne), three nephews, Levi, Lyle and Leo, and a niece, Amaya.



Courtesy of Pixley Funeral Home

Nate Fleer, an honor student and Grizz mascot performer, had a great passion for theater.



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Participants could write a name and tape it to the pillars to recognize themselves or a love one in their life affected by mental illness.

## Impactful display educates about mental illness

*“Room of recognition” provides support, increases awareness*

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) worked with the Graham Health Center to put together a “Room of Recognition” in Oak View Hall.

Leacadia Derweyer, the national and domestic communication chair of RHA, put together the display in observance of mental health awareness week at Oakland University.

Throughout the week-long display, participants could write a name and tape it onto black pillars to recognize themselves and those in their lives who are affected by mental illness.

By the end of the program on March 31, Derweyer said 131 cards were put up for display.

In addition to providing a space for students to recognize mental health in their own lives, crisis hotline numbers and information about the Graham Health Center were provided in the center of the display.

According to Derweyer, the installation itself was a collaborative effort.

The Graham Health Center assisted in creating this display. It helped ensure the display was both impactful and sensitive, so people walking by would be able to gather information and not be triggered by the content.

“I talked to my advisor and the design of the room was a compilation of his ideas and mine,” Derweyer said.

The room was constructed by putting black paper around four pillars in Oak View Hall, and connecting them with yellow ribbon.

The display was also purposely crafted in order to prevent the entire thing from collapsing if one string of the walls were pulled down.

Derweyer also said there was fear it would be torn down, but she was not too worried.

“Most students would let us know if it was vandalized,” she said.

In addition to drawing interest, the program also helped Derweyer grow as a person.

“I learned a lot about myself while putting the room together,” she said. “It was my first program as part of RHA.”

Along the outside of the room, statistics and information about mental health were put up for any students to see.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) put out a report in 2012 about college students and mental

health. The group found that 50 percent of students who suffered from mental health problems did not report this to their university.

One survey respondent in the study was concerned that the information would become part of some permanent record and that negative stigma still existed around the idea of mental health.

“We decided to put the display up now because contrary to popular belief, the most suicides happen in the beginning of the summer not the winter,” Derweyer said.

Derweyer also said that college students are the least likely age group to seek help for their mental illnesses.

“I made this room to show that they aren’t alone,” she said.

According to Derweyer, as much as 25 percent of the American adult population will suffer a diagnosable mental health problem in their lives.

Students worried about their own mental health can take a free anonymous mental health screening at [oakland.edu/GCC/onlinescreening](http://oakland.edu/GCC/onlinescreening).

Students in need of crisis care can call Common Ground at 1-800-231-1127, the Suicide Prevention Services of America at 1-800-SUICIDE, Crisis Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK or the LGBT centric Trevor Lifeline at 1-866-488-7386.

## Credit union supports new Pontiac Parent University

**Sarah Lawrence**  
Staff Reporter

The Auburn Hills branch of Genisys Credit Union has recently made significant moves in support of Parent University, a project put in place to help parents of Pontiac residents become full partners in their children’s education.

The credit union put forth a \$6,000 donation. Leaders from the City of Pontiac and Oakland University gathered in the Pontiac Public Library for a meeting regarding this gift.

Oakland University is working in collaboration with the City of Pontiac in efforts to make this year’s Parent University project run smoothly.

“We are very proud to support Parent University in partnership with the Pontiac School District and Oakland University,” Jackie Buchanan, president and CEO of Genisys Credit Union in Auburn Hills, said to the university. “We recognize the importance of investing in the communities we serve and helping children and families pursue a bright future.”

This collaboration will provide Pontiac residents with knowledge and skills to address the issues that are most important in their lives.”

The 2016 Parent University project is focused on helping parents in Pontiac identify issues that significantly impact their children’s education. Oakland University is dedicated to engaging and organizing speakers who will work to address these issues at events conducted at various Pontiac school district sites.

The Genisys donation will go toward the costs associated with the planning and execution of these events. Additionally, the funding will cover childcare costs for attending parents, travel costs for speakers and refreshments.

For more information on the 2016 Parent University, contact Pontiac School District Superintendent Kelley Williams at (248) 451-6883 or Patricia Dolly at (248) 370-3645.



# Students raise awareness about autism

*'Light It Up Blue' event informs public, provides resources for families*

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Web Editor

Students, faculty and families gathered together in the Engineering Center to recognize autism spectrum disorders on April 2.

This program was put on in part by the OU Center for Autism and OUCARES.

The website for the OU Center for Autism states its mission is that it "promotes understanding and awareness of autism spectrum disorders to improve quality of life for people impacted by [them]."

Meghna Chowdhary, graduate for the OU Center for Autism, said it was her first time working on an event at the scale of Saturday's program.

"We had about 100 RSVPs, and some people are just coming in," she said.

Families came out and their children had a variety of games to play. Some kids played with Legos, while others played with puzzles.

"The program was about families," Dr. Chaturi Edrisinha, an associate professor in the department of human development and child studies, said.

"We are celebrating the families having fun today," Chowdhary said.

Other faculty members came, including the current dean and the former dean of the department of human development and child studies.

President George Hynd and his wife were also in attendance. In addition, the Student Congress' Chairman of the Diversity and Inclusion Elijah Sanders was present.

"I think being supportive of those with autism is part of the fight for inclusion," he said.

One student in attendance, Ellen Searle, said that it was important for students to be aware of the problems those around them may face.

"My brother is on the autism spectrum, so it's important to spread awareness," Searle said.

Throughout the event, attendees were provided with information from three local organizations and about the programs that OU offers. The Autism Alliance of Michigan, Easter Seals Disability Services and the Autism So-



Elyse Gregory / The Oakland Post

The "Light It Up Blue" event concluded with people releasing blue balloons into the sky to recognize autism spectrum disorders.

ciety were all in attendance, providing resources for families.

Sharon Valente, a navigator for the Autism Alliance of Michigan, said that they help families throughout Michigan.

"We really help families connect with the resources that they need," Valente said.

In an article published in 2015 by NPR, young people in their late teens and early twenties who have autism spectrum disorders are more likely to be unemployed and feel disconnected from their peers following high school.

"We also help people with autism navigate employment," Barbara Brisch, the education coordinator for the Autism Alliance of Michigan, said.

"I was surprised at how many parents showed up tonight, parents of OU students," Edrisinha said.

The event was originally planned to take a walk to the Elliott Tower to see it light up blue, but the migration was cancelled due to the weather.

Despite the unforeseen circumstances, the program still concluded with people releasing blue balloons into the sky, the wind blowing them away from the Elliott Tower.

For more information on resources available for those with autism and autism spectrum disorders, visit [oakland.edu/hdcs/center-for-autism/](http://oakland.edu/hdcs/center-for-autism/).

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# Sexual Assault Awareness Month commences with presentation

Sarah Lawrence  
Staff Reporter

In a survey conducted by the Association of American Universities (AAU), one in four women reported experiencing sexual assault on their college campus.

On April 4, the Violence and Abuse Resource Consortium (VARC), Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development and Oakland University Student Congress welcomed Dr. Jacquelyn White to give a presentation regarding sexual assault.

As a doctor of psychology at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, White works as a renowned expert in her field conducting research on the topic of sexual assault.

White's presentation began OU's week-long event of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Her talk focused on the three questions of what we know, how we know it and what to do about it as part of the VARC Excellence in Research Lecture Series.

She opened her talk with information regarding the increased attention on sexual assault in recent years, and mentioned the White House Task Force relating to the Not Alone Report and Toolkit initiatives.

She also addressed the moves being made toward federal legislations and mandates for on-campus climate surveys, which allow individuals in university communities to gain a better understanding of student perspectives of sexual assault on campus.

White addressed the topic of goals that have been put in place as a way to reduce the traumatic consequences experienced by survivors through various health services and policies. These programs are designed to address the treatment of and for sexual assault survivors and perpetrators alike in relation to legal and procedural mandates.

"Sexual assault is a huge issue on college campuses, especially today," White said.

"These incidents may range anywhere from unwanted touching to intercourse, and are defined as any form of sexual contact with a person when he or she has not consented, or does not want the contact. This can also be identified through methods of verbal manipulation and the threat or use of force."

White shared staggering statistics and results hailing from surveys conducted among adolescents on the topic of sexual assault.

White cited data from a study in the

1980s that indicated that women in their first year of college would categorize their sexual encounters as 69 percent consensual, 21 percent involving coercive acts and 10 percent that would fall under the definition of rape or attempted rape.

The same women reported 26 percent consensual, 44 percent involving coercive and 30 percent rape or attempted rape when asked the same questions in their last year of college.

"Although these numbers were reported nearly 30 years ago, they still carry a substantial amount of weight as they have not changed in that time," White said.

"This is staggering evidence, especially for someone in my field — we want to think things are changing as education increases, yet there have not been any notable changes."

When this survey was run for men and the questions were rephrased from "have you experienced" to "have you participated in," the results were similarly stunning.

Men in their first year of college reported their sexual encounters as 86 percent consensual, nine percent classified as rape or attempted rape and 5 percent with coercive acts.

From here, White touched on the



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Oakland welcomed Dr. Jacquelyn White, a renowned psychologist who specializes in sexual assault research at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

role of alcohol, peer norms and memberships in sports teams and fraternities in relation to sexual assault cases. She reported that these elements, specifically alcohol, are related to sexual assault situations yet should not be used as a reason to blame sexual assault victims or perpetrators.

For those looking to attend other events related to sexual assault awareness month and this week's events, check out the VARC Presentation and Discussion sponsored by the VARC and Graham Health Center as well as the CSA Denim Day Pledge and HAVEN Consent Training.

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**INTERNATIONAL LOVE** On April 1, Oakland University student organizations hosted the annual International Night in the Oakland Center. Foreign language clubs had displays of various countries' traditions and food. In attendance were the Japan Club, British at Heart, the Disabilities Committee, the International Allies organization and many more.

**Amy Swanson**  
Staff Reporter

Student Congress held their International Night event the night of April 1. It was at 6 p.m. in the OC. As it was the Globe Edition, attendees could experience many aspects of different cultures around the world.

Student Congress worked with the Center for Student Activities, Student Program Board, WXOU and numerous other organizations on campus, including the Japan Club, British at Heart, the Disabilities Committee and the International Allies Organization.

Students first picked up their "official passport" and then traveled to different continents of the world set up in various rooms. They collected signatures at each stop, and upon visiting them all, earned prizes such as lanyards and T-shirts at the end of the night.

Each room was full of food and activities from that part of the world, as well as displays.

Arriving in Asia, students could feast on a spread of food, from ramen and sweet-

and-sour chicken to hummus and tabbouleh. One could also get a henna tattoo drawn by one of the artists. Called Mehndi in Hindi and Urdu, the tradition of henna tattoos has been practiced for over 5,000 years in Pakistan, India, Africa and the Middle East, according to Silk & Stone. They use a paste made from the leaves of the henna plant that temporarily dyes the skin with intricate designs, according to The Huffington Post.

The European room had traditional food like spanakopita, a flaky spinach pie that originates in Greece, according to Wise Geek. At the Ukrainian table, ceramic pots were set up to paint, as

that was a popular activity in a certain era of their history.

Another stop was the Americas, filled with lively music and foods like enchiladas, churros and horchata, a traditional Mexican beverage made with rice, cinnamon and sugar, according to About.com.

Jordan Sly, a senior biology major, feels events like this are incredibly important for Oakland.

"OU is very diverse. It's important for [different cultures] to show their pride and keep their heritage in the U.S.," he said. "Sometimes the clubs don't get enough attention, so this way people are more aware and can join."

Keyarra Jackson, a senior majoring in social work, manned the Spanish Club table. She's always loved the Spanish culture, and has been a part of the group for about a year.

"It's great to let students know about the different organizations we have on campus. These clubs are great because there's something for everybody," she said.

The evening wasn't complete without some dancing. First, the Albanian dance team, dressed in traditional clothing, gave the audience a sliver of their culture. They then opened it up to the whole crowd and everyone joined hands and danced.

The event came to a close with the Nachale dance team's high-energy Indian dance. It was fast and had flair, with glittering gold tops and jingling belts.

Rachel McKinney, a senior Spanish major, has always been around different cultures, living in Spain for a while and growing up with a best friend from Bangladesh.

"I love looking at the world from these different points of view, getting to see their traditions," she said.

Oakland University Student Congress Diversity and Inclusion Director Anders Engnell, a sophomore double majoring in creative writing and mathematics, helped put on the night.

Engnell thinks these events are important for two reasons.

"First, the cultural experiences. It's critical for students to learn how other cultures live and thrive. It sparks creativity and helps us accomplish the second goal, which is unity — bringing groups and individuals together so that as a united whole we can do great things," he said.









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# Students publish first international art magazine

Amy Swanson  
Staff Reporter

The Oakland Arts Review (OAR) held a launch party March 28 to celebrate the publication of its first issue.

It was at 5 p.m. in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center and was open to all OU students.

OAR is a journal that will be published yearly through Oakland University. It publishes fiction, poetry, essays, comics, screenplays and artwork by undergraduate students from all over the world, according to its website.

Some OU students read from the journal, including Bernadette Ewing, a sophomore in nursing who presented her piece titled "Floating."

She wasn't very serious about writing until taking an inspiring class with Vanessa Stauffer, special lecturer in the English department. It was there Ewing wrote her first story, which ended up getting published in the Red Cedar Review, and she has continued since.

Ewing believes this journal will help to keep the arts alive.

"It's particularly important to make it as accessible to as many different people as possible," she said. "... It's a lot more relatable and more people can enjoy it."

Another presenter was William Georges, a junior majoring in creative writing, who read his poem "Gusto."

He said he got inspiration from the poet Wallace Stevens. It's about the obsession and power of the imagination.

He also mentioned Stauffer as key to his writing, as she made things exciting.

"The way she teaches makes you feel like a complex individual," he said. "It wasn't like school anymore."

This OAR issue had 35 contributors, all but one of which were undergraduate

students. They started accepting submissions last fall and received over 200 total.

Managing Editor Lindsay Olson was happy with the final product.

"I think it turned out really well. I was so impressed with the caliber of work that we received," she said.

The journal is the brainchild of Allison Powell, assistant professor of poetry and the OAR's faculty advisor said the OAR website.

OAR's mission, according to its website, is to "provide a platform for this generation's emerging writers and, in so doing, create a journal that is of both high artistic quality and great literary significance to readers from all backgrounds."

Managing Editor Katrina Prohaszka feels being a part of this experience is beneficial for people who are interested in learning about the process of publication.

"It's a great way for all these writers and artsy people who are wandering around to explore their creative side in a more organized fashion," she said. "This is the first time we've had this opportunity and hopefully we can reach out and inspire others on campus to be involved."

Olson said this will help to bring the literary community together.

While it was a lot of work, Prohaszka was glad to have been involved.

"It was the best chaotic mess I've ever been a part of," she said.

Right now, the journals aren't for sale, as staff is trying to gauge community response. People can request an issue on a first-come-first-serve basis by emailing the OAR at [oaklandartsreview@gmail.com](mailto:oaklandartsreview@gmail.com).

If interested in submitting work for the next issue, people can upload it through OAR's Submittable account.

For more information, check out the OAR website, or follow its Facebook.



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Students gather for the unveiling of the Oakland Arts Review magazine in Gold Room A.





Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

Part of the annual Greek Week events, sororities and fraternities competed in a chariot race.

## A week of unique greek

**Alexus Bomar**  
Staff Reporter

**O**akland University's Greek Council (OUGC) hosted Greek Week from March 28 to April 1. All of the proceeds earned went towards the Rainbow Connection Charity.

Greek Council is the governing board for all greek lettered organizations at Oakland University and is responsible for planning Greek Week each winter.

Everyone, including non-greeks, was welcome to come to the events. However, only registered, active members of greek life could participate in the events such as the chariot races.

The greek organizations were broken up into teams. This year's teams were:

- Basketball Team: Alpha Sigma Tau, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Soccer Team: Gamma Phi Beta, Theta Chi and Delta Sigma Theta
- Baseball Team: Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Phi and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.
- Swimming Team: Alpha Delta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority Inc. and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.
- Hockey Team: Phi Sigma Sigma, Sigma Pi and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.

Events included chariot races, philanthropy day, scavenger hunt, movie night, a dance-off and a tailgate followed by a flag football tournament.

Philanthropy Day on March 29 helped to raise money for the Rainbow Connection and Fleece and Thank You.

Rainbow Connection is an organization dedicated to providing support and making wishes come true for children in Michigan with life-threatening illnesses, according to its website. There was tabling in the OC during the day to raise money for the charity.

"Rainbow Connection is like a more local Make A Wish Foundation," said Maddie Keller, community relations chair for greek

council, historian of Gamma Phi Beta and a freshman studying marketing. "It helps make dreams come true for children that are battling serious illnesses."

Later that day, OUGC made over 90 blankets for Fleece and Thank You in the Banquet Rooms. Fraternities and sororities that attended had opportunities to earn points for their organizations based on the supplies that they brought in and the number of blankets they made. Their goal was to make 100 to 200 blankets.

Day four of Greek Week was a dance-off, and it was time for teams to show their dancing skills and creativity.

According to the Facebook event page, teams were judged on creativity, how well they incorporated their team's sport (i.e. basketball, swimming, soccer, baseball or hockey), the team's outfit or costume and how well the dance was put together. The ranking of winners from first to fifth place was swimming, basketball, soccer, baseball and hockey.

Alpha Sigma Tau and Alpha Delta Pi hosted a sexual assault awareness talk on April 3.

This event helped to start sexual awareness month, according to a Facebook event. A speaker from HAVEN, talked about consent, the definition of sexual assault, creating a culture of consent, bystander intervention and how to respond to disclosures of sexual assault. HAVEN is a nonprofit organization that provides programs to promote violence-free homes and communities and helps victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

According to the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development (CSA), there are 17 fraternities and sororities that are organized into and governed by four councils (Panhellenic, Interfraternity, National Pan-Hellenic and Multicultural).

Keller encourages everyone to give greek life a chance.

For more information about greek life, visit [oakland.edu/gogreek](http://oakland.edu/gogreek) of the "Oakland University Greek Council" Facebook page.

## An evening with TALK gives students tips about networking

**Alvin Pitris**  
Assistant Advertising Manager

**T**echnology and Leadership Keys (TALK) hosted their sixth annual networking banquet at Meadow Brook Hall on March 30. The event featured representatives from six companies, including Comerica Bank, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and PWC.

The event kicked off with keynote speaker Paul Czarnik, who is the managing director at MadDog Technology.

Czarnik covered a broad array of topics, encompassing the impact of technology on companies, interview tips and "big data." He started off with rejecting the notion that every business needs to be a technology-based company.

"Every employee needs to be a technologist, but the company needs to focus on the business at hand," Czarnik said.

Czarnik then talked about careers. He spoke of four things to emphasize when searching for employment: job, career, profession and vocation.

"A job is tactical — this is how you put food on the table. Your career is strategic — this is how you build your wealth and assets. Profession is your purpose in life. And your vocation is your passion," he said.

Czarnik proceeded to speak about interview tips. He mentioned to focus on reasons for wanting to work at a particular company. He also said to know your big hairy audacious goal, or BHAG.

"If you're ever in an interview, and there is a whiteboard there, figure out a way to utilize the whiteboard and express your ideas," he said.

He then moved on to speak about "big data," which is analyzing patterns using different sources of informa-

tion. He provided a multitude of web services that students could utilize for free, such as Amazon web services, Google Analytics and Microsoft Analytics.

"From data, you get knowledge ... from knowledge you get wisdom ... and from wisdom you get collective intelligence," he said.

Czarnik finished by saying that successfully interpreting "big data" can lead to new answers and discoveries that can be developed into tangible ideas.

For the remainder of the event, guests had the opportunity to network and speak to various representatives from different companies. OU alum Sheri Gordon, who was recently named among Crain's 20 in their 20s, represented General Dynamics Land Systems. She is now senior analyst of government relations at her company.

Gordon explained the importance of practicing your presence. When defining presence, Gordon referenced what she learned from Amy Cuddy, author of "Presence: Bringing Your Boldest Self to Your Biggest Challenges." She attested that people assess you primarily based on two questions: Can I trust this person, and can I respect this person?

Gordon went on to discuss the significance of the first few minutes when meeting someone. Appearance, body language and being vocal are key factors in defining your presence to others. She described how your presence should reflect three words to which people would describe you.

Remember, Gordon said, "Don't fake it until you make it, do it until you become it."

For more information about how to join TALK, visit [talkatou.com](http://talkatou.com).



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Students interact with representatives from various companies at TALK's networking banquet this past Wednesday, held at Meadow Brook Hall.

# Puzzles



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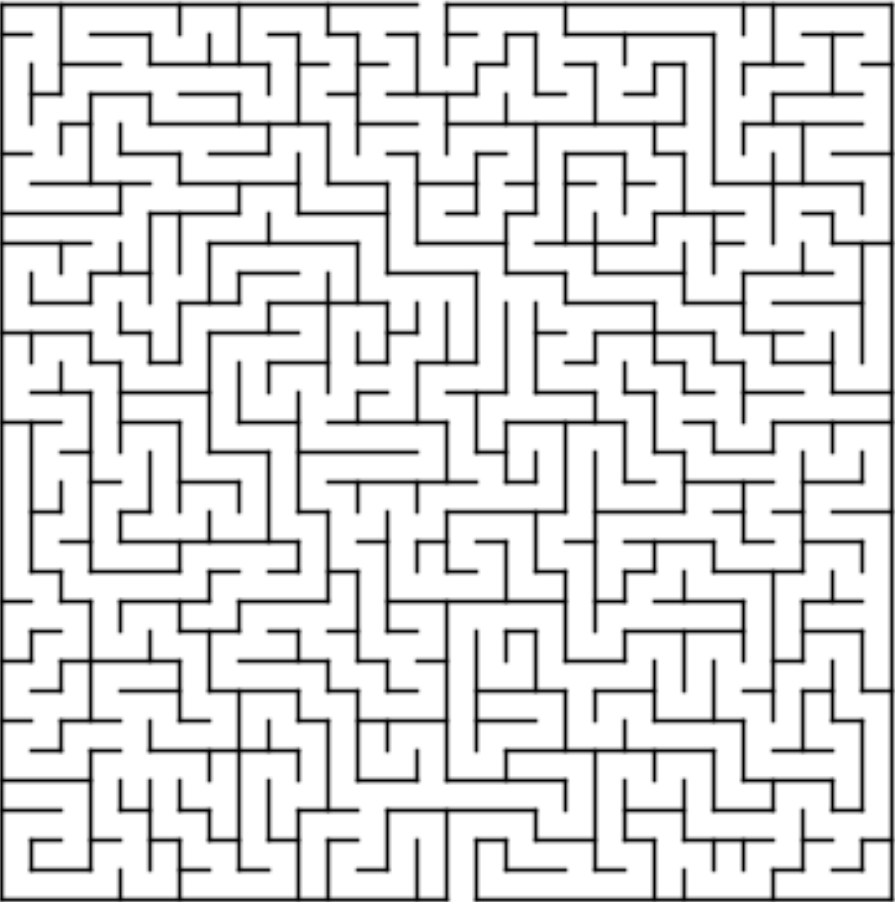
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11: Tree fluid  
14: Took in too much  
15: Bohemian stuff  
17: Prepare a galley  
18: Firmly fastened  
19: Methodology (abbr.)  
20: Pallor  
21: Spoiled child  
24: Provides provender  
25: High-tech industry  
28: They're often out on a limb  
32: Droop  
33: Ripped apart  
34: Barbecue accessory  
35: Undercover worker  
36: Accomplished  
37: Cargo compartment  
40: 'I'm Sorry' singer Brenda  
41: They get into sushi  
43: Like a dangerous wire  
44: Long time  
45: Giant sequoias, e.g.  
47: Part of a gymnastic routine  
49: Jeweler's measures  
51: 'No ifs, \_\_\_\_, or buts!'  
52: Like an overcast night

55: Butter square  
57: Beauty display  
58: Bond order  
62: Film material  
63: Combed over and over, say  
64: Silent sayso  
65: Mag. submissions  
66: Last ride autos

**Down**

1: Little one  
2: Batman foe Poison \_\_\_\_  
3: Kind of talk  
4: Magic word  
5: 'No problem!'  
6: St. and ave.  
7: Go down  
8: Chide  
9: Send to Siberia  
10: Hold in check  
11: Something to build on  
12: Card pack foursome  
13: Hippies' homes  
16: Past and present  
20: Measure off a distance, perhaps  
21: Type of hound  
22: Grim figure  
23: Sock pattern  
24: Greeting bearer

26: Avg.  
27: Polynesian paste  
29: Iron-recycling organ  
30: Kind of seating  
31: Swipes  
37: Cell features  
38: Gallery objects  
39: Archery bow wood  
42: Whispered words  
43: Nutty  
46: Muslim form of salutation  
47: Rigid social classes  
48: Tea party screwball  
50: Flat rates?  
52: Stretch across  
53: Folded food  
54: Stored to develop aroma, as tobacco  
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JUNE 23	<b>KEITH URBAN</b> "RipCORD World Tour" DTE Energy Theatre	JULY 27	<b>HALSEY</b> "Badlands Tour" Masonic Temple
JUNE 24	<b>SELENA GOMEZ</b> "Revival Tour" The Palace of Auburn Hills	AUG. 19	<b>I LOVE THE 90S FEATURING SALT-N-PEPA</b> DTE Energy Theatre

— Compiled by Scott Davis,  
Managing Editor

YAKS of the WEEK

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

1. "Shout out to the guy picking his nose in the parking garage, I hope you find what you're looking for."

2. "Whoever said you're



worth more than your grades clearly had no intention of applying to grad school."

3. "I want someone to look at me the way Joe Biden looks at Obama."

4. "Whenever I see high schoolers visiting I want to go up behind them and be like, 'Run while you can.'"

5. "I'd like to cancel my subscription to adult life."

6. "College is kind of like trying to paint your nails with your nondominant hand."

7. "Shout out to myself, you

haven't cried yet today, congratulations."

8. "Middle school teacher: 'They won't allow this in high school.' High school teacher: 'They won't let this fly in college.' College professor: 'You guys want some chocolate milk?'"

9. "Instagram would be a good name for a weed delivery service."

10. "Three things that are guaranteed in life: birth, death, and OU kids talking about worms every time it rains."

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,  
Staff Reporter

TOP TUNES

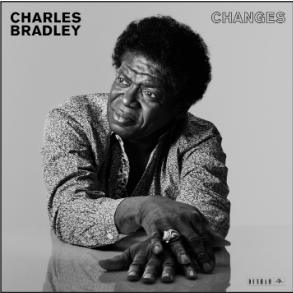
wxou albums of the week

1. IGGY POP – "Post Pop Depression"
2. CHARLES BRADLEY – "Changes"
3. THAO AND THE GET DOWN STAY DOWN – "A Man Alive"
4. YUCK – "Stranger Things"
5. MARLON WILLIAMS – "Marlon Williams"
6. SETH BOGART – "Seth Bogart"
7. SLINGSHOT DAKOTA – "Break"
8. NIGHT MOVES – "Pennied Day"
9. PORCHES – "Pool"
10. SUN DAYS – "Album"

ALBUM SPOTLIGHT

#2. Charles Bradley — "Changes"

If you're seeking closure, close your eyes, bow your head and raise your right hand to the sky while listening to the title track from "Changes," the new album from Charles Bradley.



"The Screaming Eagle of Soul" is back and in rare form on his latest release on Brooklyn, New York's Daptone Records. Charles Bradley unashamedly strives to emulate the sounds of male soul icons like James Brown and Otis Redding. His saving grace is that Bradley has the voice, raspier than both Brown and Redding's, the look of a great classic soul singer and the ability to dip into tender moments like "Slow Love."

The album takes its title from Black Sabbath's heartbreaking 1972 epic, which Bradley covers. Instead of trying to perform the song as Ozzy Osbourne did, Bradley and the Daptone backing band transform the classic heavy metal ballad into a soulful and tender narrative of longing for a lost lover. The album is dedicated to Bradley's mother, who passed away in 2014, leading the listener to believe this obscure cover was chosen with her in mind.

Recommended if you like: James Brown, Black Sabbath, Daptone Records.

Start with: "Good to Be Back Home," "Ain't It a Sin," "Changes."

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

# Students feel as if they are trapped in a zoo

*With university tours on the rise, college kids react to being observed*

**Shelby Tankersley**  
Staff Reporter

It's that time of the year when high school students come from near and far to check out good ol' Oakland University. Okay maybe not far, but they do come from around the metro Detroit area.

Some students are feeling the pressure that comes with always having a group of enthusiastic 16-year-olds walking past you.

"It's like I'm always being watched," Suzy Sophomore, a sophomore, said. "I feel like I'm trapped inside a zoo. They're everywhere."

In the words of Michael Jackson, students always feel like there is someone else watching them and they simply don't have privacy anymore.

This week, a freshman, Freddy Freshman, said that while he was crying over a poor grade he received, a tour walked past him.

This is what the guide said to the students:

"And here we have a crying college student. Don't be alarmed, kids, this is a common sight on campuses everywhere. It's exam season, and the wild college student is simply blowing off steam."

Freshman said he felt he was on display.

"I mean, college is stressful," Freshman said. "So what if I want to cry in the middle of the OC? I was tired of adulting that day."

Students who live in the residence halls, who are often joined by the tour-goers for lunch, especially feel like they're being watched.

"At least when the tours come through lunch is pretty decent, but it creeps me out that they're all huddled in the glass rooms," Jenny Junior, a junior, said.

While having spilled juice

all over the cookies in Vandy is horrifying, it can be even more alarming to turn around and see a dozen adolescents staring in your direction.

In fact, some students are affected quite seriously.

Sammy Senior, a senior, said that the tours have led to a full-out identity crisis for him.

"It's like I don't know who I am anymore," Senior said. "I feel like I'm an exhibit at the zoo. Am I a college student or a zoo animal? Nobody knows."

Other students are going into panic attacks at the sight of a varsity jacket. "My child is on the honor roll" bumper stickers are also sending students into flurries.

"And here we have a crying college student. Don't be alarmed, kids, this is a common sight on campuses everywhere. It's exam season, and the wild college student is simply blowing off steam."

Looks like Graham Health Center might need to hire more counselors.

All jokes aside, it's hilarious to see just how many tours can go through this joint on the daily. Every Monday at the Post we have at least two groups stare at us while we're trying to think up article ideas.

I remember walking past the Post when I toured OU and thinking it would be fun to be a reporter and write for a living. So I walked in my freshman year and asked for a spot as an intern.

Spoiler: it's a ton of fun.

So don't let the tours bug you. Seeing high school students start their journey into higher education reminds me why I'm in college in the first place. In a way, it's motivating.

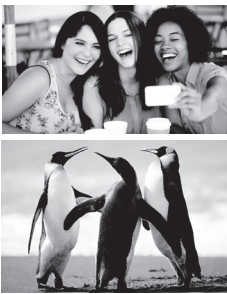
Oh, and to any of you kids who picked up an Oakland Post during your tour, welcome to Oakland University.



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Oakland students try to act natural as high schoolers tour campus to observe student life.

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Members of the women's track and field team compete at the Horizon League outdoor championships hosted at Oakland last season.

## Track and field: Creating a dynasty

*Men's, women's teams chase league powerhouses*

**Katlynn Emaus**  
Staff Reporter

Oakland men's and women's cross country and women's indoor track and field brought home Horizon League titles this academic year. The track and field team has used this as motivation for the outdoor season.

"Obviously you're trying to keep riding that wave of success, and we are looking for another title," head coach Paul Rice wrote in an email.

"We get greedy and want to keep it rolling, but the reality is that it is the toughest of the three [sports] for us to win because we are adding more events, and we don't have the depth to compete with the top teams. We want to be top-two, but the reality of us winning will be tough."

A disadvantage on the women's side — other than lacking numbers, especially in field events — is that Rice is redshirting Miranda Haas and Rachel Levy, two of the top distance runners, during outdoor season.

"Miranda is a fourth-year distance runner, and for distance especially, runners get stronger and run their races smarter as they get older," Rice wrote.

"She is also going to focus more strategically on steeplechase and training. Rachel has been on and off due to injuries. So redshirting her is just a precaution to try to keep her healthy. Both decisions

are not something we would like to do, but were made with the best interest of the athletes and team in mind."

### Dawn of a dynasty

Milwaukee has won the Horizon League men's and women's indoor track and field championship a combined 21 times since 2000.

"When you compare us to other schools, we are the up-and-coming program," Rice wrote.

"Milwaukee and Youngstown, they have been there done that. When you have been there done that, it's just another year, your athletes aren't as hungry. I think that we have an advantage because we are right there, and those two programs aren't used to being pushed and being chased like we are doing to them now."

Bryce Stroede, school record holder in the men's 5000m, echoes Rice.

"Some people/teams set attainable goals, but here at [Oakland], we aren't chasing the attainable, we chase our dreams," Stroede wrote in an email. "We are focused and ready to put ourselves where we belong: top 2 in the league."

Rice added that "the mild outdoor weather was a contribution" to the team's indoor success.

He explained that having the milder conditions allowed distance runners to go on long runs at good paces and not have to worry about ice, snow or catching their footing.

"Our athletes are getting older and built up some tolerance for higher-level

training," he wrote. "You learn your limits and how to push them. Athletes have learned about themselves and their limits in the past couple of years."

"Everyone cares about everyone else on the team," Stroede wrote.

With that kind of environment, success can bloom.

"We truly are a family," Stroede wrote. "I know everyone says that your team is your family, but we actually are one."

Stroede wrote that the best motto to fit the team is "for each other, with each other."

"A lot has happened to get to this point, and a lot of pieces have fallen into place," Rice wrote. "We are going to keep adding pieces to the puzzle until we are the dynasty of the league."

Oakland track and field competes at Detroit on April 9.

### TRACK & FIELD UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**DUAL MEET AT DETROIT:** April 9

**GOLDEN GRIZZLIES DUALS:** April 16

**JESSE OWENS TRACK & FIELD CLASSIC AT OHIO STATE:** April 22-23

**VIRGINIA CHALLENGE AT VIRGINIA:** April 22-23

**HILLSDALE GINA RELAYS AT HILLSDALE:** April 22-23

**HORIZON LEAGUE OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AT VALPARAISO:** May 6-8

## Felder to take shot at NBA draft

*Junior hasn't signed with agent, sets target on pre-draft combine*

**Scott Davis & Sam Schlenner**  
Managing Editor & Sports Editor

Oakland University junior Kay Felder told the Detroit Free Press on Monday that he will leaving for the NBA Draft.

The 5-foot-9 guard hopes to participate in the NBA pre-draft combine on May 11 through 15 in Chicago. He still needs to be invited to the event, but because he is a finalist for the Bob Cousy Award, given to the country's top point guard, he is expected to be invited.

Felder said he probably will not hire an agent, and with the new rules this year, that means he could return to Oakland next season if he does not perform well in the combine. If he does perform well at the combine, he will most likely hire an agent and officially declare for the draft, making him ineligible to return for his senior year.

The announcement of the news was expected by most considering the new rule change. But, the following caption to a post Felder made on his personal Instagram Tuesday afternoon implied that his departure is for certain:

"I've been thinking about the NBA (my ultimate dream) and coming back for my senior year and today I made the decision to leave school early and enter my name in 2016 NBA draft! God has blessed me all my life and this year has been such a blessing! I would like to say thank you to everyone that helped me along the way! But now the work gets even harder!! And I'm ready for it! OAKLAND has been such a great place and I'll never forget the memories I had here with my teammates, coaches, trainers and professors!! I'll forever be a GOLDEN GRIZZLY."

Felder led the country in assists averaging 9.3 assists per game and was fourth in country in scoring with 24.4 points per game. He is currently projected as an early second round draft pick, although that can change with his pre-draft combine performance.

He led the Golden Grizzlies to a second place finish in the Horizon League with a 13-5 record. The team lost to Wright State in the semifinals of the Horizon League tournament, and fell to Old Dominion in the inaugural Vegas 16 championship game.

# Kneen sees rising success in second season

Hannah Gorosh  
Staff Intern

Sophomore golfer Jake Kneen was named Oakland's student-athlete of the week for the week of March 14 through 21. Kneen gained his recognition from shooting a four-under-par 68 at the Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate on March 20.

"I think it's an honor to be recognized," Kneen said. "It's not just me who's getting the recognition, it's our team for all our hard work, and I appreciate the recognition for it."

Men's head golf coach Mark Engel showed pride in Kneen's award and performance on and off the course.

"I think it's really neat because there's 17 teams here at Oakland," Engel said. "A lot of them have won championships so far this year, and to have one of our players recognized is nice."

Engel knows the why behind the prize.

"Jake had a tremendous round that really was the springboard for the award. [I think the 68 was the] best of the spring for any of us, really," Engel said. "We know that that's in there for him. We know there's more of them that we can pull out of there."

Kneen is pursuing a pre-med degree in biomedical science. The sophomore balances golf, studying and socializing while on track to be eligible for Academic All-American status, according to Engel.

Last year, Kneen was named Horizon League Freshman of the Year. He had a 75.30 stroke average.

"That was a huge confidence boost," Kneen said.

"It really made me feel like I could hang with the guys."

"Within the Horizon League, he's among the elite," Engel said, mentioning that Kneen was the first Oakland player to get conference freshman of the year.

"I have had a few in my career before and that's important. It shows that you've got enough ability right away to play the coach's confidence and all those things are good."

Years of training have brought Kneen the success he can tote from tournament to tournament.

"I played in my first tournament when I was five years old at a local course," Kneen said. "It was just a little three-hole golf tournament between 5- and 8-year-olds. I won my second tournament ever beating 8-year-olds when I was 5, and I've played ever since then."



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

Sophomore golfer and biomedical major Jake Kneen was named Horizon League Freshman of the year last season. He had a 75.30 stroke average.

The season does not stop come winter.

"I have gone to see a new swing coach over the winter, and I'm trying a few new drills and practice techniques and mental approaches," Kneen said.

"I think that's helped me play a little better."

He said his game is improving little by little.

"This has become really fun for him, and he takes on just such a prideful attitude each time," Engel said. "He's playing for our team and our school and wants to see us continue to do things we didn't do."

As Kneen develops his skills on and off the course, he keeps practice versatile, never sticking with a single tactic.

"I try to have a balance between playing and practicing because you can't just practice because you lose the feel of playing and you can't just play because you have to practice different kinds of shots," Kneen said. "If you play the same course over and over again, you hit the same shots over and over again. I haven't quite figured it out yet. I figure I have two

more years left. I can kind of feel it out."

"Jake's top line and bottom line are getting closer together and I think that's a big plus for him," Engel said. "Last year he was a typical freshman and really made a big improvement from the fall season to the spring season."

The team is looking forward to watching Kneen take on more leadership next year following the graduation of three senior players.

"I think the line that somebody quoted ... 'the best thing about freshmen is that they become sophomores,' [is] perfect for Jake," Engel said. "He's taken that next step."

Kneen was joyous over the acknowledgment the team has received within the past few weeks. He hopes that more people will begin to root for their team as the season picks up.

"I think that people should follow us more because we work hard, and still we need a good following on our live scoring during tournaments," Kneen said. "So I would appreciate all the support we can get and I appreciate the support we already do have."

## Baseball starts season with figurative home run

Katlynn Emaus  
Staff Reporter

The baseball team is currently sitting on a 4-2 conference record. Compared to last season's 5-24 conference record, the Golden Grizzlies are off to a much better start this year.

One thing the team has done differently this year is play 12 games on the west coast to begin the season.

"The West Coast trip was great in so many ways," senior shortstop Mike Brosseau wrote in an email. "Obviously, to be able to actually get outside and play ball is always exciting, but at the same time, we grew as a ball club. We soon found out what we needed to work on and found our own identity as a team."

Head coach John Musachio explained that the coaching staff worked on creating a more collaborative environment on the field this year.

"Obviously the coaching staff makes certain decisions independently of student-athletes input, but many of our decisions involve coaches and players discussing details together and, in many cases, the young men make the final decisions," Musachio wrote in an email.

Musachio wrote that the pitchers have been focusing on trust and strengthening their presence on the mound.

"We knew we needed to make big strides on the mound to improve as a program, and that starts with commanding the fastball," Musachio wrote. "This past fall, our pitchers were only allowed to throw their fastball during the first month of team practice. I think this gave many of our guys a platform to really trust while out on the 'island' competing. A lot of times, pitchers have a tendency to pitch away from contact. I like to think this helped our pitchers trust themselves enough to commit to pitching to contact."

"This team is relentless. We truly expect to win every time we step between the lines," Brosseau wrote, "Everybody has bought into our system and has accepted their role on the team."

Musachio was not surprised with the early success of this team, which he credits to leadership.

"At the end of the day, the best teams are the ones who have players holding each other accountable," Musachio wrote. "We are unique in that we've had to face adversity we feel most programs haven't had to face. ... When people respond in a positive way...in a way that drives them to be better...I think that is pretty special."

The baseball season is 58-games long. Brosseau wrote that the team plans on "doing what we can to win each day, whether that is at practice or a game, it doesn't matter."

After playing at Central Michigan at 3:05 p.m. ET on April 6, Oakland baseball plays a three-game series at home against Youngstown State on April 8, 9 and 10.





Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

With the graduation of Nash and Popkey, Tungate looks forward to those “waiting in the wings” to step up.

## Tungate reflects on season

**Ally Racey**  
Staff Reporter

Without the returning leadership of seniors Olivia Nash and Elena Popkey, the Oakland women’s basketball team is figuring out what lies ahead.

### Leadership

Each year, the team goes into the summer practice without choosing captains, and that’s when head coach Jeff Tungate thinks leadership emerges on the team.

“We have good players coming in and we’ve had a couple that sat out this year, [and] another one that redshirted this year,” Tungate said. “So we’ve got a lot more depth going into next year, and recruiting is looking really, really promising going into next year and the year after that as well.”

He thinks there are a lot of players that have the potential to lead the team, but is going to let that develop over the summer and wait to see who those players are.

Besides the players that were welcomed to the team this past season, Tungate said the program has already signed one new player and hopes to bring in two more very soon.

“Recruiting is a process that goes on 365 days a year,” Tungate said.

### Potential

Sha’Keya Graves and Hannah Little, transfers, will be able to play next year.

Tungate believes these two will be a benefit to the team because they came from winning programs.

“They know what it’s like to compete at a high level [and win],” Tungate said.

He said once the recruiting process is finalized, Oakland is going to see another group of winners.

He even thinks he has found some players that are capable of accomplishing some of the same things as All-Horizon League Freshman Team member Taylor Jones, who Tungate said has a chance to be one of the best players in the league.

“She showed what she’s capable of doing,” Tungate said of Jones. “She needs to get a little bit stronger. She needs to continue to work on her game and get a little more consistency with her outside jump shot.”

But he said there’s no question that by the time Jones leaves Oakland, there’s a good possibility she will be named Horizon League player of the year.

### What lies ahead

Tungate said the atmosphere at practice is different without Nash and Popkey.

“[But] it’s a chance for other players to step up. Some other

people that were kind of waiting in the wings had a chance to learn from them and what they do and how they play,” Tungate said. “And now it’s their turn.”

Nash and Popkey brought a lot to the program and now the gap needs to be filled.

Depth is the biggest strength the team has, according to Tungate.

“We’re very athletic,” he said. “We can do a lot more things defensively than we’ve been able to do the last few years.”

Although the team’s defense is looking up, Tungate said it’s still something that needs to be improved because it wasn’t consistent enough to win a championship last season.

“We can’t be good defensively for 32 minutes of the game,” he said. “We have to be good for 40 minutes.”

The team has shown their coach how hard they want to work, and they’re already doing something out of the ordinary.

Normally it takes a team a week or so to get back in the gym, but the players decided they didn’t want to wait that long.

“The fact that as soon as the last game ended, three days later they were in the gym and a week later we’re starting workouts,” Tungate said, “I think that shows not just one person, but as a team they’re ready for next year to come.”

## Nowicki places sixth at NCAA Championships

**Ally Racey**  
Staff Reporter

Horizon League Freshman of the Year Devon Nowicki has broken school and personal records. He earned All-American status as he took sixth place in the 100 breaststroke at the NCAA Championships on March 25. He scored the second-most points in Oakland history — 13.

“Being a freshman and taking down a record was one of my goals from when I signed to swim at Oakland University,” Nowicki wrote in an email. “Coming in with a time that would’ve won the Horizon League Championship the year before, I had some confidence.”

He wrote that what he’s accomplished so far wouldn’t have been possible without the welcoming coaching staff and the teammate support system.

The Lake Orion native made the NCAA Championships because he swam the 100 breaststroke in 52.48 seconds at the Horizon League Championship, which seeded 18th in the NCAA.

With that 18 seed, Nowicki was just two spots away from earning a spot in the NCAA final.

He swam 52.35, which broke his school record by 0.13 seconds. He moved up ten spots to eighth place and earned that spot in the final. In the finals, he swam 0.13 seconds faster again, for 52.22.

“Looking up and seeing my name under the sixth-place mark was really gratifying considering I moved up [two] positions from the prelims swim,” Nowicki wrote. “Also I was mostly just happy to have swum in the championship final.”

Not much goes through Nowicki’s head before a race. He does most of his thinking the day before.

“[I] try to think about things you would talk about to your

friends so I would be less nervous as if they were there cheering me on,” he wrote.

Hovland said there’s only six men in the country that have been under 52 seconds in the 100 yard breaststroke.

“I’m real excited [and] I can’t wait to see how he handles it,” Hovland had said before the meet.

He also had said Nowicki would be swimming against the best the world has to offer.

“I was mostly worried about the 100 yard breaststroke because it was the best chance I had to place higher than I was seeded,” Nowicki wrote.

Nowicki is the first Oakland swimmer to get top-eight at NCAAAs since 2008.

“Walking around on that pool deck was insane,” Nowicki wrote. “Pretty much everywhere you look, there is another massive human being that looks like a brick wall walking toward you.”

He wants to match the physicality of other swimmers.

Nowicki finished 31st in the 200 breaststroke with 1:57.53 to conclude the NCAA Championships.

Breaking records in the 100 and 200 breaststroke was Nowicki’s first goal. Making at least the top 16 at the NCAA championships was his second goal.

Getting in the top eight was a pleasant surprise. But he isn’t completely satisfied.

“Even Michael Phelps is still working on his strokes to make them more efficient and faster,” Nowicki wrote.

He wants to develop the strokes he doesn’t swim as often.

“Earning an All-American title is really something cool, especially it being my freshman year,” Nowicki wrote. “Receiving that trophy for the first but not the last time, I could tell this is going to be a great next three years of swimming.”

Nowicki’s Olympic trial cut in the 100 breaststroke is late June in Omaha.





Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

The Golden Grizzlies participated in the inaugural Vegas 16 Tournament hosted in Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas. The team lost to Old Dominion 68-67 on Wednesday, March 30.

# OAKLAND FINISHES ONE POINT SHY IN VEGAS 16

**Sam Schlenner**  
Sports Editor

**F**ive-point game. Oakland had the ball and some scoring to make up. The team had been down eight. Fifty-seven seconds to go in the season.

Kay Felder brought the ball to the top of the key and gave it to Max Hooper. No better man for the job here. But Jordan Baker of Old Dominion was all over him, so he pivoted behind and passed back to Felder, who was jolting close and toward the top of the key once more.

On the switch, the perils of man-to-man defense combined like something they call fate as Baker followed Hooper through the sandwich and Trey Freeman tried to do the same to Felder. Freeman created a second of a gap as he squeezed through the chokepoint.

That's more room than you can permit Felder. He made the three. 66-64 Old Dominion, 44.7 left.

And now it's a game, folks.

Oakland timeout.

Aaron Bacote carried it up the floor for the Monarchs. They had time to waste.

He dribbled for 10 seconds and passed to Freeman, who made like he was moving up the right side and then promptly halted, dribbling back and back.

Freeman and Oakland's Jaevin Cumberland squared off. Freeman made his move and crossed over the arc at the top of the key, confronting Nick Daniels as well, who readied himself just below the foul line.

Percy Gibson stood in the paint, facing toward center court. Jalen Hayes stood to his left. Felder stood to his right. Bacote stood open halfway

round the left side of the arc. Freeman dished it and Bacote launched it just as Daniels got himself close to blocking distance.

No good.

Hayes snagged the rebound for Oakland. Still 66-64 Old Dominion. Nineteen seconds left.

On the transition, Felder ran to the left and also into Baker and went skidding toward press row. Got up quick.

Hayes to Daniels, who carried it up the court a bit before passing to Felder. Felder scanned.

Ten seconds left. Had to get at least two.

He crossed the arc and cut around Baker, filling a gap in the paint.

He was halfway between the basket and the foul line.

He passed it to Gibson, who didn't seem to expect it. The ball bounced

off him and almost out of bounds. Freeman reached, grabbed it and held it tight. Gibson hugged for a foul.

Five seconds left. Old Dominion was in the double bonus. Freeman made both fouls shots. 68-64 Old Dominion.

Hayes inbounded to Felder, who went up the left lane and laid in a three. Not too little, but definitely too late.

Less than one second on the clock. 68-67 Old Dominion.

Baker inbounded to Ahmad Caver. No one was around him.

Game over.

Oakland men's basketball (23-12) lost 68-67 to Old Dominion (25-13) in the finals of the Vegas 16 the night of Wednesday, March 30, at the Mandalay Bay Events Center.

All times were from the CBS Sports Network broadcast. Statistics can be found on the men's basketball page on [goldengrizzlies.com](http://goldengrizzlies.com).



# Rachel Waite awaiting Olympic Trials

*After winning league title, swimmer prepares for next challenge*

Hannah Gorosh  
Staff Reporter

The countdown to the 2016 Olympic Trials has begun for junior swimmer Rachel Waite.

"After I made the cuts, it was more just focusing on my college season and getting through our big meet, our Horizon League Championship," Waite said. "And now after that's done, they gave us a week off because it is a long time to go training without any break."

But the training schedule is returning to normal, with weightlifting and water.

Waite was ecstatic to be invited to the Olympic Trials. She remained humble about her achievement, describing the fantasy-like nature of making it so far.

"It's one of those things where in high school everyone was always saying 'Oh, you could make it,' and I was joking 'No I can't,' and that's crazy," Waite said. "To think all of those elite-level athletes, to even be in the same meet as them is crazy."

She has put herself on the same playing field with those elites as she prepares for the late-June qualifiers.

"It's exciting even to think about how many different athletes there are in America and how few people make it to Trials," Waite said. "And I'm one of the people that did get the times."

## The significance

There was not a defining moment for Waite during her swimming career, but more of a realization that one of the highest achievements in sports was attainable for her.

"We could tell early on that if she committed to training year round and at a higher level, she had the talent to swim at a high level," head coach Pete Hovland wrote in an email.

Waite's qualification means something for Oakland swim and dive.

"Any time you have an NCAA or Olympic Trial qualifier, it's immeasurable to your program in a number of ways," Hovland wrote. "It validates to everyone in the program that hard work, dedication, and sacrifice can provide you with some wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime-type opportunity



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Junior swimmer Rachel Waite was called up to the Olympic Trials. The Olympic Trials run from June 26 to July 3 in Omaha, Neb.

ties and experiences. It also validates and elevates the stature of our program."

Waite will swim the 100 and 200 breaststroke and will have to learn a new competition configuration. The Olympics uses long course meters instead of short course yards.

The fantasy of the Olympic Trials has yet to set in for Waite.

"It's still something that I have to wrap my brain around. After I qualified it was like I had to change my focus back to Horizon League Championships," Waite said. "I got those goals and now it's back on [to trials]."

## Balancing act

Waite prioritizes her class time and makes up for missed practices.

"There's a group of us who always have to make up practice, so normally I have someone to make it up with," Waite said. "It's one of those things where other people get jobs. This is my job."

She said that not working a regular job has assisted her in being able to keep a healthy, balanced lifestyle.

"I love them both, though, and it's my life," Waite said of swimming and nursing school. "I couldn't imagine my life without either of them."

The Olympic Trials run from June 26 to July 3 in Omaha, Neb. Freshman Devon Nowicki will be there in the men's 100 breaststroke.

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# Men's soccer to wrap up spring season

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Photo Editor

The Oakland men's soccer team fell to Bowling Green on Saturday, April 2 with a final score of 3-2.

The team is preparing to kick off the second annual Michigan College Tournament of Champions on Saturday, April 9 at 2:15 p.m. for its final game of the spring season.

According to the bucksoccer.com, the event will be hosted by the Michigan Bucks at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac consisting of three games.

The participating colleges were divided into two groups during the season:

Group A: University of Michigan, Western Michigan University and Oakland University

Group B: Michigan State University, University of Detroit- Mercy and Saginaw Valley State University

The matchups for Saturday were determined through a blind draw due to the three-way tie in Group A.

Oakland University will play Saginaw

Valley State University for 5th place.  
University of Detroit-Mercy will play Western Michigan University for 3rd place.  
University of Michigan will play Michigan State for the championship title.

1. The Oakland men's soccer team huddles during its spring game on Saturday, April 2. The team lost to Bowling Green 3-2 at the Oakland Sports Bubble.
2. Freshman forward Travis Harrington scored the first goal for Oakland in the second half to tie the game 1-1.
3. Head coach Eric Pogue talks to another member of his coaching staff during the game.
4. Senior defender Jake VanderLaan scored the second and third goals for Oakland, putting the team ahead with a one-point lead.