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THE COLD NEVER BOTHERED US ANYWAY // As the second week of the year approached, so did the cold weather. The temperature dropped to below freezing. Snow covered the grounds and rooftops and frost covered the windows. Classes were still held despite the cold weather, although some professors opted to cancel.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

When do you purchase books for the semester?

- A** The semester in advance. Gotta buy 'em all!
- B** Not until the teacher says we actually need to.
- C** Mid-semester. I like to live dangerously.
- D** Most expensive ice scrapers ever!

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

Did you make any New Year's resolutions for 2015?

A) Heck yes! New year, new me, baby.

20%

B) No. Who keeps them, anyway?

50%

C) I'm still thinking about it.

20%

D) It's 2015?!

10%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

January 15, 1979

The Oakland University administration approved funding for what would become Meadowbrook Road, with the entrance off of Adams Road. Prior to that, students had only the entrances off of Squirrel and Walton to get onto campus.

January 16, 2002

The front page headline of The Oakland Post reads "Parking headaches continue for winter 2002", proving that some things really do never change.

January 18, 1963

Formal hearings began on campus to officially change the name of MSU-Oakland to Oakland University. A name change was not deemed necessary at the time, however.

-Compiled by Jackson Gilbert, sports editor



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BLOWING SMOKE?

It's been over a year since Oakland officially announced its "Clean Air" policy to ban smoking on campus, yet students are still lighting up.



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No, your pockets are not just becoming smaller. Blog Editor Selah Fischer explores the trend behind the ever-growing cell phone.



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The Golden Grizzlies were forced to grin and bear it as the U of D Titans trumped 74-54 in Detroit.

BY THE NUMBERS
Community college edition

770,797

associate degrees were awarded by community colleges in 2011-2012

36%

students attending a community college are the first generation in their family to attend a college

1,132

community colleges nationwide

58%

students receive some sort of financial aid from a community college

26.6

average annual tuition and fees for community colleges for 2013-2014

Editorial

#FreeCommunityCollege: Send us your thoughts

By Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Tuition: as winter semester bills come due, we're all sick of hearing about it, talking about it. *The Wall Street Journal* affectionately referred to the graduating class of 2014 as the "Most Indebted Class Ever", with the average student receiving a diploma alongside \$33,000 in debt.

Children of the recession, the War on Terror, inflation and the ever-expanding poverty gap in America, to name a few, debt - namely college - is simply the burden we bear, no new news to us.

Then, on Friday in a speech in Tennessee, President Obama said "let there be free college", and the internet ignited, sparking a heated debate, the hashtag "#FreeCommunityCollege" trending on Twitter.

Now, before you put your wallet away and rejoice, realize that this proposal is just that: a proposal.

Nothing is concrete, and for those of you - most of you - reading this who currently attend Oakland University, America's College Promise, if enacted, most likely will not directly im-

pact your next tuition bill nor your four-year stay at Oakland University.

It may, however, have an impact on your alma mater and the Grizzlies of tomorrow.

To clarify, the proposal does not guarantee anything completely free. Rather, for "students willing to work for it", according the President - that is to maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA and "make steady process toward completing their program", according to a fact sheet distributed by the White House, 75 percent of the tuition for community college will be funded by the federal government.

The extra 25 percent will be expected to be contributions from the state in which the bill is passed and enacted.

According to the White House, the policy shift has the ability to affect 9 million young Americans.

Oakland University is in a unique position compared to most universities of its size as it is 84 percent commuter-based and often attractive to students based on affordability, similar features which draw students to an often cheaper community college.

In fact, OU attracts many transfer students

from community colleges who have completed their two-year degrees at a local community college before enrolling in the university: the core demographic target for those impacted by this potential "America's College Promise".

So how will this proposal shake out? Will it be passed or passed over?

Unfortunately, we at *The Oakland Post* have misplaced our crystal balls, making the future unpredictable.

We do know, however, that it is students like you and us who factor into the impact of this program.

If given the chance for a free two years of community college, would you take it or would you instead opt for four or more years at a university institution?

What do you think of the possibility of free community college for those "willing to work for it"?

The Post wants to know.

If you are interested in taking part in the free community college discussion, please send your thoughts, questions, and experiences to editor@oaklandpostonline.com for online and potential print publication in our next issue.

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Perspectives



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With classes being so expensive, students risk their safety in order to get to school.

Opinion: Bad weather won't get in the way of classes

Matthew Semrau

Communication and Journalism major

Two students were killed driving in Genesee County last week. They weren't Oakland University students, but it's only a matter of time before we see that headline.

"The Sheriff's Department said that weather played a role," reported ABC 12 News in Flint, Michigan.

The National Weather Service issued wind chill advisories across the state for Wednesday night through late Thursday afternoon. Oakland County was not left out.

"If you must venture out..." the warning read, just before explaining frostbite was a very real danger.

If. You. Must.

The weather service has a nifty chart to calculate the danger of frostbite. Early Thursday evening, the weather service reported a temperature of two degrees and a wind speed of 30 mph.

It would have taken about 12 minutes for exposed skin to become frostbitten.

That may seem like a long time until you realize it can take as much as 15 minutes to cross the campus in good weather.

The wind chill advisory was replaced with a winter weather advisory—up to four inches of snow, limited visibility, and slippery roads in the matter of a few hours.

Did the university cancel? Of course not. Despite the nearly 24 hour long begging of students on social media

to close the campus, their pleas were ignored.

But let's forget the opinion of the students for a moment. I've learned in my four years at Oakland University that the opinion of us "college kids" means very little to six-figure earning, doctorate wielding administrators.

Certainly, the administrators would heed the warnings of the National Weather Service, right? You know, the government agency responsible for reporting the weather and looking out for the weather-related safety and well-being of the entire country? Nope.

But, I get it. While students were stiffed with brutal cold and dangerous driving conditions—risking their health and lives to avoid being penalized by the, generally, unconcerned faculty—the school administrators were sitting comfortably in the safety and warmth of their homes.

We're adults. We have the freedom to choose between our safety and class. Unfortunately, few of us can afford our education without hefty loans and government aid (and the university continuing to jack up tuition in spite of that).

With no policies in place to protect students from the retribution of their instructors when choosing to forgo class due to dangerous conditions, many choose to risk life and limb to attend class rather than risk their \$1000-plus investment.

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Chik-fil-A's presence on campus is both an attraction and a controversy.

Letters to the editor: Chik-fil-A is a disgrace

'Did you know about Chik-fil-A's antagonism to same-sex marriage?'

Alicia Basin
2013 OU Alum

After reading the January 7, 2015 edition of The Oakland Post, I am disgusted by this publication.

As a university publication, I would expect The Oakland Post to make all students feel supported on campus. You have the resources and the ability to speak up for equality and justice for all.

This is why I am extremely disappointed with the article written about Chick-fil-A. I am not sure if your writers are ignorant or just do not care about the discrimination that Chick-fil-A has thrown upon the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) community, but highlighting this company as an asset to Oakland University is a huge slap in the face to LGBT students on campus.

Chick-fil-A has donated millions of dollars to anti-gay groups in recent years. Instead of promoting how Oakland University should be replacing Chick-fil-A with another food option, your article promoted the hours of operation of this discriminatory establishment.

To make matters even worse, you made the story the highlight of your printed newspaper, and put the death of Cody Petzold, an openly gay student, on the back of the Chick-fil-A article.

I am not sure if this placement was done intentionally, but either way, as future journalists, I would hope you would research and review your facts.

Annette Gilson

Ph.D. Associate Professor of English

I'm just wondering: Did you know about Chik-fil-A's antagonism to same-sex marriage?

I'm curious why you chose to write this story.

I'm sure they're grateful that you're advertising for them, but it seems to me that your article would have more journalistic appeal if you also researched how people feel about the restaurant's political stance and what its presence here on OU's campus says to LGBTQ members of our community.

There are also issues of factory farming, public obesity--all sorts of subjects you could touch on to make this article more informational and engaging, and less of a plug for Chik-fil-A.

These letters were both written in response to the centerpiece feature of last week's issue. The story can be read online at www.oaklandpostonline.com. Previous coverage on Chick-fil-A and the controversies surrounding it can also be found on our website.

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- demonstrate service to the community
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Nomination forms are available at oakland.edu/dean_awards or in 144 Oakland Center. The deadline for both awards is Monday, February 9, 2015.

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War on Terror: incomplete

Student Statesman says maybe the government isn't doing quite as much as is needed to fight terrorism

Nick Walter
Student Statesman

Anyone remember reading how much everyone loved Vietnam?

The unity of the American people, the strength of the political response to North



Vietnam, the ease with which our unrestricted military struck down our cowering foe?

No, nobody remembers these things happening, because they didn't. We were divided, our leaders didn't have a clue and our military was so restricted that they almost may as well have not

been there.

What on earth, Nick, does this have to do with us, college students in 2015?

You did promise to only write about political stuff that mattered, so what are you writing about?

Good question: the answer is terrorism.

What does that have to do with Vietnam?

Bear with me; I'll explain.

In the past week (just this week!) ISIS hacked the Twitter and Youtube accounts of CENT.COM (the U.S. military group in charge of the Middle East), gunmen armed with AK-47's murdered 12 employees at a satirical newspaper in the heart of Paris, and the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram gunned down 2000 people in Nigeria.

In response to this spate

"If gunmen can strike the heart of one of the most populous cities in crowded Europe and get away, who's to say that New York City, Chicago or Detroit aren't next?"

Nick Walter
Student Statesman

of heinous and bloodthirsty attacks by Islamic extremists, over 50 world leaders and a million people gathered in France to protest the violence, according to CNN.

The president manfully responded by showing up at the rally, pledging to work with the government of Nigeria to stop the violence of Boko Haram, and declaring he would form a task force to make our cyber networks

stronger.

Except, none of those things happened.

The president did not go to the rally, he did not pledge to stop the violence in Nigeria and he has not formed a cybersecurity task force.

For that matter, Vice President Biden wasn't even there.

Nor was Secretary of State John Kerry.

Curiously enough, nobody senior was representing the United States.

The president scheduled a meeting with the San Antonio Spurs instead.

Now for the Vietnam connection: as you all know, the U.S. has been fighting a war on terrorism for the past decade and a half.

We made some progress in Iraq in the early 2000's, only to see it slip away when we

pulled our troops out.

Now we've had years of half-hearted strikes and weak "sanctions". This past week just highlights the problem.

If we care about terrorism — and my guess is that we college students do care — since we want to live in a safe country, then we will demand that our leaders stamp this threat out.

We lost the war in Vietnam, not because our country was weak, but because we weren't willing to fight an all-out war.

We must not lose this war on terror.

If gunmen can strike in the heart of one of the most populous cities in crowded Europe and get away, who's to say that New York City, Chicago or Detroit aren't next?

Let us take a moment and reflect on the value of our free speech rights

Sean Gardner
Web Editor

In times like this, it is important to reflect on the world and think about the things which makes us special.

Freedom of speech is one of these things, something many may take for granted.

With events such as the Paris terrorist attack, it is important to recognize how important having the first amendment is.

The first amendment says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

It is this amendment that separates us from many nations. Because of the first

amendment, we can speak freely, believe in what we want—all without the fear of punishment.

Imagine a world where you could face punishment for expressing yourself.

A dull world, where everyone thinks the same and looks the same.

A world where the American dream can't be attained.

It is what helped start America, released the Pentagon Papers, solved Watergate and continues to allow the press to inform people across the globe.

Freedom of speech is just as important for those not part the media.

It gives people the power, the power to question their leaders and then peacefully protest against them.

It solves problems and makes us unique, but we must be careful. There is a

"IN TIMES WHERE IT MAY SEEM DISASTROUS AND EVEN DEADLY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF, LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD... THE ONLY THING WE TRULY OWN IS OUR WORDS."

Sean Gardner
Web Editor

certain responsibility when exercising your freedom and this responsibility can lead to threats and even death.

However, these consequences make freedom of speech even more important and our greatest asset.

"If a large enough group of someone is willing to kill you for saying something, then it's something that almost certainly needs to be said,"



Danielle Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Oakland Post's Web Editor, Sean Gardner, is an advocate for freedom, speech rights and all things American.

said Ross Douthat, New York Times columnist.

"A universal belief in freedom of expression, is something that can't be silenced because of the senseless violence of a few," said President Barack Obama.

Freedom of speech is a

right that every free thinking man, woman and child should grasp and abuse.

In times where it may seem disastrous and even deadly to express yourself, let your voice be heard.

In the end, the only thing we truly own is our words.

Campus

Grizzlies on the Prowl



*"How did you feel
about the sudden
cold weather?"*



**Cameron Renny, Junior,
Engineering Physics**

*"I wore more Under Armour. It
wasn't really bad driving over to
the campus."*



**Jacqueline Yee, Junior,
Political Science**

*"I had to bring out the parka and
the boots. My commute wasn't
bad though."*



**Ben August, Junior,
Health Sciences**

*"I had to wake up earlier so I
could scrape my car. I found
better parking since people
stayed home because of the
roads."*

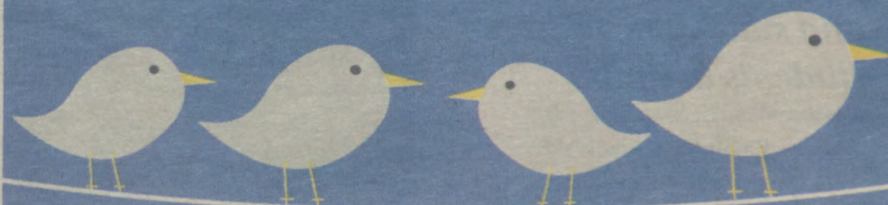


**Anna Powell, Senior,
Japanese**

*"It was so cold it hurt my face.
I didn't expect classes to be
cancelled but wished they were."*

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury,
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Clean air act just OU blowing smoke?

Conflict between school and state policy leaves students in limbo

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

It's been almost five years since Michigan restaurant and bar goers have been asked their preference: smoking or non-smoking?

Effective May 1, 2010, Michigan legislature passed the Michigan Indoor Clean Air Act, prohibiting smoking in any public indoor location, and two years later, Oakland University developed its own policy in response to the new legislation.

New policy

Although OU has been "smoke-free" since November of 2012, on Sept. 9, 2013 students received an email from John W. Beaghan, vice president for Finance and Administration and treasurer to the Board of Trustees, with a policy update.

According to Beaghan's email, OU was expanding the campus-wide Clean Air Act, rendering smoking on campus to be officially prohibited indoors and outdoors.

Referenced as Policy 475, the exact verbiage from OU Administrative Policies and Procedures reads, "smoking is prohibited on all owned or operated Campuses and Grounds, and in all University owned or operated Buildings and vehicles."

OU Clean Air Act signs were then fastened to light posts, brandishing the universally recognized symbol for "no smoking."

Shawn Czewski, Environmental, Health & Wellness Director for Oakland University Student Congress said that in speaking with OU's Health & Safety department, "there isn't much [the department] could do other than place the signs we see on campus," in regards to policy implementation.

Campus enforcement

Things get more interesting when the Oakland University Police Department (OUPD)'s role in enforcing the policy is examined.

"The main issue of this policy," Czewski said, "is that it states individuals can not smoke outdoors, but there is no law in Michigan stating smoking is prohibited outdoors."



Sean Gardner / The Oakland Post

Many no smoking OU clean air signs can be found around campus—yet people can still be found smoking.

"The policy has been put in place to hopefully mold OU into a smoke-free campus in the future. Things take time."

Shawn Czewski
Health & Wellness Director, OUSC

This statement was confirmed by OUPD Administrative Lieutenant Nicole Thomson.

While the university has made its desire for a smoke-free campus clear with the enactment of Policy 475, there really is little that can be done to enforce it.

"That is why we don't see OUPD getting involved with the issue, because it would be unlawful," Czewski said. "If someone were to get violent, we would see OUPD stepping in."

Czewski said that he has personally confronted students about smoking on campus and asked them to put their cigarettes out, but had little suc-

cess. He said he has interacted with "repeat offenders," resulting from minimal outside enforcement.

Due to the fact that application of the policy does not rest on OUPD, Czewski said that he actively encourages students to not smoke on campus, and has heard of involvement from the Dean of Students when it comes to individuals smoking near the Oakland Center.

Tolerance on other campuses

OU transfer student Zach Micklea said that the Michigan school he previously attended had a much lower tolerance for smoking on campus.

"I was once approached by an officer who aggressively asked if I had been smoking," Micklea said. "I told him that I wasn't, and he proceeded to interrogate me, asking if I was really a student and what teachers I had... I couldn't believe it, since I had an armful of books and hadn't even been smoking in the first place."

Groups of kids would still smoke, Micklea said, but always kept a look-

out and would run if a cop came around."

Other Michigan schools looking to their police for aid in keeping campus smoke-free begs an ethical question of whether or not officers — who, according to Thomson, cannot enforce policies like 475 which disagree with state law — should be able to discourage students from smoking on campus.

"The policy has been put in place to hopefully mold OU into a smoke-free campus in the future," Czewski said. "Things take time."

"The university needs to get educated," he said, not only on the facts of smoking, but on the policy and what it means for smokers and non-smokers alike.

"I would like to see OU smoke-free one day... but I don't know if the university is as enthusiastic as I am at the moment."

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the mix

oddsandends

We thought we'd have a little more fun by bringing back The Mix, once a regular feature page of The Oakland Post. Here you'll find a few fun lists, WXOU hits and top Yik Yaks.

10 WAYS TO BEAT COLD WEATHER

AUTOMATIC CAR STARTER // Does it get any better than getting into your car and it's already toasty warm? From the comfort of a heated home, you can start your car. Just don't forget to set the air to heat, not A/C.

HAND WARMERS // Magical cloth bags that get activated by air can keep you warm for hours. Better yet, they are pretty cheap and can be put anywhere...anywhere.



INVEST IN SOME SCARVES // A scarf may be one of the most versatile pieces of clothing. It can be tied in many different knots around your neck, mouth and worn around the head like a hood.

SPOON WITH YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER // Forget about your responsibilities and just lay in bed. Exchange body heat like there is no tomorrow. Take a personal day because it is too damn cold out there.

FOR YOU SINGLE FOLK, STAY IN YOUR MOTHER'S BASEMENT // Free heat, free food and endless video games? Come on, at this point I may just move back to mom's house right now.

BAKE SOMETHING // Nothing gets the house warm like the oven being on all day and nothing warms the belly like some homemade pie.

DRINK SOMETHING HOT // Get on that hot chocolate, the classic stay-warm drink.

GET A FIREPLACE // The wonderful world of technology provides us with electronic fireplaces. Not only do they look pretty, but some of them are even functional for staying warm.



SNUGGIES ARE WHERE IT'S AT // Is there really anything more stylish than a snuggie? They feature all the warmth of a blanket, but give you the ability to move your arms freely.

GROW OUT YOUR BODY HAIR // Though not a personal favorite, growing out body hair will keep you warm during these chilly times. Shave the grooming for later.



—Compiled by Sean Gardner, web editor

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



1. "One of the worst parts of a break up is never seeing his or her dog again. And the dog doesn't even know why you stopped visiting."

2. "To anyone with an 8 a.m., may this semester be ever in your favor."

3. "Are you made of 11 protons? Because you are sodium fine."

4. "I ain't saying she's a gold digger, but she ain't messing with no art majors."

5. "Having an 8 a.m. is against my religion."

6. "I'm not going outside until the temperature is above my age."

7. "It's so weird that I have two pieces of glass sitting in front of my eyes so I don't mistake a

dog for a garbage can."

8. "It's so cold out, I doubt we'll have outdoor recess."

9. "If I had a dollar for every time an adult asked me about college, I'd have enough money to pay for college."

10. "Rate my professor should have a section saying how often the professor cancels class."

—Compiled by Shelby Tankersley, intern

TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the week

1. Parquet Courts — "Content Nausea"
2. Ariel Pink — "Pom Pom"
3. Aquadolls — "Stoked on You"
4. TV On the Radio — "Seeds"
5. She and Him — "Classics"
6. Francisco the Man — "Loose Ends"
7. Panda Bear — "Panda Bear Meets The Grim Reaper"
8. Ty Segall — "Singles 2"
9. Run the Jewels — "Run the Jewels 2"
10. D'Angelo and the Vanguard — "Black Messiah"



D'Angelo and the Vanguard - Black Messiah

R&B's most iconic recluse is back after 14 years without releasing an album. After releasing 2000's *Voodoo*, D'Angelo fell away from making music and some speculated that he was finished. But with *Black Messiah*, the man is back and as seductive as ever. The record features twelve songs. "The Charade" is a cosmic political statement with D'Angelo singing "All we wanted was a chance to talk / Instead we only got outlined in chalk." Perhaps his comment refers to the police brutality that has plagued the news over the past few years. "Another Life" is a smooth, soulful number that ends the album with the sexiest, most climactic male scream heard in recent memory. If you're looking for the best in modern R&B, look no further—*Black Messiah* is here to lead us to the Promised Land.

Start with: "Sugar Daddy," "The Charade," and "Another Life"

—Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director



Above photos by Katherine Cagle / The Oakland Post



CAN'T READ MY, CAN'T READ MY, MY POKER FACE

*Students, performers go all in at
Grizzly Circus Casino Night*

By Erica Marracco / Staff Reporter

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In addition to games, music and food, the SPB brought out members of the Detroit Circus. These performers amazed students by juggling, balancing, swallowing swords and contorting bodies.



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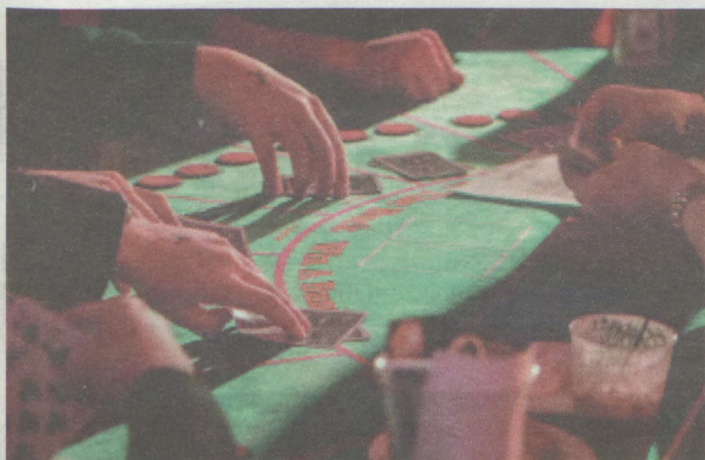
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DANCING AND GAMBLING THE NIGHT AWAY Throughout the night students came to gamble, enjoy amazing circus feats, eat, and enjoy music provided by 95.5 DJ Paul Martindale. Lighting and games were contracted through Limelight Music, and catering was provided by Chartwells — students could munch on carnival-themed appetizers such as chicken tenders, potato wedges, flavored popcorn, Bosco sticks, funnel cakes and ice cream.

Glamour, glory, wild entertainment and free money — lots and lots of money.

Well, fake money.

These are just a few of the things that were ripe for the taking on Saturday night, when the Student Program Board (SPB) held its annual Casino Night as part of the Welcome Week program.

The main floor of the Oakland Center was temporarily transformed into a vibrant casino full of colored lights, loud music and students ready to show off their poker faces. Nearly 2,000 students came to bet at slot machines, pose in a red carpet-themed photo booth, and enjoy the carnival-centered decorations and activities.

"The atmosphere was like a real casino," sophomore Austin Davis said.

Beginning at 7 p.m., students could receive free fake money and gamble it in games like European Roulette, Texas Hold 'Em and Poker.

The games were manned by members of the housing staff, many of whom learned to play those games the night of the event.

"Everyone was willing to help each other learn how to play," Megan Bastuba, a Texas Hold 'Em dealer, said. "It was a fun and exciting atmosphere."

Players could win or lose money, and when they decided they were done with the games, they could trade their money in for tickets to submit in raffles for high-end prizes.

These prizes included: a PS4 bundle, a 40-inch Hitachi Plasma TV, tickets to Chicago, an Xbox One bundle, a Samsung Tab 4, a spring break trip to New Orleans, and Disney On Ice: Frozen tickets.

"I put my tickets into the New

"Everyone was willing to help each other learn how to play... it was a fun and exciting atmosphere."

Megan Bastuba

Academic Peer Mentor & Texas Hold 'Em dealer

Orleans spring break," sophomore Austin Davis said.

If students weren't interested in gambling, they could enjoy other games, such as Pac Man or a one-on-one reflex challenge game. There was also a show in the Banquet Rooms by the Detroit Circus, in which three entertainers juggled with swords, contorted bodies and performed seemingly impossible balancing acts.

Before and after the show, other circus performers wandered the building on stilts and giant rubber balls, posing for pictures and joking with students.

"It doesn't hurt after practice," Matt, the show's juggler and contortionist, said. The audience had the chance to vote for what three objects he juggled out of a sawblade, a machete, an axe and a plunger.

After the circus show, the raffle tickets were pulled and the winners were announced.

"[The raffle] was our way to give back to the students," said Arkeem Scott, SPB's annual events director. "It's about having fun and enjoying yourself."

To learn more about the SPB and its schedule of events, visit www.oakland.edu/spb.



Bumpers hits a bump in the road

With broken equipment and a new cafe proposal, Bumpers Game Room faces possible extinction

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Intern

Almost all students have a way to relax. For many, Bumpers Game Room is a key location to get away from the stress of college life and make some new friends.



Danielle Cojocari /
The Oakland Post

Bumpers Game Room

"It's more than a game room," said Brittany Hall, associate chair of the Student Program Board and a member of the Bumpers Staff. "Students are offered free

access to pool, tennis and video games, of course, but it's also a place for students to have a home at the university. We have a lot of commuters who visit, and I've seen groups of friends form around the games here."

Currently, Bumpers is facing some serious issues, including lack of fully functioning equipment. According to Hall, there was a group of people that had to ask around at other pool tables for another stick because there wasn't enough to have even two or three at every table.

"I think Bumpers could use more variety, and maybe some more ping pong tables," student Christian Hiltz said. "There's just not enough in there for everyone to be accommodated."

It is likely that when students visit the

game room between noon and 5 p.m., it is packed. Hall said that because Oakland keeps growing, there continues to be problems with long lines and the issue of not enough space.

"An expansion means more potential for the game room," Hall said. "Most universities have huge, expansive gaming centers, sometimes even bowling alleys. I wish Oakland would help out Bumpers a bit and make this place into something every student would want to go to."

The lack of equipment isn't the only issue now, however. There is also a possibility for Chartwells to turn the existing game room into a new cafe.

The company would take most of the front of Bumpers, where the TVs and gaming systems are, according to Hall. She said there is talk of having the food counter and seating area there instead.

"Honestly, I think there's enough places to eat on campus," freshman Jessica Peters said. "Pioneer Food Court

is right upstairs in the OC and I know a lot of people who frequent Bumpers would be more than upset about losing their social spot."

Peters went one step further by asking her peers on the popular app Yik Yak what students would anonymously say about the issue. Some students were expressing anger at the possibility, but one student posed a contrasting view: "The Cafe would be nice. The lines are getting ridiculous right now in the food court."

If the cafe was built, it would possibly leave a couple of the pool or table tennis tables, but the rest remains unknown, according to Hall.

For more information regarding Bumpers Game Room, visit the room downstairs in the Oakland Center.

Contact the writer at ckkramer@oakland.edu.

'Pirates' takes over the Oakland stage, hopes to expose the beauty of opera

LeeAnn Brown
Life, Arts & Entertainment
Editor

Comedy, songs, love and complicated, leap year math misfortunes—just a few things students can expect to see in the upcoming OU comic opera, *Pirates of Penzance*.

"Pirates," an 1880 W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan collaboration, tells the tale of Frederic, a 21-year-old man who is finishing his apprenticeship with a ram-bunctious group of pirates. Upon being released, Frederic meets and falls in love with the major general's daughter, Mabel.

Unfortunately, as soon as love ensues, Frederic, whose birthday is Feb. 29, learns that his apprenticeship is far from over. Due to the fact that he must serve until his 21st birthday and that day only comes once every leap year, he is indentured to the pirates for another 63 years.

Despite how long that seems, Mabel agrees to wait for him faithfully.

Gilbert and Sullivan shaped musical theater in the late 19th

and early 20th centuries. Some of their best-known comic operas include "H.M.S. Pinafore," "The Mikado" and, of course, "Pirates of Penzance."

Known for the absurd worlds and humorous music created in their operas, many are still popular and performed worldwide.

OU's rendition will feature junior Timothy Brown in the adoring role of the loyally-enslaved Frederic.

Brown, a vocal performance major and journalism minor, has performed in two fully-staged operas and numerous choral concerts and opera workshop performances during his time at Oakland. However, Brown said that Frederic is the largest role he has ever played and it is undoubtedly his favorite.

Brown chose to attend Oakland for one important reason: Dr. Drake Dantzler, assistant professor of music and director of the opera area.

Brown said the most important thing for undergraduate performance majors to consider in choosing a school is the voice teacher.

Having studied under Dantzler in high school, it was an easy choice for him.

"Though being admitted to other highly regarded music schools in the country, such as Indiana University and Michigan State, I knew that Dr. Dantzler was the right person who would put me in the best position to achieve my goals," Brown said.

Dantzler and Brown, having worked closely for a few years, are now getting to experience what it's like to work together as director and one of the lead actors.

"Tim's great," Dantzler said, "He's open to tackling new challenges. This role is substantially larger than anything he has performed before, so it has been a daunting task at times. He has made substantial growth."

Dantzler said that Tim's uniquely large (loud) voice and silly and dutiful personality are intrinsic to Frederic.

Brown has a similarly fond opinion of the young pirate, though he didn't audition with a narrow focus on playing him.

"I auditioned for Pirates be-



Courtesy of Timothy Brown

OU junior Timothy Brown stands with long-time mentor Dr. Drake Dantzler.

cause I want to get as much performance experience as possible while I'm here at OU," he said. "I knew that I'd enjoy performing in such a fun and lively show, whether it was in a lead or supporting role."

When asked what students can expect from attending the *Pirates* performance, Dantzler said, "Lots of tuneful music and an evening full of comedy and hijinks. Students will recognize the music without knowing where they heard it before. Gilbert and Sullivan music is deeply ingrained in our society's ear."

Brown hopes to expose students with limited opera experience to the beauty of the art form.

"Opera is stereotypically known as boring and unevent-

ful, while it is actually quite the opposite," Brown said. "I hope that the humorous, light-hearted nature of this show makes students want to attend and that they leave the performance with a new appreciation for opera and the performing arts."

Students have many showings to choose from. Have a laugh and get on board with Frederic, Mabel and the rest at one of the following: this Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The performances are in Varner Recital Hall and tickets are \$18 to the public and \$10 for students. They can be purchased at Varner Box Office or online, without service fees, at startickets.com.

Performers shine in regional spotlight

After months of prep, MTD students take top honors in theatre festival

By Kayla Varicalli
Campus & Administration Editor

Friday night: a time for students to relax, rewind and sleep off a stressful week.

Not for the members of the music, theatre, and dance (MTD) department. This past Friday night meant singing in front of a crowd of strangers, presenting self-made costume designs and receiving on-the-spot critique from judges.

These music, theatre and dance department members traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they competed at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF). Oakland's department was invited and nominated to the regional competition, where eight students participated in a variety of competitions.

"Once I decided to go to the competition, I felt really pumped and really excited," participant Ellie Teucke said. "We had a lot of competition this year so it was cool to just go and represent Oakland."

Competing nationally

The KCACTF is a national theatre program that holds state, regional and national competitions for students majoring in theatre. Competitions at the regional level are designed to highlight a variety of students' abilities, ranging from vocal competitions to costume design presentations. Three attending students took home top prizes, while another placed as a finalist.

Brian Baylor won the Voice and Speech Trainer's Association award for vocal performance, along with partner Gabrielle Minchella, and Aubrey Fink earned the Musical Theatre Award, along with partner Nathan Larkins. Teucke placed as a finalist for Unrealized Costume Design.

"It is such an accomplishment and such an awesome feeling to be a finalist," Teucke said. "I wasn't expecting to move on, so I felt very fortunate to say I'm a finalist."

Topping the winners was Cassidy Temple, who earned the Alternate Irene Ryan recipient award, accompanied by her partner Stefanie Sambrano. Along with the title, Temple received a

"In the last couple weeks, we rehearsed like crazy... but it was worth it to feel completely prepared."

Cassidy Temple

Alternate Irene Ryan
award recipient

\$500 scholarship. If the first place winner of the Irene Ryan recipient award is unable to make it to the national level competition, Temple will participate in his or her place.

"I was so excited with the nomination," Temple said. "To be nominated as an Irene Ryan recipient competitor is a huge honor, especially after one of my first lead roles. Immediately after the excitement, I felt really nervous for the work load I was taking on."

A growing experience

Preparation for each participant started months in advance. With the end of 2014 came new pressure. Weeks before competition, the students finalized poster, practiced vocal performances and perfected their deliveries for the judges.

"In the last couple weeks, we rehearsed like crazy," Temple said. "It was really nerve-wracking to perform a preview in front of our department before we left, but it was worth it to feel completely prepared."

Along with the final preparation of posters, vocals and rehearsals, the winning participants focused on their mental preparation as well. Members received on-the-spot critique from judges, which helped build their personal portfolios and their confidence, according to Teucke.

"It's a cool atmosphere because at Oakland there are only a few teachers who can give you specific advice on certain pieces," Teucke said. "To be able to go and hear from other schools and other professionals, it was cool to get their opinions and let their work influence me."



Photos provided by Ellie Teucke

Ellie Teucke presented to the first round of preliminary competition, where she placed as a finalist for Unrealized Costume Design. She was one of eight music, theatre and dance students that traveled to Wisconsin to compete at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.



Making life easier, one 5.5-inch screen at a time

College students opt for bigger phones as needs evolve

Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

It may look silly when you see a student holding a phone that resembles an iPad up to his or her ear. However, many students are investing in these large phones now more than ever.

With work, school and other responsibilities, students are extremely busy. Bigger phones allow them to manage everything on one device, making their lives easier.

"Smartphones are increasing in size because people do so much on them," sophomore Grace Turner said. "As they become more like tiny computers, people need to be able to see what they're doing better."

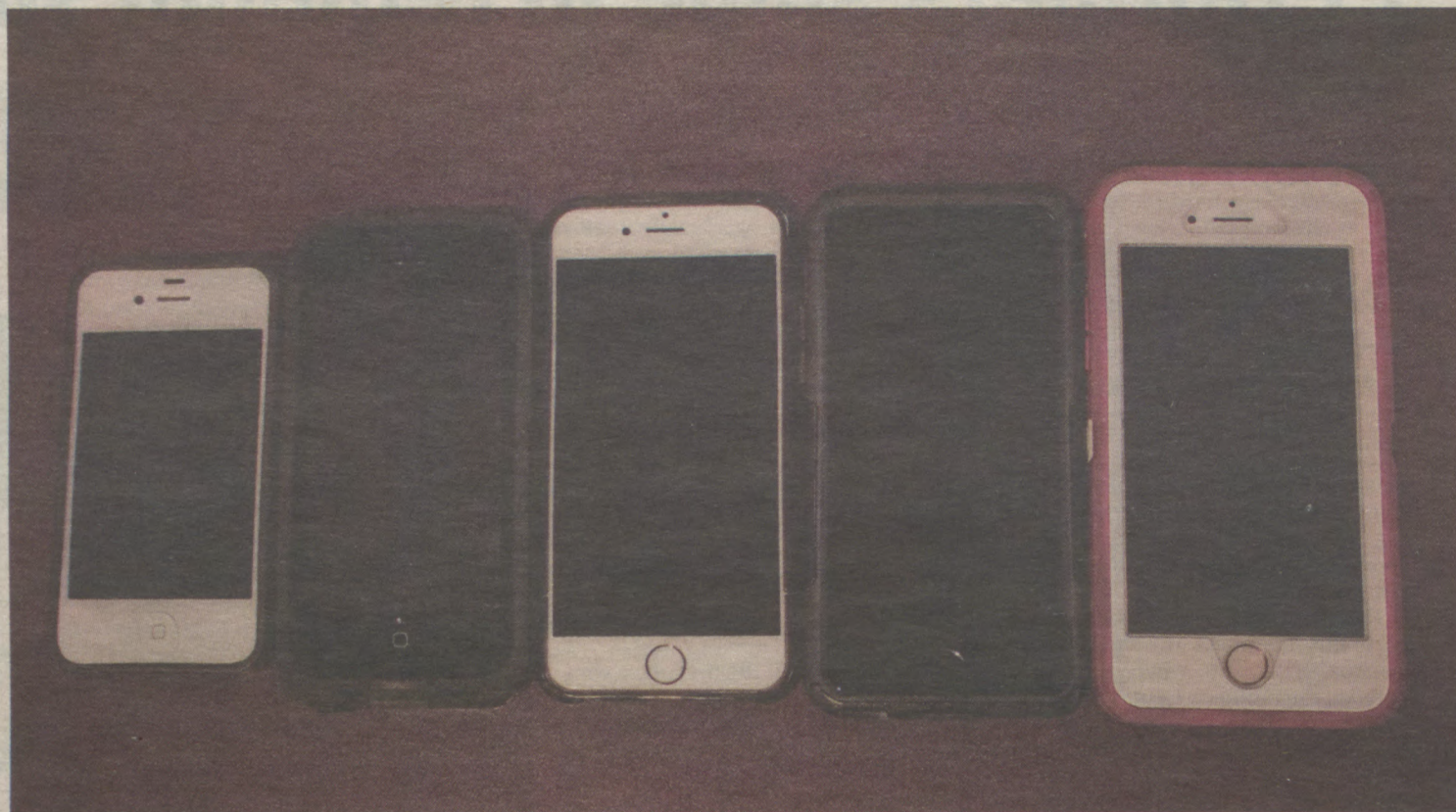
The days are gone when everyone had to get his or her hands on a phone that fit perfectly in their pocket or purse, such as the Motorola Razr V3 with a 2-inch screen, which was the most popular phone just 10 years ago.

Now manufactures are leaving small and elegant phones behind as they focus more on practicality, and college students, comprising the largest group of cellphone ownership, are the ones buying these big and practical phones.

Most people who own cell phones fall into the age group of 18 to 24, according to Pew Research Center. This is one of the reasons so many students are seen with the newest smartphone technology.

Today, smartphones are going in the same direction as televisions, according to the New York Times. The trend became even more obvious this year as a ton of big-screen smartphones, ranging from 5 to 7 inches, were introduced at the Mobile World Congress trade show in Barcelona, Spain.

As these phones keep growing in size, students continue to buy them.



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

The iPhone 6 and 6+ are popular smartphone contenders among college students because of their large screens and multifunctionality.

This is the future

College students spend more than half of the day on their phones, according to research from Baylor University, and they are using them for just about everything.

They pay their bills, play games, check-in for their flights, shop and even watch television on them. A bigger screen is more convenient when doing all of these things.

"The bigger the screen, the better," senior Bernie Mighion said. "I use my smartphone for everything now. I look back and can't even believe I had an iPhone 4 with such a small screen."

Android and Apple are dominating the smartphone market with their large phone screens. Now, phone stores are filled with bigger options, making it rare for people to buy the older and smaller phones.

At the start of 2012, approximately 70 percent of devices had a screen size of 3.5 inches or smaller, and last year that portion reduced to 20 percent, according to ZDNet.

The bigger, the better

Screens on the new iPhone 6+, Samsung Galaxy Note 4 and the Samsung Galaxy Mega 2 are larger than any previous phone and are among the most popular choices.

The Samsung Galaxy Note 4 has a 5.7-inch display and Apple's new iPhone 6 has a 4.7-inch screen. Also, the iPhone 6+ has a 5.5-inch screen. Older phones such as the iPhone 5 had only a 4-inch screen, according to QZ.

Growing demands

Out of 4,000 people, 35 percent who decided against buying an iPhone said they would do so if the new iPhone 6 increased its screen size to make it larger than the current iPhone 5S, according to a survey by RBC Capital Markets. The survey also confirmed that many people were willing to pay more money for something larger.

"I have the iPhone 5 and I want the iPhone 6+ because of the bigger screen," OU student Aspen Grezeszak said. "I feel like the screen is better for all

purposes, especially for viewing all my pictures."

Although these phones are in high demand, screen size isn't the only reason they are flying off the shelves. With a higher resolution display, these phones can deliver better color and detail. Also, with a larger screen on the phone, it is able to have better hardware support, according to CNET.

"I like my bigger screen on my iPhone 6+ because it allows me to work on a bigger canvas as well as take advantage of the apps that are made for it," student Branden Kaline said. "This makes the application easier to use and the photos are absolutely amazing on this device."

With so many people buying these larger phones, it seems the trend will continue. Last year, 20 percent of smartphones shipped were 5 inches or bigger. Due to this, it's predicted that the number will grow to 50 percent by 2017, according to The New York Times.

Top uses for smartphones:

- Text messaging
- Internet
- E-mail
- Apps
- GPS
- Music
- Live video
- Social media
- Location sharing and "checking in"
- Phone calls
- Video chatting
- Photo editing

Take it slow when driving in ice and snow

By Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

Polar vortex: the weather event responsible last year for triggering post-traumatic stress disorder and striking fear into the hearts of Michiganders.

Oakland University and much of metro Detroit closed their doors for periods of time due to the abnormally ferocious ice, snow and frigid temperatures.

While it seems as if this winter's weather has been on an upswing, Rachel Wilson, lead instructor of driver training with AAA Michigan, still provides invaluable information on winter driving, safety and preparedness.

Wilson found an open position with AAA after searching for a career post-graduation from OU. Looking to put her degree in education to work, Wilson jumped at the opportunity.

"I thought it would be the perfect fit for me," she said. "I've been teaching driver's training with AAA for over eight years and I love it."

As an instructor, Wilson is responsible for making sure that her students leave the program with as much information as possible on safe driving and proper handling of a motor vehicle, with winter driving safety being an imperative focus.

"There are many important considerations a young driver needs to make while driving in winter weather," Wilson said. "The first thing is to not overestimate your driving abilities. Many experienced drivers find winter weather challenging to drive in at times."

Wilson said that there are two adjustments that people need to make immediately with the onset of winter: slowing down and increasing the space between their car and others on the road.

"It takes a lot longer to slow down in snow and ice and both of these adjustments help compensate for that," she said. "Also be sure to accelerate and decelerate as gradually as possible."

While it's easy to get caught up in the beauty and wonderment of freshly fallen snow, it's equally as simple to forget about snow's ugly counterpart: ice.

"Coming out of driver's training, I knew winter driving was more treacherous, but I had no idea how to handle slippery conditions," sophomore Anna Roberts said.

Wilson said that when it comes to driving on ice, "it really is best to stay home."

"Keep in mind even if you drive properly, others may not," she said.

"If you must absolutely drive," Wilson

"I find most people, regardless of age, fail to have the proper supplies in their vehicle. A very basic winter car kit should include blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medications."

Rachel Wilson
Lead instructor of driver training
with AAA Michigan

said, "go as slow as you can and leave plenty of space with other vehicles. Give yourself a lot of extra time to stop and take turns very slow."

Wilson also warns against — especially for college students — driving fatigued in bad weather when coming home late from school, gym or social events.

"Better safe than sorry" the old adage goes, and in the case of winter driving, it may seem like common sense. Wilson begs to differ.

"I find most people, regardless of age, fail to have the proper supplies in their vehicle," Wilson said, discussing preparedness for vehicular emergencies.

"A very basic winter car kit should include blankets, gloves, hats, food, water and any needed medications," she said.

Wilson said that a small car shovel and bags of sand or cat litter placed in the trunk can really make a difference, allowing drivers to more easily avoid getting stuck in the snow.

Even if OU students arm themselves with emergency kits and bags of cat litter for the upcoming winter months, Wilson cautions that there is one more key component to driving safely in the winter: good tires.

"Don't neglect your tires," she said. "They are crucial when it comes to driving safe all year but especially in inclement weather."

"Make sure your tires are properly inflated and that they have adequate tread depth," Wilson said. "Having tires in good condition helps them grip the road and decrease your stopping distance."

Roberts said that winter driving skills, especially in our climate, have to develop quickly. To handle this, she thinks more emphasis should be placed on them in teen drivers training.

With knowledgeable instructors like Wilson eager to provide the campus community with tips on how to stay safe on the roads this winter, one doesn't have to take a refresher course in driver training to sharpen their safe driving skills.



Katherine Cagle / The Oakland Post

Snow has been covering campus on and off for the last month, and there are many important considerations a driver needs to make while driving in winter weather.

5 The Top Five Reasons to Become an OU Credit Union Member

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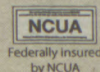
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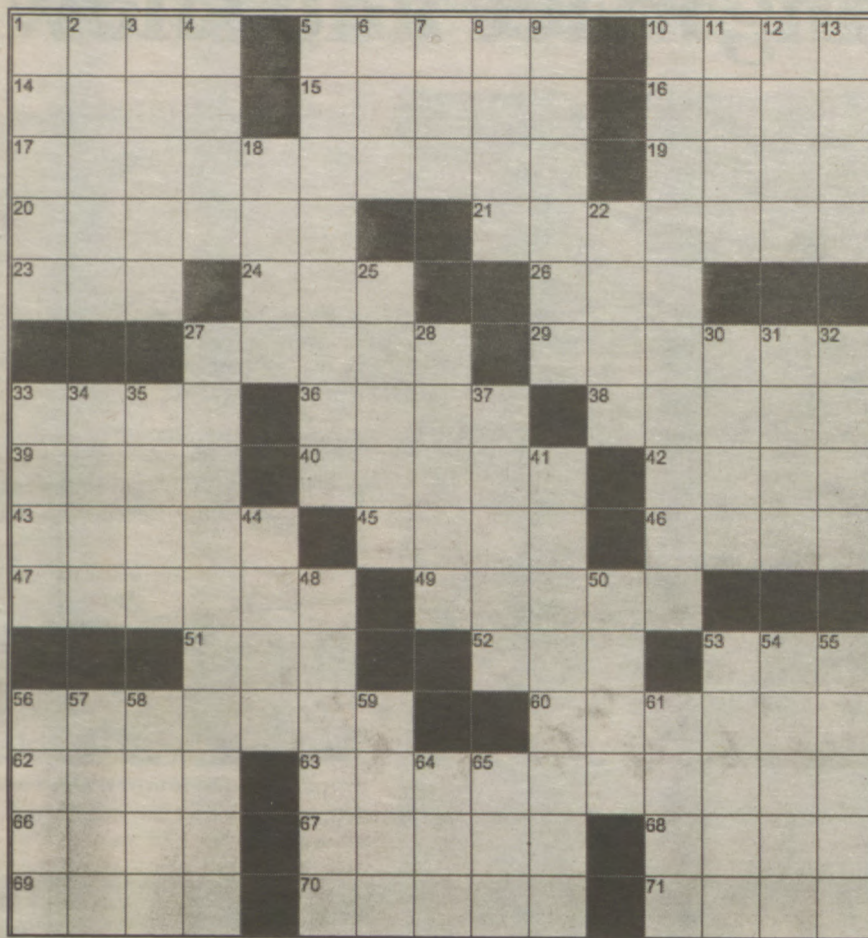
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Puzzles



Across

- 1: Give the ax to
5: Thick carpets
10: Rope fiber
14: Shrek, e.g.
15: Embroidery loop
16: Spoken
17: Name on the door, often
19: Get an eyeful
20: Bother persistently
21: Copied
23: 'Sure thing!'
24: Smidge
26: Start to mature?
27: Fixed, as a shoe
29: Pitcher's pitch, some-
times
33: Piece of property
36: Dumbo's 'wings'
38: Something that might
make the fur fly?
39: Irritate
40: Wrap around
42: Lighted sign contents
43: Yellowish brown pig-
ment
45: Adult ugly duckling
46: Digs of twigs
47: Cactus with buttons
49: Dogcatcher's quarry, at
times
51: Garbage bag closer
52: Helios, to the Romans
53: Mag. submissions

56: Marred

- 60: Of the lips
62: Merrill Lynch's bull, e.g.
63: Buoyancy
66: Harbinger
67: Fill with joy
68: Withered
69: Golf ball pegs
70: Thick
71: Drainpipe bend

Down

- 1: Soaked
2: Go along
3: Vampire repellent
4: Held on to
5: Rose steadily
6: Get going
7: It may be passed on the
Hill
8: Well-behaved
9: Denudes
10: Folkfest
11: Thus
12: Stag or bull, e.g.
13: Responded 'Not guilty'
18: Upgrade the decor
22: Hang decorations on
25: Den denizens
27: Concert program listing
28: Neither wins nor loses
30: Joint with a cap
31: Qualities of the con-
ceited
32: Monthly payment, for
many
33: Jack-in-the-pulpit
34: Arrive
35: Kidders tickle them
37: Old footwear
41: Register signer
44: One way to travel
48: Looked wolfishly
50: Jai ____
53: Underground worker
54: Pelvic bones
55: Enjoy a bed
56: Frequent Las Vegas
money taker
57: Fleshy fruit
58: Type of arch
59: Proofreader's mark
61: Gold medal-winning
64: Japanese honorific
65: Tag players

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SATIRE

Another day at the orifice

Josh Soltman
Chief Copy Editor/Victim

The winter months bring out a lot of good things around campus: hotter coffee, beautiful snow and yoga pants. However, in all that shining beauty is a gigantic speck of darkness—flu season. Flu season is the worst. In fact, sickness is the worst. The only thing I hate more than sick people are people in general, and the only thing I hate more than people in general is getting sick and having to go to the doctor's. And the only thing I hate more than all of this stuff combined is Nickelback.

I have hated going to the doctor's since I was a little kid. Everyone has gone through having your parents sway you into the car with promises of ice cream or a Happy Meal, only to find out that you are actually going to be poked and prodded by some medical quack who for some reason is severely overweight and out of shape even though his job consists of telling people to be healthy.

Even though I despised every trip to the doctor, like a good little boy I would grin and bear it, even feigning excitement on some occasions. This went on for many years, into adolescence, before something happened that would change my life forever. The day that I received the biggest shocker of a lifetime (go back and read this line after you've read ahead. If you are as childish as me, it should make more sense).

One grim day when I was just a lad of 14 or 15 I had to go to the doctor's for something. I have involuntary blocked out most details about that day, so I can't really remember my reason for seeing a physician. All I do remember is that it was a doctor that I had not gone to in quite a few years.

The majority of the day was normal, consisting of normal teenager stuff: pleasure myself a few times before lunch, rebel against society, etc. So I get to the doctor's office in the afternoon and go in to see him. Everything is pretty normal up to this point.

Here is what happened next: "Turn around, young man," the doctor said.

"OK. I'm a teenager, and I don't typically like conforming to traditional societal practices, but I will," I replied.

The next thing I knew that doctor was knuckle-deep in my special place. If he was searching for my dignity, there definitely was none to find.

I have no doubt that he did this for a legitimate medical reason. Everyone assures me that he did. But maybe instead of just throwing darts into my comfort zone with no warning at all, he could've given me some kind of a head's up.

I'm realizing now that this narrative kind of got away from me, so I will return to my original point. I hate flu season. I hate flu season because I hate sick people. I hate sick people because I don't like going to see doctors. I don't like going to see doctors because one decided to pop a few digits into my body and soul.

And we're back.

It's not that I HATE doctors or anything like that. I respect the hell out of them. Anyone who dedicates their lives to curing diseases and saving lives is just fine in my book. No matter what, however, the thought of it happening again will always be in the back of my mind and will likely deter me from visiting one anytime soon.

Still, I can't help but think that things would have turned out differently if that doctor had bought me dinner first.



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Josh Soltman can't help but relive the horrible memories of that visit to the doctor.

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SERENA SAN CARTIER

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Serena San Cartier, a track and field student athlete, maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout her OU career.

Balancing work and play

Top student athletes brave the realms of academics and athletics

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

The athletic department puts strong emphasis on the fact that the student comes first in "student athlete." While they are here to represent the university on their sports teams, there is an expectation to manage their academics as well.

Some student athletes excel: this past fall semester there were six that achieved 4.0 GPAs.

Three of these athletes were freshman in their first collegiate semester, Daniel Ault from (men's golf), Zach Chodnicki (cross country), and Alana Koepf (cross country). Along with those freshmen, sophomore Tyler Janish (baseball), fifth year Serena San Cartier (track and field), and sophomore Elizabeth Girordot (track and field) also attained 4.0s.

For Janish, his schedule consisted of classes to help him reach his goal of becoming a physical therapist. "I definitely

had a tough schedule," Janish said. "Chem 2 was my hardest class. In order to be successful, I would familiarize myself with the concepts instead of just memorizing the steps."

"My hardest class was calc," Koepf said. "I spent a lot of time studying, doing practice problems and going to APM tutoring."

San Cartier's situation is a little different than the other athletes. After playing her four years with the women's soccer team, she is now competing in her final year of eligibility on the track and field team. She is a fifth year student, taking psychology classes after taking four years of health science credits.

"It was tricky because it was very different than what I had been taking in the past," San Cartier said. "I did an independent research project with a professor this semester so that was very time consuming."

Time management is a skill that goes hand in hand with being a successful student athlete.

This becomes all the more important when the athletes' sport is in season.

One big obstacle facing these student athletes is travel.

"Travel definitely makes everything harder," Janish said. "You try and get things done on the bus but there's always movies playing or people talking."

For some student athletes, however, the challenge of being busy during the season can work as an advantage.

"When you are always busy you have to be good with your time management. There is no time to be lazy so it can be easier to get your stuff done," San Cartier said.

When in season, there is no time to get lazy. It can be easier to be productive when homework must be done immediately.

Being committed to both their academics and the teams causes trouble for many student athletes. "It's definitely not for everyone," San Cartier said.

Editor's Column: Context matters

It was the most brutal performance of the season.

Oakland University's men's basketball stumbled and fell, 74-54, Saturday at University of Detroit Mercy.

The game was the most high-profile Horizon League match-up so far this season for Oakland. More than 6,000 fans including busloads of Oakland students watched it in Detroit's Calihan Hall and big-name regional media covered it.

Among the media was Pat Caputo, the well-established 97.1 sports talk show host and longtime columnist for The Oakland Press. Following the loss, Caputo posted a column that included criticism of the Oakland basketball program.

"The Titans swarmed upon Oakland's stars, big man Corey Petros and point guard Kahlil Felder, and it was essentially over. It was indicative of the issues OU and venerable Golden Grizzlies' coach Greg Kampe face," Caputo wrote.

The column suggested that Kampe's program is not currently competitive with Detroit's and will face trouble in the Horizon League. Oakland joined the Horizon in 2013 after a successful run in the less-competitive Summit League.

Caputo wrote that some of Oakland's Summit League rivals were essentially Division II-caliber programs.

Caputo's article went on to question Kampe's strategy to schedule tough non-conference games in November and December with the idea the Golden Grizzlies can make up for it in the conference season. That's no longer feasible because Oakland can no longer guarantee cleaning up in the Horizon League, he wrote — although Oakland beat Detroit twice last season.

But the alternative viewpoint is quite obvious here: playing a tough nonconference schedule not only makes the program money, it also prepares players for the Horizon League matchups.

The concept is simply this — if the team plays the toughest games early on, the team will be



Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

better prepared to battle league opponents who are good but not necessarily national powers.

Caputo declared later in the article: "The Titans do have an upside, Oakland's ceiling appears limited."

This statement largely ignores the context of the game.

Oakland is a young team. It lost two of the best players in the Horizon League last year — Travis Bader and Duke Mondy — to graduation.

You could easily argue that Kampe is rebuilding.

Against Valparaiso last week, the Golden Grizzlies scored 89 points including 67 that were scored by freshmen and sophomores.

Three promising high school players from Michigan, Ohio and North Carolina have committed to the team for next season and two transfers from Iowa State will be eligible as well.

Kampe said they have bigger fish to fry.

"We have bigger issues than what a reporter says about us. We have a really really good future."

Mr. Caputo is one of the most respected and well-established reporters in the Detroit area and his success is deserved.

But his article offered far-reaching conclusions based on one game, the worst game Oakland has played all season.

Kampe has faced a lot of challenges in three decades at Oakland. This might be his toughest yet.

Kampe had one last message for Caputo: "When we win the Horizon League in the next couple of years, we'd like to invite him to the banquet."



Nowshin Chowdhury/The Oakland Post

The men's basketball team lost to the University of Detroit Mercy 74-54, leaving coach Kampe disappointed in the team's offensive performance.

Jalen Hayes steps into starter's role, makes up for lost time last season

Basketball player excited to finally hoop for Grizzlies

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

Men's basketball player Jalen Hayes is adapting to a new role this year after being diagnosed with mononucleosis last season and being forced to redshirt.

HOOPS AND DREAMS

The 6'7", 211-pound forward hails from Lansing, Michigan, where he went to Sexton High School. He won four district titles, three regional championships and lead his team to two Class B state championships. He was named Lansing player of the year by the Lansing State Journal and was even on the all-state first team.

After finishing his high school career, Hayes had many options for where he could play collegiate basketball, including Akron, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan. He chose Oakland for a variety of reasons, including the school's academic reputation and how he fit into the basketball program.

However, Hayes said that it was more than just that.

"Most importantly was that I felt like I was really comfortable here; when I

came here for my visit I felt like I was around family," Hayes said.

BECOMING A GRIZZLY

Going into his freshman season, Hayes thought he was going to have a big role and be able to make an impact on the team, but then he was diagnosed with mononucleosis. He lost close to 30 pounds and was not physically ready to play in the team's preseason games.

After going to the hospital and being sidelined for two weeks, he and head coach Greg Kampe decided that it was best to redshirt him for the whole season and rest him for the next season.

Not playing in his freshman year gave Hayes the opportunity to adjust to the college game, both on and off the court.

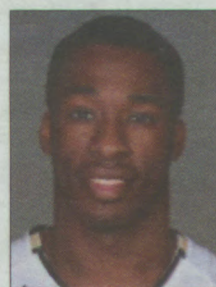
"It just gave me the opportunity to get more acclimated to the system. This year I wanted to focus on playing that significant role I could have played last year," Hayes said. "Coach Kampe has a lot of trust in me to play my game and it has been working."

STARTING STRONG

Hayes is averaging five points and four rebounds in just over 17 minutes per game. He has scored 16 points twice, against Valparaiso and Pittsburgh, and played 37 minutes while scoring 13 against Maryland.

The team had a tough non-conference schedule to start the year, but Hayes thinks that it has only made the team stronger, especially as they head into league play.

"I don't think this team has a ceiling," Hayes said. "We can do a lot with this team if we stay committed to the principles and to what we are supposed to do; I feel like this team can not only win the league, but make a run in the NCAA tournament."



JALEN HAYES

HEIGHT 6'7"

CLASS RS Freshman

POSITION Forward

HOMETOWN Lansing, Michigan

MAJOR Business Administration

UDM Titans take Golden Grizzlies 74-54 at Calihan

Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

Oakland University men's basketball team fell to the University of Detroit Mercy Titans 74-54 Saturday at historic Calihan Hall.

Oakland won both matchups against its almost rival last year, and this was Detroit's first-ever Horizon League victory over The Golden Grizzlies.

Head Coach Greg Kampe told the media after the game that he thought this was the most important game of the season so far and that he was extremely disappointed in his team's performance.

"They beat the living crap out of us. They were like sharks smelling blood... and we just rolled over and took it," Kampe said. The host Titans went on a 13-0 run to end of the first half and Oakland never threatened in the second half. Oakland is now 1-2 in Horizon League play and 5-12 overall.

In their worst offensive performance of the season, the Grizzlies shot just 34.5 percent from the floor and committed 21 turnovers, including eight by sophomore point guard Kahlil Felder.

Senior forward Dante Williams finished one for 13 from the field and one for 10 from three-point land, although he did manage to hold the Horizon's leading scorer Juwan Howard Jr. to just 11 points.

Senior center Corey Petros finished with two points and 10 rebounds, but only took four total shots in the game.

Felder led Oakland with 16 points, followed by senior forward Ralph Hill with 10 and transfer guard Max Hooper with nine.

Felder expressed disappointment with his own performance.

"It was very upsetting, but it happens," Felder said.

The Titans (2-1, 8-9) were led by freshman forward Paris Bass, who scored 18 points and collected four rebounds.

Despite the discouraging performance, Kampe said that he remains excited for the future of this team competing against the better caliber programs in the Horizon League.

Oakland loses key seniors Petros and Williams at the end of this season, but Kampe has a long list of players ready to step up, including three freshmen recruits and two transfer students from Iowa State.

The Golden Grizzlies will host Horizon League favorite Wisconsin-Green Bay at 7 p.m. Thursday in the O'rena.

Golden Grizzlies dominate Panthers

Women's basketball team roars its way through Rivalry Day

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

Rivalry Day resulted in one victory for the Golden Grizzlies this past Saturday as the women's basketball team dominated the Milwaukee Panthers 89-56.

The game opened conference play for the girls after going 6-7 preseason play.

Nola Anderson set a new career high with 23 points.

"You knew with her it was just a matter of time," said head coach Jeff Tungate after the game. "She's playing at a level that we all knew was there and it was just a matter of time until it came out. The best time to have it show is definitely during conference time."

The Panthers battled to stay in the game for much of the first half.

With four and a half minutes left in the first half, Oakland forward Sinclair Russell drained a jump shot to put the Golden Grizzlies up 30-20.

The team only extended on that lead for the rest of the game



Junior Elena Popkey, player 3, scored 16 points on Saturday against Milwaukee.

Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

and Anderson made a half court shot at the buzzer to send them fired up into the locker room at halftime.

It only got uglier for the Panthers from there as several Oakland players lit up on offense in the second half as well.

Olivia Nash matched Anderson with 23 points while Russell and Elena Popkey each tallied 15 and 16 respectively.

"I thought our decision-making today was very good, we played off of each other

very well," Tungate said. "Our offense was aggressive and that's something we've seen spurts of throughout the year and hopefully we can continue to play at this level offensively."

Russell was a force at the boards leading the floor with 15 rebounds, a personal best for her career.

"She struggled the last couple games and to have her bounce back and play the way she did tonight really shows her heart and character," Tungate said.

The team chemistry on the court was obvious.

"It's fun to watch a team that jells the way we're jelling," Tungate said.

The team plays game two of Horizon League play on Thursday when the Golden Grizzlies travel to Valparaiso to take on the crusaders.

"We got some time to prepare and some time to get ready," Tungate said. "We need to be ready to go and I know we will."

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Men's Basketball

Oakland head coach Greg Kampe announced last Thursday that the team has added Iowa State transfer Sherron Dorsey-Walker. The 6'4", 200 pound shooting guard saw very limited action in his two playing seasons with the Cyclones, but did play with Oakland guard Kahlil Felder at Detroit Perishing High School. Dorsey-Walker will sit out the rest of the season and will be eligible to play next season.

Men's Hockey

Oakland University's Bill Balent made the 2015 U.S. Men's National University Team Roster. The U.S. team is composed of collegiate players from the American Collegiate Hockey Association and will compete in the 2015 Winter World University Games in Granada, Spain from Feb. 4-14. The senior forward from Waterford, Michigan has 11 goals and 16 assists in 17 games this season for the Golden Grizzlies.

Track and Field

Both men and women track and field teams competed at the EMU Quad Invite Friday. The men's team finished in second place with 109 points while the women's team finished in fourth with 72 points. The men's team was highlighted by Chris Scott's 1000m title with a time of 2:32.32, and the women's team had Miranda Haas finished in second place in the 3000m with a time of 10:18.30.

— Compiled by
Jimmy Halmhuber, Staff Reporter

Horizon League Standings

Men's Basketball

	W	L	W	L
1. Green Bay	14	3	3	0
2. Valparaiso	16	3	3	1
3. Cleveland State	9	9	3	1
4. Wright State	10	7	2	1
5. Detroit	8	9	2	1
6. OAKLAND	5	12	1	2
7. UIC	5	13	1	2
8. Youngstown State	9	10	0	4
9. Milwaukee	5	12	0	3

Women's Basketball

	W	L	W	L
1. Green Bay	12	3	2	0
2. Cleveland State	9	5	1	0
3. OAKLAND	7	7	1	0
4. Youngstown State	12	3	1	1
5. Wright State	12	4	1	1
6. UIC	11	4	1	1
7. Milwaukee	5	9	1	1
8. Detroit	5	10	0	2
9. Valparaiso	4	11	0	2