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Men's basketball player Isaiah Brock has come a long way since the NCAA told him he was ineligible to play in October. Following a successful appeal, the army veteran has become a key player on the team. PHOTO / Nowshin Chowdhury
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

HOMECOMING // Former guard for the Oakland Golden Grizzlies, Kay Felder (right) returned home to play for the Cleveland Cavaliers against the Detroit Pistons on Monday, Dec. 26 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Felder ended the night with 11 points and 20 minutes on the floor. The next matchup between the Cavs and the Pistons is at 7:30 p.m. on March 9 at the Palace. *NOWSHIN CHOWDHURY // The Oakland Post*

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What was your favorite memory of 2016?

- A** Zika virus
- B** Political corruption
- C** All the celebrity deaths
- D** When it ended . . .

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LAST ISSUE'S POLL

As the semester comes to an end, what did you learn this fall?

A) How to procrastinate until the last second

42 votes | 48%

B) Never trust Michigan weather

13 votes | 15%

C) Voting third party does nothing

24 votes | 27%

D) Making polls is hard

9 votes | 10%

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

JANUARY 30, 2008

The Post ran an editorial about OU email services experiencing heavy delays for undisclosed reasons. The official response from the university asked students to only use their Webmail accounts when necessary and cut back on sending mass emails after 5 p.m.

JANUARY 31, 2011

Following allegations of stalking a student, a professor was given a no-contact order for his wife and children. He was accused of sending personal information to the student, including family members' social security numbers. Though his attorney said he was not a threat to his family, the court upheld the order and the professor moved into an apartment to serve his house arrest.

JANUARY 2013

Construction began on the \$75-million Engineering Center.

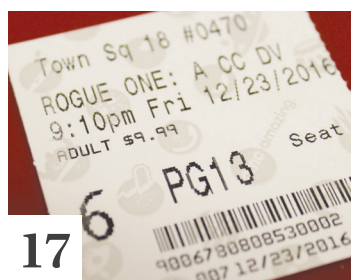


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"Revenge of the Nerds" actor Curtis Armstrong looks back on his time at OU and previews his new book.

Photo courtesy of Curtis Armstrong



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"Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" successfully kicks off the Star Wars anthology series.

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CLARK BRINGS A SPARK

Point guard Stevie Clark settles in at Oakland after bouncing around among other schools.

Photo / Nowshin Chowdhury

BY THE NUMBERS
WINTER 2017

16

weeks until the end of the semester

12

days until our first day off (MLK Day)

113

days until the first commencement ceremony

6

weeks until classes pause for winter recess

Perspectives

The views expressed in Perspectives do not necessarily represent those of The Oakland Post.

Tips for starting the winter semester on a high note

Gina Navaroli
Staff Reporter

A new semester has arrived. Pull out your backpack from underneath your bed and empty out the mess from the fall semester. It needs to be forgotten. Reality is back, and so is denial.



Starting a new semester can be an opportunity to reinvent yourself and begin a new routine.

No matter what kind of student you were last semester, you can adjust your habits and make the best of winter 2017. Here are six realistic tips for the average, lazy procrastinator.

Buy your books ASAP

We somehow end up doing it every year: waiting till the last minute to purchase books.

Having to wait in a line of irritated students that extends out of the bookstore is not a good time. You'll end up carrying five heavy books, standing in the same spot for a half hour and wondering why the line has not moved.

Avoid this by ordering online or arriving at the bookstore early in the morning, before the crowd.

Review the course syllabus

Log back onto your Moodle account that you have been pretending does not exist.

Although seeing emails from your future professors linking to their syllabuses may cause your heart to beat out of your chest, clicking on those links and seeing what is in store for

the new semester can help you prepare.

Some professors send welcoming emails, and others will send intimidating lists of what to expect. Either way, most professors will provide everything you need to prepare prior to the first day of class.

Declutter

Clean out your car if you commute, tidy up your room or dorm, backpack, purse, desk, phone, laptop, documents and whatever else.

Cleaning up your living space and everything around you will feel revitalizing when starting a new semester.

Manage your sleep

We all love sleep, so why do we deprive ourselves of it? We should all start cherishing sleep and recognizing the impact it has on our performance throughout the day.

If you have an 8-a.m. class this semester, good luck. It is vital to train yourself to sleep earlier and earlier every night as the semester begins.

Manage your time

Create a schedule to organize the balancing of school, work, socializing and sleep.

I am not going to tell you to stop procrastinating, because we are all guilty of it, and it can be difficult to change our ways. But creating a schedule and list of goals each week to manage everything in life might be a good start to adapting to the burdens of the semester.

Eat breakfast

Everyone knows the cliché phrase of breakfast being the most important meal of the day. If you don't believe it's true, you're probably not eating breakfast.

Nothing is more embarrassing than your stomach growling in class.

Save yourself from the embarrassment and fatigue by eating breakfast.

Just a simple granola bar and banana, having food in your system can make all the difference when starting the day.

Even if you have heard these tips over and over before, they're seriously helpful.

If you really want to change your ways this semester, considering these few simple ideas can be a game changer. New year, new you, right?



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Looking Back



Oakland University students spent spring break of 1981 partying at The Plaza Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach.

Then and now: How spring break in Daytona Beach has changed

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

On New Year's Eve, my grandpa and I went down to Main Street and the boardwalk in Daytona Beach, Florida. On our walk, we stopped by The Plaza hotel, where Oakland University students spent spring break in 1984.

My grandpa, Frank Freeland, was a lifeguard during high school and lived in Daytona during the peak of its tourism popularity. I had the chance to interview him about what it was like living there in high school, and what it's like now, during his retirement.

An Oakland Sail article from 1985 said, "when a couple hundred winter- and homework-weary college students are put together in a party-happy resort hotel and hit with six of the most beautiful days they've seen in six months . . ."

The Plaza, which still remains on the beachfront in Daytona Beach, was one of the "classiest" hotels at the time, according to Freeland.

The Sail article said OU students hung a banner that said "Party head-quarters: OU" off the poolside balcony, enjoyed two of Daytona's most popular bars and took part in a belly-flopping contest.

"What that doesn't tell you is there were always kids jumping from those balconies into the pool," Freeland said.

"Back then, all of the kids were partying," he said. "They had to drink and eat, so they were

spending money at all the local businesses."

OU students weren't the worst of the bunch, though.

In The Sail's article, the activities director for Echo Travel (the company that OU went through to send the students away for the break) said the students were all "very well-behaved . . . they partied, but they didn't get too rowdy."

Until recent years, you could drive along a 35-mile stretch of Daytona Beach on the sand right by the water. Today, those driving lanes are completely sectioned off, leaving less beachside road for people to drive along.

In addition, laws regarding having alcohol on the beach are being enforced much more rigorously than they were back then, according to Freeland.

He said that spring break today isn't nearly as loud as it was back when he was in high school.

"[During spring break] it was hard to negotiate coming to the beach to surf," he said. "It wasn't scary or anything, just not much fun to go to the beach with so many people."

Today, Daytona Beach is only as crowded as Freeland saw it in high school during three weeks of the year: the week of the Daytona 500, Bike Week and Biketoberfest.

"Spring break is pretty quiet now," Freeland said. "The only thing that could ever rival how busy it got during spring break was the Daytona 500 . . . College students took over the beachside. But no more."

Students in D.C. during assassination attempt

Cast of OU play stayed on same floor as man who shot Reagan

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

Monday, March 30, 1981. Sixty-nine days after Ronald Reagan was sworn into office. President Reagan was shot by John Hinckley Jr. outside the entrance to the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Hinckley was staying in the Park Central Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Just a few rooms down from him was the cast of the OU play "Jeririgg," as well as members of the OU mime ensemble.

"Jeririgg" was one of six college productions chosen nationally to open the American College Theatre Festival, and the play was set to go on a United Service Organizations (USO) tour to Europe over the summer. However, the European tour was canceled, apparently as a result of the assassination attempt.

The Observer, Oakland's student newspaper at the time, reported that Fireside Lounge became the place where students and faculty gathered to figure out what was happening with the president. The article said students were "gathering wherever there was a television to watch."

In the same article, The Observer said that many TV reports began shortly after the shooting took place, but it took a few hours until reports were completely accurate to the actual events of the shooting.

"I was very upset," one student said. "We kept getting contradictory reports."

Back in D.C., the cast of "Jeririgg" continued on to perform the night of the shooting. The two Monday performances and the Tuesday performance that they had already scheduled in D.C. were not cancelled.

"The audience and the performers were subdued," Gary

Devar, a member of the cast, told The Observer. "There was no laughter."

USO officials did not comment on why the European tour was cancelled.

However, OU Dean of Student Life Jack Wilson, one of the people in D.C. with the theatre group, said that the performance was cancelled because they "felt the performance 'was not understandable.'"

The cast members did not find out about the shooting until two hours after it occurred because they were at a rehearsal. Upon arrival to the hotel, they were questioned by FBI officials, as Hinckley was staying on the same floor they were.

"Several members of the cast as well as myself were questioned," Wilson said. "To my knowledge, no one had talked to Hinckley."

OU President Joseph Champagne said that when they all arrived back to the hotel, everyone had to show identification and were questioned.

One cast member was concerned over these questions. They were asked their names, phone numbers and schools, but were not told why the officer wanted the information or what was to be done with it.

Other cast members, like Devar, praised the FBI on their work following the shooting.

"We weren't harassed at all," he said.

A spokeswoman for the FBI bureau in Washington said that the questioning of students was standard procedure.

"They were questioned probably because they were just there," Wiley Thompson, special agent for the public affairs office, told The Observer.

Champagne said that after the shooting was a "good time to do some real soul searching." He emphasized the importance that undergraduate students "have a chance to think through the moral and social implications" of their actions.

Online campus magazine set to launch

Grizzly Outlook will soon publish its first issue, featuring sections related to fashion, student life and entertainment

Gina Navaroli
Staff Reporter

Oakland University is soon to welcome an online campus magazine. The magazine's president, Starr Brown, is introducing Grizzly Outlook.

Grizzly Outlook will be an organization for students interested in writing. As Grizzly Outlook is still in the works, the magazine is recruiting more writers.

Brown sparked the idea of publishing a campus magazine through the influence of her news writing class. She thought capturing campus culture would create an engaging magazine that students would be interested in. Brown explained her main goal of the new publication.

"The goal of publishing a campus magazine is to document what OU students are interested in now," she said. "Not only will students who currently attend Oakland hopefully read our publication, but anyone, past, present and future, can see what makes Oakland Oakland at this moment."

Brown said the purpose of Grizzly Outlook is to create a relatable magazine for students by showcasing trends and topics on campus. The magazine will

include three sections: fashion, campus life and entertainment. It will also provide photography opportunities for students under the "ThisIsOU" section, as well as submissions for articles, reviews and columns.

Brown hopes more students will be interested in contributing to Grizzly Outlook.

"Writing is a great way to have your voice heard, and I want Grizzly Outlook to represent everything OU students are interested in and want to talk about," Brown said. "My goal is to grow it for students of all majors to be interested in."

For promotion, Brown is planning on using the platforms of social media, fliers around campus and attending GrizzFest.

Brown began the process of starting the magazine in early October by speaking with academic advisers and professors.

"We currently have a total of nine dedicated and amazing writers," Brown said. "It has been a very quick process so far, due to the interest from these students."

Vice President Katelyn Valley explained her opinion on Grizzly Outlook.

"I was onboard from the beginning because I've wanted to join an on-campus club, but never found the one for me,"



Image provided by Starr Brown

Valley said.

Valley said she hopes the magazine will widen students' horizons to all different types of people at OU.

"My hope for the magazine is that it offers a new way for students to feel connected to OU's campus," Valley said.

Valley described the purpose of the

magazine as a way to give students a creative way to stay connected with campus.

Grizzly Outlook will publish its first issue and launch its website on Jan. 31. For updates on the Grizzly Outlook website and issues, visit its Facebook page.

Students interested in contributing can contact Brown at sebrown2@oakland.edu.

Firm selected for presidential search

Paige Brockway
Editor-in-Chief

Washington D.C.-based firm Academic Search has been selected to conduct Oakland University's presidential search.

A contract had not been signed as of the Dec. 5 Board of Trustees meeting, but Board and presidential search committee Chair Richard DeVore said the contract would be completed within the week.

Academic Search was selected after the search committee sent requests for proposals to 16 firms, 12 of which responded. After narrowing choices down to four finalists, the committee conducted video conference interviews on Nov. 2.

Academic Search was the "unanimous choice," DeVore said.

The firm is led by President

Jessica Kozloff, who has agreed to perform the search herself, according to DeVore.

"We'll have her undivided attention," DeVore said. "She will not engage in another search until we get down to the finalist role."

Kozloff was previously president of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, and has been president of Academic Search since 2011.

The firm will be paid a flat fee of \$90,000 for the search, which is significantly lower than the compensation requested by the other firms that submitted proposals.

DeVore said the norm is for search firms to charge about one-third of the salary of the position they are filling. Though no salary has been set for OU's next president, current President

George Hynd earns \$400,000 per year. If the next president earns a salary equal to or higher than Hynd's, \$90,000 will be a relatively low fee for the search.

Open forums will be held with faculty, students, staff and administrators Jan. 10-11 to discuss the search (see sidebar for a complete schedule).

"Then, and only then, will we formulate the new position in terms of what our leadership skills are that we're looking for," DeVore said. "In addition to that, we will also — then, and only then — start advertising . . . So, we're going to do this in the right order."

The presidential search committee has thus far kept its promise to provide regular updates on the search.

Hynd's contract expires Aug. 13, 2017. DeVore has previously

stated that he hopes to have the new president chosen by at least June 2017.

This isn't the first time OU has used Academic Search to fill a position.

"[Kozloff's] firm has placed a number of people we know and love, not the least of which are Dean [Michael] Mazzeo, Dr. [James] Lentini and Dean [Kevin] Corcoran," DeVore said. "So, I think we're three-for-three."

Last month, Lentini was trying to dispel rumors that he had applied to be president of Ohio University, following an erroneous report by The Athens NEWS.

The article listed Lentini as one of 11 applicants revealed through a public records request. Lentini said the university's search firm did contact him to discuss his curriculum vitae, but he did not communicate with Ohio University or apply for the position.

"My name is out of the loop," he said.

Presidential Search Open Forums

Tuesday, Jan. 10
3:15-4:15 p.m. — Faculty, students, staff and administrators

Wednesday, Jan. 11
8-8:45 a.m. — Staff and administrators

9-9:45 a.m. — Faculty

10-11 a.m. — Students

11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. — Student congress and student leaders

1:15-2:15 p.m. — Faculty, students, staff and administrators

All forums will be held in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms.

POLICE FILES

Car scratched, police investigate

The Oakland University Police Department was contacted Nov. 13 to report malicious damage of a vehicle. The victim explained to officers that he was involved in a breakup at the end of October and suspected that his ex-girlfriend was the one responsible for a scratch on his vehicle. Officers became skeptical once they realized that the victim had recently been accused of stalking. The owner of the damaged car denied the claims of stalking and stated that his gym schedule was simply being mimicked, and that his character was being unfairly attacked. OUPD promised to review video surveillance to try to find out who damaged the man’s vehicle.

#NotMyPresident?

On Nov. 16, OUPD was notified of an assault made at an on-campus anti-Trump protest. The victim was a man who had been following the protest with a pro-Trump banner. When an anti-Trump protestor was unsuccessful in stealing the banner, he pushed the Trump supporter down. OUPD identified the man who committed the assault as a professor who works at OU. The professor denied the assault, but admitted to trying to steal the banner. “The Trump sign represents hate and . . . I [wanted] to show them how I feel [about] a sign like that,” he said. Another student was a victim of assault at the protest, and stepped forward with the first incident captured on video. OUPD recommended filing charges. One of the students who was assaulted said he was frightened of going to class because the professor taught down the hall from his class, and the professor was much bigger than him. The professor was read his Miranda rights and charged with two counts of assault and battery.

Malicious voice mails

OUPD interviewed a woman in Kresge Library on Nov. 21. She told an officer that she had received threats from an unknown caller. The young woman played the voice mail, which said, “When I catch you, I’m putting you next to your daddy.” When the voice mail ended, the victim revealed to the officer that her father was deceased. The woman recognized the voice as someone who had previously vandalized her vehicle. OUPD escorted the woman to her mother, who was in P1, and the woman went on to report the crime to the Detroit Police Department.

Compiled by Robert Ogg
Staff Reporter

2017 Wilson and Human Relations Awards

Now accepting nominations.

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

- be graduating seniors in winter 2017 or have graduated in summer or fall 2016
- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the OU community. Nominees must:

- be graduating seniors in winter 2017 or have graduated in summer or fall 2016
- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

Nomination forms are available at oakland.edu/deanofstudents/dean_awards. The deadline for all application materials is Monday, February 13, 2017.

For questions, contact:

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CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4	THURSDAY, JAN. 5	FRIDAY, JAN. 6	SATURDAY, JAN. 7	SUNDAY, JAN. 8
<p>7:30 a.m. Classes resume</p> <p>11 a.m. - 1 p.m. “What’s Happening” Kick Off with The Grizz Oakland Center, Main Hallway</p> <p>4 - 6 p.m. Transfer Student Welcome Oakland Center, Gold Rooms</p>	<p>11 a.m. - 1 p.m. GrizzFest2 - Winter Festival Oakland Center</p> <p>7 - 9 p.m. “The Ethics of Compassion: Expanding Access to Unapproved Drugs for the Terminally Ill” lecture by Arthur Leonard Caplan Oakland Center, Banquet Rooms Register at zimmerm2@oakland.edu</p> <p>8 - 9 p.m. RHA Open Mic Night Vandenberg Dining Center</p>	<p>12 - 1 p.m. OU Shares & Cares Day Oakland Center, Fireside Lounge</p> <p>4 - 6 p.m. Re-entry Workshop for Study Abroad and Study Away Returnees Oakland Center, Lake Huron Room RSVP to campbel4@oakland.edu</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - 12 a.m. Indoor Drive-In Comedy Show & Movie featuring Andrew Grabowski and “The Secret Life of Pets” Hosted by the CSA and RHA Oakland Center, Banquet Rooms</p>	<p>3 p.m. Women’s basketball vs. University of Detroit Mercy O’rena</p> <p>6 - 8 p.m. “Hiberna Flores” Exhibition Opening Reception Oakland University Art Gallery</p>	<p>National Argyle Day National Bubble Bath Day National English Toffee Day</p>
MONDAY, JAN. 9		TUESDAY, JAN. 10		Have an event you’d like to share in our calendar? Send the details to Paige Brockway at editor@oaklandpostonline.com .
<p>12 - 3 p.m. New Bowling Club at OU’s First Practice Classic Lanes, Rochester Hills</p>		<p>3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Presidential Search Open Forum Faculty, students, staff and administrator welcome Oakland Center, Banquet Rooms</p>		

Planning for post-graduation

Many students are unsure once they receive their diploma, Career Services is a resource for help

Robert Ogg
Staff Reporter

Whether it's years or months until commencement, it never hurts to set goals and plan ahead.

Many students feel unsure about what to do with themselves after graduation. Career Services at Oakland University is open to both students and alumni. The office offers advising and helps develop interview skills, build résumés, prepare portfolios and write cover letters, among other things.

Typically, OU has both fall and winter career fairs. During fairs, employers appear on campus and give students and alumni a chance to interact with them. The 2017 Winter Career Fair is scheduled for Jan. 25 in the Recreation Center.

OU also has an online service called Handshake that can be accessed through MySail. On Handshake, students and alumni can upload their résumés, search for job listings, and apply for jobs and internships online.

"I never utilized Career Services, but I know a lot of girls from my sorority who did and have found work," said Sarah Bacon, an alumna who majored in integrative studies. "They've said wonderful things about it. I should have [used Career Services], but I didn't need to. Anyone that graduates from OU can utilize it any time, years and years after graduation. It's a great perk. If I'm ever in a tough spot, I'll definitely use it."

As an OU alumna, Bacon offered a lot of advice for planning for life after graduation.

She said that when she was on the verge of graduating, she didn't have much of a clue what she was going to do after. She knew she wanted to do something involving teaching elementary school students, but wasn't sure what she was doing after commencement.

It wasn't until the summer after graduating that she developed more concrete plans. She considered getting her master's degree. She looked at several different graduate schools and eventually decided to get her teaching certificate through the University of Florida.

"I take online classes to get my certificate at the University of Florida right now," Bacon said. "I didn't start on these classes right away. I spent some time thinking about what I wanted to do after my degree. I wish I had made a plan sooner. Don't take time off. Look for jobs and higher education while you're still an undergraduate, and get your life on track as soon as possible."

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Sarah Bacon
OU alumna

When it comes to pursuing additional degrees, Bacon recommended making a mental list of schools that park interest and developing a plan of how to pay for tuition ahead of time.

"Brush up your résumé before you graduate," Bacon said. "Even send those résumés into companies, stating your expected graduation date, and you can put the month and year."

She also advised students who have several years left to find internships in order to gain experience.

Cody Glander, a sergeant in the military, told students that they should develop both short-term and long-term goals.

"My short-term goal is to enroll in college immediately after I leave the military," Glander said. "My long-term goal? Major in zoology and work at a zoo, eventually. Your short-term goal could be to map out what classes you need to take every semester and work an internship."

He also advised students to make contingency plans and to prepare for the worst-case scenario. He stressed the fact that one should never give up if a desired path in life doesn't work out.

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Transgender professor sues SVSU, joins OU

Cheyenne Kramer
Web Editor

Professor Charin Davenport just finished her first semester at Oakland University.

"I struggled getting my feet underneath me," she said. "I spent an awful lot of time navigating OU."

Just a few short months ago, Davenport was a professor at Saginaw Valley State University. She taught at SVSU from 2007 to 2013. On the surface, her story seems like that of any other professor changing from university to university, finding her perfect fit.

"I kept it on the down low and began hormones again in 2013," she said. "I came out to my boss, she was a chair of the WGS [women and gender studies] minor program."

Just after telling her boss that she was transitioning from male to female, Davenport was let go from her position.

"I was told it was for budget reasons," she said. "It didn't feel right, but I believed her. I sat on it, didn't do anything."

She was diagnosed with kidney cancer only a little while later, and things didn't look good. It was around this time that she visited SVSU to let her boss know that she was OK.

It was then she realized the reason she was fired.

"I can tell you, it's been exhausting," she said. "I lost a lot of friends. It's hard enough to be trans, but when a place that's been telling you for years how awesome you are tells you you're disgusting, it paralyzes you."

Davenport has decided to sue SVSU for discriminatory actions. She said there are a few more depositions before preparations begin in her trial.

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Charin Davenport
First-Year Writing Program instructor

She had a few job prospects following her termination from SVSU, but nothing definite.

"I was pretty disbanded," she said. "I had a few job prospects, but a friend of mine told me about a potential opening. I got a call soon after, asking me to apply."

Soon after, she had an interview set up to teach in OU's Department of Writing and Rhetoric.



Elyse Gregory / The Oakland Post

After being let go from SVSU, Charin Davenport is suing the school for discriminatory actions. While still fighting, she has found a home at OU.

Despite already having some media coverage, Davenport brought up the trial in her interview.

"I just didn't want those surprises," she said. "I felt it necessary that OU know I could end up on TV or in the news."

However, she didn't have much to fear. As per OU Administrative Policies and Procedures, "It is the policy of Oakland University that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any person on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, age, height, weight, handicap, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, marital status, familial status or veteran status."

Davenport said she cried when she went in for the interview. The director of the WRT program told her, "We know, and we're glad you're here."

"I felt that I found my place," she said. "I'm lucky OU is the type of university that would look at me and say, 'It's not about you, it's about them [the students].'"

Davenport said there are three things she's looking forward to in her future, both at OU and beyond.

"Here at OU, there's stability in my life," she said. "The Detroit metro area offers so much. I see a chance for my life to settle down."

She said that she'd like to eventually get her Ph.D., and that she sees the opportunity here at Oakland.

"I don't know what I'll get it in, though," she said. "But I have a dissertation in mind. OU opens a bunch of doors. I hope I do a good job and I can be a returner."

She also said that she wanted to get more involved with the trans, queer and intersex advocacy communities in metro Detroit.

"I think that this area can make a difference in bridging white trans communities and trans people of color," she said. "There's too much of a divide . . . I want my white trans brothers and sisters to cross that chasm, to be fierce, kind and gentle all at the same time."

She also said that she wants the rights of trans and LGBTQIA+ (LGBT) people to be recognized.

"I would be failing if I didn't take advantage of this opportunity to say this," she said. "In Michigan and in other places around the U.S., trans people have no rights protected as civil rights, state rights or local laws."

She gave an example of bathroom rights. Last semester, she taught classes from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

"It'd be legal in Michigan for them [OU] to

tell me I can't use the bathroom," she said.

At that point, she'd have to go across the street and hope a business would let her use a restroom.

Fortunately, that wasn't the case with OU.

Davenport also said that there is no history of violence in bathrooms triggered by transgendered people.

A recent NPR article said that transgender people are actually more likely to be harmed in a bathroom than cisgendered people (those who identify with their biological sex).

Oakland provides a bit of a safe haven for transgender individuals. This year, the university's new preferred name policy was unveiled, allowing students to change their names within various official OU systems.

The university also scored four out of five stars from the Campus Pride Index. Only one other Michigan university tied OU's score, Eastern Michigan University.

OU has the LGBTQIA Employee Resource Group, which provides resources and aid for faculty members who are part of the LGBT community.

"I haven't spent much time there [at the resource group]," Davenport said. "I plan to be much more involved in the future."



ONE A quick drive from Oakland University, Dessert Oasis is in the heart of downtown Rochester. In addition to a variety of drinks and desserts, this chill coffee shop also features live entertainment at night and on the weekends. **TWO** Svenska Swedish Cafe just opened to the public mid-September and is owned by Christina Bakalis, originally from Gothenburg, Sweden.

New year new brew

Top 5 alternative coffee shops in the metro Detroit area

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Studying in the same old places can put you in a rut.

With the new semester approaching, now is the perfect time to explore different coffee shops around metro Detroit.

So instead of going to a large chain, check out these five local businesses for your next caffeine-fueled work session.

1. Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters

336 S. Main St., Rochester, MI 48307

Mon.-Thurs. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Fri.-Sat. 7 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Sun. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

A short drive from Oakland University, this joint is in the heart of downtown Rochester.

From the rich, dark wood floors to brick walls adorned with local art, this shop has a warm, cozy feel, perfect for these brutal winter months.

It carries beverages such as pourover coffee and a full espresso menu, as well as a wide selection of pastries and desserts, baked in-house daily. Their specialties include gourmet cheesecakes, perfect to split or to devour before your partner can reach for their fork.

One loyal customer is OU student Rachel Williams, whose father is a manager at the Rochester location and co-owner of the newly-opened spot in downtown Detroit.

"Dessert Oasis definitely has a different atmosphere than chain coffee shops," she said. "It's very comfortable and wel-

coming and has live entertainment every night."

This entertainment includes local artists and provides great ambiance. The café focuses on not only providing delicious products, but also strives to build its community and relationships, according to its website.

With large, comfy couches and plenty of tables, it's a great place for students to catch up with others or spread out and get work done.

Because of the popular entertainment, it may be best to avoid going late nights and weekends if looking for a quiet place to focus.

Still, there is an upstairs and downstairs that could provide a better study space.

Must-try: According to Williams, the coconut latte is uniquely delicious. Another favorite is the Almond Joy latte, which tastes identical to the classic candy bar.

2. Svenska Swedish Cafe

930 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009

Mon.-Tues. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wed.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun. closed

Transport yourself to a Scandinavian café without the hassle of airport security.

Svenska just opened to the public in mid-September and is owned by Christina Bakalis, originally from Gothenburg, Sweden.

The space's design is modern, clean and illuminated by large walls of windows. Thoughtful touches like a small, simple candle on each table really set the place apart from larger chains.

Bakalis strove to keep the place as authentic as possible. In fact, Bohdanna Cherstylo, the photographer for this story, mentioned it reminded her of cafés she went to growing up in Ukraine.

Its menu offers what one would find in a typical Swedish café.

Among its drinks is brewed coffee using Ferris Coffee & Nut, a Grand Rapids brand that reminded Bakalis of the bean used in Sweden.

The café also carries traditional sandwiches and salads. Some of its most popular items are the Rökt Lax, which is a smoked salmon sandwich, as well as homemade Swedish meatballs.

And if a customer is looking for something sweet, there is a variety of pastries made fresh daily by two bakers. This includes Kanelbulle, or cinnamon rolls, that are a part of the Swedish culture.

Svenska believes the café is about more than just grabbing a coffee.

Employee Aleksandra Syljebeck, an OU alumna, said many students come and make themselves at home when they're studying.

"We want people to stay with us for a while," she said. "Unlike



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THREE This hidden gem, the Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company, is located inside The Maple Theater. **FOUR** At Atomic Coffee, customers have plenty of options, like nitro cold brews, espressos, teas and fresh fruit smoothies. **FIVE** The Red Hook was opened by Detroit natives Sandra and Andrew Heaselgrave, who moved back after living in Red Hook, Brooklyn for 12 years.

Starbucks, where you get your drink and leave, we love talking to people who are curious about our culture.”

The business has also gotten the attention of some high-profile customers, as Swedish Red Wings players and their families have stopped in.

Must-try: In addition to the company’s popular lattes, Bakalis recommended the top-selling dessert, Beskvi, which is a pastry with chocolate almond paste.

3. Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company

4135 Maple Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Mon.-Thurs. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fri. 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Sat. 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sun. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This hidden gem, located inside The Maple Theater, is a sort of franchise to other Great Lakes Coffee shops in Midtown and the Cobo Center.

The company’s wide selection of coffee includes cups brewed manually or on the custom-built pourover rail. All of its syrups are made by hand.

The café’s counter is situated alongside a full liquor bar, perfect for a boozy break from studying. A restaurant was also added around a year ago.

“You have everything you need to just sit here and cram for quite some time,” barista Landis Spencer said.

The place has an industrial vibe, but is still comfortable,

with reclaimed wood floors and a glowing fireplace.

Mike Bates, who has been a barista there for over two years, said employees see loads of students at all times. If you want to hunker down and get work done, he suggests coming in between 2 and 5 p.m., as it’s typically not too busy.

“It’s a unique little place with room to sit down and work,” Bates said. “There’s no other business like it around here.”

This location also offers many weekly events.

In addition to the musicians who play on Saturday nights, the café has Quizzo at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. This is a free trivia game where customers can eat, drink and play to win giftcard prizes.

“We want people to stay with us for a while. Unlike Starbucks, where you get your drink and leave, we love talking to people who are curious about our culture.”

Aleksandra Syljebeck
OU alumna and Svenska
Swedish Cafe employee

The OU Cinema Club has also taken advantage of Secret Cinema, held at the theater on the

first and third Thursday of each month. For a flat rate of \$6, people arrive to watch a mystery classic film, followed by discussion with a presenter on the historical and cultural context, according to The Maple Theater website.

Must-try: Bates said the café’s quintessential drink would be the honey-lavender latte. However, a runner-up is the chili-Mexican, which includes chocolate, cinnamon-cayenne syrup, espresso and milk.

4. Atomic Coffee

401 S. Main St., Royal Oak, MI 48067

Mon.-Thurs. 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Fri.-Sat. 7 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Sun. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

What doesn’t this place offer? Customers have plenty of options, including nitro cold brews, pourovers, espressos, teas, raw juices and fresh fruit smoothies, using all house-made syrups. The café also switches it up with seasonal items, currently carrying a bananas foster latte.

In addition to treats from local bakeries, they have an expansive food menu with soups, salads and sandwiches that are all made in-house.

And if you’re an early riser, take advantage of the breakfast special. Order a select breakfast item, like this month’s Monte Cristo sandwich, between 7 and 9 a.m. and get a free cup of coffee.

“Most of the staff has been

there since the beginning,” said Evan Kennedy, OU student and employee at the shop. “We have become a family, and Atomic is like a second home to us and our customers.”

The space is sleek and bright, with crisp white-tiled walls and floors. Still, art-deco-style lighting and a fireplace provide cozy warmth.

A sea of laptops and focused, headphoned customers can be seen working on any given day. Besides the smaller tables and set of couches, a long table near the center of the café gives groups a great spot to collaborate.

Although it’s often packed on the weekends, Kennedy said it’s a great place for college students.

“I actually got all of my studying done there for my finals this semester,” he said. “I have even stopped in with friends on my days off for a latte before going out to the bars.”

Must-try: While Kennedy said all of their signature lattes are awesome, the honey vanilla is his go-to.

5. The Red Hook

220 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale, MI 48220

Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This place was opened by Detroit natives Sandra and Andrew Heaselgrave, who moved back after living in Red Hook, Brooklyn, for 12 years. That’s where

they get their coffee, and it’s the only café to carry Stumptown Coffee Roasters, specifically crafted for them every week.

They offer single-origin coffee made to order by cup, as well as cold-pressed coffee and house-made nitro cold brew on tap, according to their website.

Also unique to this café is that it partnered with Pinwheel Bakery. The shop carries some mean pastries, all made by bakers from scratch daily. Behind the glass display case is a treasure trove of goodies, from savory lunch galettes to cakes, pies, shortbreads and French macarons.

Manager Christina Blandford, a graduate of OU, has been working there since day one.

“What sets us apart from other coffee shops is our product and customer service,” she said. “We have a really great team, and in my opinion, the best coffee and pastries in the state!”

The space is intimate and has an eclectic, vintage feel, with potted plants in tin cans and mismatched chairs.

Although the café is on the small side, Blandford said daytime during the week would be the best time to find a table for studying.

Red Hook also has another location in Detroit’s West Village.

Must-try: Aside from the simple pourovers selected from a variety of rotating roasters, Blandford suggested the mocha, which uses a chocolate ganache made by bakers and Guernsey’s chocolate milk.

Theatre alumnus chronicles adventures, career in new book

Laurel Kraus
Staff Reporter

Born and raised in Detroit, Curtis Armstrong is a 62-year-old actor best known for his portrayals of Booger in the cult-classic “Revenge of the Nerds” and Metatron in the fan-favorite “Supernatural.”

Armstrong’s latest endeavor is the publishing of his book “Revenge of the Nerd: Or the Singular Adventures of the Man Who Would be Booger.”

“The last couple of years has been basically writing the whole thing from the standpoint of this being a nerd-narrative,” Armstrong said. “It’s born a nerd, raised a nerd, and then becoming Booger, and whatever happens after Booger, it’s still you’re basically Booger.”

The memoir begins in Detroit and delves into a behind-the-scenes look at Armstrong’s life and the productions he’s been a part of.

“Ultimately, what it comes down to for me, and another reason for writing the book, is that I’m a fan,” Armstrong said. “When people say that they’re ‘Revenge of the Nerds’ fans or ‘Supernatural’ fans or whatever, I understand what they’re talking about because that was me.”

The book will be released on July 11, 2017, and is available for preorder from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Target and iBooks.

Further accomplishments from Armstrong include beloved comedic supporting characters in “Better off Dead...,” “American Dad!” and “New Girl.”

Armstrong attended Berkley High School and, in 1973, auditioned for a place in the Academy of Dramatic Art, part of the now-defunct School of Performing Arts at Oakland University.

The school was also a counterpart to the professional Meadow Brook Theatre, then directed by John Fernald, a renowned former head of England’s Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA).

“Apart from being in Detroit, it was just like being in RADA,” Armstrong said.

When the School of Performing Arts closed in 1977 due to the departments of theatre and dance being moved into the College of Arts and Sciences, the Academy of Dramatic Art was disbanded with it.

Armstrong was not the only attendee of the academy to find success in the field. Other notable graduates include Robert Englund, who’s best known for his role as Freddy Krueger, and Richard Riehle.

The academy provided classical training, which was perfect for Armstrong’s aspirations to be a stage actor.

He set out with the promise to his parents that he would make “measurable progress” within 10 years or move on.

“My theory at the time, which I tried to explain to my parents and others, was that

if I have a back-up plan, I’m not going to do the kind of sacrifice and the kind of commitment that this kind of a job would entail,” Armstrong said.

The summer after graduating from the academy, Armstrong was offered the role of Puck in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at the Meadow Brook Theatre. He soon went on to co-found a theatre company with classmates from the academy and performed in New York and on national tours.

Although technically Armstrong’s first screen acting role was during his time at OU when he was in an introductory film for the university — which he never actually saw — his first experience with the big screen was eight years after leaving Oakland.

The young actor was becoming recognizable in the stage acting industry, when his agent signed him up to audition for a film.

Thus, Armstrong landed the role of Miles

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Curtis Armstrong
Actor and OU alumnus

Dalby in “Risky Business.”

The star of the film was a 21-year-old Tom Cruise, who was not yet the household name that he is today. Armstrong remembers Cruise as “incredibly ambitious and politically very conservative.”

Less than a year later, Armstrong found himself auditioning for “Revenge of the Nerds.”

“I just refused flat out to be considered for Booger,” Armstrong said. “And I told my agent, I said, ‘If they offer me Poindexter, fine, but if they offer me Booger, forget it. I didn’t go to the Academy of Dramatic Art to play a character named Booger, and belch and pick my nose all the time.’ So, I turned them down until they offered it to me, and then I said yes because I needed the money.”

In January 2017, Armstrong plans to begin filming “Highston,” an Amazon show about a teenage boy who imagines celebrities as his friends to help him cope with life.

He has also been in discussion with Kresge Library about submitting some of the journals, letters, scripts, etc. that he has kept over the years to the library’s archives.

Armstrong expects to be back in Detroit on May 19 and 20 of 2017 for screenings of “Revenge of the Nerds,” Q-and-As, and meet-and-greets at the Redford Theatre.



Photo courtesy of Curtis Armstrong

Curtis Armstrong, who was a part of OU’s School of Performing Arts before it disbanded, is known for acting in “Revenge of the Nerds” and “Supernatural.”

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Millennial myth busted: We hustle harder

Despite stigma of being lazy, individuals found working more jobs

Rachel Williams
Contributor

Social media, publications like Time and even Martha Stewart magazines have all contributed in recent years to the hegemonic idea that the millennial generation is lazy.

The millennial generation can be defined as individuals born between the early 1980s through 1997 or 2004, depending on the source. A more apt description may be any individual labeled as “narcissistic” and “lazy,” according to a 2013 Time magazine cover story.

However, a 2016 CareerBuilder survey found that 29 percent of workers polled worked multiple jobs or had a “side hustle,” or side job, in addition to a full-time position. Of workers aged 18-24, 39 percent worked a side job, and so did 44 percent of workers aged 25-34. This is compared to 29 percent of workers aged 35-44, 22 percent of those 45-54 and 19 percent of those 55 and up.

At Oakland University specifically, Career Services Consultant Carol Anne Ketelsen said she has noticed a majority of students who visit the office have multiple jobs or a job in addition to an internship required by their major.

So why are college-aged workers and post-grad individuals hustling so hard in the modern workforce?

The first reason is that the economy, college loans and the median salary for recent graduates makes it necessary for these workers to have multiple means of income.

In 2009 and 2010, the starting sal-

ary for a college graduate was \$27,000, according to a study by the Heldrich Center, as reported by The New York Times. Heldrich Center also said that students have an average of \$20,000 in student loans to pay off after graduation.

Beyond paying off student loans, access to higher education is becoming increasingly limited.

“I think students today have to work so much because of the consistent and ongoing state budget cuts to higher education and the flat wages that their families have been experiencing for decades,” said Rebekah Farrugia, associate professor at OU. “The solution this mindset offers is that people just need to work harder and longer and they will eventually succeed.”

Recent Oakland alumna LeeAnn Brown has similar reasons for working at both Verde Media as a content strategist and at Trader Joe’s.

“I do think that too many people have to have multiple jobs just to make ends meet, but that points to the much larger issue of our economy and the rate of pay not matching how much it costs to live alone, much less support anyone else,” she said.

Oakland senior Tim Brown currently works at a church, Omaha Steaks and as an Uber driver. He said that he has worked multiple jobs throughout college for financial reasons and because he likes having a full schedule.

“In order to live that lifestyle in this moment, I have to work this much,” he said. “It’s definitely for money, but I also just don’t do well when I don’t have things to do.”

Some millennials are taking on multiple jobs in order to stay busy throughout and after college.

Ketelsen said that, after graduating, some students are unsure of what to do with their free time if they are working

a nine-to-five job, so they take on night jobs.

Business entrepreneurship major Christian Kettenbeil is currently a minority owner of Dessert Oasis Coffee Roasters in Detroit, is co-founder of Ace High pomade, works for University Housing and is starting up a drone photography company. Kettenbeil has worked at more than one establishment throughout his time at Oakland because of his many passions.

He helps run Ace High’s Etsy store. Etsy is a popular side hustle for millennials, as it facilitates fast and easy transactions of unique products.

“I just dip my toes into a bunch of stuff,” Kettenbeil said. “[In terms of] money, I’ve always been able to get by . . . It’s not really a necessity. I do like being busy. Having a back-to-back day is an ideal day for me.”

Finally, the experience gained from having more than one job in different industries and the drive to constantly be improving pushes some millennials to work so much.

In 2015, 24 percent of millennials gave up vacation time, whereas 19 percent of Generation X individuals (those born from the 1960s to ‘70s) did so, according to the World Economic Forum. The same article described 43 percent of millennials as work “martyrs.”

Brown said that having a few different jobs has helped shape her as the motivated individual she is.

“I do think that having these two jobs has helped me with time management and taking things one step at a time, as well as helping me to respect any job position that anyone has or any place they are in life,” she said.

Her position at Trader Joe’s allows her to work toward a full-time position at Verde Media, while still having a livable income.

With many individuals finding new ways to supplement their lifestyles or stay busy while following their passions, the concept that millennials are lazy does not seem to match for every person within this specific generation.

“There’s maybe one or two cases where I’ve seen people that are lazy,” Kettenbeil said. “Even those people have dreams that they’re working on . . . So many of us have so much going on, and nobody notices it.”

The generations before have set a precedent of hard work that ultimately leads to success, and millennials are following in their footsteps, adjusting to new societal expectations and economic pitfalls.

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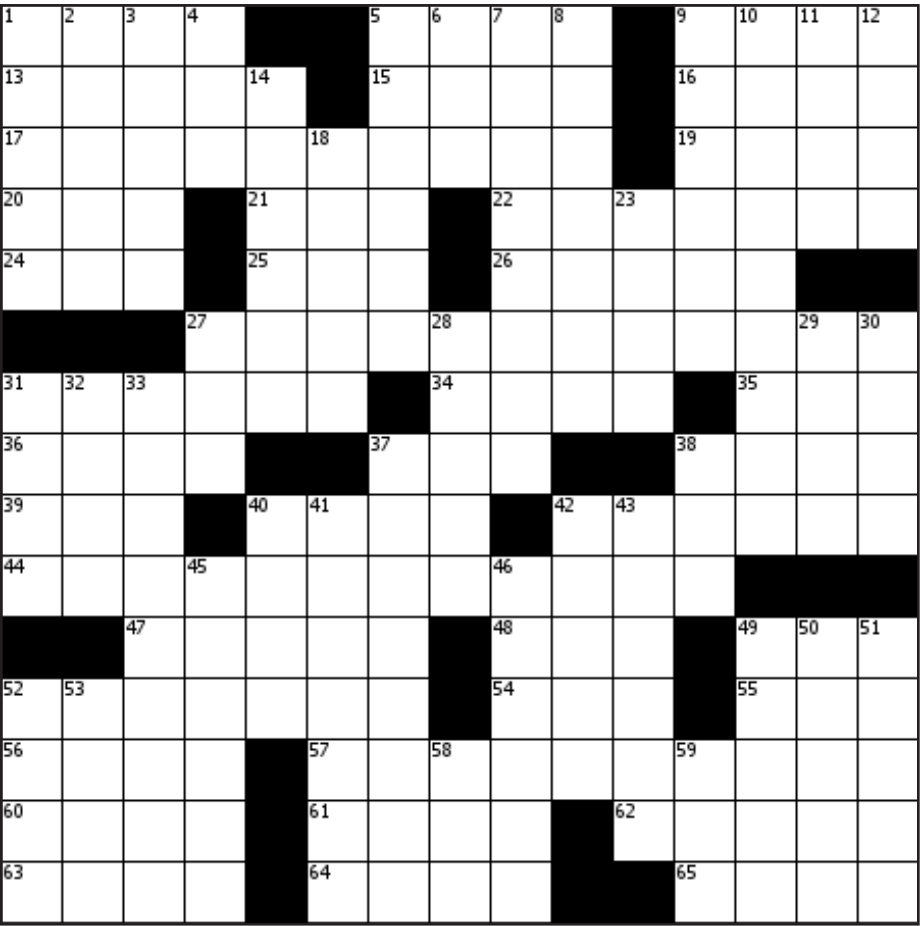
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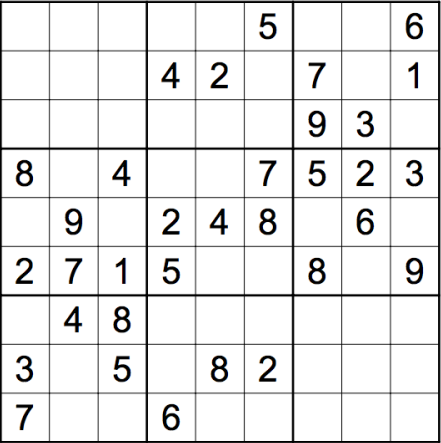
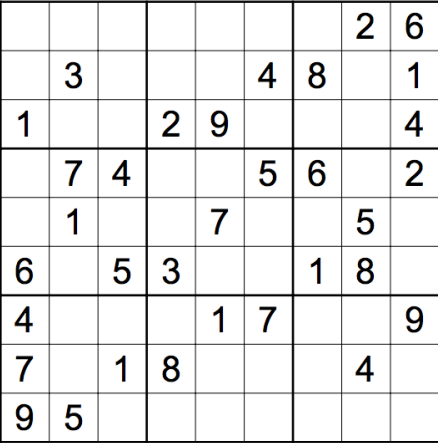


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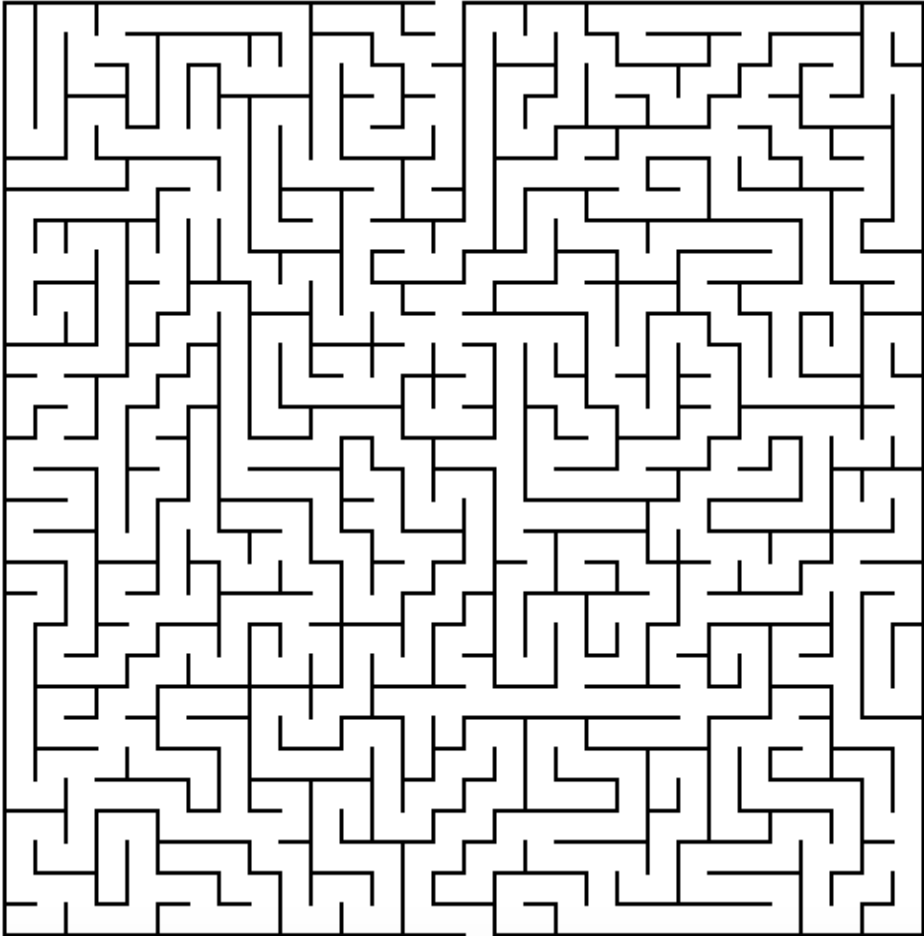
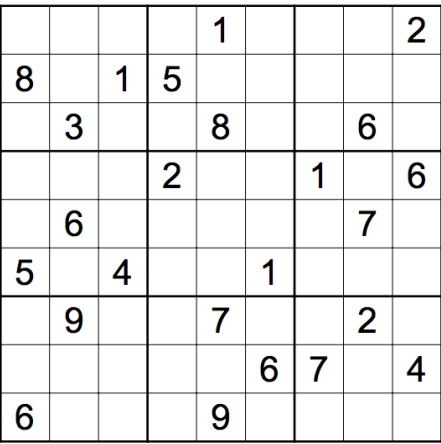
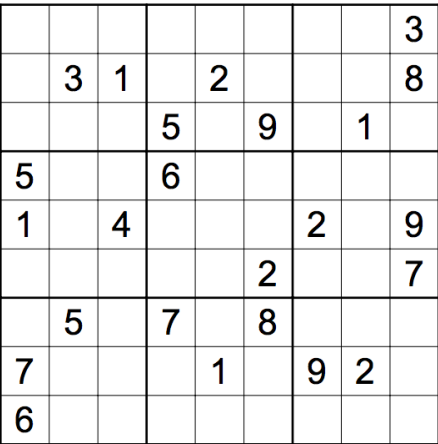


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 - 9. Epic tale
 - 13. One of Prometheus' brothers
 - 15. Words said with a nod
 - 16. Burden of proof
 - 17. Noisy tree climber
 - 19. ___ avis (one of a kind)
 - 20. Form of evidence
 - 21. Expression of bafflement
 - 22. Accumulates
 - 24. So far
 - 25. Obsolete palindromic preposition
 - 26. Raise, as a flag
 - 27. Mining town of Michigan's Upper Peninsula
 - 31. Site of some Washington touchdowns
 - 34. It may follow something
 - 35. R.W.R.'s "Star Wars"
 - 36. Asian chain
 - 37. Sault ___ Marie
 - 38. What thou shalt not
 - 39. ER caregivers
 - 40. Good enough to eat, in a way
 - 42. Vote for verbally
 - 44. Do a few odd jobs
 - 47. Currency of several
- Down**
- 1. Off-color
 - 2. ___ time or another
 - 3. Crow
 - 4. Woebegone
 - 5. Rock growth
 - 6. Stop wondering, perhaps
 - 7. Feature of some doors
 - 8. Grave
 - 9. Most painful to the touch
 - 10. Bolshevik victim of 1918
 - 11. Spiritual mentor, in India
 - 12. Promptly, memo-wise
 - 14. Realm
 - 18. Supplanters of lire
 - 23. Unit of stage script
 - 27. Advised leader?
 - 28. It may be fed next to a car
 - 29. Without purpose
 - 30. Nubia irrigator
 - 31. Sell cheap
 - 32. Karachi tongue
 - 33. Ball finale
 - 37. Not in an abundant manner
 - 38. Elizabethan playwright
 - 40. Rive
 - 41. Subject for future Bush historians
 - 42. Sleepyhead in an Everly Brothers hit
 - 43. Hardly peppy
 - 45. Play Mr. Fix-It
 - 46. Indians relocated from Missouri
 - 49. Class distinction
 - 50. Bostonian on ice
 - 51. Trail marker
 - 52. Theatrical object
 - 53. Lucid, mentally
 - 58. John or Jane
 - 59. The Nautilus, for one

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The President's Report: OUSC's progress

Hello, my fellow Oakland University students!

I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and/or Happy Holidays and a fantastic break!



I would like to take this President's Report and do something new: Student Body Vice President Anders Engnell and I promised progress on several different platform pieces, and so I am going to highlight our progress for this academic year.

A realistic parking solution

Number one on our platform was by far our most idealistic and difficult (though still achievable) piece. We said that we would fight for the students in making progress to alleviate the most apparent problem on campus through a realistic parking solution on OU's campus. When we set out to alleviate some of the problem through our proposed "autocount" system, we encountered some resistance from the administration on our specific system, though we were all in agreement that parking needed some

creative solutions.

We continued to have open conversations and planning sessions with administration and the students (in the form of our student survey). We fought against ideas of a \$30-million parking structure that would add 1,000 spots (as this would bring about the need for a fee-based parking system costing hundreds of dollars per car) and against the unrestrained growth of OU, which is the fastest-growing university in the state of Michigan, but for what reason?

Resulting from these conversations and planning systems, we have currently arrived at a \$7-million solution that would expand existing parking lots by 800-1,000 spots, providing a huge relief and allowing us to continue without parking fees in the majority of parking spots.

Additionally, we have resolved to optimize our existing Bear Bus system by creating Point A-Point B routes that lead directly from far-away parking lots to housing units and classrooms at peak points during the day (like heading to classrooms 10 mins before classes).

Lastly, we are planning on introducing a carpool-incentive system to encourage OU people to drive together, thus reducing the amount of cars on campus.

Administrative transparency and accountability

Number two on our platform was and is equally important: administrative transparency and accountability.

Our campaign's primary drive and mantra, "serving students first," was created in response to students feeling like their administration had left them behind and were leaving us out of major decisions. So, the administration saw how strongly our campaign resonated with the student-voters (thanks entirely to you!) and reached out to us to avoid controversy.

Additionally, since communication is a two-way street, we have made sure to have a student-representative at every meeting where administrative decision-making occurs. From that, we have seen such successes as the university's \$0.75 minimum wage increase to \$9.25 (well ahead of the state minimum, and we are the only university in Michigan to take such measures in response to the Affordable Care Act), a petition that helped to preserve our Campus Student Organic Farm, a petition that obtained 1,500 signatures that persuaded the administration to significantly reduce Winter College expenditures and the Board of Trustees to not take an expensive retreat each year, and the restoration of student members on the Presidential Search Committee.

Social justices

Third, we identified certain areas where there was structural inequality for certain populations on campus. Thus, we promised social justice fixes for the campus community. Particularly, we focused on a couple of select communities, including the LGBTIQ+ community and the disabled community.

First, Anders and I stated that we would lead a university-wide change to institute a "Preferred Name Policy" that benefits the LGBTIQ+ community by allowing transgender and gender non-conforming students to go by the name they identify with to prevent "outing" in the classroom, on the graduation stage and via email. This benefits other communities, too. Some international students choose to go by an English name that makes them feel more comfortable and at home in the OU community, and some victims/survivors of sexual assault like to increase their safety by going by an alias of their choosing.

We're happy to say that we have accomplished this feat, and administration has helped to incorporate this policy on MySAIL and Moodle (which includes class rosters), in Housing and via email.

This has been implemented in phases – the ultimate phase starting in the new year. We also resolved to SAFE train our entire staff through the Gender and Sexuality Center, something we accomplished in the summer.

Additionally, it's no secret that accessibility on campus was and is a major issue. We identified several places that needed structural fixes, including the Oakland Center, Meadow Brook Drive in between Oak View and Vandenberg Halls, the Bear Lake bridge, etc.

We successfully fixed these areas: the administration reallocated \$3 million in additional revenue to enhance accessibility in the OC expansion, the crosswalks between Oak View and Vandenberg have been realigned, and sidewalk cracks in highly populated areas around campus have been fixed, including on the bridge. In addition, door weights have been recalibrated to be legally compliant and several automatic door push-pads have been repaired.

Student voice

Next, we promised to amplify the student voice by registering 525 people to vote through our own organization. To do this, we utilized paper registrations during events and high-traffic times in the OC and a 24/7, mostly online voter registration service called TurboVote.

These numbers are among the best we have seen. We nearly doubled the last election year's numbers and increased last fall's numbers by a factor of seven.

We also expanded the amount of students who could vote absentee by providing guidance and mailing services to absentee voter applications.

Other goals

There have been several other non-primary goals that we have achieved. These include outdoor recycling bins, the Active Grizzly Program (which has increased attendance at student organization events), increased number of blue light poles, community engagement through inclusive art projects, diversity events like Dabke Night and providing free swag and Scantrons for students — without running out!

As always, Anders, OU Student Congress and I seek to represent you to the best of our ability as YOUR elected student officials. We welcome and encourage input and would be happy to answer any and all questions at our public meetings and/or at ousc@oakland.edu!

Sincerely,
Zack Thomas
OU Student Body President

Let us keep you posted.



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Political Focus: Russia's interference with the US election

Officials investigate, speculate how and why Russian intelligence agencies hacked into DNC systems

Melissa Deutsch
Sports Editor

What happened?

On July 22, Wikileaks, a media outlet specializing in the release of unauthorized documents and secret information, released revealing emails obtained from the accounts of members of the Democratic National Committee and the Hillary Clinton campaign.

The emails revealed clear favoritism for Clinton over Senator Bernie Sanders throughout the democratic primary by the DNC and tainted the party during a tight election. Investigations were then ordered to answer the question: Who hacked the DNC? The answer appears to be Russia.



How do we know it was Russia?

The truth is, we don't know it was Russia. Some remain skeptical. However, there is strong agreement by cyber security experts and the U.S. government intelligence agencies that Russia was behind the breach.

Investigations into the hack revealed that the tactics used suggested two Russian intelligence groups gained access to the DNC's systems and are likely Wikileaks' source.

The question then turns to Russia's motive. As explained in The New York Times, "Initially, many analysts believed that Russia's goal was to sow confusion and undermine Americans' faith in their government rather than to steer the election's outcome."

The CIA recently concluded after further investigation that Russia's goal was to help Trump win the election. This, however, is not a widely agreed upon

conclusion.

The CIA has not released its full report. It has noted that Russian intelligence also hacked Republican National Committee accounts, but didn't release any of its findings.

No evidence has been released to establish what effect, if any, the hack had on the outcome of the election.

How have the governments reacted?

On Dec. 29, President Barack Obama announced sanctions against four Russian individuals and five Russian entities in relation to the election interference. Obama also expelled 35 Russian diplomats in response to the CIA's findings.

Russian President Vladimir Putin unexpectedly responded the following day by saying he would not retaliate against the decision.

He noted that he hopes to improve U.S.-Russian relations during the Trump administration, and that any retaliation would counter that goal.

Why should you care?

President-elect Donald Trump re-

leased a statement after the Obama administration's announcement, saying it was time for the country to "move on to bigger and better things."

Trump has dismissed the investigations into the hack throughout the entire process, calling them attempts to delegitimize his election win.

However, many congressional Republicans have joined the Obama administration in outrage over the Russian hack.

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan released a statement saying the U.S. must "condemn and push back forcefully against any state-sponsored cyber attacks on our democratic process."

Ryan also noted that the response should not be taken as reason to delegitimize Trump's win. There is no measurement of any effect the hacks may have had on the outcome of the election.

However, Russia has historically aimed to evoke distrust in the U.S. government, and any attempt to do so must be met with a serious response, so we must stay informed on this issue.

Spending smarts for 2017

Shelby Tankersley
Campus Editor

The holidays are a time when most people spend more money than they plan on. We cook big dinners, buy people gifts and buy things for ourselves when we see something on sale. That adds up pretty fast.

Some research recently done by Edvisors.com found that 64 percent of the students who took its survey said they have run out of money before the end of a semester at least one time.

Yikes.

Time magazine reported that the main culprits in students' lack of funds are the cost of college and unexpected expenses. On top of



that, 42 percent of the students in Edvisors' survey said that they just don't make enough money.

Many college students work

minimum-wage jobs or have an internship that doesn't pay well (if it pays at all). Sixteen credits alone can be a full-time job, so full-time work often isn't a possibility.

Time's article suggests keeping an emergency fund, applying for scholarships and making sure to get FAFSA turned in early because financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. But there are plenty of ways for someone to save cash going into this new year.

Scholarships

This is specific to Oakland. I've had professors implore me to apply for scholarships within the journalism department because most people don't bother applying, so competition is scarce. If you look on your department's webpage, there are probably several scholarships you can apply for.

Budget

I started doing this at the beginning of the academic year, and I find it super helpful. I give



myself an allotted amount to spend on things like groceries, clothes and eating out, so that a big chunk of my paycheck gets saved instead of spent.

Get your bank's app

This might sound obvious, but I know so many people who don't do this. When you can eas-

ily see how much money is in your checking account, you can see how much you can or cannot spend.

Work on campus

I'm not telling you to work at The Post, but the main reason I started here was so I could make extra money without having to

drive somewhere. This makes the cost of travel exactly zero dollars. There are plenty of jobs on campus if you apply before other people do.

Use your meal plan

I despise cafeteria food just as much as the next gal, but I try to eat it as much as I can. Don't go buy dinner when you could get a meal from Vandy that you've already paid for.

Thrift shop

Let me tell you, I find some nice stuff at Goodwill. I'm not saying you should buy all your clothes at places like this, but I always check a resale store before I head to the mall. For those of you who like to read, these places often have some awesome vintage books.

Free music

Let's be real, Spotify ads aren't that irritating. Plus, using the free version of Spotify or Pandora saves a few dollars every month. Those add up.

Well folks, that's my advice. Happy spending. Let's try to not run out of money.

Must-see movie: 'Rogue One: A Star Wars Story' takes risks

Lawson Robinson
Movie Columnist

Nearly 40 years have passed since the release of the classic space opera "Star Wars: A New Hope," and yet the mystique of Star Wars is still strong within our culture. While part of the Star Wars franchise moves forward with sequels like "The Force Awakens" (2015), the separate anthology series will revisit the past. The first film in this lineup, "Rogue One," was directed by Gareth Edwards and transports viewers back to when Lord Vader controlled the galaxy.

From the opening sequence of the film, "Rogue One" holds the audience close with captivating characters and strong direction. Felicity Jones stands at the forefront of a wonderfully diverse cast of talent that includes Diego Luna, Forest Whitaker, Ben Mendelsohn and Donnie Yen.

Jones stars as Jyn Erso, the daughter of a research scientist who placed a significant flaw within Vader's massive weapon, the Death Star. Jyn takes a small team of rebel soldiers to steal the Death Star's plans and give the re-

bellion a chance at defeating Vader's Imperial Army. Along the way, Jyn and her team make sacrifices and discover that "rebellions are built on hope."

"Rogue One" is as adventurous as it is fun, and is a visual spectacle for children who are new to the franchise and adults who are all-too-familiar with the Star Wars universe. While plenty of critics found "The Force Awakens" to be a safe, Hollywood product, "Rogue One" takes risks that it is rightfully awarded for.

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars



Drew's Review:

Top 10 rap songs that have their own dances

Drew Hagge
Music Columnist

1. "Crank That," Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
2. "Milly Rock," 2 Milly
3. "Teach Me How to Dougie," Cali Swag District
4. "Walk It Out," Unk
5. "2 Step," Unk
6. "It's Goin' Down," Yung Joc
7. "Stanky Leg," GS Boyz
8. "You're a Jerk," New Boyz
9. "Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)," Silentó
10. "Pop, Lock & Drop It," Huey

For the rhythmically-challenged, these songs provided a three-minute-or-so safe space in the school gymnasium, which of course doubled as the dance floor. For those born without the ability to dance so that it looks like they have control of all their limbs, thankfully, these

songs came with instructions.

I spent a lot of hours in front of my dial-up desktop in middle school following along and memorizing the steps to many of these songs, just so I would be ready in case the dancing circle decided to surround me.

"Crank That" sits at the No. 1 spot because of its legendary status in music. "Milly Rock" remains the strongest contemporary dance song, even though anyone who attended an elementary schooler's birthday party in the last year might think it's "Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)."

Songs that come with their own dance will always be a staple in music, simply because they will always do well commercially. These songs appeal more directly to kids in high school and younger, whose parents will still buy music for them until they get old enough to illegally download it themselves.

Best of 2016 literature: 'The Underground Railroad'

Popular novel reminds of past, warns for present

Simon Albaugh
Staff Reporter

After a year of success, Colson Whitehead's 2016 historical fiction novel "The Underground Railroad" is set to continue much of its success into the new year.

The novel follows the story of a runaway slave named Cora. It's only through continued efforts and tenacious focus that she is able to, hopefully for the last time, evade capture.

The book offers a unique tone on the issue of slavery by providing a character who seems nearly invincible to the dehumanizing and discouraging effects of the system of coercion.

Cora's main adversary is the slave catcher, Ridgeway. The son of a blacksmith, Ridgeway actively chose the profession of tracking down and capturing escaped slaves, almost certainly dragging them to their executions.

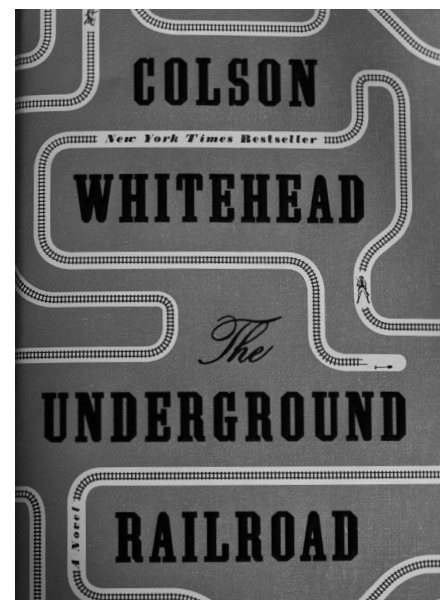
With the help of a new slave named Caesar, Cora finds out about the Underground Railroad. Caesar is able to slowly convince Cora to go with him in pursuit of the more-tolerant Northern United States.

"The Underground Railroad" was received with wide acclaim, attaining Oprah Winfrey's Book Club title back in November 2016. It was also the 2016 National Book Award Winner for Fiction and won the Goodreads Choice Award for Historical Fiction (2016).

The book offers a unique tone on the issue of slavery by providing a character who seems nearly invincible to the dehumanizing and discouraging effects of the system of coercion. Cora's sole drive is freedom, and she's willing to risk everything for it.

That being said, the book doesn't come without issues that Whitehead may want to consider addressing in his next novel. The characters, although important to the depiction of slavery, do not have the humanizing radiance that allows the reader to relate to or empathize with them.

The prose is also confusing at times. Whitehead wrote most of his paragraphs



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Colson Whitehead's historical fiction novel "The Underground Railroad" garnered national success in 2016.

as two or three sentences of real and important information to the story, while the next five or six sentences usually provided near-unimportant internal monologues.

These monologues are not attributable to any character or characterized narrator, making the reader wonder what these thoughts have to do with anything.

And finally, the Underground Railroad itself. The story has a train system that uses a series of literal underground railroad tunnels going through the American South. The story depends on this to drive the story. But while this is explained in The New York Times as a deconstruction of the metaphorical title of the Underground Railroad, there's no discernible explanation given for this.

The world-building for this story shows an intense talent for implementing research. It's especially through the depiction of the social environment among plantation slaves that the story can be compelling to most readers.

Despite the character problems, there is a clear rationale for this book's success. With the continued importance of eliminating racial tension and segregation, the book touches on the worst-case scenarios that could be devastating to modern society if race relations were to worsen.

Even though the example may not be in the most relevant context for our time's racial issues, the story remains at least an important reminder of the atrocities of slavery and, at most, a grisly warning that calls for brotherhood.



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Sherron Dorsey-Walker led Oakland with 25 points to its 81-62 win over Wright State University.

Men's basketball takes down Raiders in conference open

AuJenee Hirsch
Staff Reporter

In its opening conference game, Oakland men's basketball took down the Wright State University Raiders 81-62 on Thursday, Dec. 29 in the O'rena.

"I would like to think that our defense had a lot to do with their shooting," said Oakland Head Coach Greg Kampe in the postgame press conference. "They came into the game shooting over 40 percent from the three. [Wright State] lives and dies on the three. I felt all along that I was never comfortable with the lead because they're a team that can go four threes in a row."

The Golden Grizzlies had something to prove against the Raiders after Wright State defeated Oakland at home last year.

"I feel like today was all about making a statement," said guard Sherron Dorsey-Walker in the press conference. "I feel like everybody had that bad taste in their mouth from last year, what Wright State did to us. I feel like we were just motivated tonight and ready to make a statement."

Both teams came out with fierce offensive and defensive skills. Dorsey-Walker started the game with a 3-pointer, but Wright State responded with some offense of their own. Both teams went back and forth in the first half, causing eight lead changes.

At halftime, the score was 38-27 Black and Gold.

In the second half, the Golden Grizzlies were still going strong. Forward Jalen

Hayes came back from halftime by scoring a lay-up.

Dorsey-Walker led the team with 25 points. He went 7-for-14 from the field, 5-for-10 from distance and 6-for-8 from the free-throw line.

Hayes scored 17 points and got 11 rebounds. He also had two turnovers and two steals. Martez Walker contributed 15 points and was 6-for-7 from the free-throw line.

"The first four minutes, we weren't playing any defense," Hayes said in the press conference. "We came into the media timeout, and coach challenged us to lock down on defense, and we accepted the challenge."

Offense was a common struggle for the Golden Grizzlies throughout nonconference play. Though Oakland had a much better offensive game against Wright State, Kampe still noted some frustrations.

"Every game is different" Kampe said. "We just have to find ourselves, I thought the last three to four minutes we weren't very good on offense. We took the shots we shouldn't have taken."

Mark Alstork led for Wright State with 21 points. He went 7-for-15 from the field and 4-for-4 from the free. He also had five rebounds. Steven Davis scored 13 points, with one assist and seven rebounds for the Raiders.

Oakland won the New Year's Eve game against Northern Kentucky 76-65. Read the full story on page 19.

Women douse Flames in Horizon Opener, 81-58

AuJenee Hirsch
Staff Reporter

The Oakland women's basketball team (7-5, 1-0 HL) opened up Horizon League conference play with a win over the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Flames (3-9, 0-1 HL) 81-58 on Wednesday, Dec. 29 on the Blacktop at the O'rena.

"Anytime you get a conference win, it is great, and to be able to win by 23 is a good win," said Jeff Tungate, Oakland women's basketball head coach.

Taylor Jones led the floor with 22 points and was 9-for-20 from the field with six turnovers. In addition, Sha'Keya Graves scored 12 points and got two career highs with eight assists and eight rebounds.

Hannah Little attained a team-high 12 rebounds, which marks the 10th game in which she has had 10 or more rebounds.

Adding to Oakland's victory, Nicole Dodd went 4-for-5 from the field and 4-for-5 from the three, matching a career-high 12 points. She made three 3-pointers coming off the bench in the second quarter.

The Golden Grizzlies started off the game with strong defense and offense in the first half and kept the lead during the entirety of the game. In the second half, Oakland's defense started to waver and UIC was able to score some easy baskets.

"In the second half, we did not

guard the way we needed to," Tungate said. "If we want to compete at a high level in this league, we have to make sure we guard for 40 minutes, regardless of the score, and I thought we got comfortable trading baskets."

Despite the lack of defense in the second half, the team had 24 total assists, marking the second-most assists this season, behind the game against Marygrove.

"We had 24 assists, which means we really shared the ball, and I thought we did a really good job of that," Tungate said. "I thought we did a good job on transition and getting out and running on our break."

Despite Oakland taking the win against UIC, there were still many things Tungate felt the players needed to work on before their next game against Valparaiso.

"We have to make free throws," he said. "You cannot go 8-for-18 from the free-throw line and expect to win. Valpo runs some really good stuff. They are a team that takes a lot of time to prepare for."

For the Flames, Brittany Byrd led UIC with 15 points and had four turnovers. She went 6-for-15 from the field and 2-for-3 from the free-throw line. Melita Emanuel-Carr followed Byrd with 13 points, three assists and five steals.

Oakland beat Valparaiso 104-63 in a New Year's Eve showdown. Read the full story on page 19.



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Oakland won 81-58 against UIC in its first league game. Jones led OU with 22 points.

Men's basketball 2-0 in Horizon League

Christian Miller
Staff Reporter

Oakland progressed to 2-0 in league play after closing a 76-65 victory against Northern Kentucky University (NKU) on the Blacktop at the O'rena Saturday afternoon.

Oakland's Martez Walker scored a crucial 21 points and nabbed six rebounds for the Golden Grizzlies.

Accompanying Walker's efforts, Jalen Hayes locked down 18 points, eight rebounds and two blocks for Oakland.

The Golden Grizzlies outperformed the Norse 44-32 in rebounds and 17-11 in assists.

Oakland held an 89 percent free-throw average, draining 16 of 18 shots, while NKU finished with a free-throw percentage of 58, with only 7 of 12 possible shots finding the net.

Although Oakland emerged victorious, NKU provided formidable challenges.

NKU's presence within the key afforded valuable scoring opportunities for the Norse. Their aggression on the court resulted in a field-goal average of 42.6 percent and 3-point average of 31.6 percent, trouncing Oakland in both statistics.

As the first half came to a close, the teams were tied at 35 points. Xavier Hill-Mais managed 10 points, and his concentration on rebounds provided Oakland a steady supply of opportunities to score.

Returning from halftime, Oakland continued pursuing the net and generated many scoring opportunities.

With 14:44 left on the clock, Hayes placed a good basket that propelled Oakland forward 50-40. The double-digit lead was the first of the game for either team, and the Golden Grizzlies continued their momentum.

For the remainder of the game, Oakland's lead did not dip below five points, and the Golden Grizzlies managed to prevent NKU from scoring for nearly four minutes.

Vital to this scoring drought was Walker, who had been assigned to cover NKU's Cole Murray. Walker's defense was successful, restricting Murray to just three points for the entire game.

Much of Oakland's second-half success rested in its ability to move the ball and circulate players underneath the net.

In the second half alone, Oakland garnished 10 fast breaks that supplemented its lead.

As time dwindled down to zero, Oakland maintained an 11-point lead over NKU. Coming off with the victory was important for Oakland Head Coach Greg Kampe.

"There's a lot of good that came out of tonight," Kampe said. "I have some great players that are doing a lot of good things."

Assessing his own performance, Hill-Mais focused on the importance of rebounding.

"I think that, early on, making those easy drop-ins helped us a lot," Hill-Mais said. "I wish I could have rebounded the ball better. I feel like, if I would have re-



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Scoring 21 points for Oakland, Martez Walker led the team to its 76-65 win over Northern Kentucky University.

bounded better, then it would have helped us more moving forward."

Walker offered his insight on the team's offensive efficiency.

"We just have to fix our mistakes on the offensive end," Walker said. "Our offense has to come through and flow. We just have to get it to our bigs, let them get going, and then really kick it up from there."

Oakland men's basketball will play Friday, Jan. 6, when the Golden Grizzlies lace up to take on Valparaiso on the road. The game will be broadcast on ESPN2 at 9 p.m. ET.

Women's basketball wins New Year's Eve showdown

Team beats Valpo 104-63, becoming 2-0 in Horizon League

AuJenee Hirsch
Staff Reporter

The Oakland women's basketball team (8-5, 2-0 HL) ended the year with its second win in the Horizon League conference over the Valparaiso Crusaders (5-8, 0-2 HL) 104-63 on Saturday, Dec. 31 on the Blacktop at the O'rena.

This marks the program record for the most points scored in a league game at the O'rena.

The Golden Grizzlies shot 16-for-31 from beyond the 3-point arc and were only two successful 3-pointers away from tying the school record in 3-pointers during a single game.

"For 37 minutes of the game, I thought we did a pretty good job defensively," Head Coach Jeff Tungate said. "Obviously, we did a great job running our offense, executing our sets and making shots. In two league games now, we've got 45 assists, so that shows that this team is unselfish. They're willing to share the ball,

and it's a great win."

Oakland hit the ground running at the beginning of the game with some strong defense against Valpo.

The Golden Grizzlies had an 18-0 run in the first quarter, while the Crusaders were unable to score for over four minutes. At halftime, the score was 31-11 Black and Gold.

In the second half, Oakland continued to turn up the heat against Valparaiso and rained 3-pointers. The Golden Grizzlies were shooting 62.5 percent from beyond the 3-point arc with less than 7:00 left in the second half.

"This team can really shoot the ball," Tungate said. "They do in practice every single day, and to see them shoot the ball like that tonight is not a surprise."

Tungate still feels as though the team's defense could be better, as he wants to be known as "a defensive team."

"I thought we played really well, except for about a three-minute stretch in the second quarter," Tungate said. "We did not guard. They got too many shots in a row, and they shot too high of a percentage in the second quarter."

Hannah Little achieved her team-high, fifth double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. She had a career high



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With 19 minutes on the Blacktop, Taylor Jones scored 20 points for the Golden Grizzlies.

of eight assists and tied her career best of three blocks.

Taylor Jones led both teams with 20 points, as well as two rebounds and two assists. She was 7-for-14 from the field and 4-for-6 from downtown.

Taylor Gleason and Leah Somerfield also added 15 points each. Gleason went 4-for-5 from beyond the arc, while Somerfield was 5-for-9 from within the arc.

For Valpo, Dani Franklin and Meredith Hamlet led the Crusaders with 18 points and four turnovers each. Franklin went 7-for-14 from the field and 2-for-4 from the freethrow line. The game against Oakland ended her 36 successful free-throw streak on the road.

The Golden Grizzlies will face their rivals, the University of Detroit Mercy Titans, at 3 p.m. ET on Saturday, Jan. 7 on the Blacktop at the O'rena.

Stevie Clark adds spark to the game

New Golden Grizzly guard finds his niche at Oakland after rough journey

AuJenee Hirsh
Staff Reporter

After star point guard Kay Felder was drafted to the Cleveland Cavaliers this past summer, the Oakland men's basketball team was in need of a new guard. Head Coach Greg Kampe wanted someone who could start playing this season.

"We were stuck in a position where we had a really good team coming back, but no point guard," Kampe said. "The only point guard we had coming in was a freshman, Brailen Neely. So we decided that we wanted to find an older kid who could come in and play right away, so we looked at the junior colleges."

During Kampe's search, he came across Stevie Clark, who was attending Arkansas Baptist College, a junior college in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Clark is from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and started to get serious about basketball after he broke his arm playing football at age 15. While playing at Douglass High School, he helped win four state championships and was named Oklahoma Gatorade Player of the Year during his junior and senior years.

Clark said his mother, Dorshell Clark, was a single parent who was "pretty tough."

He was recruited to play basketball for the Oklahoma State University Cowboys. As Clark gained more freedom, he started to focus more on the things that he wanted to do, rather than the things that he needed to do.

"Having the freedom to be able to party and make my own decisions . . . when I probably need to do this homework right now, or wait until later and procrastinate," Clark said. "I kind of made a bad habit with that, and then I just became a procrastinator."

School wasn't the only place he was getting into trouble.

Clark was arrested twice within the span of five weeks for possession of marijuana and outraging public decency. After the second incident, the Cowboys let him go in February 2014.

After two years of attending Indian Hills Community College in Iowa, Clark was asked to play for Arkansas Baptist College.

"It was a blessing," Clark said. "I got that phone call after two years. They just



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Stevie Clark came to Oakland this year after being let go from the Oklahoma State University Cowboys and playing for Arkansas Baptist College.

offered me a scholarship . . . and I just took it and made the most of it."

Clark said that when he was attending Arkansas Baptist, he had to ride on small, cramped buses with 20 people for hours at a time with no leg room. It was different from what he had experienced at Oklahoma State.

"It was a life-changing experience, humbling experience in every way possible," he said. "I went from Division I, being given everything, to going to a junior college. Little Rock was pretty different, and I had to learn how to live on my own, become a man and make my own decisions."

After Kampe recruited him, Clark came to Oakland this past summer to start a new chapter in his life.

The adjustment included "getting him to transition from where he came from to coming here to learning our program to learning the school," said Nick Daniels, Clark's teammate and roommate.

"I've just been working with him throughout his career as he transitions himself," Daniels said.

At first, Clark did not really talk to anyone on the team. He mainly kept to himself and had a hard time getting used to Kampe and his coaching style.

"[There have been] bumps in the road," Clark said. "I'm not used to having males in my life, especially where they support

me, so [I'm] letting my guard down. It's getting better and better. With downfalls, that's how you gain trust. I know [Kampe] loves me and wants the best for me."

Kampe has taught him some lessons that he can carry with him both on and off the court.

"In life, [he's been] letting me know that nobody is going to give me anything, and you don't want to put something in somebody's hands," Clark said. "You always want to control what you can control. With basketball, he's taught me a lot of different ways to defend, which has made me a better defender."

Both Kampe and Clark are still working toward understanding each other.

"I'm giving in, and he's giving in," Kampe said. "I'm trying to learn how to coach him so he can be the best player he can be, and he's trying to learn how to play in our system so he can be the best player he can be. So, it's a mutual respect for each other and learning how to work together."

Getting back into the swing of Division I basketball has been difficult for Clark. As the season progresses, he's recognizing that he needs to step up on the court after stepping back at Arkansas Baptist.

"At my junior college, I just relaxed and kind of just played within the system, so I'd go do what I had to whenever we needed to, but . . . I have to get out of

that because the season's getting more deeper into the year," Clark said. "I have to start making more shots and being myself. I'm just learning to get back into that, but I have to spend a lot more time in the gym."

Though Clark is still finding his place, his teammates have already seen the talent and skills he brings to the team.

"He brings speed, he can penetrate," Daniels said. "I'm always shot-ready . . . when Stevie has the ball in his hands because he's a pass-first guy."

Kampe agreed, saying he has been allowing Clark to take on a bigger role for the Golden Grizzlies.

"I wasn't starting him at the beginning, and he's a starter now," Kampe said. "He's stepped into a bigger role, and every time we play, he's in a little bit bigger of a role."

Since coming to Oakland, Clark has found his time here enjoyable and feels like he is where he needs to be at this point in his life.

"Being here at Oakland has been different and fun," Clark said. "Learning to get used to being [by] yourself because there's nothing to do around here. It's kind of dull, and I need that coming from my situation. I like it, hanging around my team and getting to chill. I just want to thank Oakland for this opportunity, and it's going to be a great year."