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Kanye West made a guest appearance at the College of Creative Studies earlier this month. The Post has the inside scoop. PHOTO/BILLBOARD

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

A CLASSIC COMING OF AGE STORY // Student Program Board hosted a traditional Quinceañera for a 15-year-old in the local community on Friday, Oct. 19. The party featured a traditional shoe changing ceremony, photo booth and, of course, a daddy-daughter dance. RYAN PINI // *The Oakland Post*

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POLL OF THE WEEK

What are you going as for Halloween?

- A** Something that gives small children nightmares
- B** My student debt
- C** I'd rather die than go out on Halloween
- D** A "nurse"

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What is your favorite fall activity?

A) Getting Cider and Donuts
20 votes | 51%

B) Coughing and Sniffing
12 votes | 31%

C) Going to a pumpkin patch
4 votes | 10%

D) Apple picking
3 votes | 8%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 24, 2001

Oakland students and professors were enraged when they woke up in the morning with their inbox wiped clean.

OCTOBER 26, 2011

OU mourned the loss of former students lost in a car crash, Rachel Ring and Jenna Balabuch.

OCTOBER 26, 1994

Professor Conrad Mallett was up for reelection on the Michigan Supreme Court, and split time teaching and campaigning.



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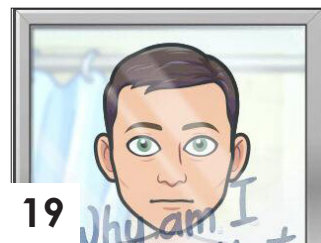
The Halloween classic gets a modern sequel with returning star Jaime Lee Curtis in 2018's "Halloween." Photo/IMDb



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Individual donors for the gerrymandering proposal

400,000

Signatures on the original petition back in 2016

\$1,600,000

raised as of the last campaign finance deadline report

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Looking Back

Library heist of \$73,500 worth of books in 1983

A total of 540 rare books were assumed stolen, went unnoticed for three months with no arrests made after four months of investigation



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Stolen texts cause FBI, state probe

By DEAN STANLEY
Staff Writer

More than \$70,000 worth of rare texts were stolen from Kresge Library's archives at least three months ago and were just discovered missing last month.

Not until March 22, when library employees found about \$8,000 out of a total \$73,500 worth of books missing, did anyone realize that the theft had taken place. The first few missing volumes had been requested by a professor.

A subsequent investigation has revealed that books, many of

collection room are nothing special.

He said that there is no difference between the keys for the archives and the ones used in the rest of the library, "just fewer of them."

CRAMER SAID that Kresge's security is about the same as most libraries in the area.

When Kresge was built in the early 60s there was no

consideration given to a special collection room; it was after the library's construction that rare books began to accumulate. Cramer said.

The FBI has been asked to enter the case but cannot become involved until there is some indication that the books were taken out of Michigan.

ALTHOUGH officials suspect that the theft was carried out by professionals,

they have asked that all library employees take voluntary polygraph tests.

A list of the missing texts, which may be released to the public after its distribution to local booksellers, includes works from such authors as Mark Twain and John James Audubon, famous American naturalist.

Cramer feels that the books could have been taken "out the

back door" of the library, but could not offer any more insights to the case.

"The university is very concerned about it and we are going to do everything possible (to find out what happened)," said Jerry Dahlmann, assistant to the president for university relations. "The fact that we called the FBI and state investigators is an indication of that."



The Oakland Post archives

Patrick Sullivan
Web Editor

Espionage, execution and the promise of a sweet payday. When people talk about heists, they often imagine the target being a bank somewhere, or some rich snob who deserves a comeuppance. What they don't think of is the target being a library.

More than \$70,000 worth of rare texts were stolen from Kresge Library in 1983. The stolen texts, totaling 540 different works, went unnoticed for at least three months.

Officials suspected the text theft was carried out by professionals, but the library staff all took voluntary polygraphs about the missing books. Access to the room was only available through Dan Ring, the then assistant professor in charge of the archives in Kresge.

Public Safety investigator Mel Gilroy said that there was a "75 percent probability that the books will turn up," assuming that the motive of the theft was an economic one. However, Gilroy went on to say that if the books ended up being sold to a private collector, there "wouldn't be a snowball's chance in hell" of recovering them.

Of the 540 different texts stolen, more than 350 were worth \$100 or more, with 33 being worth more than \$500. The collection was last appraised four years prior in 1979.

Among the stolen texts included books by Mark Twain and John James Audubon, the latter being the author of an \$8,500 book at the time that was stolen. The piece by Audubon, "Birds of America," is considered one of the rarest books

ever, going up for auction earlier this year for \$9.6 million.

Oakland ended up calling both state investigators as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) in order to track down the books.

"The university is very concerned about it and we are going to do everything possible [to find out what happened]," said Jerry Dahlmann, the then assistant to the president for university relations.

Bill Cramer, in charge of government documents at Kresge Library at the time, said the keys the doors to the archives weren't any different than the keys for the rest of the library, and Kresge's security was about the same as most other libraries in the area.

Notices were sent out to various rare book dealers and trade publications around the area to keep a lookout in case the rare books ever turned up there in the hopes of getting a break in the case.

Unfortunately, the books never ended up being located. That began the questions of who would end up paying for the stolen books, and if the insurance OU had would cover the cost.

Two different insurance companies, due to OU switching in the year that the books were stolen, worked to determine which company had to pay the claim, and whether they had to pay it at all. If the theft was done over a long period of time and wasn't a one-and-done type of operation, and if the theft was done from outside the university, the university would be jipped out of all the money for the books.

As of May 1983, four months after the books were assumed stolen, no arrests had been made.

Foster care community hosts Michigan governmental candidates

Laurel Kraus
Managing Editor

The New Foster Care and Michigan's Children partnered with Oakland University's Center for Civic Engagement to bring a youth-led candidate forum to Banquet Room B in the Oakland Center on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 7-9 p.m.

With over 13,000 children in Michigan's foster care system, a statistic that became a popular talking point, the event offered children in foster care, foster care alumni and foster families the opportunity to question those running for office on various policies and issues relating to the foster care system.

The evening began with opening statements from both Garlin Gilchrist Jr., running mate of Gretchen Whitmer, and Tori Sachs, campaign manager for Republican U.S. Senate candidate John James, who each spoke on the importance of supporting the foster care system.

"We have the power today to define tomorrow," Gilchrist said. "We have the power today to lay that foundation for the future. We have the power today to make the choices to enable the infrastructure that enables the imagi-

nation of all these beautiful souls."

Candidates for Michigan's House and Senate were then given one minute each to reply to seven questions presented by those within the foster care community.

Panelists included Jeff Pittel, libertarian candidate for Michigan Senate District 12, Kyle Cooper, democratic candidate for Michigan House District 45, Marty Knollenberg, republican candidate for Michigan Senate District 13, Mari Manoogian, democratic candidate for Michigan House District 40, Doug Tietz, republican candidate for Michigan House District 41, Michael Webber, republican candidate for Michigan House District 45, Mallory McMorrow, democratic candidate for Michigan Senate District 13, David Wolkinson, republican candidate for Michigan House District 40, Padma Kuppa, democratic candidate for Michigan House District 41 and Michael McCready, republican candidate for Michigan Senate District 12.

Question topics involved stabilizing families rather than turning to foster care, supporting families with affordable housing and transportation, elevating barriers for foster youth and helping them develop skills to live beyond minimum wage, trauma in-



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Michigan's House and Senate candidates were asked about their stances on foster care policies.

formed training in schools and more.

Bill Schuette, the Republican nominee for governor of Michigan, arrived amid the panel discussion to present a short speech on his views on the significance of the foster care system.

"I first came to learn about this issue when I was a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals, and I would read these cases and it's often about the termination of parental rights and how a child went through often terrible circumstances and needed a good family, a home, peace, hope, some gentleness and most of all some love,"

Schuette said.

With the event running a bit overtime, the panelists did not get the opportunity for closing remarks; however, Wolkinson worked a statement into his response to the final question.

"Maybe we should have a pledge, and that pledge should be as follows," he said. "If elected, we're going to meet with the social workers and agencies that provide the foster care, we're going to continue to meet with foster families and foster children, and we're going to be a voice for the foster children when we get to the legislature."

Professors raise money to improve safety in classrooms on campus

Taylor Crumley
Staff Intern

In recent months, classroom safety has become a dynamic issue across the country. In sync with recent news, the safety of school campuses is being looked at with a keen eye.

Oakland University continuously ranks high on lists of safest college campuses in America. In order for OU to keep this reputation, the campus community is making efforts to ensure safety procedures stay up to date with current trends in the news.

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) at Oakland University presented a donation of \$5,000 as part of an effort to properly equip all classroom doors with internal locks to enhance student and faculty safety in the case of an emergency.

Currently, the only way to securely lock classroom doors is from the outside with a key, which could be seen as a huge problem in an emergency situation.

Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) is also getting involved by donating \$5,000 toward the effort.

OU-AAUP President Tom Discenna said they are also open to donations from families of students, faculty or anyone who would like to help.

"Students and their families are welcome to contribute as well, and it would be appreciated," he said. "But as you pay a good deal to be here already, we're not asking students or their families for additional support."

OU Chief of Police Mark Gordon has also been organizing safety training sessions for faculty to sustain the safe environment on campus and to make sure students and

faculty are prepared in the event of any emergency.

Students and faculty having the proper training and knowledge, as well as having OU's campus equipped with updated safety precautions, is the key to surviving any emergency situation. Gordon recommended the use of improvised weapons as one way of staying safe in an emergency situation.

"If you wanted to bring something to class, a hockey puck would work great," he said.

The AAUP will also be distributing 2,500 hockey pucks to all faculty and give the remaining to students to use as a weapon in an emergency situation.

OU offers training classes as well as an educational "Run, Hide, Fight" video that can be viewed on their website. The video showcases a staged scenario of what could happen and how to effectively and efficiently react.

Gordon's top tip for students on campus is "to be aware of your surroundings while on campus and report all concerning behavior to the OUPD."

He further stated that OUPD relies on the students and faculty to be engaged and aware of what's happening on campus in order to most effectively keep the campus safe.

"Intervention is the best way to prevent a serious violent accident on campus," Gordon said. "Together, through partnerships between the police and the community, we can keep our campus safe."

With the help of the new upgraded locks on all classroom doors from the AAUP and student and faculty training from OUPD, Oakland University is attempting to remain on track as one of the safest college campuses in the country.

Students can visit the OUPD website to learn more about how to react in emergency situations.

Eisenhower Dance Detroit puts on season opener

EDD, with the help of Stephanie Pizzo, has made memorable performances for over two decades

Kaley Barnhill
Staff Reporter

Eisenhower Dance Detroit (EDD) put on their annual season opener performance on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018.

Director Stephanie Pizzo has helped lead the company for the past 28 seasons and is now assuming the artistic role.

“EDD is a national and international touring ‘repertory’ (meaning EDD performs works from other choreographers as well as myself) dance company,” Pizzo said. “We have performed in theatres as small as a 200 seat theatre in Hart, Mich. to large opera houses as far as Tel Aviv, Israel. We have toured to NYC, LA, Chicago, Russia, Poland and Israel, to name a few.”

The show ran both on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. It featured a pre-show as well, which showcased local Rochester student dance companies.

“[It], wasn’t until I went to a family friends recital that triggered my want to get into dance,” said Andrew Cribbett, a company dancer. “I had been dancing up and down the aisles of the auditorium during the show and was spotted by the academy director one day, sitting in a full split waiting for my sister to finish. She then approached my grandma and said I needed to be in ballet. I have now been dancing for almost 21 years.”

One of the standout performances of the show was “The Wilding.” It was choreographed by Laurie Eisenhower, the founder of EDD.

The show featured interesting costumes with orange satin pants and a more synchronized style of dancing, emphasizing the theme of followers, or a cult, as Pizzo discussed in her pre-show artist talk.

The dance was structured to be incredibly emotional and had more of a narrative structure than some previous songs. While still abstract, it told a story of people becoming followers and seemed to depict one member’s attempt to break free, as well as his consequent death.

The performance ended with the debut of “Somedays,” a cho-

reographed performance by Pizzo, which was designed more classic and romantic. The costumes detailed the women in purple and red velvet dresses, and the men in bow ties and button downs. In her artist talk, Pizzo explained that she took inspiration from the feeling of Sunday mornings, which was present in the very fluid and relaxed movements of the dancers.

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Stephanie Pizzo
Director and choreographer of
Eisenhower Dance Detroit

“I can really relate to Stephanie’s new piece ‘Somedays’ as it’s about the connections between the dancers onstage and has an easygoing flow to it, which makes it enjoyable to dance,” said Molly McMullen, company dancer and assistant director. “I also love to premiere a dance and hear the audience’s reactions to it for the first time. One of my favorites things as a dancer is listening to the different ways I made someone feel through my dancing.”

As a choreographer, Pizzo explained she finds inspiration all around her.

“I’m always inspired when I collaborate [with] other artists,” Pizzo said. “I think this is my favorite way to work. I feel strongly as an artist that it is important to take a stand and express what is important to you. I am driven from personal experience. All of my work supports the message of social acceptance and inclusion. I am inspired to continue to find ways express that as humans we are all equal and through love and acceptance we [can] co-exist.”

POLICE FILES

Parking police problems

A visibly agitated man approached the Oakland University Police dispatch window on Sept. 12, 2018 asking to meet with the person who runs the department.

He claimed he had been harassed by OUPD and wanted to speak with OU Chief of Police Mark Gordon, who was unavailable at the time. When the dispatch officer returned to give the student a citizen’s complaint form, he immediately refused to fill it out and said he was going to speak to the president of the university.

The dispatch officer asked what his concerns were regarding the alleged harassment. He said he was walking on campus a few days prior and was stopped by two officers because of the way he walked.

When the dispatch officer inquired further, the student clarified they were there to check on his welfare. The officer explained OUPD is obligated to follow up on calls for welfare concerns, to which the student replied he was unhappy they took his ID and ran his information. The officer explained this is also OUPD policy, and if he voluntarily gave them his ID, there was no problem. The student was still unsatisfied with this explanation, and asked for the officer’s name and role within the department, which the officer provided.

When the dispatch officer asked if he had any further concerns, the student showed him a parking ticket and handicap placard. The ticket was for a handicap parking violation, and the student claimed his placard was fully visible. The dispatch officer told the student they would need to verify the placard was his before taking action on the citation.

The student was not satisfied with this answer either and said he was leaving to go speak to the president of the university about the officer, his harassment and unfair treatment. The officer reported that at no time was the student aggressive or demeaning, he was just unsatisfied with the explanations he was given.

While the student was walking out the door, he said something to the effect of “you shouldn’t have done this to me, you’re going to regret it.” When the officer asked what he said, the student said he was not making a threat against the department, followed by, “But I’d be careful if I were you” and laughter.

At this point the dispatch officer became concerned for the welfare of the student and anyone he may come into contact with on campus, and so decided it would be better if the student were escorted off campus due to his behavior.

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Matthews engaged the audience in critical discussion about poetry and how her work is influenced.

Renowned poet visits in honor of Maurice Brown Poetry Reading

Jessica Leydet
Social Media Editor

On Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018, from 5-6:30 p.m. in Oakland Center rooms 157-158, the Oakland University English department hosted the annual Maurice Brown Poetry Reading. The series was named for the beloved professor who taught at OU between 1969-1985.

The poet honored this year was Airea Matthews, author of "Simulacra," the 2016 winner of the Yale Series of Younger Poets Award, and a 2015 Kresge Literary Arts and Cave Canem fellow.

Creative writing professor Alison Powell organized the event, reporting how they selected Matthews to read her work.

"Our faculty member professor Jeffrey Chapman was a Kresge Fellowship recipient, and he recommended I check out her work," she said. "I did so and thought the book was wonderful, so I was eager to have her here."

Powell hopes the audience took away a number of things, but most of all she hopes they walked away knowing that poetry doesn't have to rhyme or be on expected topics.

"You can use Twitter language, jokes, even playwriting in a book of poems, all that matters is your technique and focus," she said.

Before the event, Matthews gave a more intimate craft talk entitled "The Four Temperaments in The Apollonian Poem." The talk was based on poet Gregory Orr's essay "The Four Temperaments." It was held from 12-12:45 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room in the OC.

In this craft talk she invited those in attendance to evaluate their style of writ-

ing based on four characteristics: story, structure, music and imagination belonging to two forms of poetry.

Story and structure belong to the the apollonian approach, while music and imagination are more dionysian.

"Apollonian poems give you a sense of a door closing at the end, and when you end a dionysian poem you think to yourself, 'What just happened?'" Matthews said. "I, myself am largely dionysian, but my drive has always been to know the opposite of who I am."

Matthews stated that her effort to understand George Orr's essay has been very insightful to her, because it gave her the tools to close a poem in the way an apollonian poem does.

She also asked the audience to evaluate a poem by well known Michigan-native poet Robert Hayden, entitled, "Those Winter Sundays." She opened up a conversation about the theme of the poem as well as the structure.

"It didn't hit me until I read this recently, that this poem is a picture of unrequited love," Matthews said. "It's not romantic love but it is unrequited familial love."

She tied in how his approach to writing this poem was largely based off of who he was and the things he went through in his life. She talked about how Hayden was born in a neighborhood of Detroit called "Black Bottom," was left as a child and taken in and raised by another family.

The craft talk was presented as an interesting way for writers and non-writers alike to understand who they are in terms of thought processing both through Hayden's poem and through getting to know Matthews' work.

OU Has Talent to take the stage at The Habitat

Jordan Jewell
Staff Reporter

The Student Program Board (SPB), which creates events that promote student involvement and enhance life on campus at OU, will be hosting their annual talent show, OU Has Talent, on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Auditions will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 2, and all OU students are encouraged to showcase their hidden talents.

Starr Brown, SPB's mainstage director, and Giuseppe Giammalva, SPB's annual events director, are in charge of this year's event.

Where can students watch OU Has Talent?

Giammalva: "It'll be in The Habitat on campus. Auditions are open to all OU students, and admission to the event is free."

What type of acts are you looking for this year?

Brown: "We are open to all acts. This year we really want to showcase some out-of-the-box talents. From music to comedy and everything in between, we want to show off what OU students are most proud of."

Giammalva: "We have some great prizes this year so we encourage everyone to take a chance and audition."

How do students audition for OU Has Talent?

Brown: "A full audition form can be found on the SPB GrizzOrgs page. The auditions are online so students can describe their act on the form and then submit a video of their

performance. We still have plenty of open slots, and we won't be making final decisions until Nov. 5."

Giammalva: "The deadline to submit is 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 2. Students will receive an email by Nov. 5 if their act is selected to perform. Acts should keep their performance under five minutes in order for everyone to have time to perform."

Why do you think OU Has Talent is such a valuable program for students at Oakland University?

Giammalva: "I think that this event brings Oakland University together as a community because we accept so many different talents. It gives students a chance to see their peers performing and in the end supporting each other for what they do. The event is free so we encourage students to stop by. It'll be a great spot to hang out with friends while enjoying some great talent."

The show will conclude with winners being chosen. First, second and third prizes will be awarded. First place will receive \$300, second will receive \$200 and third receives \$100. All three placings will also get a trophy.

In addition, the "people's choice" award will be given to the fan favorite of the night and they will receive \$150 and a trophy.

Last year's first prize winner was spoken word poet, David Bashaw. Other prize winning acts included beatboxing and singing.

Students with questions about auditioning or the OU Has Talent event in general can email Brown at sebrown2@oakland.edu.

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BACKGROUND**

OUCARES presentation focuses on obesity, nutrition and autism

Katarina Kovac
Campus Editor

As an expert in nutrition assessment methodology, measurement of clinical biomarkers associated with dietary intake and medical nutrition therapy for obesity, Dr. Virginia Uhley, Ph.D., RDN assistant professor of foundational medical studies at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, presented on obesity, nutrition and autism on Thursday, Oct. 18.

"Tonight we will be learning more about autism, obesity and how to mitigate obesity in special populations," OUCARES Director Kristin Rohrbeck said. "This is part of our evening enrichment series. Every month we host a free presentation for the community to learn something specific that will hopefully be very helpful to the autism community."

Uhley expressed that during her time in the clinic, she learned a great deal from her patients' as it was firsthand experience.

"I have always learned more from my patients and their families than I've learned sitting in the classroom," Uhley said. "I actually tell my medical students this all the time. What you think you know when you get into practice doesn't actually match up. You have to start learning all over again."

When she was in the clinic, she dealt directly with patients who experienced GI distress.

"Patients wouldn't be sure what was causing the distress as there were all of these diets floating around, and there is a lot of different information about various vitamin deficiencies and minerals," Uhley said. "It's not very clear cut, and there are a lot of things that overlap."

Children on the spectrum tend to be picky eaters, but Uhley wants to reinforce the fact that there are scientific reasons for their pickiness.

"The microbiome is a really fancy word for how you digest and absorb things," she said. "It's really talking about what bacteria are actually in your GI tract. There's billions of them that are in your intestinal tract, and what you eat does change what is in your intestinal tract."

Food selectivity, according to Uhley, has nothing to do with nutrient content, but how you feel when you eat a certain food. The taste buds in your mouth are like the GI tract, so what you taste in your mouth will send a signal. Someone on the spectrum can get a full-blown reaction simply by tasting a certain food.

"You can present a food to a child, and there can be a lot of emotion tied to that food," Uhley said. "If someone gave it to them who they trusted and



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A nutrition expert discussed GI distress as a part of OUCARES evening enrichment series.

who they felt safe with, that becomes a safe food and something they will continue to eat."

Children on the spectrum should be engaging in at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day as this engages muscle and bone strengthening.

"There is a higher prevalence of being overweight among adolescents with special healthcare needs including spina bifida, cerebral palsy, Prader-Willi, Down syndrome, muscular dystrophy, brain injury, visual impairments, learning disabilities, ADHD and autism spectrum disorders," Uhley said. "Dietary intake, absence of physical education in school based special needs programs, lack of access to rec-

reation facilities and medication all are factors for obesity prevalence."

Throughout the coming months, OUCARES is hosting a variety of events for families who have loved ones on the spectrum and adults on the spectrum.

"We have a few really exciting events coming up through OUCARES," Rohrbeck said. "We have a parent networking event coming up on Nov. 27, which is a time where families can come, have a really great meal and form lasting connections with people who are connected with adults on the spectrum. We have a holiday party for adults on the spectrum on Dec. 1, which always sells out."

Women and gender studies hosts "Careers That Make a Difference"

Bridget Janis
Staff Reporter

The Women and Gender Studies (WGS) program hosted "Careers That Make a Difference," an event to further the knowledge and opportunities present with this degree, on Thursday, Oct. 18.

The event was put on by Valerie Palmer-Mehta, a professor of communication and interim director of the WGS program and Ami Harbin, associate professor of philosophy and WGS.

"Often students take a course in introduction to women and gender studies and then realize they want to pursue a major or minor," Harbin said. "This event helps them meet others following the same path and

consider career options after graduation."

WGS focuses on investigating gender and what it means to be masculine or feminine. It also explores the idea of influences in society, usage of language and vocabulary, historical changes and sexual identity.

"We hope students learned more about the value of the women and gender studies program on campus," Palmer-Mehta said. "What you can do with a degree from the women and gender studies program and how you can build a meaningful career that makes a difference in the world."

To start the event, the program held an icebreaker for students, faculty and alumni to have a chance to network.

This gave students the chance to ask questions to both the speakers and fellow peers, allowing a more comfortable and engaging setting throughout the program.

"The icebreaker was designed to help students and alumni get to know each other and feel comfortable with each other," Harbin said.

At this event there were four successful OU alumni panelists with a degree in women and gender studies. Dean Nasreddine, an electoral activist and field organizer with NextGen America; Emily Clancy, an East Michigan community organizer for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan; Angela Wilhelm, a community engagement and philanthropy

specialist at Suburban Collection; and Rebecca Malotke-Meslin, a director of enrollment and financial aid at The Avery Coonley School.

"Each shared their particular career trajectory, the steps they took to gain meaningful employment, career advice for students and why their time with the women and gender studies program was valuable to them," Palmer-Mehta said.

The panelists shared their stories and the experiences they went through to get to where they are, including receiving awards and promotions in their field. They offered different perspectives, advice and information on the degree.

"We hoped to accomplish multiple goals with this event,"

Palmer-Mehta said. "We wanted to inform students about the women and gender studies program and answer the question, 'What can you do with a degree in women and gender studies?' We wanted to provide career advice to students who want to make a difference in the world. We wanted to bring together alumni and current students so that students could network with relevant professionals in the field."

The WGS program will hold the Phyllis Law Googasian and Women and Gender Studies Award Luncheon on Mar. 28, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Banquet Room B of the Oakland Center. They will also host their 35th annual film festival in March.

What Proposal 2 means for you on this November's ballot

Ben Hume
Staff Reporter

The Michigan general election will occur on Nov. 6, and there are a multitude of important decisions on this year's ballot. Among these proposals is Proposal 2, known colloquially as "Voters Not Politicians," which hopes to solve the longstanding partisan issue of gerrymandering in the state of Michigan.

Politics these days ask for you to care about a lot, and there's a good chance many students are voting for their first time this November. So, why should this proposal matter to you? Here's the low-down on gerrymandering and why voting on this decision is so important for the future of your state.

The issue of gerrymandering can be defined as "changing of the size or shape of

electoral boundaries for partisan advantage," according to Alan Epstein, special instructor in the Political Science department at Oakland University.

"Every 10 years, in accordance with the mandated census, the electoral boundaries are adjusted to make sure that they reflect the changing population," Epstein explained. "And those can be manufactured in a way to provide political advantages."

Epstein said the redistricting itself is not inherently bad — in fact, it is required to respond to changes in population. The problem is when they are used unfairly. When the legislature is in charge of drawing the new lines when they come to power, they have a vested interest in drawing the district lines in a way that makes it easier for them and their party to get elected. Both

parties are responsible for this in many different states, but in Michigan, the Republican party has been responsible for our gerrymandered districts in recent years, according to Epstein.

This issue might be to the advantage of the Republican Party now, but no matter what your political orientation is, this issue is widely considered to be impartial and unfair. OU Student Congress President Ryan Fox echoed the fact that "this is a non-partisan issue," and that this should definitely have your attention.

"This is essentially deciding who they will get to vote on for the rest of their lives," Fox said in regards to the issue's effect on OU students. "These changes don't come often."

Even if you feel overwhelmed by how important this decision is, or feel like this isn't something a first time voter

should know about, Fox emphasized that it is important to your future for you to care about this issue.

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Alan Epstein
Special instructor of the political science department at Oakland University

"If [you] just happen to be 18, 20, 22, what have it, this is definitely something that will affect [your] ability to...buy a house, it will affect [your]

ability to have successful careers, it'll affect [your] ability to get out of debt," Fox said.

Will this proposal be the solution for this difficult political issue? Epstein said "that remains to be seen."

Similar proposals have been enacted elsewhere, and "depending on who you talk to, it seems to be fair and an improvement on the way it used to be," according to Epstein.

For the time being, it seems to have popular support from much of the public, with three different polls from The Glengariff Group and EPIC-MRA showing, on average, 47 percent of the public in support.

Regardless of political affiliation and experience with voting, this ballot proposal could be one to focus on. Do research, then make the decision on Nov. 6.

Career Services helps students understand generations in the workplace

Dean Vaglia
Staff Reporter

Career Services' mission is to develop Oakland University students and alumni into prepared job seekers and to be employers' favorite place to recruit. On Wednesday, Oct. 17, Career Services gave OU students a look into the generational dynamics of the workplace.

Presented by Carol Anne Ketelsen, "Gen Z - Who Are You and How Do You Fit in the Workplace?" informed students of the different generations they will most likely encounter while working in a career and how they would fit into the working world.

"I teach group dynamics here at Oakland, and this is part of what I teach," Ketelsen said. "The reason for that is because when you're talking about working in a group — and particularly in a work setting — you're going to have people of different generations."

Ketelsen used the close

space of the Lake Huron room to encourage interaction from the students, starting with a quiz on generational objects such as Silly Bandz, 45 RPM record inserts and roller skate keys.

She informed students of the five generations they would encounter: Traditionalists (1922 - 1945), Baby Boomers (1946 - 1964), Generation X (1965-1980), Millennials (1981 - 1995) and Generation Z (1995- 2010/2015, the end date is not agreed upon).

Ketelsen went over each generation's influences and personalities and explained how that affected the workplace expectations of the generation. For example, Gen X saw mothers begin to work in white-collar jobs, making flexible schedules valuable to Gen Xers.

Despite popular belief, Ketelsen's research shows that Millennials and Gen Zers are culturally different. Gen Zers are characterized as being hard workers, holding jobs as soon as they could—actions possibly influenced by the

Great Recession.

"[Gen Z] is what's making colleges freak out," Ketelsen said. "[Gen Z] do not feel that education is a must."

This is contrary to Millennials who see higher education as a requirement to survive. According to Ketelsen, Gen Z youths are favorable to the entrepreneurial "do your own thing, in your own way" spirit, choosing to enter the working world over pursuing a degree.

"And if [Gen Z] are going to do college, statistics show that a lot of you do it online," Ketelsen added.

Presented with the research, Ketelsen broke the room up into groups to discuss how the students viewed the picture painted of their generations.

"I actually saw that [less emphasis on education] a lot," Garrett Emerick said on behalf of a group. "I'm from a rural community, so when I graduated high school maybe two-thirds went to some kind of higher education, but a lot went to work on a farm or went to be a mechanic or something



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Ketelsen explained to students how five generations have affected today's workplace expectations based on influences and personalities. that requires a short training session."

The presentation continued as Ketelsen presented more of her research. Gen X is driven by time off and competent leadership, Millennials like open workspaces that have a focus on groups over people, and Gen Z is competitive as they like having their own space and want

to be noticed in the workplace.

Ketelsen closed out discussing how Gen Z communicates.

"It's interesting because as tech savvy as you guys are and you prefer tech, a lot of the research is showing that ... a lot of you guys do prefer face-to-face communication," she said.

GSC hosts an open house for LGBTQ+ Awareness Day

As a way to spread inclusivness on campus, GSC hosts event

Kaley Barnhill
Staff Reporter

The Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC) at Oakland University hosted the annual LGBTQ+ Awareness Day Open House on Friday, Oct. 19.

"I learned about the GSC my freshman year during orientation and decided to go as much as possible," Micah Rowland, who has worked at the GSC since Jan. 16 said via email. "Years later, I applied to be a student assistant there and have loved every second of it. If any student needs help with on campus issues or problems, we're the ones to go to. Do not hesitate to ever come to us for help, that's what we're here for."

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community here at OU, students have full access to the GSC and all of its services.

"The GSC works to support and retain LGBTQIA students at Oakland University through programs and services such as SAFE On Campus training, Serving Up Knowledge Sessions, and the Peer Mentor Program among others," Grace Wojcik, Coordinator of the GSC said via email.

During LGBTQ+ Awareness Day, the GSC had light refreshments for students, including brownies and cookies. There were also informative pamphlets for students to take on various services. The GSC also offers free books, available in boxes in the front of the office.

Wojcik, who said she has worked with LGBTQIA issues for over 15 years and had previously worked at Affirmations LGBT Community Center in Ferndale prior to this position, explained that, "Though we are focused predominantly on LGBTQIA issues, any student is welcome to utilize our programs and services."

The Gender and Sexuality Center was founded in 2005, according to their website. Oakland University has been named a top LGBT-friendly campus in 2017 and 2018. The GSC holds a Campus Pride Index of four and a half stars.

"It has taken a great deal of hard-work, determination, and collaboration to achieve a high ranking," Wojcik said of the achievement. "I am hopeful that we will continue the work to move campus forward."

Of the events that are offered, one is

Lavender Graduation. According to the GSC's website, it is an event held every April to honor graduating LGBTQ+ seniors.

"I love Lavender Graduation," Rowland said. "It's a comfortable get together of people I've come to know and love. It's hard to say goodbye to them, but I always love to see their accomplishments celebrated."

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The GSC also offers other events throughout the year, such as Transgender Day of Awareness and World AIDS Day, both in November this year. They also hold Pride Month every April, which features events like the Gay Straight Alliance's Annual Drag Show, Pride Prom, guest lectures and film screenings.

"The existence of the GSC itself is what helped and changed me from a lonely freshman into who I am today," Rowland said of the GSC.

The GSC is also a part of the Out On Campus initiative. The Out on Campus Initiative demonstrates OU's commitment to providing an inclusive and accepting atmosphere for the LGBTQ+ community. No matter what sexual orientation or gender you identify with, OU wants students to know that this campus is a safe place that they can call home.

For more information on the GSC, or for resources, the GSC is located in the Oakland Center, Room 47 or their website is www.oakland.edu/gsc.

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Student has access to assistive technologies in dorm room

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It first makes itself known between the ages of three and five. It first starts to affect movement in the hips, legs and shoulders due to progressive muscle degeneration and weakness. This genetic disorder is due to an absence of dystrophin, a protein that helps keep the muscles in tact. Freshman Robbie Ivey has Duchenne muscular dystrophy, one of nine types of muscular dystrophy which mainly affects boys. Ivey has limited movements due to his condition.

"I always have to think where's the handicap spots, or any accessibility," Ivey said. "Otherwise I'm just a normal 19-year-old college student."

A native of Iron River, a small town in the Upper Peninsula about eight hours away from the metro Detroit area, Ivey was a part of a very small group of people in his town that had to use a wheelchair. His family would travel with a portable ramp in their car so he could get into buildings in his hometown.

The transition of coming to Oakland University has been both easy and difficult for Ivey. Ivey's sister, Maggie, attends OU and helps out when she can.

"My sister goes [to OU],



Ivey's room is furnished with assistive technology to make daily life a little easier.

so I wanted to go to a place where I knew people already, and not up by me where everybody in my town is together," Ivey said. "I kind of wanted to do my own thing."

Ivey and his family had to meet with Coordinator of Disability Support Services (DSS) Christy Gough before coming to campus in order to make sure the university could provide everything he needs.

"We meet with the student to determine what kind of accommodations they might need so that we can then approve those and put them in place to ensure accessibility

on campus," said Sarah Guadalupe, director of DSS.

In order to ensure he would have an easy transition to living on his own, Ivey worked with the DSS to set up his room in Oak View Hall with Google Home and Alexa. The devices he provided allow Ivey to control the lights, TV, and his bed with a simple voice command.

DSS worked behind the scenes with the information technology (IT) department to set up the assistive technology in Ivey's room.

"We worked behind the scenes...with Housing and our student affairs IT

department to ensure that everything was going to work because it works off of wifi," Guadalupe said. "[The IT department] had to do certain...work to make sure that his assistive technology devices would work within the OU parameters."

Ivey's bed is particularly helpful because it moves up and down when he commands. Due to his muscular dystrophy, Ivey has to be moved every couple of hours. Since his bed moves, it reduces Ivey's need for someone to move his body for him.

"[The bed] helps so that a family member, or caregiver, wouldn't have to help," Guadalupe said. "He's got that special technology that kind of helps so that he can control it rather than having someone else do that for him. It really provides [him] more independence."

Even though Ivey is a student with a disability, he's still an average college student who enjoys video games and the Green Bay Packers, and hopes to become a general manager for an NFL team someday.

"All of us are here for the same thing — to get a degree and hopefully get a good job," he said.

Disability Support Services hosts awareness exhibit

story by Jordan Jewell // photos by Nicole Morsfield

The Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) at Oakland University held a Disability Awareness Exhibit on Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the Oakland Center.

The exhibit was sponsored by DSS, which supports over 600 students with varying disabilities, and the Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The purpose of the event was to educate students and promote awareness of "visible" and "invisible" disabilities.

"We want to encourage a campus-wide understanding of what it is like to have a disability," DSS Director Sarah Guadalupe said. "There's so much diversity among the students at OU, and this event helps draw attention to it."

The exhibit was made up of 10 stations. Each station educated students about a different disability. This included visual and mobility impairments, learning disabilities and speech impediments.

Interactive activities were provided to give students firsthand experiences. Wheelchairs were brought

in to emphasize the need for accessibility. Support dogs and their trainers were also present at the event.

"DSS supports a lot of students on campus and this event is so important for the community," Guadalupe said. "We want students to have an awareness of our office if they ever need to utilize it."

Students who attended the events were able to gain a more realistic interpretation of what being disabled entails. The event offered braille printing where students could write their names or messages using braille.

Oakland University students Delania Wenger and Capri Williams-McCree were originally drawn to the event

because of the support dogs.

"We saw the golden retriever down stairs and the volunteer told us to come check out the other events upstairs," Wegner said. "I was able to write my name in braille. There's so much to do here."

Volunteers from all over campus came to show their support for the event. Justin Kellener, a veteran representative from Veteran Support Services, helped run one of the awareness stations.

"As a whole, Oakland University has some really great support groups," Kellener said. "Veteran Support and Disability Support really help students feel like they belong and that

they are accounted for."

DSS' doors are always open to students looking for support, accommodations or a better understanding of "visible" and "invisible" disabilities.

"Events like this are so important because it gives the campus a sense of inclusion and understanding," Kellener said. "By coming to things like this, students create a dialogue."

DSS is located in 103A North Foundation Hall. They specialize in helping students formulate accommodation plans. These plans include academic support, study aids and alternative testing. The plans are based on students' specific needs.

In addition to educational support, DSS is devoted to accessibility. They provide a campus accessibility map that highlights routes and areas for physically disabled students to travel efficiently and safely around campus.

Any students interested in setting up an accommodation plan or finding out more about being a student with disabilities can visit the DSS office or email dss@oakland.edu for further information.



Attendees are encouraged to test out equipment designed for those with disabilities.

Oakland providing aid to international students

Ben Hume
Staff Reporter

The past decade has seen an increased concern for border security in the United States. It has also seen all kinds of power shifts and governmental systems created, the most infamous of which might be the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This government group has received much press during President Donald Trump's administration, and it means the safety of international and immigrant students on college campuses has come to the forefront of the minds of those affected.

This issue came to a head for those of us living near Canada when WBUR Boston radio aired an interview on their segment Here and Now. The story was about increased border patrol searches on private bus lines and if the questionings are legal. WBUR interviewed Dennis Harman, division chief for the U.S. Border Patrol Houlton Sector in Maine, asking him multiple questions about the

legality of their policing methods. A notable quote from the interview includes that officers are allowed to ask anyone their right to remain in the United States within 100 miles of any international border, a place most of Michigan happens to fall into.

This leads to many concerns for those worried about their citizenship status. So, what can those on college campuses do if they feel worried about their status, particularly international students at Oakland University?

Petra Knoche is the international adviser at the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO). Her office is capable of helping with two types of visas, F-visas and J-visas. The former are for degree-seeking students, while the latter is meant for exchange students.

Knoche recommends the Graham Health Center for anyone who feels they need counseling for the difficulties of the immigration process, as she understands how difficult it can be. She says the process has lengthened from "three to four months to nearly 12 months" for

acquiring a visa, and that the fees can cost "around \$200, and you also have to pay another \$200 immigration fee."

"It's much stricter, and the process can often be confusing. No one will ever tell you why your visa was denied."

Petra Knoche
Adviser at the International Students and Scholars Office

The ISSO has more roles than ever, especially now that "it is much more difficult these days than it was."

"It's much stricter, and the process

can often be confusing," Knoche said. "No one will ever tell you why your visa was denied."

David Archbold, director of the ISSO, agrees with this sentiment, and wishes for Oakland to be every international student's "home away from home." When international students do arrive at Oakland University, there are many programs available for them to help them feel more included in the university, including International Night and a program called International Allies, where international and domestic students are matched up to help the process of moving to a new place just a little easier.

Though the politics of the world may always be changing, OU offers resources like the ISSO and Graham Health Center for concerned students. While it can be a concerning time for anyone traveling internationally, with worries both at home and in the U.S., students who need assistance are encouraged to contact the ISSO for questions related to their visa status. For more information, visit the ISSO website or call (248) 370-3358.

Annual Santa Parade to coincide with food drive

Mount Clemens plans to host two events on the same day to bring the community together

Bridget Janis
Staff Reporter

The 43rd Annual Macomb County Santa Parade will be taking place on Saturday, Nov. 17 starting at 10 a.m., with registration opening at 8 a.m. This will be Oakland University's seventh year as a sponsor and it is predicted to have one of the largest parade groups.

The parade is put on by the City of Mount Clemens and has about 150 entries planning to walk in the parade, from floats to fire trucks to marching bands the parade has something for everyone to enjoy.

"Macomb outreach is all about being involved in our community and making sure we can spread awareness of our location and community support throughout Macomb County," Oakland University community engagement intern Rebecca Robbins said. "By being in this parade, we represent OU in Macomb. It's an easy way for our students, staff, alumni and faculty to participate within their community."

Members of the OU community can register for the parade at oakland.edu/macomb. The first 300 participants to register will receive a free sweatshirt.

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Rebecca Robbins
Oakland University Community Engagement intern

"We have been participating since 2012, every year we've grown bigger and bigger," Robbins said. "Last year,

we had 300 people walking, this year we want to cap off at 300 again."

In addition to the parade, the City of Mount Clemens will be having the Third Annual Community-Wide Food Drive. Participants are encouraged to bring and drop off non-perishables and canned food. Robbins said they wanted to "incorporate a food drive that is larger than ever done before."

"OU has had presence in downtown Mount Clemens since 2011, when we opened the doors to the Anton/Frankel Center, supporting not only the City of Mount Clemens, but also Macomb County is really important to us," said Executive Director of OU Macomb County Outreach Julie Dichel. "We thought the parade was a great way to tie in a community need and get all the students, faculty and OU community involved in supporting the Macomb Food Program."

Last year, the Macomb Food Drive passed their goal of 1,000 lbs. and collected 1,175 lbs. This year, the goal is set at 3,000 lbs. of canned

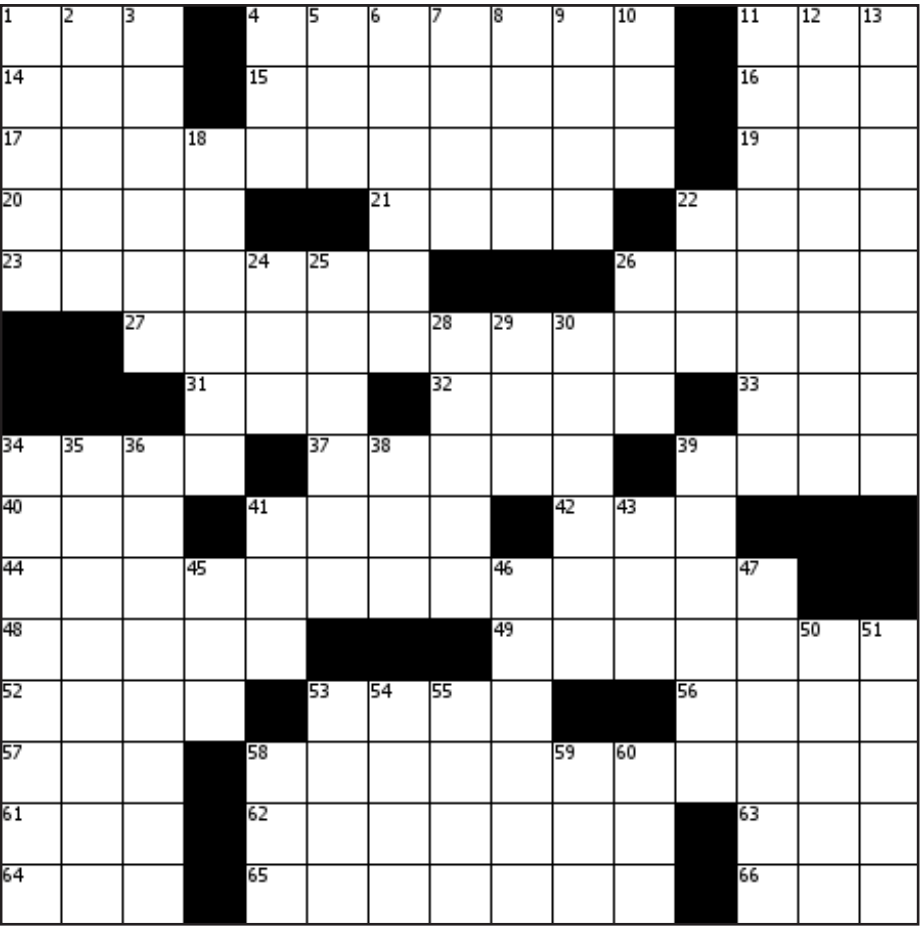
food. The program will be accepting donations Nov. 1 - Nov. 17, but they expect most donations to be made the day of the parade.

"Because of weather, the Macomb Food Program is very far down on their typical amount of food that they have," Robbins said. "When you do donate, it's going to an amazing cause. It's feeding Macomb County residents."

Donations can be made at the OU Anton/Frankel Center, Macomb University Center and local Mount Clemens establishments. Prizes for registered participants donating canned food on the day of the parade are as follows: Grizz gloves (5-9 items), a Grizz beanie (10-14 items) and an OU rugby scarf (15-19 items). Participants who donate 20 or more items will win all three prizes.

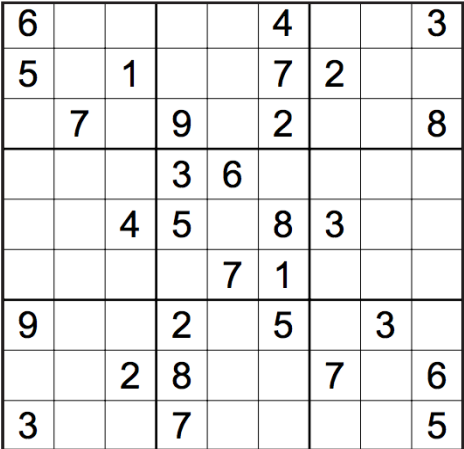
"All of the food donated gets distributed to more than 50 shelters within Macomb County," Dichel said. "OU doesn't only have a strong presence here in Macomb County, but we're also being able to help residents."

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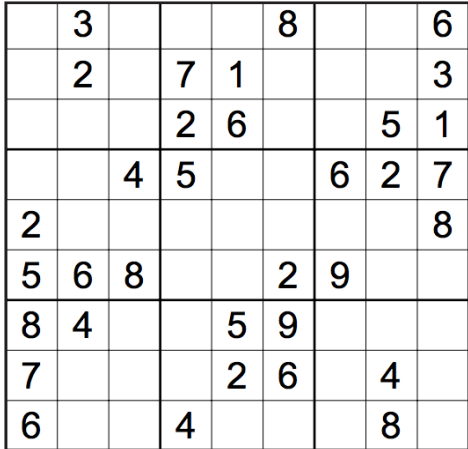


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- 1. U.K. honor
 - 4. Late-spring-blooming rhododendron
 - 11. Slow-spinning records
 - 14. Life imitator
 - 15. Singsong syllables
 - 16. Stable tidbit
 - 17. Important one
 - 19. Hoops pos.
 - 20. Word with muy or tres
 - 21. Lays down the lawn
 - 22. Dress for Indira
 - 23. Shakespearean character
 - 26. Creepy household area
 - 27. Toy train sound
 - 31. My ____, Vietnam
 - 32. Flue dirt
 - 33. Enter a contest
 - 34. Friday and Preston (Abbr.)
 - 37. Studied carefully, as a "joint"
 - 39. Meat quality
 - 40. Galley implement
 - 41. Soviet gymnast Korbut
 - 42. ____ Claire, Wisconsin
 - 44. Darned
 - 48. Santa's craftsmen
 - 49. Felony charge
 - 52. Riverside plant
 - 53. Assignment
 - 56. Supercomputer pioneer
 - 57. Org. with many inspectors
 - 58. Participate in a gabfest
 - 61. Parasite's egg
 - 62. Emily Dickinson's hometown
 - 63. "To Kill a Mockingbird" author
 - 64. Jocund
 - 65. Quite tipsy
 - 66. WR's scores
- Down**
- 1. Deadly African snake
 - 2. Boston skater
 - 3. And others too numerous to mention
 - 4. Short way
 - 5. Uneaten morsel
 - 6. Assents verbally, in a way
 - 7. Lovable muppet
 - 8. Modem word
 - 9. Baseball postseason letters
 - 10. Lhasa beast
 - 11. Type of grammatical case
 - 12. A Nixon
 - 13. Afflicted, as with guilt
 - 18. Grassy hills
 - 22. Letters on a Cardinal's cap
 - 24. Fifth day of Kwanzaa
 - 25. Frozen spike
 - 26. One of five in "Othello"
 - 28. Blue-book filler, perhaps
 - 29. Bunion site
 - 30. Alpine songs
 - 34. Type of thought
 - 35. Spacious indoor mall
 - 36. Grotesque imitation
 - 38. FBI employee
 - 39. Marx Brothers trait
 - 41. Gives the go-ahead for
 - 43. ____ in apple
 - 45. The Simpsons' neighbor, Flanders
 - 46. Grocery store section
 - 47. Newsmen Charles
 - 50. Added punch to the punch
 - 51. Nursery denizens
 - 53. "Ashes to Ashes" author Hoag
 - 54. Need liniment
 - 55. ____-Ball (arcade game)
 - 58. Mouth, slangily
 - 59. China's Lao-____
 - 60. Financial rpt. heading

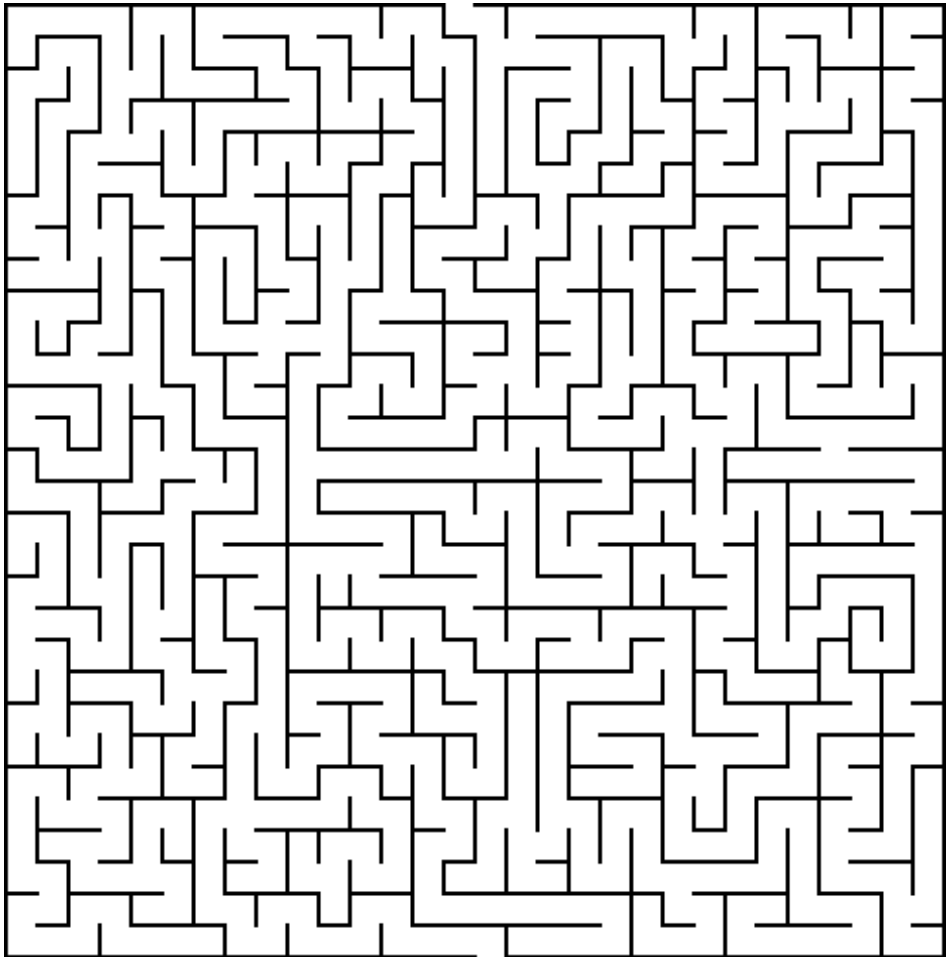
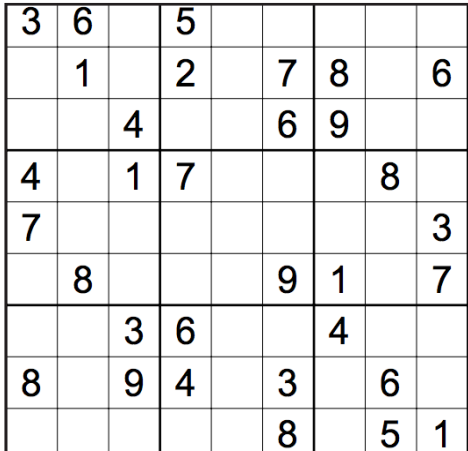
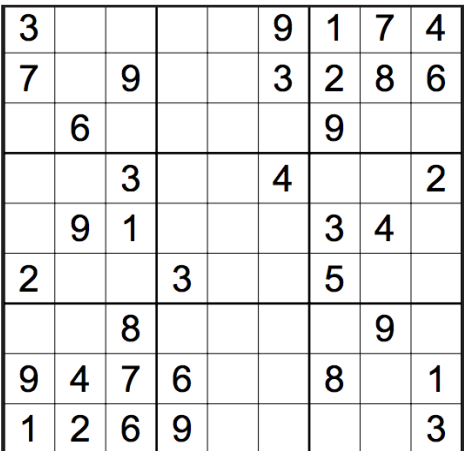
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“Halloween” — a killer revival of a horror classic

Trevor Tyle
Life Editor

It's been nine years since the last “Halloween” movie, and 40 since the last good “Halloween” movie (John Carpenter's 1978 original). But after a string of poorly received sequels and reboots, Michael Myers has returned to the big screen for one final killing spree — and fortunately, it's well worth the wait.

With 2018's “Halloween,” director David Gordon Green (thankfully) retconned the events of the first film's nine sequels and reboots. Despite their shared titles, the 2018 film is not a remake of the original, but rather, a continuation.

The 2018 sequel reintroduces us to Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis), the sole survivor of masked murderer Michael Myers' initial chain of mass murders four decades earlier. Traumatized by their last encounter, Strode has devoted her life to preparing for Myers' return — at the expense of her relationships with her daughter Karen (Judy Greer) and granddaughter Allyson (Andi Matichak).

Myers (Nick Castle and James Jude Courtney), meanwhile, is being transported to a maximum-security prison to spend the rest of his days. But of course, things

go wrong and the bus crashes, prompting him to escape and return to Haddonfield, Illinois — the site of his inaugural rampage — for one final confrontation with Strode.

“Halloween” accomplishes exactly what it set out to do. The 2018 sequel stays true to the age-old expression “if it ain't broke, don't fix it” and plays it relatively safe, mostly to its own advantage. At the same time, it lives up to the greatness of its 1978 predecessor as much as it can without surpassing it. The elements that made the first film so terrifying are just as present — though thankfully, modern filmmaking techniques have allowed for far more convincing action sequences this time.

Though there may be more action this time around, it's always warranted. The 2018 sequel replicates the first film's ability to rise above the mindless gore of the slasher genre. This narrative substance is perhaps the principal reason “Halloween” has withstood the test of time.

As much as “Halloween” is timeless, it's also timely. Though the film doesn't strive to spark any sort of political conversations, its parallels to the #MeToo movement are uncanny. “Halloween” was written long before such a movement even existed, but the traumatic experiences that catalyzed

#MeToo are at the film's core, a sentiment to which Curtis has agreed.

However, the franchise's cultural relevance is largely thanks to its leading lady. Curtis' performance in this film is fierce. Her emotionally-charged return to the character that made her famous is nothing short of fantastic and reaffirms audiences of a long well-known fact — Jamie Lee Curtis is a total badass.

Though Curtis may carry the weight of the film, Greer and Matichak's performances, which are particularly strong in moments when they come face-to-face with danger, echo the fearlessness we've come to associate with Curtis' character.

But it's the more explicit callbacks to the 1978 original that will really make longtime fans smile. From the opening credits — complete with the iconic Carpenter-penned score — to various instances where Strode and Myers end up trading places, the visual homages made by the 2018 film give it a familiar authenticity that has long been missing from the franchise.

Green's attempt at reviving “Halloween” is beyond successful. The film does its parent film the justice it deserves, bringing the 1978 classic to a whole new generation of theatergoers. It keeps audi-



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The 2018 continuation lives up to the original.

ences on the edge of their seats, squirming and screaming the whole time, in a way that feels both fresh and familiar.

Though it's hard to top the original, 2018's “Halloween” has accomplished the rare feat of being a damn good sequel to one of the most beloved horror films of all-time.

Rating: 4.5/5 stars

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Moving toward Legalization Day



Ben Hume
Staff Reporter

The entire country of Canada celebrated the national legalization of marijuana on Wednesday, Oct. 17 as the first major world economy and the second country behind Uruguay to do so.

The drug had been only technically illegal for the past few months, as the Canadian government was loath to punish any businesses too severely with legalization coming so soon. But now all state-approved vendors are able to open their doors officially to consumers. How has this national experiment gone so far, and what does this mean for recreational marijuana in our own country?

A survey done by researchers at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia found that about 68 percent of people across Canada support the weed legalization, most of that support coming from British Columbia and Ontario. This statistic is almost exactly mirrored in a Pew Research Center study done on Oct. 8 that found about 62 percent of Americans say the use of marijuana should be legalized, a statistic that has been steadily increasing over the past decade. The promise of legalization for Canada basically began when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was elected in 2015, but no such national movement exists in any relevance in the United States.

Instead, the U.S. has been placing this power in the hands of individual states, which has led to a messy process of understanding where and

how marijuana can be legally obtained. Michigan promises to join the growing list of states where it is legal with Proposal 1 on this November's ballot, but the issue of national control of this substance has not even been scratched. In Canada, this process was reversed, with the national government laying out a skeleton for provinces to build their own regulations upon.

So, just a few days after legalization, is there any takeaways we can see from Canada's approach? Demand was understandably high, with the substance being so recently illegal. This meant that stock market values for marijuana have been fluctuating wildly in what is being called the "green rush," the initial projected estimates for this industry somewhere in the ballpark of 5 billion U.S. dollars. Retailers have already begun to run out of stock, and with demand so high in such a short amount of time, suppliers have no time to catch up.

Aside from the economic concerns, there are some that are worried that the effects of cannabis have not been shared enough with the public. In an interview conducted by the New York Times, Dr. Bernard Le Foll expressed his concern that "it took decades for the public to understand the risks of cigarettes, and the legalization of cannabis has taken place only over a few years."

Despite these concerns, public support for this decision has been overwhelmingly positive. Prime Minister Trudeau even promised recently that minor offenses of marijuana possession would be pardoned, a sentiment that is also seen in arguments for legalization in the U.S.

As far as national legalization in our own country, it seems that the state level changes are the way we are attempting to remedy this law. The process might not seem as pretty, but neither system of change is perfect. Legal marijuana is still young, and we can learn much from our neighbors to the north.

But for now, if you want to make a difference in this decision for our own state, vote on Proposal 1 on your Nov. 6 ballot.

Addressing "innocent until proven guilty"

Evidence and support is crucial in situations involving allegations of sexual assaults

Timothy Kadow
Contributor

On July 9, 2018, President Donald Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to serve in the open seat on the U.S. Supreme Court. Having a supposedly flawless reputation as a judge in the circuit courts, the Republicans in the Senate, as well as the president, saw this appointment as a home run. That all changed when Dr. Christine Ford, a fellow schoolmate of Kavanaugh in high school, came forward and accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault at a party back when he was a senior in high school.

Allegations such as these come at a time in America where more and more women are beginning to step forward against sexual assault. With the increasing amount of allegations and from what was witnessed in the Kavanaugh situation, simple yet critical premises must be understood when approaching and analyzing situations of the like.

If one is sexually assaulted in any way, shape or form, the assaulter must be brought to justice regardless of his position or title. This article's purpose is not to ignore or disregard those who have been or may be assaulted in this manner, but rather to simply shed light on the whole picture.

The 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution was the first of its kind. It states that anyone in the U.S. has equal protection under the laws of this country and one of those protections is the presumption of innocence; innocent till proven guilty. In other words, an individual who is accused of the unlawful activity is completely innocent until sufficient evidence points to him/her being guilty.

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center in their article "False Reporting" claimed that as



of 2010, an average of 2-10 percent of assault allegations were found to be false. Over 45 percent of allegation cases were labeled as "Case did not proceed" due to "insufficient evidence." This is simply to show that not everyone that comes forward claiming to have been sexually assaulted actually has been and that there exists a margin of error. If women were to come forward and claim that a man sexually assaulted them, they would need some form of evidence or backing in support of that claim. One is innocent until proven guilty. Speaking falsehood(s) is not only on one side of the coin.

Imagine a society and culture where people could come forward and claim someone did something illegal with little to no support of that accusation. As a result, the reputation, credibility and character of the accused — even if innocent — is left completely destroyed. This nation was founded on the rule of law. People are innocent until they are proven "beyond a reasonable doubt" that they committed the crime. It is not guilty until you prove your innocence, rather innocent until you're proven guilty.

Voters have been purged across America

Thousands of voters have been deregistered from electoral rolls in several states



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Having the right to vote is something that we as Americans take pride in. Having a de-

mocracy where we can elect someone to be our voice is a privilege not all people have access to.

However, in America itself, someone not having access to this right is becoming more and more common.

Between 2016 and 2017, 90,000 voters from Nevada were unregistered from their electoral rolls, along with a staggering 469,000 voters from the state of Indiana according to a study by the Palast Investigative Fund.

Generally, people getting removed from a state's list of registered voters is common. People can move out of the state, die or be convicted of a felony. However, the manner in which a great number of these deregistrations are being held is calling into question the legitimacy of these purges.

When a voter is suspected from having moved, for example, in Nevada, the state sends a postcard to their registered address. If the postcard was not delivered and returned, the state would send another postcard to forward to the new address. If that postcard did not come back,

then the voter would be moved to an 'inactive' status.

According to a press release from the Palast Investigative Fund, many of the people that were removed from the electoral rolls had not moved at all.

"Our experts, reviewing these lists, have found that the overwhelming majority of voters who have supposedly moved out of state or out of their home counties have, in fact, not moved an inch," the press release from Oct. 15 said.

The most egregious and popular example of voters being purged is in Georgia, where one of the candidates for governor is Secretary of State Brian Kemp. Kemp's office has overseen the removal of 340,000 current Georgia residents from the state's electoral rolls, drawing controversy for a potential conflict of interest.

Another controversy in Georgia surrounds the 'exact match' law that was passed last year. Under the law, voters need to have the exact letters and numbers match on both their voter registration form and either the state's motor vehicle department or

the state's Social Security database.

That means a simple mistake such as a missing hyphen or a middle initial can place them onto a "pending" voter list. If a voter is on a "pending" list, they cannot send in an absentee ballot, and must present a photo ID in person on election day in order to vote.

A study released by The Washington Post shows that the exact match law could disenfranchise up to 909,540 eligible voters, almost triple the currently reported amount.

These purges that we know about are concerning because the razor-thin amount that elections can be decided by. For example in 2016, President Donald Trump won the state of Michigan by 0.3 percent, or just 13,000 votes.

In 2016, Trump won in Georgia by around 200,000 votes, which is more than covered by the voters that have been removed in 2016 and 2017. These elections, and voting itself, are so important for deciding our future, but the opportunities to contribute to these outcomes are being taken away.

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Sowunmi maintained a fantastic record in both basketball and in school while in the United States.

Babatunde Sowunmi: From Nigeria to O'Rena

Michael Pearce
Sports Editor

Growing up in Nigeria, Babatunde Sowunmi always imagined himself playing soccer for the national team. At 16 years old, he moved to the United States and began playing defensive end for his high school football team. Now, he's a center on the men's basketball team.

"My dream as a Nigerian kid was to play soccer, and maybe play for my country," Sowunmi said. "I never had the dream or desire to play basketball. It never occurred to me, because where I am from basketball isn't that big."

Sowunmi started playing basketball in the winter of 2016, his first year in the United States. A D1 center now, the game of basketball didn't always come easy to him.

"When I came to the United States I knew very little about basketball," Sowunmi said. "It was a tough transition, it was different for me, I wasn't used to playing basketball, running up and down and using my hands. I was used to using my legs."

Basketball wasn't the only sport Sowunmi eventually became good at. He was an all-region defensive end and kicker for Solid Rock Academy's football team, averaging five sacks per game.

"The high school year starts with football, so I played that first," he said. "After football season ended, I started playing basketball because of my height. It was an advantage for me, so I thought 'this is good, I could keep doing this.'"

Assistant Coach Tony Jones was the coach who discovered Sowunmi at an AAU game in Milwaukee, Wis. back when he was in high school in Fayetteville, Ga.

"When I saw Babatunde for the first time I thought he was a UGA recruit because he was from Atlanta," Jones said. "

He was so big and strong with decent athletic ability. After seeing his skill level I knew his best basketball could be in front of him. I thought we could develop him and after a couple years could be a dominant player in our league."

According to the Detroit News, Sowunmi was matched up against a top-100 recruit and shut him down. While his opponent had two points, Sowunmi had 14 points, 20 rebounds and eight blocks.

Off the court he excelled as well, ranking in the top of his high school class and even being elected as the class president.

"I think I had a B one time," Sowunmi said. "I maintained good grades right from when I came here. That was why I was voted class president."

In the future, Sowunmi hopes to obtain a master's degree in Sports Management. For his bachelor's degree he is majoring in Human Resources Development (HRD).

"I like being able to interact with people, I am a people person," Sowunmi said. "I like sports management. Coming here, there is no sports management major. I picked the next closest thing, which is human resource development."

Sowunmi is one of two centers on the men's team, Brad Brechting being the other, and he looks to make an immediate impact with his size and strength.

"Obviously when you have size on the court it can help a great deal during a long season," Jones said. "The quicker he picks up on the concepts and schemes, the quicker he will be able to help our team. I can envision him getting time early in the season and it can improve if he can handle the aforementioned question marks."

The men's basketball team kicks off their season on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. with an exhibition game against Hillsdale College at the O'Rena.

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Men's Soccer @ Milwaukee

A night game in Milwaukee turned into a thriller as the Golden Grizzlies were able to win 1-0 versus the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Forward Nebojsa Popovic scored a game winning goal in the bottom right corner with only 19 seconds remaining. Assisted by midfielder Jimmy Todd, the shot was only one of two shots on goal for Oakland the entire game.

Goalkeeper Sullivan Lauderdale had a great game, recording his third shutout on the season with three saves.

This win moves the Oakland record to 3-3 in the Horizon League. A 3-3 record puts Oakland tied for fifth in the conference with Northern Kentucky University.

The Golden Grizzlies' next Horizon League match up is against the Cleveland State University Vikings in Cleveland on Saturday, Oct. 27. The next home game is against Horizon League competitor the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix on Friday, Nov. 2.

Volleyball @ Cleveland

In a back and forth match against Cleveland State on Sunday, Oct. 21, Oakland Volleyball was unable to emerge victorious, falling in five sets 3-2.

Jamie Walling was the offensive leader for Oakland, recording 21 kills and adding two blocks to round out her game. Krysteena Davis once again led the team in blocks, recording seven.

It was a very even-fought match between these two Horizon League opponents, as the first through fourth sets were back-and-forth the whole way. Finally, the Vikings broke through in the final set, breaking the back-and-forth match with a 15-10 win in the fifth set.

This loss moved the volleyball team's record to 3-7 in Horizon League play. Currently standing seventh in the conference, the team returns home for a match up against the No. 1 team in the conference,

the Milwaukee Panthers, on Friday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Women's Swim and Dive

In their first conference match of the season on Friday, Oct. 19 the swim and dive team routed Youngstown State, with a final score of 193-104.

Katie Colwell and Susan LaGrand had four first place finishes each on the day. Both Colwell and LaGrand were on the 200 Medley Relay and 400 Freestyle Relay teams that took first place with times of 1:48.40 and 3:36.71, respectively. Colwell took home two solo wins in the 200 and 100 freestyle events, and LaGrand won the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly events.

The next swim meet for the Golden Grizzlies is at home against the Wayne State University Warriors for Parent's Day on Friday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m.

Women's Soccer

On senior night, the women's soccer team was able to secure their second win of the season against the UIC Flames on Saturday, Oct. 20. With a final score of 1-0, this match was the fourth of the last six games that the women allowed zero goals.

Oakland's defense was able to keep the Flames away from the net, only allowing three shots on goal, Jaimie Leas recorded her fourth shutout with three saves on the day as the defense starred in this Horizon League match-up. The lone goal came right before halftime, as midfielder Lauren Bos' shot was blocked, but forward Sierra Grodsinsky was able to stay with the shot and put it in the back of the net.

The women's soccer team has one match left this season, on Friday, Oct. 26 in Indianapolis against the IUPUI Jaguars.

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Sports Editor



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After Walling leaves OU and her volleyball career, she plans to pursue a career in finance or accounting.

Jamie Walling wraps up sophomore volleyball season as a team leader

Jonathan Savich
Staff Intern

Hailing from the twin cities of Normal and Bloomington, Ill., Oakland University sophomore Jaime Walling found herself falling in love with volleyball on a whim.

Walling had never played competitive volleyball until her mom insisted she try out in the ninth grade. She originally had her mind set on playing college basketball. Now five years later she's a member of the Oakland volleyball team.

Walling grew up in the footsteps of her sister who played collegiate volleyball at Indianapolis University-Purdue University Indiana (IUPUI).

"She worked so hard and was really good at what she did but she was very humble about it," Walling said. "Throughout the entire process of whether I wanted to play basketball or volleyball she was very supportive. I wanted to be like her but now that I'm here, I want to be better."

Walling has been putting up monstrous numbers this year that can be attributed to her work ethic, her teammates and her coaches. She credits these team-leading numbers to her teammates.

She only needed two words to describe her success: "My team."

Walling didn't mention anything about herself, she only talked about the team and the coaches, and how they've made her a better player. She said being the best version of herself is her ultimate motivation in volleyball, school and life; she wants

to push herself to the edge so she can look at herself at the end of the day and say she did everything she could.

After her volleyball career, Walling hopes to work in either accounting or finance, using her accounting major that she is currently pursuing.

"Accounting can be applied to a lot of fields," Walling said. "I've always been a numbers and analytical person."

Walling is an open book stating there's nothing she's scared to show, which translates well on the court and in real life.

Before every game, Walling likes to listen to music to get pumped and ready. Walling's favorite genre of music is country, which is contrary to most of the team's rap music preference.

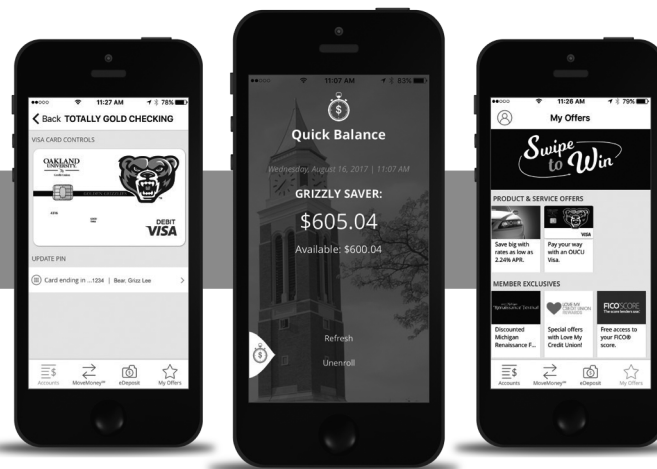
In her sophomore season Walling is the team leader in kills, and second on the team in blocks. Her teammates report nothing but positive things about her.

"I think that Jamie is an awesome person," her teammate Aleksandra Malek said. "Her character is great, she's always full of energy and she always has a smile on her face. Jamie is very competitive and she is a very good leader she always can make team members feel good even when they make mistakes. She always encourages people to do things their not comfortable with and it's always easier with her."

Walling and the volleyball team continue their season Friday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. at home against the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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What to expect when you're existential

Maybe you'll learn to embrace your existential crisis at some point

Michael Pearce
Sports Editor

There are books for everything these days. One of the most famous is about pregnancy, titled "What to Expect When You're Expecting." After hours of scouring the internet, I have found nothing about what to expect when you're existential. So here I am world, your Ned's Declassified guide to dealing with an existential crisis.

The first thing you'll deal with is the realization that nothing seems as bright anymore. Everything is dark, gloomy and just bland. Rainbow, what the hell is that? All I can think about is how nothing matters and eventually everyone who has ever known me will fade into nothing.

Second, you will struggle with the fact that no one sees the world as darkly as you do. You will see people who are laughing, moseying on through life as if the world is made of flowers. Those people will drive

you crazy, walking all slowly through malls and crowded places. WALK FASTER DAMNIT TIME IS FLEETING AND I NEED TO GET HOME!!!

What people who aren't dealing with an existential crisis fail to understand is the fact that life is forever changed for the person undergoing the crisis. While they see a flower, we see a receptacle that absorbs light and water in an effort to reproduce and spread pollen. As someone formerly in your shoes, let me tell you no one else will be in your corner.

Parents are cool and all, I'm a big fan of them, but there's something about Generation X that just can't relate to feeling the immense weight of the entire world depending on them being the best generation they can be.

They have not a care in the world, because it isn't their job to clean the entire world of pollution or stop homelessness from spreading. No, they just sit back in their cushy cubicle job and come home at 5 p.m., with

no regard for anyone or anything but their own wellbeing.

What will hit you most about this crisis is the fact that you're alone. Everyone will experience an existential crisis at some point in their life, but none will be at the exact same time. One month, you might be stressing about the fact your actions have little impact on the world and the next your best friend might be going through the same stuff. However, no one's timelines are perfectly in sync.

Embrace your crisis and accept the fact that sometimes the world seems like a bleak place. Eventually you will embrace your newfound views, and this will turn into humor. This humor is what we call sarcasm. Sarcasm is a tool that us losers have mastered, and once you master it, your life will become so much less of a chore. It will border on enjoyment! It won't be enjoyable, but it'll be close.

Hope this helped all you out there dealing with the immense pressure of



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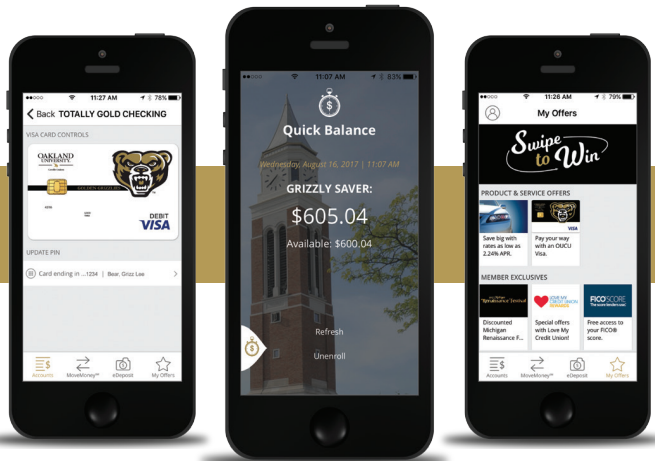
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XOXO, Michael Pearce.

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Every year on Founders' Day, the Oakland University community honors the passing of faculty, students, and employees whose lives made a unique and lasting contribution to our institution. Among those honored at last April's commemoration was **Timothy Briggs**, a "part-time" Special Lecturer in the Department of Writing and Rhetoric.

I came to know Timothy some years ago when Writing and Rhetoric was then in a combined department with Communication and Journalism where I now work. One particular semester I was struggling with a class and, as it happened, frequently heard Timothy's name come up with students in that class. The regard that those students had for Timothy compelled me to seek him out as I wrestled with the material. There are a great many reasons why Timothy may have not wanted to have this conversation with me. We were in different areas, indeed later different departments. Most importantly, I was a relatively secure Assistant Professor with a full salary, benefits, office and other trappings of regular employment while Timothy was a Special Lecturer (as part-time faculty are known at OU) with none of those necessities.

And yet Timothy was an excellent colleague and we had long, productive conversations about teaching and ideas and I came to admire his dedication, passion, and caring for teaching and for OU students. In the course of these discussions I came to realize that my major flaw in the course that I was struggling with was that, frankly, I was not Timothy. There is no particular shame in acknowledging that fact as in fact few of us could be. Timothy was the recipient of a University teaching award and to my mind one of the finest and most engaged faculty members at Oakland.

Our paths diverged over the years and I found out about his passing several months after the fact when I learned that his name had been left off of the list of individuals to be honored at the Founders' Day event. In Timothy's case the faculty union was able to