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As the curtain opened, OU's Bachelor of Fine Arts dance majors took the spotlight for their final performance at the university. On Saturday, March 7, seniors showcased their final level of choreography after seven months of preparation. **Read more at www.oaklandpostonline.com.**

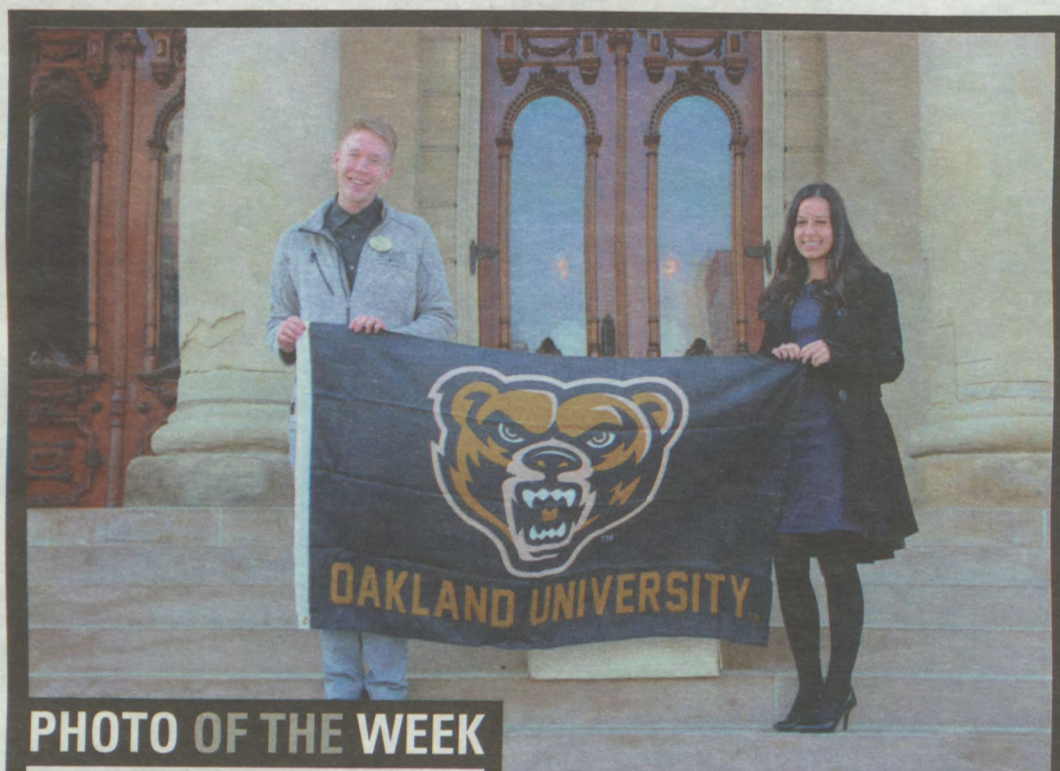


PHOTO OF THE WEEK

GRIZZLIES IN THE CAPITOL // Oakland University Student Congress President Annie Meinberg and Director of Legislative Affairs Evan Fobar share their Grizzly pride at the Capitol. They were two of many students to participate in the 18th annual OU Day at the Capitol, held on Tuesday, March 10. Visit OUSC's Facebook page for more photos.

Photo from Oakland University Student Congress

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POLL OF THE WEEK

Are you following the OUSC elections?

- A** Yes! Can't wait to cast my vote.
- B** Nah, sitting these out.
- C** What elections?
- D** #KONY2012

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What color was the dress?

- A** White and gold, obvi.
34.4%
- B** Black and blue - don't even start.
25%
- C** Black and gold, DUH. #ThisIsOU
28.1%
- D** I don't do labels.
12.5%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

March 7, 2001

OU confirmed that a Board of Trustees meeting occurred on December 4, 2000, and there were no meeting minutes recorded. The Post filed a Freedom of Information request to get the agenda, copies of provided materials and the cost was labeled at \$970.

March 10, 2010

OUSC held an impromptu dance competition after candidates presented their platforms. The winning pair danced to Aqua's "Barbie Girl".

March 17, 1993

Housing went up 4.7 percent, meaning students had to pay \$3.715 for room and board per semester.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, staff intern

BY THE NUMBERS

Women in STEM edition

72%
of mechanical
engineers are women

1/10
employed scientists and
engineers are minority
women

\$0.86
earned by women in STEM for
every dollar a man in STEM earns

.57%
of all girls say they don't typically con-
sider a career in science, technology,
engineering or math

18%
of computer science college grads were
female in 2012. In 1985, it was 37%.

Editorial

Guest editorial: 'There is so much more behind the red Solo cup'

By Victoria Franso
Greek Council President

As Greek Council President, my main concern is the members of the Greek community here at Oakland University. What Greeks across the country do not realize is that the actions of just one member can spoil the reputation of



Victoria Franso, junior

all Greeks, as unfortunate as that is. For example, the incident at University of Michigan where certain members of Greek life caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages at some resort; it was not the entire community, and yet a colleague of mine accused my sorority and me of being potentially irresponsible and dangerous to our community.

When volunteering at a church for a middle school party, I told the coordinator that I was from the sorority at Oakland University. The response was "Sorority? This will be perfect for you guys because this is a party." Right, because I do not spend majority of my time studying so that I can make sure I am above my sorority's GPA requirement, or volunteering to make sure I am above my sorority's minimum volunteer hours required, or at my

internship to gain excellent leadership skills in the workplace. Nope, all I do is party.

Thank you for instantly belittling my sorority and my worth.

[Disclaimer: When joining a fraternity or sorority at Oakland University, immediately erase the stereotype that this will be a ticket to partying all the time. We are leaders and philanthropists with class and dignity. There is so much more behind the red Solo cup.]

What a shame that all the work we do that goes unnoticed. The fundraisers, food drives, penny wars, bake sales, school supply drives, seminars, and thousands of dollars raised all in the name of philanthropy are forgotten about once only a few idiots from a completely different school decide to mess up.

Is that fair? Absolutely not.

In regards to what happened at the other OU, here's what I had to say via Facebook:

There was an unfortunate incident that took place at the University of Oklahoma in regards to fraternity members making heinous, racist comments. However, the actions of certain members of a chapter do not represent the chapter as a whole, the fraternity as a whole, and the Greek system as a whole.

I am proud to say that

the Greek chapters on Oakland University's campus, as well as many other campuses, embrace diversity. We welcome people from all walks of life and are truly interested in learning about our members' backgrounds. We see our differences not as deformities but as opportunities to grow as human beings. There are over 9 million Greek members in the U.S. Do not let a few bad apples ruin it for everyone else. As I always say - for it is the truth - we are philanthropists; contributing the most volunteer hours and raising the most money for charities every year, we are leaders; being most involved on campus and even in our careers, and we are brothers and sisters; showing loyalty to our chapters and even others. I am truly appreciative of the sisters I share my letters with and the community with whom I share a common goal.

I had to write this article because truly, I am tired of being stereotyped as an alcoholic who has lost sight of respect for myself, my sisters and community. I am tired of watching all the hard work my peers put into school, work, and charity being thrown away. I am tired of watching the media degrade us.

We are human beings with passion, ambition, dedication, and respect. It is about time we get treated as such.



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Grizzlies on the Prowl



"How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?"



Suzanna Lucaj, freshman, pre-med

"I just hangout with friends, wear green and go to a party."



Gabriella Missinne, freshman, business

"I hang out with friends and wear green but it seems like just another day for me."



Jared Doss, junior, elementary education

"I go to work. It's a normal day for me. My friends are at different schools, so we don't get the chance to hang out."



Anthony Grifka, junior, finance

"It's a normal day for me. I don't get to celebrate because I'm not 21 yet and can't drink, which is what people normally do."

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury, Photographer

POLICE FILES

Someone couldn't hold it: Person defecates in urinal in Pawley Hall

OUPD responded to a Malicious Destruction of Property Complaint on March 5. At approximately 10:30 a.m., police responded to 415 Pawley Hall for a complaint that someone had defecated in a urinal in one of the men's bathrooms at 2:00 p.m. a few days before.

Police collected relevant evidence but no further actions were taken in the investigation.

Woman reports harassment from ex-boyfriend

On Jan. 22, OUPD received a complaint from a woman who reported that she was receiving harassing communications. She told police that her ex-boyfriend was calling her at least 100 times per day even though she had told him not to call her. She told police that she felt threatened by some of his messages. OUPD contacted the ex-boyfriend and told him not to have any further contact with the complainant.

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As the academic year ends, the OUSC e-board begins a new round of change.

Representing yOU

Grace Turner
Staff Reporter

As Oakland University Student Congress elections approach, changes to the executive board are being made.

The executive board (e-board) is made up of nine students plus the president and the vice president. Each board member works to improve a specific aspect of student life.

Vice President Liz Iwanski described the e-board as "the team of student leaders from student congress who work together while also having individual focuses addressing the needs of the student body, [helping] to determine the direction of student congress and accomplish the administration's goals and mission statement."

E-board member and student services director Kyler Johnson said he deals with "whatever people decide to be upset about." He works a lot with campus maintenance. If a light is out or a path isn't plowed, Johnson contacts OU staff that can fix it.

Evan Fobar, legislative affairs director, said he focuses on campus safety and college affordability.

Other e-board positions include the Student Program Board chair, Student Activities Funding Board chair, administrative assistant, financial affairs director, multicultural affairs director, visual communication director, and environmental health and wellness director.

The president and vice president hire e-board members at the beginning of their term and the legislature approves them.

E-board members keep their positions for a year. After their term ends, they can apply again.

Some e-board members are called ap-

pointed agents. This means that their positions are not written in the student congress constitution. The president and vice president decide if they want to keep those positions on the e-board for the year. The legislative affairs director, multicultural affairs director, marketing director, visual communications director, and environmental, health and wellness director are appointed agents.

Meinberg and Iwanski said they are working with campus administrators to get the legislative affairs director, multicultural affairs director and marketing director in the constitution. This would require the positions to be filled in order for student congress to run and make it difficult to remove the students in these positions from office.

Meinberg and Iwanski said they are confident that the changes will pass but won't be effective until the next administration comes into office.

In the meantime, these positions are still less secure than the other e-board positions. Meinberg and Iwanski removed Josh Pokrefsky, marketing director, from his position Feb. 16.

"He didn't fulfill the expectations Liz and I set for the administration," Meinberg said.

Although the administration is only in office for about two more months, Meinberg said she felt it could still accomplish goals but wouldn't have time to train a new person for the marketing director job; the position will be left vacant until the end of the administration.

"It was the best solution to just divide the duties, because of the time frame," Meinberg said.

When this position is added to the constitution, she said, it will be necessary to have it filled in order for student congress to be allowed to run.

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Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

As one of the fastest growing universities in Michigan, Oakland University is looking to expand its housing options — again.

Sorry, you can't room with us

Housing options fill quickly within the first day of registration

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Reporter

Oakland's housing filled up fast last week — so fast that housing feels that it needs to build more residence halls in order to meet the growing demand for dorms students have.

In fact, Oak View Hall filled up only three minutes after returning resident sign-up opened.

"At the end of the first 24 hours of having housing sign-up open, we were 499 contracts ahead of where we were at that time last year," Director of University Housing Jim Zentmeyer said.

Since things filled up so quickly, there are most likely many students who missed their chance to live on campus next year. Because of the growing need, housing is currently tossing around some ideas to ensure that anyone who wants to live on campus has a fair chance of doing so.

The plan

One option is to either renovate Hill House and Van Wagoner or tear them down to build a brand new residence hall.

"The cost of a decent renovation of Hill and Van Wagoner versus building a new hall would be virtually the same," Zentmeyer said. "So we were pretty quick to determine that renovating Hill and Van Wagoner would not be a viable option."

But if rebuilding both halls is the smart way to go, Housing would be short two residence halls while construction took place, meaning even less students would be able to live on campus.

It usually takes about two to three years to do a project and I don't think I can lose 390 beds for two to three years," Zentmeyer said.

The other option would be to build another residence hall and another dining hall on the south side of campus where there is underused space.

"It was also suggested that we should construct housing on the southern end of campus," Zentmeyer said. "It would create housing at an equal distance from the Oakland Center and there would be a new dining hall."

Zentmeyer said the new dining hall would be helpful to students who have classes on the southern end of campus who cannot make it back to Vandenberg Hall in enough time to eat meals.

While a dorm on the southern end of campus would slightly diminish the sense of community many residents experience, it would also mean less of a walk for students who have lots of classes in buildings like Varner

Hall or Pawley Hall. On top of that, the hall would make use of the underused parking lots that are currently on the southern side of campus.

What students think

Since housing fills up so quickly, there are a number of commuters who do not get to live on campus that would like to. But there are other things stopping them as well.

"I'm not in housing because I can't afford it," Megan Luttinen, freshman, said. "I think [new housing] would be cool, but unless they changed the prices, I probably wouldn't live on campus."

If a new hall was built, prices would not likely go down. The new Oak View Hall costs students about \$500 more per semester than the other dorms.

Even with the extra cost, a building on the south side would mean students could be close to classes, but they would be away from the majority of their fellow residents.

"Personally, I wouldn't want to live there because it's be away from the other dorms," Claire Hendon, freshman, said. "If I was a math or science major I might be more interested in it because it's by those buildings."

Whatever Housing decides to do, new residence halls are definitely in OU's future. That's just one of the growing pains that come with being one of the fastest growing universities in Michigan.

University Housing's growing pains

Melissa Deutsch
Staff Reporter

As spring rolls around and we enter the month of March, we are in the midst of a very important time for Oakland University residents. On March 1, housing started accepting contracts for the 2015-2016 school year. This week, residents will begin picking roommates and room assignments.

This March has seen a couple of changes in housing policy. The most significant is the elimination of squatter's rights. This means students no longer have the option to keep the same room they had the year before. Director of University Housing Jim Zentmeyer says this was a necessary change because of the addition of Oak View Hall.

"If we were to allow students to, as we often term it, invoke squatter's rights, then no one would move out of [Oak View] and that just struck us as not being very democratic," Zentmeyer said. "We want all of our students to have an equal shot at all of the space."

Zentmeyer admits that this may be viewed as unfortunate for those who are currently living in Oak View or like their current apartments. However, he says they haven't received too many complaints or negative feedback.

"If I could wave a wand I would build three more Oak View Halls but I don't have that wand," Zentmeyer said. "As a department we thought that would be the fairest route to go."

It is quite common for Oakland to have more people apply for housing than beds they have to offer. According to University Housing, last year, before Oak View Hall was completed, OU had to rent out three extended stay hotels in the area to house the extra students.

Zentmeyer says he wouldn't be surprised if they will be renting out hotels again this coming fall. As far as plans for expansion go, Zentmeyer says they have recently finished a master plan that could add an additional 1,300 to 2,000 beds.

This would bring the number of on campus residents to 4,500 or above.



Photo courtesy of Kirkland Productions

Beckham will speak this Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the OC.

Grizzlies to 'give voice to their truth'

TED Talk speaker Ash Beckham brings self-acceptance center stage

By Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

Some are born great, some achieve greatness, some have greatness thrust upon them and some are just trying to learn to squat.

This was the case for waitress Ash Beckham as she worked with a trainer at her local gym in Boulder, Colo. learning to lift weights.

As her trainer was teaching technique, another came up behind him and said "You never better touch me like that, dude. That's so gay."

Thus was the catalyst for a five-minute talk discussing the harmful use of the pejorative phrase and "reclaiming the lexicon" for 825 in Boulder and another 8 million on YouTube when the video went viral.

"I'm really an accidental advocate," said Beckham, a Toledo native. "When you live a certain way, dress a certain way and assume a certain gender identity, I go into the world and I am out."

Since her initial Internet success in 2013, Beckham has developed her message of "giving voice to your truth" and creating greater empathy and acceptance for all, speaking around the country in TED Talks and Harvard's

first-ever LGBTQ conference in January 2014.

She says she aims for a world where "we can live where we're not in closets, where we're not afraid of other people's judgments, other people's perceptions, where we can be self-accepting" and is bringing that message to Oakland University this Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center.

"I saw her [speak] last semester and truly loved her message. She is a fantastic speaker and really connects with her audience," said Hannah Clark, president of the event's host, the Student Life Lecture Board (SLLB) in partnership with the Gender and Sexuality Center.

"I commend the SLLB for joining the GSC in bringing Ash Beckham to campus," said Becca Reichenbach, president of the GSC's Gay-Straight Alliance. "It shows that leaders of OU are acknowledging the LGBTIQ+ community more and more and I hope to see students - ones who have never given thought to being an equality advocate - come out of the Banquet Rooms with new hearts and ideas on how to better the world for those around them."

The event is free and no tickets are required. For more information, call the Center for Student Activities at 248-370-2400. For more on Ash and to hear her TED Talks, visit ashbeckham.com.

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How to join the 'Justice League'

Special agents, training, and professional jobs at the FBI are divulged to criminal justice students

Grace Turner
Staff Reporter

FBI representatives from the Detroit division came to talk to more than 20 students Wednesday, March 4, hosted by the criminal justice club.

Many criminal justice majors are interested in joining the FBI, said Nick Walter, the club's president. He had the representatives speak "to make sure people know exactly what they're getting into."

Willie Council, FBI community outreach specialist, told more than 20 students that the FBI investigates crimes involving copyright, embezzlement, kidnapping, human trafficking, terrorism and serial killers.

Many FBI employees aren't the special agents seen in popular TV shows.

"We are such a unique, di-

verse place," Council said. "We have every job you could imagine."

The workers who aren't special agents are called professional staff.

These workers are everyone from mechanics who keep vehicles running to scientists who defuse bombs.

Most FBI employees have at least a bachelor's degree.

Every job in the FBI requires some sort of training. For example, some workers have to take a finger printing class.

Paul Harris, special agent, also talked to the students. Special agents go through five months of intense physical training and classwork.

The FBI only wants those who can handle it, he said.

"My job - this may sound a little ironic - is to talk you out of it," Harris said.

He has been a special agent for more than 18 years



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Criminal justice majors and club members learned about the FBI and the wide range of jobs available, not just the "secret agent" gig.

and has come face to face with lead gang members.

"I've taken an oath to serve and protect each and every one of you," he said.

He trains daily to keep in

top physical shape and told students that agents have to always guard their own life and their partners' lives.

"You never, ever underestimate your opponent," he

said. "We go after the most dangerous individuals in the world."

The representatives also gave general job-finding advice.

"Take internships. They are gold," Council said.

He also mentioned the value of a foreign language.

He said that when applying for a job in government, it's best to have a résumé that's longer and more descriptive than usual.

After hearing how intense special agent work is, Kimberly Vicente, a criminal justice major and member of the criminal justice club, said she was glad to learn about the professional side.

"There's something for everyone," she said.

Walter said it would be beneficial for any student to join the criminal justice club because participants better understand the relationship between law enforcement and civilians.

'Bronze, bears and Budapest' - oh my!

The origin story of the campus' Golden Grizz statue

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

Bronze, bears and Budapest have an interesting connection at Oakland University.

Campus is dotted with several inspired creations from artists the world over. But the Grizz statue just outside the doors to the Athletic Center has a very special place in the hearts of many.

It all started when head swim coach Pete Hovland and the athletics department came into contact with a then 18 year-old swimmer from Hungary named Hunor Ma'te' (Hoonor Mah-tay).

Ma'te' was a stellar athlete and Hovland wanted him for the men's swim team, offering him a scholarship to come

from Europe and swim for the newly entitled "Golden Grizzlies," as the university had just made the mascot switch from the "pioneers."

Ma'te' accepted Hovland's offer and started school and swimming at OU that fall.

Hovland and Ma'te' had a good relationship both on and off of the pool deck, which is why Hovland didn't think much of it when Ma'te' asked him a peculiar question one day.

"He approached me," Hovland said, "and asked me, 'Pete, what would you think if my parents gave you a bear?'"

"I don't think I paid much attention to it," Hovland said, "but a month or two later he said 'Pete, my parents want to give you a bear.'"

Ma'te' explained that his parents Istva'n Ma'te' and Gyorgi Lantos were internationally recognized bronze sculptors out of Hungary and they wanted to gift the university with a statue of the new grizzly bear mascot.

"I didn't pick up on it at first, how renowned his parents were," Hovland said, but Ma'te' was happy to provide the coach with several ink prints and a small bronze-cast horse plaque to show that his parent's work was the real deal.

At the time, there had been discussion between then president Gary Russi, OU Student Congress and the athletics department about bringing the "Grizz" to life somehow on campus. With the generosity of the Ma'te' family, it seemed as



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if the hunt was over.

The president's office had reached out to an American artist for the creation of a similar statue with a cost quote falling somewhere between a staggering \$600,000 to \$750,000.

Hovland expressed his concerns to Ma'te', who, according to Hovland said, "No, no, my parents want to give it to you as a gift to thank you for taking care of me for these two years."

Hovland, stunned by the family's generosity, turned to his colleague and Athletic Director at the time, Jack Mehl, to

propose the offer to president Russi.

Russi was shown the sample artwork that Ma'te' had brought for Hovland and was sold on the idea. A committee was formed with the help of then Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snider, and the dreams of having a grizzly on campus started to become a reality.

When the statue arrived in 2006, Hovland was the first to see it.

He and Snider had thought extensively about the best place to put the Grizz, and their first idea was the one that stuck: outside of the Athletics Center.

There was a special ceremony for the reveal of the bear, and Ma'te' flew up from Alabama.

"It's everyone's [statue]... like the bell tower, you kind of stand there and puff up your chest a little bit," Hovland said. "It's a defining feature on campus."



IT ALL STARTS WITH A SPARK

Annual Women and Gender Studies Film Festival spurs revolutionary conversation

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

An important documentary, a challenging discussion and endless revolutionary thoughts were brought to the surface at the 31st Annual Women and Gender Studies Film Festival this past Saturday, March 7.

The festival has screened films such as "Bully" and "Orgasm, Inc." in the past, and this year they showed the documentary "American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs."

The film focuses on 99-year-old social activist Grace Lee Boggs who has been involved with almost every major social movement for the past eight decades. The film was directed by American director and producer also named Grace Lee.

The film chronicles how active Boggs was in the Black Power, feminism and Asian American justice movements.

There are many scenes where she challenges people, even actor Danny Glover, to think about change and what needs to be done in order to live in a better America.

After the film, the WGS held a panel discussion featuring three distinguished Detroit area social activists and the director Lee herself.

The panelists talked about the projects they are currently working on, along how Grace Lee Boggs has influenced them over the years. The panel then began a discussion with the audience about the challenges that are facing America today.

One of the first questions Lee fielded was how she was able to put this film together with so many different voices and topics.

"I think making a film about somebody like Grace Lee Boggs really pushes you to push your own boundaries about what you think you're

doing. As a filmmaker, I really had to push myself, and it was an incredibly difficult film to make on many different levels," Lee said. "For me, it was a chance to push myself as filmmaker, along with thinking about the things that we discussed in the film."

One of the panelists, Julia Putnam, is the co-founder and principal of the James and Grace Lee Boggs School in Detroit. She spoke about how Boggs influenced her and the philosophies the school is based on.

"I realized that my whole life, all that was asked of me was to get good grades and be obedient. Her influence was to rethink what school could be and to actually create a model that told kids that you don't have to leave this place to be successful, you're learning and energy from that learning could make it better," Putnam said. "We are very excited to see what Detroit is going to

look like when you have had a group of children know they can make a difference from the time they are five years old."

Toward the end of the discussion, the panel was asked what their definition of revolution was. Shea Howell, a communication and journalism professor at Oakland, said that it is always evolving and people need to make connections to build a stronger fight.

"I've spent a lot of time thinking about revolution and a lot of it thinking that it was going to happen really quickly," Howell said. "I have come to understand that is not the case, but I have come to believe that heart connections are the most important things we have to have to make a better future."

She went on to explain how heart connections are not easy to make with other people since they leave us vulnerable, but that it is vital to our future.

Other topics that were discussed include the issues of

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Grace Lee
Director and producer

confidence in society, the role gender plays and even the recent Detroit water problems.

As professor Howell pointed out, Boggs would have been proud to witness the discussion since the audience and panel were challenging each other instead of just asking questions.

"The whole point of the film is that we need to engage in conversation with each other," Howell said.



LEFT The students who attended the film festival watched the documentary "American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs." **ABOVE** A panel discussion was held afterward with distinguished Detroit area social activists as well as the film's director, Grace Lee.

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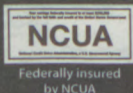
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WOMEN IN STEM: BALANCE

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WORKING THROUGH THE BIAS

Four OU women discussed the challenges they faced in their science, technology, engineering and math fields on Monday, March 9 as part of a panel hosted by the Women and Gender Studies Program and Women in Science and Engineering at OU (WISE@OU).

The panel opened with Dr. Kathleen Moore, professor emerita of chemistry, former associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of WISE@OU. She said STEM fields and research have become a national issue, with the greatest concern being about the workforce.

"We need to have a strong STEM workforce to deal with all of the complex issues that will make or break our future," Moore said.

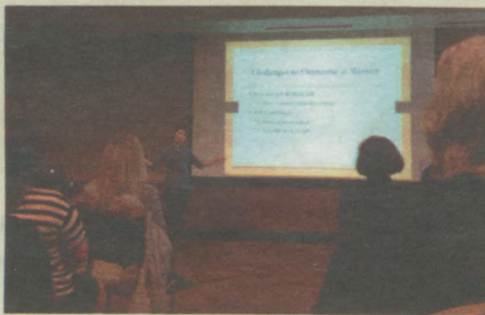
She has been retired for roughly two years but said she is still involved with the National Science Foundation Advance Program at OU, which is aimed at promoting gender equity in the academic workforce. She and NSF want to address and understand gender-based differences in research and education in STEM fields.

"How rooted are men versus women in their major as an undergraduate and their STEM occupation?"

The questions began almost 50 years ago, she said, when in her first semester a young man told her she was allowed to be excited about anything other than chemistry, as women weren't good at science. That only further motivated her.

"I was also stunned to realize that I never had a female professor in any of my science or mathematics courses until I was a Ph.D. student, where I had one female professor in biology," Moore said. "Clearly things have changed — but it's still a challenge."

Dr. Amy Baner-Berceli, associate professor of biological sciences, member of the Center for Biomedical Research and director of the biomedical sciences



Dr. Wenjin Zhou was one of four women to participate in the Women in STEM panel on Monday, sharing her experience and advice for other women.

major, discussed studies on gender bias.

One study said women face four hurdles: they have to prove repeatedly that they are qualified and not just lucky; they are seen as too feminine or not feminine enough; they have to deal with the maternal wall of motherhood bias and being told they can't be mothers and scientists simultaneously; and they face bias in terms of numbers.

"We haven't made it through the ranks yet," Baner-Berceli said.

Another study focused on hiring and revealed that hiring discrimination against females is from both males and other females.

"Women are seen as less competent even when we have the same qualifications as males," Baner-Berceli said, saying that other studies on teaching evaluations showed men were called "brilliant" and "geniuses" much more often than women.

A lot of it is simply unintentional bias, she said, but the stereotypes exist. The best way to deal with this, she said, is to start with our education. We need

to compile facts and data and conduct hard science studies, not just positive anecdotes, to show that women are just as talented as men.

"If we don't understand what we're up against it's hard to deal with," Baner-Berceli said.

Being yourself was a main theme for Dr. Wenjin Zhou, assistant professor of computer science and engineering.

Zhou, who is a member of the Center for Biomedical Research and faculty coordinator for OU's women chapter of the Association for Computer Machinery, began by showing pictures of herself growing up in China. She said she was always surrounded by and interested in science and did not feel so much of that male-female bias that prevented her from pursuing it.

She discovered the joy in creating and finding new things through computers, and when she traveled to Iowa to get a degree in computer science, she discovered things were a little different for women in America.

"I didn't realize I was such a big minority," until one day she realized that out of the roughly 40 students in her senior computer science classroom, she was one of two women.

It didn't stop her, however. She said she had a lot of encouragement and support from teachers and took internships that helped her figure out which way she wanted to go. She went on to teach and got her Ph.D. in computer science at Brown University, then came to OU in 2012.

There are many things that have inspired her, she said, but the main things she took away and wanted to share with fellow women were to never give up, to start small, to get feedback and listen to what others say and to stay determined no matter what.

Her take home message: "Never give up and be your best self."

Get connected on campus

There's a lot of professional support at OU that women can and need to take advantage of, according to Dr. Amy Baner-Berceli.

Here are just a few of the organizations on campus available to women. Go to oakland.edu or GrizzOrgs to find portals and more information for each of these organizations.



WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING AT OU

WISE@OU is a project funded by the National Science Foundation ADVANCE program. According to its website, it "aims at initiating and sustaining institutional changes" at OU.

ICING THE EQUATION

PAVING THEIR OWN PATHS — A LOOK AT THE NEXT GENERATION

Hanna Trzeciakiewicz



Photo from the Romeo Observer

Hanna Trzeciakiewicz, senior, is an Honors College student studying biochemistry. She is also an undergraduate research assistant, chemistry ambassador for the American Chemical Society and has won multiple awards for math, science and writing.

She also spoke at Monday's panel, sharing things from an undergraduate's perspective.

Trzeciakiewicz was proactive with her math and science education in high school and took AP courses, allowing her to enter her freshman year with 32 credits. She said in the three years since then she has never felt out of place or separated by her gender, even when in labs full of male students.

"I didn't realize there was such a disparity in previous years," Trzeciakiewicz said.

She also said she was lucky and grateful to have talented mentors. "Our chemistry department here is just filled with phenomenal women who are inspirations in themselves."

She will be continuing on to a Ph.D. at OU. When she applied, she said administrators looked at everything she had and didn't discriminate. Out of the 1,200 students that applied, she was one of the 75 or so to get in, and she felt it was a fair and unbiased selection.

"It's nice knowing that they do not stereotype if you are a female," Trzeciakiewicz said.

Taylor Humm



Photo provided by Humm

Taylor Humm, also a senior, has powered her way through OU and will continue to power through her field after graduation. She is an industrial and systems engineering (ISE) major, which combines engineering and business, something she says is the perfect blend for her. She's an active student and has played for the volleyball team for four years, is the president of the Student-Athletes Advisory Committee and is in multiple other student groups related to her field.

Graduation's close, but Humm's already got the next few years planned out: she's previously interned with Chrysler and will be returning for two years, rotating through different programs with Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, or FCA. After that she said she will come back to OU for her Masters in Business Administration, and once she has that she will work for FCA once more.

"I think women in STEM are up and coming and can offer a different perspective on STEM industries now than what had previously been accepted," Humm said. "I think it's a great opportunity for women to be in these types of majors because women can pave a new route of opportunity for others who are interested in STEM majors."

Kayla Owens



Photo provided by Owens

Kayla Owens is another ISE major that is ready to graduate. She started off in mechanical engineering and fell in love with her ISE introduction course, "most interested in improving processes, improving efficiencies and even going into any facet of industry."

She plans on going to General Motors in June and will participate in its rotational program for the first year and join a specific plant in the second year.

Like Humm, she's a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, plays soccer, is treasurer of the Society of Women Engineering and is involved in a number of other academic groups and councils.

When it comes to the workplace, "women have a different mindset and way of thinking" that creates new ideas and creates a good atmosphere of change and innovation, she said.

She said she hasn't faced a lot of gender-based stereotyping while at OU, especially in the ISE department.

"There is none of that there," Owens said. "I think there's more girls in the ISE department than any other department of engineering — it's very positive."

ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTING MACHINERY-WOMEN

The ACM-W works to celebrate, inform and support women in computing. Dr. Wenjin Zhou is the adviser for this group — her email is wzhou@oakland.edu.

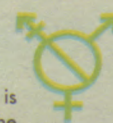
SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

Are you a female engineer that want to be a part of something larger? The Society of Women Engineers, a national society, has a student chapter at OU, and can be contacted at oaklandsw@gmail.com.



THE WIDE RANGE OF NORMAL

This isn't a STEM-specific group, but it is geared towards those interested in the Women and Gender Studies program. It aims to create an "all-inclusive environment", encouraging everyone to be leaders in industry, academia and the political sphere, according to its portal.



didyouknow

Forty pounds of dye are mixed into the Chicago River to turn it green each year for the St. Patrick's Day parade. The river stays shamrock green for four to five hours.

7 WAYS TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner and soon the nation will be flooded with green—literally. From visiting the green Chicago River to making homemade green eggs and ham, here's a list of ways to enjoy the holiday:



1. ATTEND A PARADE. Detroit's St. Patty's Day Parade takes place in Corktown this Sunday, March 15. Cities worldwide throw parades to celebrate this saint's day.

2. DRINK. Only if you're 21 and over, please! And, let's be responsible people. This holiday is largely associated with such drinks as Irish Car Bombs and Guinness. Traditionally, people that are fasting from drinking during lent can take a break during St. Patty's Day celebrations.

3. DYE EVERYTHING GREEN. Go food dye crazy. Green drinks. Green mashed potatoes. Green eggs and ham...

4. WEAR GREEN. I am never pro Ohio, but it is the home of a great museum dedicated to some of the best musicians ever.



5. GET YOUR EAT ON. Traditional foods that surround the holiday are corned beef, corned cabbage, potatoes and shepherd's pie.

6. TAKE A WEEKEND TRIP. Head to Chicago where they dye the entire river green or stop by the White House to see the green fountain.

7. PLANT A PEA. In the Northeast, many people celebrate the holiday by planting peas.



— Compiled by LeeAnn Brown, Life, Arts, & Entertainment Editor

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people

1. "There are about 3 inches of snow on the ground right now. Or, if you ask my ex-boyfriend, 7 or 8 inches."

2. "My midterms were so patriotic. From C to shining C!"

3. "What if that one 'up all night to get lucky'"

song is about a lost dog named Lucky and they're up all night trying to find him?"

4. "69 stopped being funny when it became my average test grade."

5. "Human blood has a pH of 7.4, so technically, we are all basic."

6. "I'm worried I peaked in third grade when I was a line leader."

7. "5... 4... 3.2.1 we're going on a trip in our favorite rocket ship! Sailing through the sky!"

8. "I love girls who text first. Mom, you da real MVP."

9. "The main reason I'm glad to be back at OU is because I can shower for as long as I want and never run out of hot water."

10. "If you don't spend at least 50% of your time on Yik Yak, you're doing college wrong."

—Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter



TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the week

1. Father John Misty – "I Love You, Honeybear"
2. Cloakroom – "Further Out"
3. Title Fight – "Hyperview"
4. Twerps – "Range Anxiety"
5. Sleater-Kinney – "No Cities to Love"
6. Jose Gonzalez – "Vestiges and Claws"
7. Natalie Prass – "Natalie Prass"
8. JD McPherson – "Let the Good Times Roll"
9. Sonny and the Sunsets – "Talent Night at the Ashram"
10. Jeff Rosenstock – "We Cool?"



Sonny and the Sunsets - "Talent Night at the Ashram"

Like daylight saving time, "Talent Night at the Ashram" treats us to a bit of extra sunshine every day.

Sonny Smith is based out of San Francisco and his tenth album sounds very West Coast. The warm, bright vocal harmony that opens the album on "The Application" sounds like a take from a long lost Beach Boys single. "Alice Leaves for the Mountains" features more shimmering vocal harmonies about a mysterious California girl and her car, like a darker and mellower version of a Jan and Dean tune.

Sonny and his band pay homage to a style created fifty years ago. "Talent Night at the Ashram" is a success because it manages to take an enjoyable current approach to classic California beach pop-rock without coming off like a rip-off.

Start with: "The Application," "Alice Leaves for the Mountains" and "Icelene's Loss"

Recommended if you like: The Beach Boys, WAVVES, Ty Segall and building sandcastles.

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

WJR reporter teaches future broadcasters what's important

LeeAnn Brown
Life, Arts & Entertainment
Editor

Room 376 in South Foundation Hall is a copy of all the other classrooms in that building. Stark, white walls meet a tan floor where gray tables and slightly darker chairs sit in symmetrical rows facing the dusty chalkboard in front.

A dull landscape, indeed. That is, until broadcasting professor Gene Fogel walks into the room.

A towering man, Fogel lumbers over to the table, dressed in all black except for the gold bracelet on his wrist and the WJR ring on his right hand.

Fogel always wears that ring — a token of the 43 years he has spent as an investigative reporter at the Detroit news/talk station, WJR 760 AM.

In those four decades, Fogel has won numerous awards including a spot in the Michigan

Journalism Hall of Fame. One of his investigations led to the release of an innocent man from prison. Another one led to indictments and resignations at Detroit's U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

The key to Fogel's success is not simply his light-hearted humor, but his deep-seated loyalty to being a journalistic watchdog, to being thorough in his reporting and, above all else, to being ethical.

Despite years of reporting in Detroit, a tough market at times, Fogel always manages to add humor to his otherwise serious lessons.

As we begin our interview, he refers to a current ethics lesson, mentioning the recent events surrounding NBC's Brian Williams. Williams was a renowned journalist, pulling in around 10 million viewers a night to "NBC Nightly News" — that is, until a few weeks ago.

In early February, his ethics

were deeply questioned when it came to light that one of his long-told Iraq war stories, which involved his being in a helicopter that was shot down by an R.P.G., was an outright lie.

Fogel, obviously disturbed and confused as to how someone could do this, explains that instances like these are what give journalists a bad reputation.

"I know in our everyday lives, we lie, we exaggerate... no honey, you don't look fat in that dress," he said, serious, but with that hint of Fogel humor. "But, you're a journalist reporting a story. You can't distort the facts to make yourself look better."

For Fogel, this rule is law.

He said the most common ethical dilemmas he faced in his career involved: when to use stories with anonymous sources, how to handle stories involving people of public trust, staying objective despite personal be-



Photo courtesy of Gene Fogel

Fogel often says he would rather be second and right than first and wrong.

liefs and respecting the privacy of those dealing with great pain.

Fogel said he hates what he calls "ambush journalism," where reporters stick their microphones in people's faces and yell questions at them.

Instead, Fogel introduces himself and asks if he may speak with sources. If they say no, he explains he will be talking with others so it could be in their best interest to speak with him.

"I've seen reporters who continually hound people, and that's not my style," Fogel said. "I want people to feel comfortable with me. I want them to respect me."

Fogel's journalistic ethics are really just an extension of his

personal morals. They are not something he must practice or "turn on." They are simply there — natural.

Despite today's fast-paced media society, Fogel relies on those deep-seated traditional journalistic values that he honed over 40 years ago, the most important being accuracy.

As Fogel puts it, "I would rather be second and right than first and wrong."

In a time when the public is questioning journalists' ethics and value as watchdogs of democracy, it is professionals like Gene Fogel that lay the groundwork for future reporters to walk upon — objective, fair and accurate.

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Feeling comfort in your own skin

How to best utilize campus resources to help students fight eating disorders

Kaleigh Jerzykowski
Staff Reporter

Supermodels, actresses and professional dancers are the commonly accepted demographic — not college students.

"They don't discriminate," Graham Health Center (GHC) senior staff psychologist Dr. Laura Sanders said. "Anyone can be affected."

Eating disorders can affect a multitude of individuals and have no regard for gender, race or socioeconomic position.

"Eating disorder' is the clinical diagnosis, while disordered eating is on a continuum," Sanders said.

Sanders explained that one's likelihood to develop an eating disorder comes down to a multitude of personal factors like temperament, personality and genetics.

"If you don't have an eating disorder, you don't [understand] what it's like," Sanders said.

"If you use drugs and decide you want to stop, you can, but we all have to eat," Dr. David Schwartz, psychologist and director of counseling at GHC, said.

Signs and symptoms

Sanders said that if an individual is demonstrating eating behaviors that are out of his or her personal "normal," it may be an indication of an eating disorder or disordered eating.

"It's an issue if it's interfering in a significant way with any parts of life," Schwartz said.

According to Sanders, repetitive dieting, overeating, not allowing yourself to eat when you're hungry, over exercising, and feeling like you can't go a day without engaging in one of those activities are indications that an eating disorder may be present.

Schwartz and Sanders said that there are three main types of eating disorders that they see in the college-age group of students 18-25 years old: anorexia, bulimia and binge eating.

Sanders said that anorexia is categorized based on "food restriction, lower than appropriate body weight and interruption of normal function in work or school."

"I see more purging through exercise," Sanders said about bulimia, in which people usually use vomiting as a way to "purge" their body of food



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(L-R) Lauren Baker and Claire Chernowsky performed anonymous monologues about body image on Thursday, March 5th at the Body Monologues.

they've eaten.

"I do see a lot of binge eating disorder," Sanders said.

"The person is usually of normal weight or overweight," Schwartz said.

"[Binge eating] is now a disorder," Sanders said, "commonly resulting in guilt associated with eating."

Treatment options

"When we see disordered eating, we work with that just like anything else because it's a symptom," Sanders said.

"When I work with patients," she said, "I take a two-pronged approach of what's behind the [behavior] and what are the emotional pieces we need

to address."

There are a wealth of resources at the GHC on campus for those who think they might be developing or dealing with an eating disorder.

Psychiatrists, individualized counseling and therapists are available to students at GHC, in addition to "connections in the community for referral resources, too," Schwartz said.

GHC screenings: a useful tool

Several times a year, the GHC gives students an opportunity to learn about themselves and conditions that commonly affect individuals in the college-age group by administering voluntary

screenings.

"[The screenings] get people thinking about a topic and get to know us and that the counseling center is here," Schwartz said.

Screenings consist of 26 questions that are meant to "get students thinking and help with self reflection," Schwartz said.

The screenings cover anxiety, depression, alcohol use and eating disorders, throughout the school year.

Schwartz estimated between 40-60 individuals took part in the eating disorder screening this year, which, he said, was a vast improvement over the 5-20 that have participated in the past.

Schwartz said that coaches often suggest that their student athletes participate in these screenings to keep tabs on their own wellbeing and healthy habits so they can perform athletically and academically to the best of their abilities.

Counseling is here to help

There are a multitude of options when it comes to getting treatment on campus for an eating disorder or disordered eating behaviors, and Schwartz and Sanders emphasize the importance of recognizing symptoms before one's condition becomes serious.

"We recommend a physical and blood work to rule out anything medical," Sanders said.

This allows the GHC counselors to find the best course of action for each individual's treatment.

"We always do an assessment as a first step," Schwartz said, and if necessary, GHC is there to refer patients to specialized treatment teams in the community.

"We're here for friends, too," Schwartz said, reminding students of the importance of looking out for roommates, buddies and loved ones.

In conjunction with GHC, health and wellness director Julie Proctor coordinated "The Body Monologues," which took place on March 5 and were written by "people who have or have had body image issues or eating disorders," Proctor said.

"The purpose...is to help people understand how sly eating disorders can be," Proctor said. "They can take over your life."

"It's best to stop disordered eating before it becomes an eating disorder."

Hynd: 'Never did I think I'd become a research professor'

Erica Marracco
Staff Reporter

Oakland University President Dr. George Hynd spoke to the Psi Chi Honor Society last Thursday about his research, background research and experiences in the psychology field.

Throughout his combined 40 years in academia, Hynd has researched neuropsychology, child development and education.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd become a research professor, let alone a university president," Hynd said.

At the beginning of Hynd's career he was teaching elementary school students from grades fourth through sixth. He noticed, particularly with sixth graders, that some students were struggling to read despite all best efforts from him and

others.

"I was absolutely mystified," Hynd said.

He was then motivated to go back to school and earn a doctorate degree to better understand why some children are unequipped to read.

Being a history minor, Hynd dove into literature, studying historical medical research on what was known about dyslexia, or reading disabilities. Hynd talked about how society became more industrialized.

"I encourage all researchers to read their history," he said.

"Back in the seventies, eighties and nineties, psychology was resisting to move towards biological explanations," Hynd said.

Hynd said that brain damage is not to explain. Since it was observed in many studies that there was a correlation between families and reading difficulties,

a biological origin seemed logical.

A genetic tree chart pointed out that carriers would have a 50% chance of passing on the reading disabled (RD) gene to their offspring.

With provided illustrations of activity in the brain with a slideshow of various neurological models, the audience could follow along. Brain electrical activity mapping and MRI images represented activity in color.

Different areas were highlighted depending on the reading status of that person. A normal brain would appear less active in certain areas than a RD or a gifted RD person who has very adept skills elsewhere.

The audience was also encouraged to point out certain areas on their skull where a specific part of the brain would function, like the top of your head being where the motor



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"Never...did I think I'd become a research professor," President Hynd said.

strip is located.

Asymmetry between left and right side usage of the brain was a good predictor of RD in early life. Brain development during prenatal stages was also deemed to be very important in predicting language capabilities.

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Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

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- Limes are great for digestion, constipation and heart disease.
- Mint leaves can help get rid of pimples, nausea, headaches and even depression, according to organicfacts.com.
- Cucumbers help with hangovers, hair and skin and are also a great source of vitamin B.
- Strawberries not only help burn fat, but they also improve short-term memory.

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1. Water bottles
2. Limes and lemons
3. Mint leaves
4. Oranges
5. Strawberries
6. Cucumbers
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What to do:

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2. Cut the fruit up so that it will fit in your water bottle
3. Fill the water bottle less than halfway with ice and water
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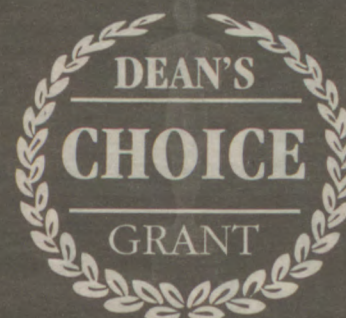
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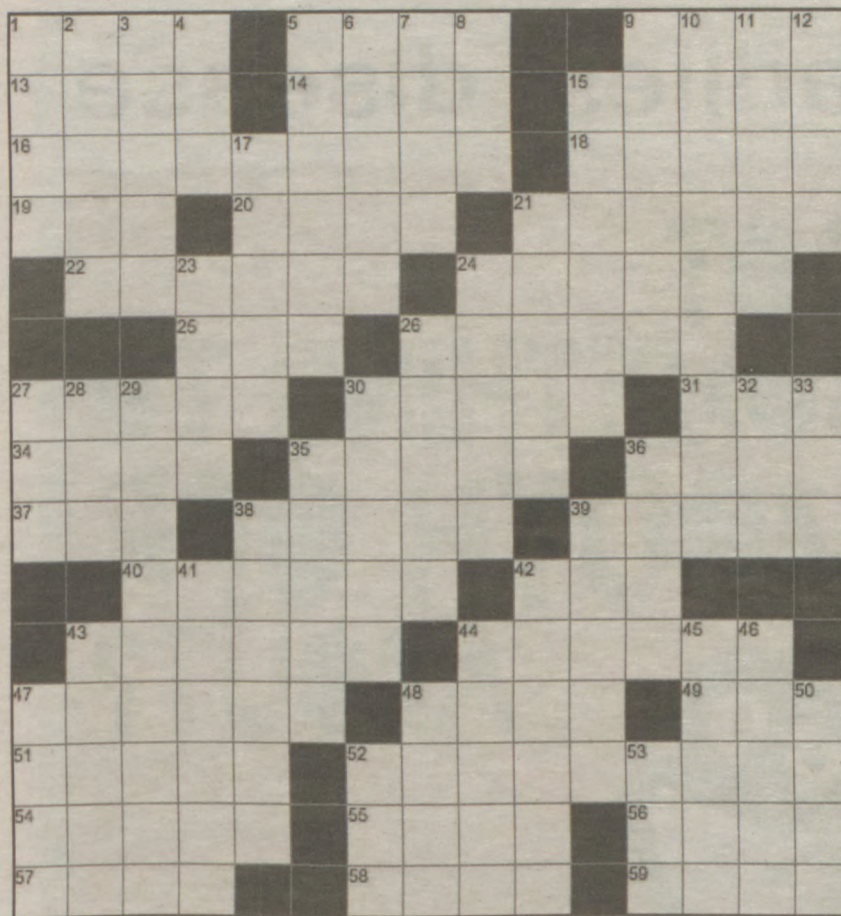
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5: Tip, as a fedora
9: Sound of a hard smack
13: Still in play
14: Have the final say
15: 'Well done!'
16: Torn apart
18: Kitchen gadget
19: Barbie's ex-beau
20: Overwhelmed
21: Firesign Theatre skit, e.g.
22: Fineness measure
24: Potpourri bag
25: Crew implement
26: Lustrous cotton fabric
27: Made a selection
30: Cobbler's supply
31: Smidge
34: Steel or virgin follower
35: Ballet bends
36: It's a bout done
37: Muhammad Ali a.k.a. 'The Louisville ____'
38: Uses elbow grease
39: Amble
40: Naval forces
42: Haunting sound
43: Some housewarming gifts
44: They're seen with arctic caps
47: Click and clack, e.g.
48: Like a dangerous wire

Down

- 1: Criticism
2: Tended a squeaky hinge
3: Just like ewe?
4: 'I'm Sorry' singer Brenda
5: Bureau component
6: Like some garments
7: Got out of Dodge
8: Supplied
9: Squirm
10: South-of-the-border spreads
11: Head off
12: Breathing space
15: Teeth straighteners
17: Water sprite
21: Stuffs to the gills
23: Caroling song
24: Marketing data
26: Besmirches
27: Temple student
28: Polynesian paste
29: Highest level
30: Narrow incisions

- 32: Bluto's assent
33: 'Whew!'
35: "Dead ____ Society"
36: Wacky one
38: Principles
39: Behavioral bases
41: Cilia
42: Most minimal
43: Savoir-faire
44: Tropical trees
45: In conflict with, with 'of'
46: Barely burn
47: Tide type
48: Liver product
50: Complaint
52: ____ de mer (seasickness)
53: Pot ingredient?

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SATIRE

Senioritis: The deadliest disease

Josh Soltman
Chief Copy Editor/Dad

I am a self-centered buffoon (that one's for you Kaylee). This is not a new concept for me but as I near the climax of my college career — graduation — I'm finding that my attention is getting more and more focused on my own BS.

In recent weeks, there have been more horrendous events than we can count. ISIS keeps destroying priceless middle-eastern artifacts; a group of Oklahoma frat boys act like racist assholes even though it's 2015; Sony announced yet another Ghostbusters reboot, this time with a female cast. Possibly worse than everything else combined — Suh left Detroit.

All of these horrible things going on and all my pea-sized brain can ponder is my worsening senioritis. Senioritis — inflammation of the senior.

Typically, I am not a compassionate man. I find it difficult to care about people or things that don't affect my life in any way. Still, I like to think that when shitty stuff happens across the globe, my heart will at least be able to shed a singular cardiovascular tear for people affected. Unfortunately,

with the weather warming up, and the light at the end of the tunnel growing brighter, I can't focus on anything but getting out of this goddamn place.

I guess after going through five(ish) years of hell, I deserve to be a little selfish. I've worked moderately hard to get where I am today. And since it's likely that I won't find a job and I will be broke and homeless, surviving on eating small bugs and leaves, I should celebrate now while I have at least a small ounce of happiness in my body.

This is probably going to be the last positive milestone in my life. For the next 50 years of my life I will work, making virtually no money, until I am unable to get out of bed anymore, and yet I'm still excited to graduate. In my mind I know that soon I will be forced to begin paying back the small fortune I borrowed from the United States Government, and yet I am filled with glee.

I know my happiness won't last. I've seen too many college graduates fall flat on their faces merely weeks after they leave this place. So, I know I need to retain these good vibes before my life starts heading in that same direction.

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After a shaky start, the Golden Grizzlies' season turned around in January and February. Finishing third in the conference topped it all off.

2015: A season to remember

Kristen Davis
Staff Reporter

The Oakland men's basketball team's hopes for a Horizon League tournament championship and NCAA tournament bid diminished on Friday, March 6 after UIC defeated the Grizzlies 72-69 in the quarterfinals.

With Horizon League regular season and tournament play over, here were the best moments of the Golden Grizzlies' season.

5: Seven game win streak

Following a road loss against rival school University of Detroit-Mercy, Oakland responded in a huge way with a seven-game win streak.

The streak served as a turning point in the season after Oakland started with a rough 7-12 record. The Grizzlies finished the season going 11-3, which started with the seven consecutive wins.

During that stretch, they defeated opponents by an average of 10 points per game and six of the seven victories were against Horizon League teams.

4: Victory over University of Detroit-Mercy

The Grizzlies got their revenge on the Titans with an 83-78 victory on their home court on Saturday, Feb. 15.

4,101 fans attended the game, setting a

record for attendance in the O'rena.

The Titans battled to erase an early Oakland lead, but Kahlil Felder took over the game in the second half to secure the win for Oakland.

Felder scored 29 points and Nick Daniels followed his efforts with 14.

An anonymous source said the win was almost as great as Coach Greg Kampe's celebratory dancing in the locker room afterward.

3: Winning every league game at home

In only its second season as a member of the Horizon League, the Grizzlies went undefeated in league play on their home court.

Last season, the men posted a 4-4 record at home.

2: Felder

If a list of the jaw-dropping moments involving the starting point guard this season were to be made, it would be much longer than just five.

Whether it was Felder's monstrous dunk against Green Bay, career-high 14 assists in the 81-56 victory against UIC, career-high 32 points in the 89-75 victory against No. 1 seed Valparaiso, pregame dunk that made everyone forget about Zach LaVine a day after the dunk contest, or crossover against Youngstown State that made the number one play on Sport-

Center's Top 10, the sophomore never failed to excite his teammates and fans.

Felder made the all-league first team and was a candidate for player of the year.

1: Finishing third in the Horizon League

It might not seem like that big of an accomplishment to someone who is not a follower of Oakland basketball or the Horizon League, but finishing third after being projected to finish seventh in the preseason poll proved those who underestimated the Grizzlies wrong.

The men ended up finishing third after the race for first place in the conference and top seed in the Horizon League tournament came down to the last week of action.

Honorable mention: LeBron James' appearance against Cleveland State

Maybe this does not have much to do with what Oakland achieved this season, but having arguably the greatest basketball player in the world sit court side at a home game with his teammate J.R. Smith was a pretty special and surreal moment.



Golden Grizzlies' season Flames out

Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

It's tough to beat a team three times in one season. Two weeks ago, Oakland blew out UIC by 25 points. Illinois-Chicago upset No. 3-seed Oakland University 72-69 on Friday night in Valparaiso in the second round of the Horizon League tournament.

Sophomore point guard Kahlil Felder scored 21 points but shot only 28 percent from the floor in the most important game of the season. He had five turnovers and just three assists.

"His decision-making today was really bad tonight," head coach Greg Kampe said after the game.

It was Felder's worst shooting game of the season. "We're not going to win when our point guard takes 25 shots," Kampe added.

Compounding the problems, Oakland's 12 turnovers were costly. UIC converted 20 points from the giveaways. The Golden Grizzlies had only three points off turnovers.

Senior forward Dante Williams scored 21 points including 6 of 7 from three in the game. Freshman forward Jalen Hayes added 11 points and 11 rebounds, good for his third double-double of the season.

"Our team lost track of what we're good at," Kampe said. "They out-toughed us, they deserved to win."

The referees called 23 personal fouls against Oakland and just 13 against UIC. The Flames were able to capitalize on those fouls, going 20 for 30 from the charity stripe. Oakland was 5 for 10 and Felder — an 84 percent free-throw shooter — missed 4 of 7.

Center Corey Petros had been averaging 4.75 free throw attempts per game in the Horizon League. The senior drew no fouls on Friday night.

A late intentional foul by Nick Daniels nearly put the game out of reach if not for Dante Williams' four-point play shortly afterwards. UIC guard Jay Harris' clutch free throw shooting late in the game secured the victory for the Flames.

Kampe blamed the loss on inexperience: "We had seven guys that had never played in a tournament before."

Daniels was one of them. Another, Femi Olujobi, had no statistical production in five full minutes of play.

Kampe said they're considering a bid to a postseason tournament, but a final decision has not been made. Oakland is 16-16 overall and beat UIC twice in February, 91-77 in Chicago and 81-56 in the O'rena on Feb. 22.

Weighing his disappointment, Kampe said, "This is the ultimate goal. Everything you do is for this weekend. You never feel good when you lose it."



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The Golden Grizzlies' win over the Valparaiso Crusaders bumped Oakland to seventh place in the Horizon League.

Seniors victorious over Valpo

Women's basketball comes back to conquer Crusaders 70-55

Kristen Davis
Staff Reporter

After the women's basketball team suffered a tough loss on the road at UIC on Saturday, Feb. 28, head coach Jeff Tungate reflected on the defeat but immediately looked ahead to the final home game of the season before the Horizon League tournament.

"That night's all about our three seniors," Tungate told reporters. "We need to make sure they go out with a win."

His request was filled Thursday night as the Golden Grizzlies overcame a first half deficit to defeat the Valparaiso Crusaders 70-55 on senior night.

Senior guards Amy Carlton, Peyton Apsey and Zakiya Minifee were honored before tip-off with a short highlight video followed by introductions alongside their family at center court.

They received gifts and hugs from their teammates and coaches and a standing ovation from the crowd.

Minifee and Carlton scored the first four points of the game for Oakland and the team's tough defense kept the Crusad-

ers off the board for the first five minutes of play.

Valparaiso responded to an early 8-5 Grizzly lead after a layup by freshman Anne Hamilton sparked a 12-2 run.

Oakland trailed 27-25 at halftime, but after opening the second half with a 14-4 run of its own, the team never trailed again.

"Basically [coach] was like we've been in this situation before and we don't need to panic," sophomore guard Nola Anderson said. "We just needed to calm down and get in our groove and attack the basket more, rebound more and stop settling for jump shots."

Anderson tallied 12 second half points and finished with 15 along with six rebounds, three assists and three steals to lead the Grizzlies.

Carlton followed Anderson's efforts with 13 points. Elena Popkey scored 11 and Minifee scored eight, pulled down nine rebounds and had four steals. Apsey finished with nine points.

Oakland out-rebounded Valparaiso 23-17 in the second half.

The Grizzlies finished with 14 team steals and scored 18 points off the 22 forced turnovers.

Oakland shot only 27 percent from the field and went to the free throw line just five times in

the first half but improved that to 51.7 percent and took 21 trips to the line in the second.

Freshman Dani Franklin led the Crusaders with 22 points and six rebounds.

After the win, Tungate gave a speech to the crowd about the three seniors.

He described them as great young women and praised their ability to stay positive and overcome adversity no matter what challenge is thrown their way.

"These three people have left a legacy at this program because everybody sitting on that bench can learn from what [they] have done," he said.

With the win, the Grizzlies (12-17, 6-10) finish seventh in the Horizon League.

The team will begin the Horizon League tournament at Wright State (23-7, 12-4) against the Raiders Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

Wright State defeated Oakland in both match-ups this season and went on to win the league tournament last year.

Last year, Oakland lost 68-64 against Youngstown State in the quarterfinals of the league tournament.

If Oakland defeats Wright State, the team will play the winner of the UIC at Cleveland State game in the semifinals on Friday, March 13 at 5 p.m.

Volleyball making room for video replay

Reviews will increase NCAA game accuracy

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

Football has it. Tennis has it. Basketball has it. Now the NCAA is taking the first step toward implementing video review in volleyball as well.

In a memo sent out by the NCAA, the Playing Rules Oversight Committee announced that certain conferences will be experimenting with video review this upcoming season.

The Big 10, Pac-12 and Big 12 conferences will be using the experimental rule. The change would allow each team three challenges per match. The challenges can be used to review whether the ball landed in or out of bounds, if the ball touched a player, if a player touched the net, or if a player foot-faulted on a serve.

Video review takes a big step toward accuracy but creates a variety of issues for conferences across the country. The most pressing issue: money.

In an article by Volleyblog Seattle, Texas head coach Jarrit Elliot estimates video review would cost \$15,000 per two-match weekend.

However, there is overwhelming support among college coaches for the use of video review including Oak-

land's own head coach Rob Beam.

"I'm in favor of moving our sport forward with technology," Beam said. "I think video replay into the game is beneficial."

The other argument against the video review system is that it would slow down the pace of the game too much. The idea of a long pause between plays may ruin a game that is unique because of its fast pace.

"Volleyball has a great ebb and flow and momentum is such a big part of it that too many breaks is going to affect the flow of play," Beam said.

This rule will play no impact on Oakland in the 2015 season but it could in the future. Where the proposal goes from here will depend on the extensive data that will be collected during this season.

It will be easier to implement in the major conferences because of the bigger budgets and facilities. They may already have a lot of the electronics necessary built into the arena. The rule will be harder to implement in the mid-major conferences.

Incorrect calls have become a part of the game of volleyball. "There's human error involved in all aspects of a competitive games," Beam said. "Players make errors, coaches make errors, officials make errors. The one of those that is most easily controlled by technology is officiating."



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Close calls would become more accurate with video review.

Olympic hopeful goes for gold

Australian swimmer celebrates success, vies for Olympic bid

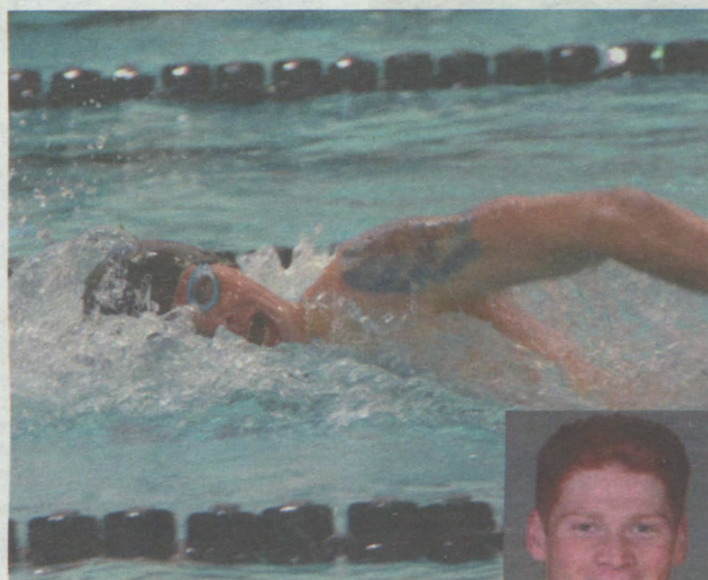
Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

After an incredible three years at Oakland University, men's swimmer Jorden Merrilees has Olympic dreams for 2016.

Merrilees grew up in Brisbane, Australia which is located on the east side of the country and is the capital of the Australian state of Queensland. He was an accomplished high school swimmer as he was a two-time finalist in the Australian Age Swimming Championships, three-time gold medalist at the 2011 Queensland Short Course Championships and six-event qualifier for the 2012 Australian Olympic Team Trials.

While Merrilees and his family were on a vacation in Washington D.C., the swimmer fell in love with the United States and knew he wanted to attend college here. Soon after, he started emailing the top-125 swim programs in the United States, including Oakland.

He took a 12-day recruiting trip visiting college campuses all over the country. OU was his second stop after Wayne State University, and he said that everything just



Courtesy of the Oakland Athletic Department

Jorden Merrilees, junior and Australian native, will take a year off of school to train for the Olympics.

felt right about the campus and the swim program.

"I came in September and the weather was wonderful and warm, and the campus was beautiful," Merrilees said. "I went for a swim by myself in the pool one day and I thought it was really nice. I thought 'these guys win so they must be doing something right.'"

Merrilees started his swim career in 2012 with a splash, earning all-league honors at the

Summit League Championships and was named the Newcomer of the Championships. Even though he was succeeding in the pool, Merrilees said that it was a little bit of a rough transition going from Australia to the United States.

"Freshman year was tough. It was a really big adjustment period being away from home," Merrilees said. "I mean the swimming is the easiest - I love it. It's the schoolwork that's toughest. That balance is really tough, trying to

do my schoolwork and stay on top of that."

Merrilees adjusted well in his sophomore year as he broke numerous school and Horizon League records. He became the school record holder in the 400 IM and 500 free, along with posting a Horizon League record time (1:45.19) in the 200 back at the league championships. He was the league champion in the 500 free, 200 back, 400 IM and was on the winning 400 and 800 free relay teams.

Heading into his junior year, there were a lot of eyes on the 6'2" Merrilees to see if he could keep his impressive career going, and he did not disappoint. At the Horizon League championships, he set five league records while winning seven events. He was named the Horizon League Swimmer of the Year and Swimmer of the Meet.

With all of his success, Merrilees will be redshirted next year and will try out for the Australian Olympic swim team. The trials will take place in April 2016, and Merrilees will travel back home to Australia next semester to prepare.

Forgoing a swim season to chase his dreams of becoming an Olympic swimmer, he hopes to return for the 2016-2017 season to help continue OU's incredible streak of winning league championships.

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Baseball

The Oakland baseball team took two out of three on the road against Southern Mississippi. Robby Enslen's school-record 32-game hitting streak ended Sunday afternoon as he went 0-for-4. The Golden Grizzlies will play their first home game of the season against Cleary on March 18 at 3 p.m.

Women's basketball

Oakland forward Sinclair Russell was named to the Horizon League All-Defensive Team on Monday. The redshirt sophomore averaged 1.6 blocks in league play and had 50 total blocks during the season. The Golden Grizzlies will face off against Wright State Wednesday night in the Horizon League tournament.

Men's basketball

Senior forward Corey Petros was honored last week with being named as a finalist for the inaugural Haier Ultimate Achievement Award for success beyond the sport. Seven other athletes were named to the list, Petros being the only male basketball player. Haier says Petros was named to the list for being a four-time Academic Honor Roll selection and that he's been very active in volunteering for literacy programs in Michigan. The team will play at home next Tuesday, March 17, in the CIT Tournament against a yet to be determined team. Last year, Murray State defeated Yale in the championship of the tournament. Oakland will look to push the home winning streak to 12 wins.

— Compiled by Scott Davis

Horizon League Standings

Men's Basketball					Women's Basketball				
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1. Valparaiso	13	3	26	5	1. Green Bay	15	1	25	4
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3. OAKLAND	11	5	16	15	3. Cleveland State	10	6	18	11
4. Cleveland State	11	5	17	13	4. Youngstown State	9	7	20	9
5. Milwaukee	9	7	14	16	5. Detroit	7	9	12	17
6. Detroit	7	9	14	17	6. UIC	6	10	16	13
7. UIC	4	12	8	23	7. OAKLAND	6	10	12	17
8. Wright State	3	13	11	19	8. Milwaukee	5	11	10	19
9. Youngstown State	2	14	11	20	9. Valparaiso	2	14	6	24