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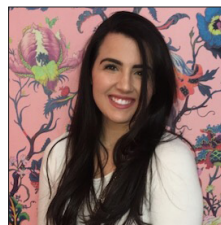
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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

What would it take for you to run a marathon?

- A** Eight coffees and a shot of testosterone
- B** Absolutely nothing, I'd die
- C** A piece of cake at the finish line
- D** What does the word "run" mean?

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

How do you feel about the Lions' season so far?

- A) At least football is on!  
13 votes | 30%
- B) Awful!  
12 votes | 27%
- C) Good, I stopped watching after the first drive  
10 votes | 23%
- D) The season started?  
9 votes | 20%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### September 25, 2002

The owner of the car that was lost in Beer Lake—now called Bear Lake—was found.

### September 25, 1991

Oakland launches a five year education plan after receiving state approval.

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Oakland opens the Center for the Arts, causing a stir among professors.



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Professor Mark Stone puts on a concert full of different cultures in Varner Hall.  
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Oak View Hall's Tilly's is the home of Oakland's number one hero, Richard.  
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## BY THE NUMBERS OAKLAND'S DEMOGRAPHICS

3.5 %

of Hispanic students  
at Oakland University

4.5 %

of international  
students at Oakland  
University

6.5 %

of Asian students at  
Oakland University

1 %

of Native American  
students at Oakland  
University

# Looking Back

## FCC denies WXOU FM channel for 20 years

Patrick Sullivan  
Web Editor

For more than 20 years, students have been able to tune in to 88.3 FM to listen to WXOU, the student radio station on campus. But in order to get to that point, the campus station had to struggle for years in order to give students and the community the ability to listen.

In the beginning, WXOU was just a carrier current radio station, which only allowed the radio to cover a small area around the university. In 1977, the push started for WXOU to get its own FM signal, but a variety of obstacles and roadblocks like lack of funding and administrative support stopped the station from growing out.

Finally, in 1991, Rob Kuron, the then general station manager for WXOU, met with the then Dean of Students, David Herman, and Interim President John De Carlo, to create a proposal to send to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to get the radio station approved.

"A lot of people have worked hard for it [the FM license] and it's nice to see that it's all not wasted," Kuron said.

The proposal was approved, and work began on converting WXOU to transmit on an FM signal. In September 1995, the station had finished its preparations for the new airwave, but tragedy struck right before they were set to go on the air.

A letter from the FCC told WXOU that they would not be able to broadcast because they were not in compliance with their proposal.

In the original proposal, WXOU indicated that the station would be located in the city of Oakland. This posed a problem for the station because the city of Oakland does not exist. Now WXOU had to go through the process of correcting the error. Not wanting to have to go through the process of waiting any more months, if not years, to get approved, the student radio station went about finding legal help to fight the FCC.

Along with trying to get a more permanent approval to broadcast, WXOU wanted to get a temporary waiver so that the \$35,000 FM equipment could see some use.

"If we don't get a waiver, then [all the FM equipment] is operational," said Lee McPherson, WXOU's program director at the time. "This whole process for one word, is really stupid."

The station applied to the FCC to get a temporary waiver in late September 1995, and heard back only weeks later in early October 1995.

Once again, based on a technicality, WXOU's dreams of broadcasting on an FM signal would be delayed.

The permit for the station to be able to temporarily broadcast was denied, with the main reason being the application was submitted on the wrong form. Along with this, the FCC denied the request for a petition of reconsideration, which also would have allowed WXOU to broadcast on an FM signal.

"Eventually, I have a definite feeling that we'll be FM," said McPherson, remaining cautiously optimistic.

McPherson was right. In 1997, WXOU was granted the FM signal 88.3 after 20 years of attempts.



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### Corrections Corner:

In an article published last week on the launch of OU'S PR and Strategic Communication program, the Post stated that Shaun Wilson was on the panel when he was in fact replaced by Chad Cyrowski.

Know of an error? Let us know at [editor@oaklandpostonline.com](mailto:editor@oaklandpostonline.com).

## Town hall meeting in Rochester Hills sparks conversation

**Kaley Barnhill**  
Staff Intern

A town hall meeting on race relations was hosted by Oakland University on Monday, Sept. 24. The panel consisted of the moderator, Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley, detective and activist Khary Mason, and former GM executive and philanthropist Tom Kimball.

The event drew a nearly full room, and many members of the audience participated. At the beginning of the event, organizers passed out cards for the audience, including one for personal goals in furthering race relations, and one for ideas for the community as a whole.

The main inspiration for the event was one that weighed heavily on the organizers' and participants' minds.

"We were contacted by some individuals from the community earlier this year after the incident where the young [14 year old] African American man was shot at after missing his [school] bus and was looking for directions," said Director of the Center for Civic Engagement and political science Professor Dr. David Dulio. "We worked through the summer to make this town hall a reality."

The town hall presented the Center for Civic Engagement the opportunity to "move toward our goal of establishing OU as a 'convener of conversation' about issues of public concern," according



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Some audience members added their perspectives on race.

to Dulio.

"We are delighted that members of the community approached us and see OU as a place where these kinds of discussions can and should take place," he added.

One participant, Angel Abrams, a resident of Rochester Hills, worked with the young man who was shot.

"I'm glad that this [meeting] occurred and I pray that the conversation continues as we tend to have these gatherings," Abrams said. "This topic is too important for our community for it to die in this room."

After introductions and the panelists' stories, they opened the discussion to the audience, where people shared their own experiences with racism, both directed at themselves and other people.

"Because I am privileged by whiteness, it is incumbent upon me, on a daily basis, to express solidarity with people of color, and to challenge myself to understand, at a deeper level, how I am advantaged by white privilege," Cynthia Pelak, a professor of sociology in New Mexico, said. "So I was here to further that commitment and listen mostly, and see what Oakland University is doing."

A recurring topic during the meeting was how people feel that much of the racist ideologies and practices are perpetuated because of the attitudes in Washington, D.C. giving people license to feel and act upon their racist thoughts.

"The most important thing that we can do as citizens, of where ever we live, is to make our own communities better," Riley said. "We can't look to some big, global solution, or big national solution, or big state solution when the problem is right on our street. So I come out and do these types of things because it's so important for people to...actually learn to live with each other. And that's why this is the most important thing we can do."

Christina Gadde, an audience member, brought her young daughter Brianna with her to the meeting.

"This is about making life better for our kids," Gadde said. "And as a white mom to white children, it's about teaching my kids how to have conversations about race so they can help to make the world a better place for their friends too."



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# How to prepare for the fall Career Fair

Dean Vaglia  
Staff Intern

Career Services is hosting their annual fall Career Fair, connecting over 140 companies with Oakland University students.

Located in the Oakland Center, employers will be looking for CAS and business students on Sept. 26 and STEM students on Sept. 27.

While the prospect of suiting up and meeting with employers can be intimidating, career consultant Carol Anne Ketelsen shared some advice on how to be prepared for the fair. To avoid being a “trick-or-treater” meaning bouncing between tables collecting business cards and pens without a goal in mind, she recommends that students prepare themselves.

“The last thing you want to do at a career fair is to go up and shake hands with somebody and say, ‘Hi, what does your company do?’” Ketelsen said.

The first thing students can do is go to their MySail and log into Handshake. Handshake draws from a user’s academic and job experiences to connect them with companies looking for their skills. All OU students have an account, but it can only be used if students log into Handshake and activate their accounts. Students looking to go to the fair can find a full list of employers on Handshake.

While being on time is encouraged, Ketelsen says showing up closer to 10 a.m. is better than showing up closer to 2 p.m.

“Earlier is usually better because then the employers are still pretty fresh,” Ketelsen said. “When we get toward 1:30, they’re dragging. If you come in at a quarter to two, I can tell you that if they’re not physically packing up, their brain is already packing up.”

When meeting in person, first impressions matter, so Ketelsen said to dress up. While a button-

up shirt and dress slacks will pass, she strongly suggests attendees dress professionally. There will be a backpack dumping area at the fair so students can stand and walk properly.

Ketelsen also encourages students to work on their elevator pitch—a quick self-promotion pitch to a potential employer. With the amount of people each representative will see at the fair, it helps to have a pitch ready.

“You would give them your name, you would do the handshake, you want to tell them what your major is, a little bit about what you’re looking for and what your skills are,” Ketelsen explained.

But elevator pitches are no good on their own, so Ketelsen says to have plenty of resumes to hand out. Students should also take notes when speaking with employers.

Jonathan Savich, public relations career ambassador for Career Services, encourages that



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Visit the career fair to network with over 140 companies in the Oakland Center.

students follow up after the career fair, when students will have collected a variety of business cards and notes.

“Students should take all the resources they got and look up the companies that they talked with, apply for the positions and if they got to know one of the recruiters well enough, send them a thank you email,” Savich said.

There will be another career fair in January, and students are encouraged to work with Career Services in the meantime. Career Services offers students help with deciding what career paths they want to go down, writing and revising cover letters and resumes, strategies on how to find jobs related to their majors and setting up mock interviews.

## ‘History Comes Alive’ lecture series kicks off Sept. 18



Serg Montanez / The Oakland Post

This year’s series will have six lectures that bring the past to Oakland students.

Dean Vaglia  
Staff Intern

The History Comes Alive lecture series returns for another season, kicked off in September by historian, librarian and Oakland University archivist Dominique Daniel.

The lecture, “How Meadow Brook Farms Became Oakland

University,” gave attendees a look into how and why Meadow Brook Farms was chosen and developed into the university it is today. It is based off of the research Daniel did for her book, “Oakland University,” and features many archival pictures and documents. The book is a departure from her usual topic of immigration, which she has

published three books on.

While many universities like to celebrate their histories, Daniel had more rational goals in mind.

“I’m going to try and take some critical distance to assess OU’s history, to what extent it’s history original, to what extent it shares common features with other universities and colleges that were born in the late ‘50s and ‘60s, and I would like to show that OU is the product of national trends and local realities,” Daniel said.

She expressed that the university’s founders had an idea that this would be a special university and this sense extended into how it was marketed and operated.

One slide showed headlines boasting about how the new school — at the time, Michigan State University Oakland (MSOU) — had “space age studies.”

“Although the founders conducted surveys of the local pop-

ulation’s needs, their views of higher education did not match the expectations [of] potential students and their parents,” Daniel said.

While the university did pull some of the brightest young minds from the surrounding areas, the classes were notoriously challenging. As such, 70 percent of the original class had failed at least one course in the first semester, and the graduating class held a bonfire of blue books in April 1963. The problem of classes being too hard would be addressed, and in the fall of 1966, there were over 3,000 students enrolled—over five times the first enrolled class.

MSOU would become the independent Oakland University in 1970, and the university would gradually evolve from the “no-frills” liberal arts college of “Woody” Varner’s days into the full-fledged university of today. Some highlights from this time were an electric car made by engineering students, a stop

by the Chinese ping-pong team on their American tour and the rise of official sports and greek societies on campus.

“It was great,” Richard Williamson, history student, said about the lecture. “I really thought it was interesting how early on there was a focus on liberal arts and also this emphasis on what we today would call ‘world perspectives.’”

This season of the History Comes Alive lecture series consists of six lectures that bring moments from the past to today’s students. Lecture topics include the United States—Israel relationship (Oct. 16), Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s fight against racism (Jan. 16) and the development of Detroit in the 1920s (Feb. 13).

All lectures will be at the Oakland Center starting at 7 p.m. To reserve a spot, call 248-370-3511 or email [jkessler@oakland.edu](mailto:jkessler@oakland.edu). Daniel’s book “Oakland University” can be purchased at Kresge Library.

# World harmony promoted at International Peace Day Concert

*Professor Mark Stone hosted the musical celebration from a variety of cultures in Varner Hall*

**Jessica Leydet**  
Social Media Editor

International Day of Peace, unofficially known as World Peace Day, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed annually on Sept. 21. The day is meant to be devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. Mark Stone, an associate professor of percussion and world music at Oakland University, hosted a celebration of International Day of Peace on Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. in Varner Hall.

Stone believes that music is a significant bond all people share and can bring people together.

"The idea for the concert came from a friend of mine, a performer from India, Shashikiran," he said. "I performed an International Peace Day concert with him a few years back and I found it a wonderful way to promote global peace so I thought it would be really great to start a new tradition at Oakland."

The performance presented a range of musical compositions from cultures around the world. There was a variety of traditional African instruments in-



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Stone has dedicated multiple songs he has written to people he has met from around the world.

cluding a newly contrived African instrument called a mbira, a West African instrument referred to as a gyll and a brand new American instrument known as the array.

Stone dedicated the pieces to people he found most influential to world peace.

He performed one of his compositions in honor of Vincent Khapoya, his friend and former OU professor, who passed away back in April.

"I wrote a piece for Vincent because to me he was a great person who always had a genuine, warm presence and promoted

peace all the way from his home in Kenya, to his place of work in South Africa, all the way to right here at Oakland University," Stone said.

The title of the piece dedicated to Khapoya is "Mwalimu," which means teacher in the native language of Kenya. Khapoya began teaching at OU back in 1974 and up until his retirement about 10 years ago, Stone said Khapoya was dedicated to his job.

Stone also dedicated a new piece to the first elected president of South Africa, Nelson Mandela. He believes Mandela is one of the most influential leaders of peace and wanted to make sure he paid rightful tribute to him in his performance.

"This year would have been Mandela's 100th birthday so I think it is really important to recognize him and what he has done," he said.

Stone also included pieces inspired by American jazz traditions, European concert music and the classical music of India. In addition to each of the arrangements, Stone shared poetry and inspirational readings from the past and present, in between, that he felt contributed to the idea of global peace.

## POLICE FILES

### Knowing when to fold 'em

Three Oakland University Police Department officers responded to an odor complaint in Van Wagoner house at 1:39 a.m. on Sept. 8, 2018. Upon arriving at the reported room, officers detected a strong, skunk-like odor that they suspected to be marijuana.

The suspected student answered the door with red, watery, bloodshot eyes and spoke in a lethargic manner. One officer asked the student if he had been smoking marijuana, to which he helpfully replied yes. They then asked the student if he still had weed in his room, to which he also replied yes.

He then led the officer to his desk, from which he removed a bag of marijuana, saying he had just finished smoking and that he was currently high. He admitted he uses it for himself as a stress reliever, and the officer commented that he was very cooperative on scene with himself and University Housing. The student was given a ticket and advised.

### Smoke and dash

An OUPD dispatcher received a call stating a room in Van Wagoner house had a skunky odor on Sept. 10, 2018. When officers were dispatched to the scene, they arrived at the room to find the subjects still there.

The subjects stated there were two other males in the room that had left five minutes before the officers had arrived, and they had been the ones who smelled like weed. The officers still smelled a faint whiff of marijuana in the room, but said they could not determine if the odor was coming from any one person in the room.

One of the two people who had left had his cousin collect his wallet and was taken to the OUPD station and advised not to come back to campus, after which he left. It is unclear what happened to the second missing suspect.

### All's well that ends well

Officers responded to a welfare check on a student around 1 a.m. Sept. 5, 2018. Several students were in the hallway upon arrival, concerned about the mental well-being of a student that they thought may have wanted to kill himself. They believed him to be in possession of a knife, and one student provided a text that stated the student was leaving and not coming back.

Officers forced their way into the room after no initial response, and found the student with his headphones on. He stated that he had indeed purchased a knife that day, which he was unaware was half an inch over housing regulations.

The knife was found still in the packaging, and the student explained that the text was referring to the fact he did not know if college was the right choice for him at this time. He said that he had a friend at Michigan State University and he wanted to leave in the morning to go see that person.

The knife was taken and the determination was made that the student was not an immediate danger to himself or others, and the matter was turned over to University Housing.

*Compiled by Ben Hume, Staff Reporter*

# Greek Council elects its first African American president



Samuel Summers / The Oakland Post

President and vice president, Ron Brown and Kiera Parkman, look to improve Greek Council.

**AuJenee Hirsch**  
Editor-in-Chief

**G**reek life. It's always been one of the many things that made college so appealing to some people. Sororities and fraternities have always been a huge factor in deciding whether or not a student attends a university.

Oakland University has a total of 17 fraternities and sororities on campus, each with its own ideals and values. Among those 17 greek organizations, nine belong to the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), a group of historically African American, international Greek organizations. These nine organizations—often referred to as the Divine Nine—consist of: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi

Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

This year, Oakland University's Greek Council has elected its first African American president and vice president, Ron Brown and Kiera Parkman, respectively.

Greek Council is the council that houses all of the Greek organizations on campus including the multicultural organizations, the NPHC, National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and Interfraternity Council (IFC).

"We all come together and have meetings about how to improve Greek life on campus, how to talk to the Greek advisors

[and] what events would we like to do as a group," Parkman said. "So instead of having separate events we can all come together and... show all of the philanthropy and events we do together."

It is no surprise that it is 2018, and Greek Council is just now electing a black man and woman to lead the council. OU is a predominantly white institution (PWI) with 75.8 percent of the student population identifying as Caucasian and 8.4 percent identifying as African American in fall 2017.

Being the first black president of Greek Council is "beautifully overwhelming," according to Brown.

"When you think about it, being the first black anything is like, oh my gosh that's history," he said. "Even something as small as president of Greek Council on campus has meaning. There's still a lot of pressure and obligation that comes with it, but we'll welcome it."

Parkman and Brown have both had an interest in Greek life since before coming to college. Parkman grew up in what she calls "Greekdom" because her mother is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and she knew she wanted to be a Zeta as well.

Brown, on the other hand, didn't have a clue about what it meant to be Greek.

"Honestly, before I came to Oakland I didn't know anything about Greek life besides what I've seen in 'American Pie,'" Brown said. "But deep down I

knew I was interested in Greek life and exploring it."

One of the first people Brown met on campus was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and he introduced Brown to Oakland's Greek community. He eventually found his place with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

As members of Greek Council, Brown and Parkman would like to get the Greek organizations more involved on campus.

"My goal so far this year is to really take Greek life to the next level," Brown said. "A lot of people don't know that there is a Greek Council so this year we're working on throwing more events... I believe the main goal behind recognition is also inclusion."

Coming into his position, Brown feels that being president of Greek Council is "a stepping stone to where he wants to be."

"We go to a PWI, and a lot of times we (African Americans) have to deal with the underlying feeling of just not being welcomed," he said. "So when you go to an organization like Greek Council where it's majority white you still kind of get the sense of, 'I don't really know my role here, I don't know if I belong or if I'm even accepted.' But to go from not knowing if you're accepted to, 'Now I lead this organization. Now they look up to me and they trust me,' it's just like whoa, that really just happened. I love it though. It's an amazing opportunity."

# An alum inspiringly overcomes a rare chronic disease

**Jordan Jewell**  
Staff Reporter

**F**rom a young age, Melissa Kwiatkowski developed a love for history while playing pretend in her basement.

"I would always teach my imaginary students about history," Kwiatkowski said. "I come from a family of educators. My mom has worked in preschools, middle schools and high schools, and my brother teaches AP U.S. History at Rochester High School."

Kwiatkowski attended Oakland University in 2007 as an undergraduate student and returned to pursue her master's degree in 2015.

Before beginning her education at OU, Kwiatkowski was diagnosed with primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), a long-term disease that damages the bile ducts in the liver, affecting how the body digests fats and vitamins.

Exhaustion is a primary symptom of PSC. Kwiatkowski worked three jobs and

did exceedingly well in her classes. She assumed the exhaustion she was feeling was just part of being a college student.

"I never really processed my disease until I was placed on the list for a liver transplant," she said. "I guess you could say I was blissfully ignorant to my symptoms."

Her health slowly declined over her years at OU. She noticed herself feeling tired constantly, experienced a loss of appetite and turned jaundice.

"I looked like a highlighter," she said.

During her master's program, Kwiatkowski worked closely with Karen Miller and Dan Clark as her advisers. Kwiatkowski was devoted to her history studies and determined to achieve her master's degree, no matter how long it would take. Her master's degree specialized in World War II and Cold War history.

"I've always been impressed by her dedication to mastering information," Miller said. "Her desire to learn, as well as her capacity for organizing, helped her get through a very traumatic health

crisis. I am very proud of her."

Despite her determination, Kwiatkowski's journey was not without setbacks.

"The day I got the call that it was time for my transplant started off terribly," she said. "It was a bad day at work, I was overwhelmed and cranky. For the first time ever, I told my mom, 'I can't do this anymore.' We went to church that day and halfway through I received the call."

She has since received her transplant, earned her master's degree and is teaching at the nationally ranked International Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

She continues her visits to the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and is devoted to staying healthy, but she's also devoted to living life to its fullest.

"My goal is to travel as much as possible," Kwiatkowski said. "My husband, Paul, and I have been to Disney World, Las Vegas, Missouri, Nashville, Punta Cana, Philadelphia and San Francisco. I feel so free, like I can live the life I want."



Photo courtesy of Oakland University

Melissa is now devoted to living life to its fullest.

She said she is grateful for the support from her family and Miller and Clark, and she is grateful to OU for supporting her goals and helping her further her education.

"I feel like I was always supposed to live this life, and having the liver transplant taught me to value people and time much more than I used to," Kwiatkowski said. "You can let a bad situation define you or you can grow from it and use it to push forward."

# *The 11th Annual McLaren Brooksie Way*

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Each year that I've been a student, I have seen runners, spectators, volunteers and vendors pile onto Oakland University's campus to be a part of the Brooksie Way. This year, I decided to sign up to see what all the commotion was about.

Runners from all over the area gathered on Sept. 23, 2018 to participate in the 11th Annual McLaren Brooksie Way. I signed up to run in the 10k event, with my wave beginning at 8:15 a.m. While races can be expensive, the total cost for me to run was about \$30 because I registered early and used a \$10 off coupon. For all of the amenities I had access to, the price was a steal.

One of the best things about this event was the constant communication administration had with participants. From the moment I signed up, I received information on training sessions, group running and helpful tips as the race approached. Closer to the race, I received information on packet pick-up and parking on the day of the event.

Arriving to OU was a breeze.

By following the directions that were given, I was able to arrive and park with little waiting in traffic. Once I was parked, I donned my running bib and headed to the starting line. Runners were corralled by colored bibs based on their average mile pace. My bib placed me in the third wave of 5k and 10k runners.

The gun rang, and I began my 6.2-mile trek through OU. This was not my first race, but this was my first 10k. I paced myself accordingly and before I knew it, I had reached the three-mile marker. In the races I usually run, I would be done running by then, but that was only the half-way mark to the end.

I began to get nervous if I would be able to finish the race, but then I looked around at the runners near me, and realized that many of the participants were older than me and doing just fine. This helped me understand that my fears were only in my head.

Traveling uphill, downhill and uphill again, the Brooksie Way course was tough on my calves. The entire course was run on cement road, making

each step firm and my ankles weak. Volunteers lined the raceway along with many bands, playing for participants and cheering them toward their goals.

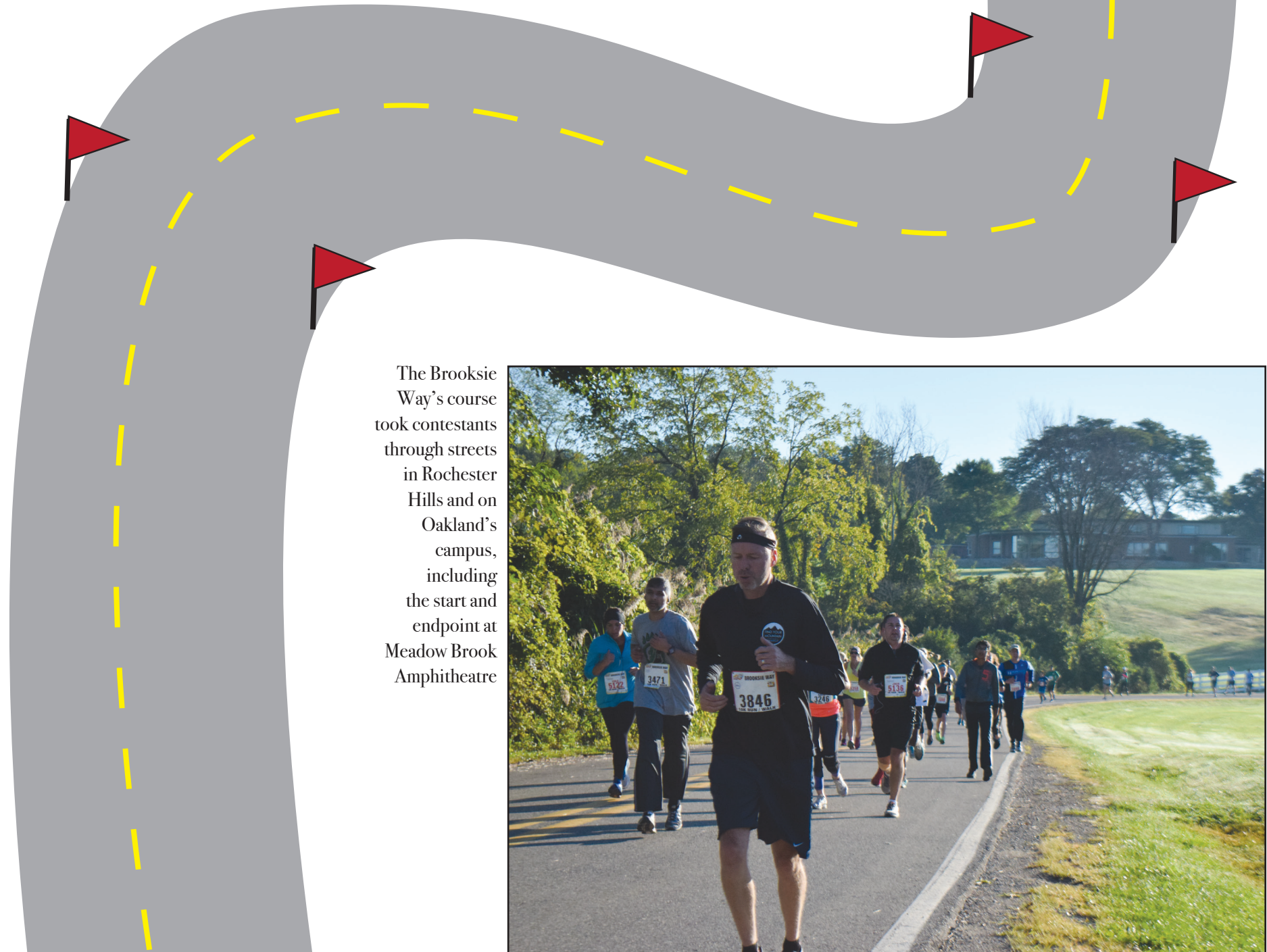
The final mile took me past Hamlin Hall and the upper fields until I reached the finish line on Festival Dr. near Meadow Brook Amphitheatre. With my final time as 1:08.27 and an average mile pace of 11:01, I was proud of my accomplishment and looked forward to napping when I got home.

After finishing, I picked up my belongings from the free gear check and headed back to my car. Food and drink vendors were set up near the finish line, welcoming participants to relax after the race and grab a treat. No later than an hour after I left could I view photos from all the races and see my overall place in the race.

With barely any training, I did not do as bad as I thought I was going to. I thoroughly enjoyed the course and the organization of the event was well done. Who knows? Maybe next year I will take on the half-marathon!



People of all ages hit the course for the 11th Annual McLaren Brooksie Way. There were options for a 5K, 10K and a half marathon.



The Brooksie Way's course took contestants through streets in Rochester Hills and on Oakland's campus, including the start and endpoint at Meadow Brook Amphitheatre



# SPB Drive-In provides entertainment despite setbacks

Patrick Sullivan  
Web Editor

**M**ore than 250 students rolled up to the Student Program Board's annual drive-in ready to watch movies in the style of the 1960s. However, the event ran into a few speed bumps while putting on this program.

SPB has been planning the drive-in since before school started this year. The two movies slated for showings, "Incredibles 2" and "A Quiet Place," were both received well by critics. Along with this, the SPB was planning on giving out free popcorn and drinks to attendees.

"This program took a couple months of planning," said Giuseppe Giammalva, the annual events director for SPB. "This was due to the fact of finding the right movies that people enjoyed, and waiting for them to come out so we could show them."

For weeks, advertisements have been shown around campus, telling students to come to the annual drive-in at the Meadow Brook Amphitheatre. A little over a week before the event, SPB found out that the Brooksie Way race had taken the Amphitheater space.

As a result, the drive-in had to be moved to a different location on campus. The movies were moved to P31 on the southeast side of campus. SPB officials helped direct traffic so that students wouldn't go to the wrong location.

The parking lot quickly filled up with students excited for the showings. The setup for the movie screen went a little over the scheduled start time of 7:30p.m., but soon after that the first movie, "Incredibles 2," began playing.

Drive-in attendees could either listen to the speakers outside or they could roll up their windows and tune into a local radio station, 90.1 FM, to hear the audio of "Incredibles 2" without having to leave their car.

After the credits started to roll for the "Incredibles 2," another problem arose for the drive-in. The company that SPB contracted to show the movies last Thursday, due to a miscommunication on their end, did not show "A Quiet Place" after "Incredibles 2."

"The person that I was working with knew that two movies were going to be shown that night, but did not relay that to the people that needed to know," Giammalva said.

Unfortunately, students had to leave after

the first showing of the night, and students coming just to see "A Quiet Place" were only met with disappointment.

"I couldn't make it to the earlier movie, and I was looking forward to seeing "A Quiet Place," said senior Kelsie Fett. "It was really unfortunate that the second one got cancelled but it's understandable."

Despite not being able to show "A Quiet Place" that night, the Student Program

Board still wanted to show the movie to students. Working with the Oakland Center, SPB was able to show the movie in the Banquet Rooms the following night, notifying students through social media about the event change.

"[A Quiet Place]" would've been really cool to watch in the middle of the woods, but unfortunately we did not get a chance to do that this time," Giammalva said.



Nicole Morsfield / The Oakland Post

Although SPB had some bumps along the way, they were able to give students a great night.

## Students, staff and faculty celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

*From now until mid-October, Oakland will honor the Hispanic community*

Bridget Janis  
Staff Intern

**H**ispanic Heritage Month is a time for all Oakland University students, staff and faculty members to come together and celebrate Hispanic culture. The month long celebration takes place Monday, Sept. 17–Friday, Oct. 19 and offers multiple events to help members of the campus community get involved in the celebration.

Amy Joa, a retention coordinator for the Center for Multicultural Initiatives, has been on the committee for three years and serves as this year's lead coordinator.

"Every year we try to get better and part of getting better is by networking and bringing in as many people as possible," she said.

The Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) Committee is made up of people from multiple groups including: Spanish Club, OU Student Congress, Sigma Delta Pi, HALO and Student Program Board. This committee plans the upcoming

events that take place through out the month.

"We have some really great students who are dedicated to diversity and what they're doing already," Joa said. "They have helped us plan some really great programs."

The Opening Ceremony took place on Sept. 17. Jorge Chinea, academic director for Latin American studies at Wayne State University, came and presented on Puerto Rico and the effects that Hurricane Maria had one year later on the community.

Throughout the entire month there will be a school supplies drive. All donations made will go to the Hispanic Outreach Center in Pontiac. On Sept. 22, there was a community service project where students helped prepare the center's facility and grounds for the fall.

HALO Hump Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 26, featuring Don Alberto and the Azteca ceremonial dancers. They will be performing pre-Hispanic danzas, or dances, and there will be traditional treats supplied.

This year, the committee is bringing back a trip to Detroit, to take a tour through the Eastern Market, the Detroit Institutes of Arts and Mexican Town. This event takes place on Saturday, Sept. 29, with limited spots available.

"We have a vibrant community in Detroit, in southwest Detroit, particularly," Joa said.

New this year, Joa started a book club discussion, featuring the book "Her Body and Other Parties," by Carmen Maria Machado. The book has a collection of short stories ranging from psychological realism and science fiction to comedy and horror. "Her Body and Other Parties" will be raffled off at every event, so students will have several chances to win a copy. Students are also encouraged to visit Kresge Library or the CMI office to check out a copy. The discussion will take place on Oct. 12 in the Oakland Center.

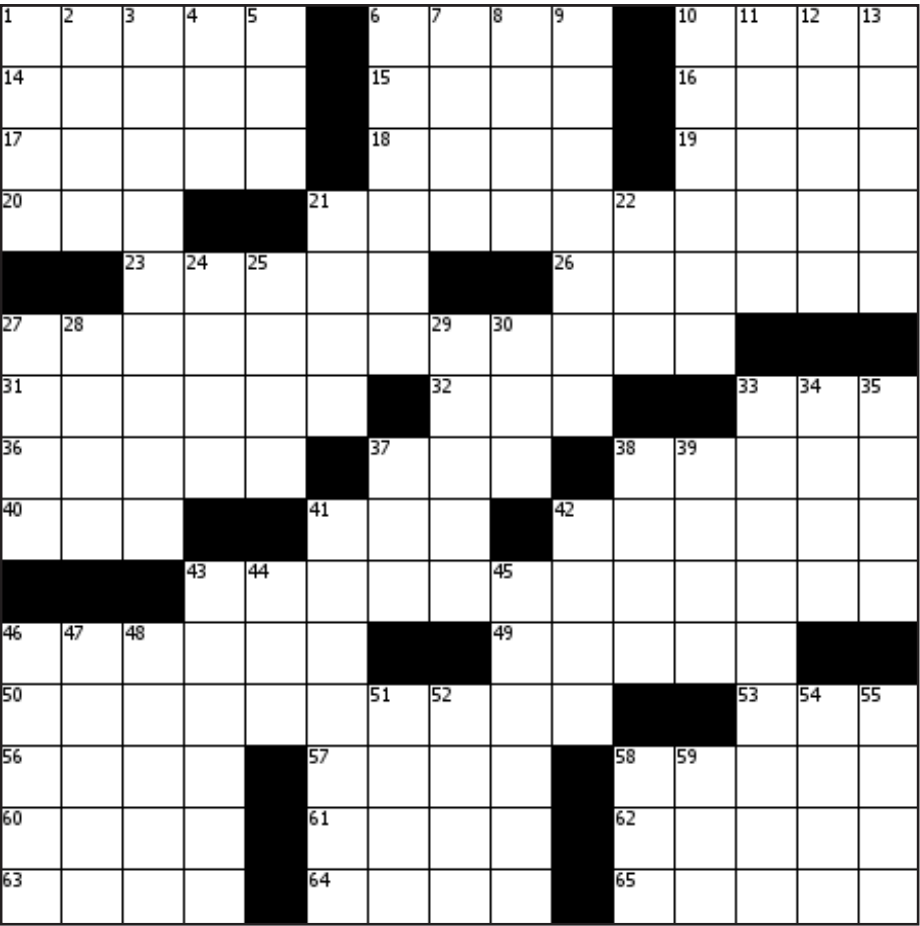
"It's got a lot of different parts to it and the idea there was that if a community — faculty, staff, students — can come together and read this book," Joa

said. "Now I know students are busy, so we thought maybe having a book that has some short stories might even be a little more user friendly."

The last event of the month will be an International Night/Quinceñera/Salsa Night. This event is with a local family that will be celebrating their daughter's 15th birthday, traditionally seen as a young woman's coming of age in the Spanish-speaking world. After the Quinceñera, members of the Spanish Club and HALO will be putting on a salsa night, where students and staff members can spend time learning salsa and dancing the night away.

"We want students to know they are all welcome, so even if this has nothing to do with who you are personally, with your own family background, your culture, your major, anything like that. I encourage students, I dare students, to come out and try something new, to come to an event that pushes you out of your comfort zone," Joa said. "But know that when you come, you're going to be welcomed."

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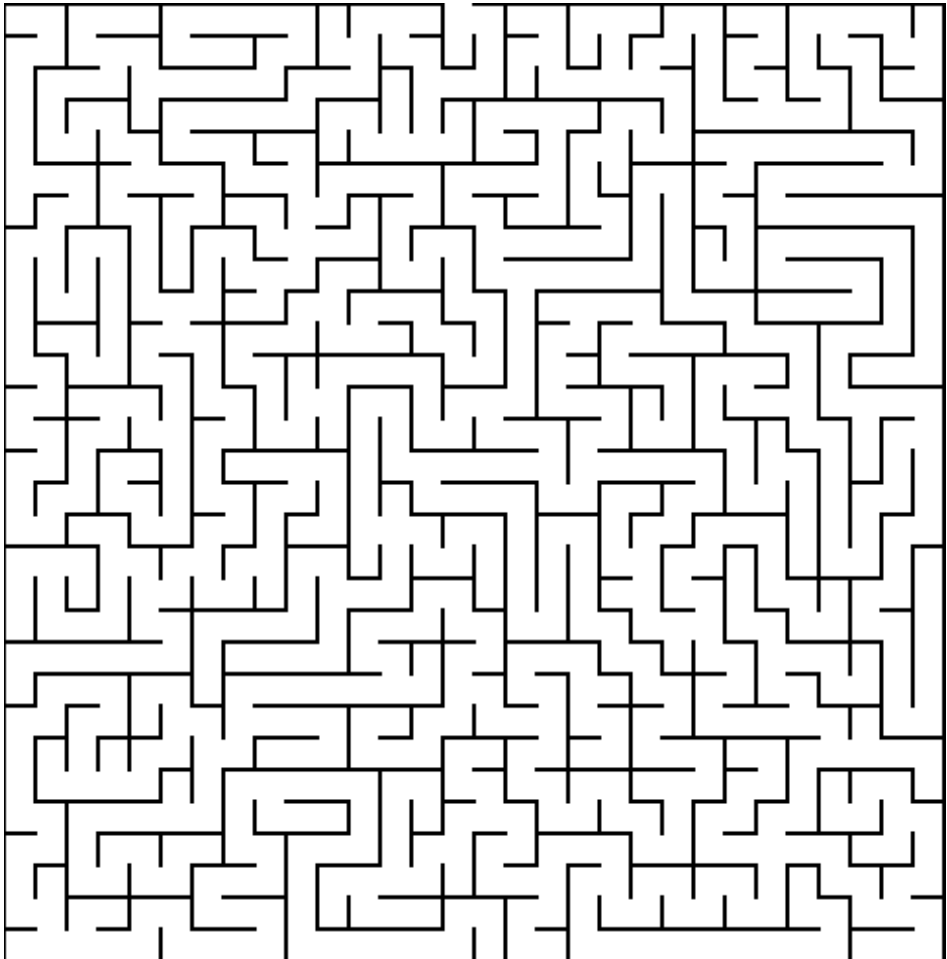
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## 'Life Itself' is one, tragic trainwreck

Trevor Tyle  
Life Editor

**D**an Fogelman may be riding the wave of his hit TV series, "This Is Us," but unfortunately for the Emmy-nominated writer-director, his sappy-yet-successful formula may have gone stale. In his latest effort, the star-studded "Life Itself," Fogelman essentially makes viewers watch everything they love about "This Is Us" wither and die right before their eyes.

Split into four chapters, the film tells a multigenerational story of love, loss and, of course, life, all stemming from a passionate college romance in New York. At its center are Will (Oscar Isaac) and Abby (Olivia Wilde), the aforementioned college lovebirds, and their tumultuous rise and fall.

As the film continues, Abby and Will fade into the background as their troubled daughter Dylan (Olivia Cooke) becomes the focus, struggling with the harsh realities of her parents' past.

But like I said, this film spans over two decades and multiple continents, so alas, we are transported to Spain, where we meet Javier (Sergio Peris-Mencheta), who oversees the land of a prosperous olive grower (Antonio Banderas). Javier and his wife Isabel (Laia Costa) have a son, Rodrigo (Adrian Marrero), whose fate is directly intertwined with that of Will and Abby's back in New York.

As if this wasn't convoluted enough, Rodrigo grows up to be the focus of the film's fourth chapter. Now played by Alex Monner, he must come to terms with his own past and the past of his parents to complete the puzzle that is "Life Itself."

Now, I know what you're thinking—how the hell is this film even remotely coherent? Well, did I say it was?

For the most part, "Life Itself" is easy to follow, and it makes sure to spell out all of its ridiculous plot twists. The film makes perfect sense by the time it ends, but at that point, the damage has already been done. Though its four separate storylines are connected, they spend most of the movie feeling far too disconnected to have any emotional resonance once the end credits roll.

That's not to say audiences won't be moved by many of the film's unnecessarily depressing moments. Those familiar with Fogelman's work on "This Is Us" should expect nothing less, though



Photo courtesy of IMDb

The movie follows a newlywed college couple from NYC and they're life journey.

the payoff is far greater on TV.

"Life Itself" often finds Fogelman confusing "sad" and "morbid" as interchangeable concepts, creating some of the most horrifying scenes I have ever had to sit through in a film. Not only does it force audiences to watch a character gruesomely get Regina George'd—hit by a bus, for those of you who haven't experienced the cultural masterpiece that is "Mean Girls"—but then we have to relive it over and over and over again through different angles and perspectives.

Needless to say, the film is a tragedy—but not just in a narrative sense. Beyond the frequently depressing subject material, the movie's script is an absolute mess, which is a damn shame given the remarkable talent among the cast. Everyone in this film delivers, giving a whole new meaning to doing the most with the least. Isaac and Annette Bening, who plays his character's therapist, offer particularly noteworthy performances, though the entire cast shines in spite of being buried under such a tainted and tangled script.

Filled with clichés, characters you don't know well enough to care about and wasted potential, this film is like a trainwreck—or rather, a buswreck—that you can't take your eyes off.

If you're willing—or able—to sit through its gore and general lack of cohesion, "Life Itself" might be an experience worth having. But for most people, it's probably just two hours of your life you'll never get back.

**Rating: 2/5 stars**

## Mackinac Island for the summer

Alyssa Ochss  
Contributor

**W**hile working on an island primarily known for fudge and horses, you come across some weird smells. Like the combination of a fudge shop and a burger joint, or the all too familiar mixture of—you guessed it—fudge and horses. Though these smell mixtures might not be the most attractive part of Mackinac Island, there are many other events and activities that are well worth it.

Over the summer, I was given the opportunity to work on the island and all it took was a simple job application, a few painless interviews and a weekend trip to get there. It was my first time living on my own for more than a couple days, and it was a brand-new experience that no one could have prepared me for. Needless to say, I travelled back down state at the end of summer, and I wanted more.

I'll start by explaining what I did for four months. I worked in three fudge shops all by the same company so no matter which one I went to, I knew the skills of the trade and was able to perform my tasks accordingly. It was hard work with a full case of candy, a full case of fudge and ice cream in each of the shops to keep my coworkers and I busy at all times. However, it was rewarding at the end of a hard day to remember

that, hey, I'm on an island!

On my days off I was free to roam around the island or go to the mainland if I really wanted to. I made the most of these days, engaging in activities such as carriage tours, visiting the fort and going on a haunted tour. For the haunted tour, let's just say that I was glad I was leaving in a week when I found out that there was a ghost story right outside my dorm! It was still enjoyable nonetheless.

My favorite part of Mackinac Island by far were the people that I met. A few of the girls that I met in the dorms are some of the best people that I have ever met, and they helped me through some pretty tough times in my life. I wouldn't have been able to get through the summer without their help, and support through my training at the fudge shop or through the personal issues I had.

It was interesting to find out that some people even came from as far as Europe.

Overall this experience was one that I wouldn't exchange for anything else in the world. I came out a stronger person and I feel that I'm able to progress a lot further with it. Everything that I did from walking around the island in the dead of night to watching the fireworks on the Fourth of July were experiences I would never forget.

I plan on going back next year so I can experience it all over again.

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# Why is it so hard for us to believe women's stories of sexual assault?

*No matter when or how the victim was sexually assaulted, we still blame the victim*

**Ben Hume**  
Staff Reporter

**B**rett Kavanaugh is in the news once again, and this time our favorite Supreme Court nominee is being accused by Dr. Christine Blasey Ford of sexual assault when both attended a party in the 1980s. This would not be the first blemish on Kavanaugh's record, but it is the first one to really slow his hearings down. Up until this point, Republican senators had Kavanaugh on a fast track to confirmation for the Supreme Court, but now are at least discussing taking time to hear Ford testify.

It seemed a majority of senators were close to an agreement on giving Ford a fair hearing, with Democrats pushing hard and most Republicans hoping to gain

the support of more women by giving Ford her due time. But just as things finally began to settle into place, President Donald Trump took to his favorite platform and began railing on Dr. Ford, attempting to discredit her accusations through a variety of common victim blaming tactics.

His words echo many of those who did not believe the women that eventually started the #MeToo movement in October 2017. They are nothing new to the ears of sexual assault victims. Will this finally be the time that an accusation of sexual assault stops a rapist before he attains his position, or will Kavanaugh take his Republican majority in the Senate and never look back?

In an NPR interview on All Things Considered, a friend of Ford spoke in her defense,



saying, "I know a lot of people that things like this have happened to and they don't talk about it. You're embarrassed and ashamed and you don't think people will believe you. So...I don't think it's unusual at all that she didn't tell anyone back then."

The National Sexual

Violence Resource Center estimates one in five women will be the victim of a sexual assault in their lifetime, while simultaneously being the most underreported crime, with 63 percent of cases not being reported. These events can have irreversible damage on a person's psyche, so asking why they didn't report the crime at the time it occurred is ignorant.

So it should come as no surprise that Trump takes the side of the victim blamer and argues without regard for kindness or sympathy. Despite all the statistics showing how difficult it is for victims to share their stories, it seems that Trump thinks Ford should have no problem testifying in front of the entire Senate and national news stations.

This is precisely what

Trump has supported ever since his campaign, his infamous quote pertaining to grabbing women by the genitalia of course not being enough to stop him from taking the presidency. We can see the consequences of this character trait in full bloom now, with the lifetime nomination of a Supreme Court justice in the balance.

The only thing stopping the nomination of an anti-choice sexual predator now is the accusation of one brave woman. It seems like the hearing should continue as planned, but every day that goes by is another day when the Republican majority could rush this hearing through to its ill-advised conclusion. Dr. Christine Blasey Ford has shown incredible strength to get this far, but it seems her trials are not over yet.

# Rod J. Rosenstein is the now the newest target of conservative media

*After news came out of Rosenstein's plans to impeach Trump, Fox News went wild*

**Ben Hume**  
Staff Reporter

**R**od J. Rosenstein is not a name you would be familiar with if you are an average follower of politics. The deputy attorney general has been in the shadow of James Comey and Robert Mueller for most of his career in the White House, in charge of overseeing the Russia probe and writing a memo critical of Comey's investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails. He's been around, but to not know his role or importance at this point in our nation's political whirlwind is reasonable.

That political safety dissolved for Rosenstein after the "New York Times" released a story detailing how he had considered beginning impeachment processes directly after President Donald Trump's firing of James Comey, the former FBI director. Two weeks after being hired, Rosenstein began discussing with cabinet members the option of invoking the

25th Amendment to remove Trump from office, citing him as being unfit for the role and apparently claiming he would be willing to wear a wire to gather information on the president.

These rumblings of impeachment coming to the forefront have made Rosenstein a large target for the president and his allies, and talks of Rosenstein's impeachment from July are entering the discussion again. Articles of impeachment have already been filed against Rosenstein, and this news is probably not going to win him any friends in the White House. In fact, the "New York Times" report was apparently met with unusual welcome from Trump supporters, as Fox News hosts and Republican Congress members took to the media to say this is just another reason to impeach the deputy attorney general.

The day the "New York Times" story was released, Fox News host Laura Ingraham published a series of tweets, which have since been deleted, that read, "Rod Rosenstein must be fired

“Rod [R]osenstein sh[ou]ld have been fired long ago for being a part of the ‘resistance’ and not providing documents to congress in order to save his corrupt pals. NOW HE MUST BE FIRED.”

Jeanine Pirro  
Judge and Fox News host

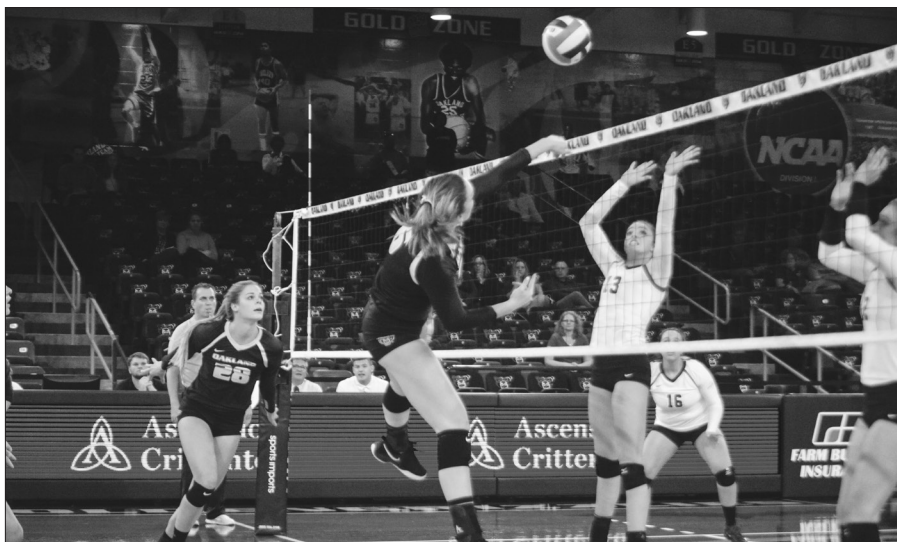
today" and "He needs to go. Today." Jeanine Pirro, another Fox News host, was a bit more blunt with her suggestions, also taking to Twitter to say, "Rod [R]osenstein sh[ou]ld have been fired long ago for being part of the 'resistance' and not providing documents to congress in order to save his corrupt pals. NOW HE MUST BE

FIRED." Their accusations should be considered with a grain of salt, considering Fox News has the credibility of a very well run propaganda machine.

At the end of the day, this flurry of accusations is not going to get anywhere in regard to Trump's impeachment. If you want to look anywhere for hope that he gets removed from his office, the best place to keep your attention is on the Mueller investigation.

So, the takeaway here is twofold—the Trump administration is still on the back foot and should be very afraid of the Mueller investigation gaining steam, and Fox News anchors tweeting should not be the primary source of people's information.

If you needed more proof that mainstream conservative news sources like Fox News are unreliable, the feverish attack on a member of the White House staff for perhaps being a member of the so-called "resistance" should be proof enough.



Samuel Summers / The Oakland Post

The Golden Grizzlies were victorious with three wins to none in the Horizon League opener.

## Women's volleyball wins Horizon League opener 3-0

**Zac Grasl**  
Staff Reporter

**W**omen's volleyball played their Horizon League conference opener against the Youngstown State University (YSU) Penguins on Saturday, Sept. 22. Although Youngstown put up a fight in each set, they were no match for OU's sophomore middle hitter Jamie Walling's 16 points, with 14 of those points being kills.

Going into this game with a 4-7 overall record, 1-7 in the last eight games, OU was looking for a strong statement win, and Walling believes that the win against Youngstown State helped the team make their case to show the league that this team isn't a pushover.

"I do think today is a statement and we have another one to make every time we take the court," Walling said. "Cleveland State will be our true challenge because they are the defending regional champs. If we beat them, I think teams around the league will take notice of us."

While the Golden Grizzlies swept the Penguins three wins to none in the game, it did not come easy. Oakland won each set coming from behind, including overcoming a five-point deficit in the third set. Senior middle hitter and team captain Krysteena Davis said that this is not team strategy even though it happens often.

"Starting down has never been a strategy going into a game," Davis said. "Our team is resilient this year, and we're good at getting ourselves out of situations where we're down. We're never out of the fight."

Davis, who also had a great game for the

Golden Grizzlies, scoring 13 points, which included eight kills and four blocks, was a key factor in the Golden Grizzlies victory.

"I definitely have had better games throughout my college career," Davis said. "But this game was one of the better games I've had."

Other key players in the game against YSU were freshman outside hitter Abbey Neidinger, who had 12 total points, including nine kills and two blocks, sophomore libero Lindsay Wightman, scoring ten points and junior setter Jordan Lentz, scoring 16 points and three blocks.

"Every player contributed today," Head Coach Rob Beam said. "The girls played unselfish volleyball and that resulted in a three set sweep against a conference opponent."

For Walling, her college career is still young, only being about halfway through her sophomore season, but the game against Youngstown State was her best game to date in her college career.

"Statistically speaking it was probably my best game so far," Walling said. "I definitely had room to improve my blocking tonight, but overall I guess I can say that this was my best game."

With eleven underclassmen (six freshmen, five sophomores) and only three seniors, the volleyball team has a lot of youth and not a lot of experience. Being where they are right now, tied for the No. 2 spot in the Horizon League, this volleyball team has the chance to cause some problems for opposing teams in conference play this season.

The Golden Grizzlies next home game will be on Friday, Sept. 28 against Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis (IUPUI) at 6 p.m.

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## Men's soccer tops **Duquesne** in a tough match of 2-0

**Michael Pearce**  
Sports Editor

Four days after a double overtime tie against Dayton, the men's soccer team faced off against the Duquesne Dukes. It was a physical match, but the Golden Grizzlies came out on top, winning 2-0.

The Dukes are part of the Atlantic 10 conference and came into this 3:30 p.m. match with a record of 2-3-1. Duquesne's biggest strength was their size, which presented issues for Oakland's attackers.

"It ends 2-0 but it was not a 2-0 game at all," Head Coach Eric Pogue said. "It was a hard fought back and forth game, and we were able to persevere. We did a really nice job closing out the game as well. I was proud of our team's effort. We were able to keep pressure on the ball, especially at the end."

The Golden Grizzlies excelled at passing the whole game. The ball movement was a focus of the offense, trying to make no mistakes. This strong passing attack led to multiple scoring opportunities.

Goalkeeper Sullivan Lauderdale played a strong part in the shutout, blocking multiple shots, and intercepting corner kicks and crossing passes. The defense contributed to this success clearing the ball out effectively whenever Duquesne got a decent look.

"I thought we were really good defensively," Pogue said. "I thought Sullivan



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In the last fifteen minutes, the game became intense, but the Golden Grizzlies did not give up.

did a really good job coming off his line defending those long throw-ins and corner kicks. My unsung hero of this game was [midfielder] Noah Jensen though. He sat behind the back line and broke a lot of stuff up. His hard work goes unnoticed, but he's a fantastic player."

The first goal of the game came at the 30-minute mark, when forward Napoleon Outlaw III took on two defenders and hit midfielder Evan Sawula with a pass to set up a goal right in front of the Duquesne net. Outlaw dribbled past the defenders and just tapped the ball to Sawula, giving the goalie no shot to stop the goal.

It was a big day on the field for Sawula, playing more minutes than usual due to an injury midfielder Spencer Nollf sustained early in the match. It was an even bigger day considering it was his birthday. As far as the goal goes, Sawula says it was the right place and right time.

"The play actually switched to Po [Outlaw] on the left side and he took it into the box," Sawula said. "He deflected it and it popped up to me. I had an open net, so I just passed it in."

The second half was hard fought, as both teams had difficulty creating scoring opportunities. Increased physical play made this a defense-dominated

game.

In the last fifteen minutes, the game became increasingly physical and intense. Both sides were playing aggressively, which led to a red card for Duquesne in the 89th minute.

"We knew it was going to be a physical game," Sawula said. "We treated this as if it were a conference game, even though it obviously wasn't. We just wanted to keep it low key and have no yellow or red cards, but obviously college soccer can get a little chippy sometimes."

Duquesne forward Zach Hall was going for a ball and kicked Luke Morrell in the head, leading to him being ejected and a potential goal opportunity for Duquesne being nullified. The fans erupted in boos as they saw Morrell fall to the ground, but Hall apologized directly after the incident and promptly walked off the field.

"I don't think there was anything dirty there," Pogue said. "People just want to win. They want to compete...I have a lot of respect for Duquesne and their program."

Midfielder Jacob Moore added a goal on a breakaway with ten seconds left in the match, making the final score 2-0.

The team gets a week off before traveling to Indianapolis to face the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Jaguars. The next home game for the men's team is against the Michigan Wolverines on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.

## Women's soccer ends losing streak with a 1-1 tie

**Zac Grasl**  
Staff Reporter

Still looking for that first win of the season, Oakland University women's soccer went into the game against the Cleveland State University (CSU) Vikings on Saturday, Sept. 22. Although the Golden Grizzlies didn't win, they didn't lose either. The Black and Gold ended the game with a 1-1 tie.

Going into the game 0-9, desperately looking for that first win of the season, Head Coach Juan Pablo Favero worked the team a little bit harder than usual during the last week of practice.

"Most of our losses have come from late in the game because my girls weren't as conditioned as our opponents were," Favero said. "I had them work more on their conditioning during practice and it definitely seemed to have paid off. We were on the same level as them (Cleveland State) and even

though I wish we had won the game, I'll take the tie. Better than a loss."

In the 33rd minute, junior forward Taylor Thalheimer scored her first goal of the season, and that goal was also the Golden Grizzlies' second goal of the entire season.

"Soccer is probably the hardest sport to score a point," Thalheimer said. "So when you score a goal in this sport, it's pretty much a huge deal, especially if it's your first goal of the season."

Oakland held the lead for nearly the whole game, but when CSU finally scored in the 70th minute, that seemed to put the girls down pretty badly.

"When they scored, we felt like they were rewarded that goal," Favero said. "We didn't bounce back well enough and that is how we ended up with a tie."

After the end of regulation, the game was still tied 1-1, so overtime was needed. After 20 minutes of overtime, neither team was able to score, so a

second overtime occurred. After two near scares at the Black and Gold's net, junior goalkeeper Jaimie Leas was able to make two big saves to secure the 1-1 tie and not allow the Golden Grizzlies to be handed their tenth straight loss of the season and make them 0-10 on the season.

"I've given up way too many goals this season and I grew tired of it. I told myself I wasn't going to allow any goals today," Leas said. "And I nearly made good on that promise."

Oakland recorded seven total shots with four shots on goal. Despite allowing Cleveland State 12 shots and five shots on goal, the Golden Grizzlies led the stat sheet in saves, with four to the Vikings' three. Many of Cleveland State's shots came off of corner kicks, as they had nine corner kicks, while Oakland only recorded one. Junior Forward Sierra Grodzinsky led the team in shots on goal, with two, and

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Taylor Thalheimer  
Team member of Oakland University's women's soccer team

senior midfielder Lauren Bos led the team in total shots.

The next match for Oakland is on the road against Horizon League rival the University of Detroit-Mercy Titans on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 3 p.m.

## Richard: Unsung hero of Oak View Hall

*There is more than one hero working on campus, but this one can be found at Tilly's*

**Michael Pearce**  
Sports Editor

While Dennis in Vandenberg gets all the hype for being a sweet, kind and talented man, there is another man who makes life better at Oakland day-by-day as well. Dennis deserves his hype for sure, but it is time we, as Oakland University students, give our man Richard some damn respect.

Richard, for those who are uneducated, is the man who works in Tilly's in Oak View. Richard's customary greeting for those who enter his safe haven is "Hey Buddy!" And once you hear those words, you are instantly relaxed. Richard is a man who will take the time out of his day to ask you how you are, no matter who you are.

"Richard is the type of man that I would invite to a barbecue," Leonardo DiCaprio said. "That guy honestly deserves my only Oscar. I worked hard for that thing, but he deserves the recognition more."

Aw man, I just bought a DiGiorno pizza and it's all frozen! What will I

do? Oh wait! Richard will warm it up for me in the toaster oven so I don't have to burn down Oak View trying to operate an oven! Bless you, Richard.

"Our sales increased dramatically since Richard began heating those pizzas up," Mr. DiGiorno, founder of DiGiorno Pizza said. "No one wants to use a damn oven themselves, which is why we almost went bankrupt."

These are the little things every day that I see Richard doing, out of the kindness of his own heart. He does not need to do that for us, but he does, because he wants us to enjoy a great slice of frozen pizza as soon as we can. He cares. He cares about us and our day-to-day happiness.

"Tilly's scared me at first," freshman Zoey Zingle said. "Once I was welcomed and talked with Richard about the Detroit Lions, I felt like I was welcome. He really is a great guy."

More than anything else, he brings a light of positivity to Tilly's that makes it 100 times better than anything Hillcrest could ever offer. The size of "The Hive" may be bigger, but just because a



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While Dennis in Vandy is well known, Richard from Tilly's deserves the same acknowledgement.

house is big does not make it a home. Tilly's is a home thanks to our man Richard, welcoming us with a hearty greeting and casual conversation.

I love all the men and women who work at Tilly's. They are always super

nice to everyone that comes through, but the captain of the kindness team is without a doubt Richard. Always asking "how are you" and upon leaving saying "have a good one" are the things that are easy to do, but not everyone does them.

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