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Thanksgiving is coming up, but have you decorated your dorm or apartment appropriately? If you haven't, Staff Reporter Selah Fischer has some fun and easy do-it-yourself ideas. Read more at www.oaklandpostonline.com.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

GIVING FREELY// Thoughtful students ducked into the Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center to participate in the OU Day of Service on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Attendees got to make arts, crafts and letters to brighten the spirits of those less fortunate through various non-profit organizations.

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POLL OF THE WEEK

Our clueless comic cub is having an existential crisis this week (p. 19). Will you help us choose a name for him?

- A** Furgie
- B** Bearonce
- C** Miguel Cabeara
- D** These choices suck, I'm going to send you a new idea to editor@oakland.edu.

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What do you think of the strategic planning committee?

- A)** I think it's a crucial step to bettering this university. Go OU!
35.7%
- B)** I'm not sure yet - I want to see what it does next.
35.7%
- C)** It's a bunch of hot air and won't change anything.
3.6%
- D)** Don't know, don't care.
25%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

November 16, 2001

The creator of OU's athletic programs, Hollie Lepley, died in Englewood, Colorado at 89. He was responsible for bringing many sports to the campus in the '60s, as well as developing some of the campus' sports facilities.

November 18, 1960

A proposal to change the OU's academic structure to a trimester system went before the board of trustees. It would have changed the degree program from the usual four years to less than three.

November 18, 1989

A former student congress candidate was killed in a car accident. Junior Greg Marrs was riding in a pickup truck when it ran into the back of a semi truck.

-Compiled by Andrew Wernette, Life Editor



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RENAISSANCE CONMAN

"The Liar" is being shown at Varner Studio Theatre until Nov. 23, providing entertainment to those seeking Shakespeare-era laughs.



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SUR LA TABLA

World-renowned tabla drum player Rahul Pophali highlighted the World Music Concert at Varner Recital Hall last Friday.



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CROSSING THE HORIZON

The women's volleyball team struck gold in claiming its first-ever Horizon League championship.

BY THE NUMBERS

Thanksgiving edition

36 years

before Sarah Josepha Hale finally convinced Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863

\$49.20

average cost of Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people

2/3

of turkey in the U.S. is produced in Minnesota, North Carolina, Arkansas, Missouri, Indiana and Virginia

\$52.4 billion

average spent on retail during Thanksgiving weekend

214 mi.

average trip-length that people make during Thanksgiving time

In the race to be the best, OU has its priorities straight

By Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

The cost of college is climbing too much, and may no longer be worth it for students and society. Or at least that's what "Ivory Tower," a documentary from producer and director Andrew Rossi, suggests.

Set to release on CNN/U.S. on Thursday, this documentary explores a variety of topics and factors that have worked to continuously push tuition rates through the roof, and, as a result, the amount of debt students must face.

"American colleges are driven by the pursuit of prestige, and the way you get prestige is that you get the highest rating, which expands your market then allows you to charge more," says Anthony Carnevale, Center on Education and the Workforce of Georgetown University, in the film.

Schools are stuck on an ever-reaching ladder, he says, and to climb up it they must keep building and adding at a faster rate than the competition. This costs more, which means higher tuition prices, which means a need for more amenities to draw in students, which costs more.

While each school's circumstances are different, there's that one common theme explored in "Ivory Tower": the race for prestige, and the loss of higher education's true mission through that race—the mission

where student education and insight is at the forefront of everything.

With a burst of new buildings and amenities, Oakland has most certainly been a part of this race. These are impressive additions that have been attracting positive attention, however, there is something else that seems to set this school apart: its increasing attention to the students.

"This is definitely one of the best years for it just because there are so many new people that are around," said Liz Iwanski, vice president for the Oakland University Student Congress. "They're looking for input on what's going to happen with the university and what direction it's going to head in."

Iwanski also represents students on the strategic planning committee, where she said the administration's interactions with her have been impressive.

Unlike at many other universities, Iwanski and Student Body President Annie Meinberg have the chance to meet regularly with the people in higher positions. Last week they met with James Lentini, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

There Iwanski and Meinberg shared student perspectives and problems, and Lentini was open to these and said he would discuss them with other staff and faculty.

"Dr. Hynd has been amazing as well, and has really taken a lot in about all of the suggestions that we've been

giving," Iwanski said. Hynd has asked for continued discussion on a possible Oakland Center expansion, for example, she said.

"I think a lot of people are there and they're listening."

We at The Oakland Post commend administrators for taking these measures amidst so much change, and encourage them to continue listening and placing students high on the list of priorities.

We also reinforce the need for each and every faculty, staff and administrative member to do the same. We need them share themselves and to accept what we have to share and say. When we attend a board of trustees session or an OUSC meeting, we need those in power to listen to all of our voices, not just the voices of a select few. We need respect. We need mentors and motivators. Most importantly, we need to be viewed as people trying to better themselves and earn quality educations.

Schools are built upon the needs and desires of students, and it is crucial for universities to recognize that. What good would a university do, however prestigious, if there were no students to take advantage of what it offers?

So thank you, Oakland University, for recognizing this importance of the people.

Thank you for bringing students into the process.

Thank you for listening to their concerns, and for planning to address them.



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Campus

Senior music major says farewell with parting advice

Explore campus, meet people, enjoy your time here

Kaitlyn Keith
Senior, Music Major

Well, everyone...I made it. Made it to the end of my degree and the end to some of the best seven and a half years of my life. How I made it to the end, I'm not really sure. With the help and support of my parents, teachers and friends, they've pushed me through to the other side. I've had some of the best times of my life in these years: college sports fandom, college music performances with my beloved OU music department, parties, great classes and friends.

It has also been some of the worst times: zero money and/or income gain most of my time as student, depression swings, failed and retaken classes and even loss of friends.

However, I'm very proud of the music degree I will be obtaining from Oakland after working hard for three and a half years. I now only hope that with the course of time and gained experience, I can pass along some helpful advice to you-current students. Here goes:

1) Knowledge is power. Education in this world is extremely important, as well as a treasured asset. A college degree can take you places, even if not in your desired field. So be honored because most people have to fight for their education, and some people are

truly unfortunate to not be able to be educated due to financial or other reasons. It's one of the most treasured benefits on this planet.

2) Meet the person next to you, in your class or in your dorm or heck, even the person washing their hands next to you in the bathroom. Take advantage that some people are from across the world and going to college. It is so fun to learn about cultural differences.

Also, explore campus. There are several great resources at a university-whether it be your favorite couch in the basement of the Oakland Center or your favorite study spot on the third floor of Kresge Library-there are so many assets that great colleges like this one has to offer.

3) Enjoy the tight-knit



Photo courtesy of Kaitlyn Keith

Kaitlyn Keith, a senior, shares her sentiments about her time at OU.

atmosphere that can only be found at OU or smaller colleges like this. I've taken about 20 classes with 20 or 30 of the same group of people in my music department and it's the best feeling in the world to be seeing the same great people, professors and mentors on a daily basis. Everyone at Oakland that I've met is truly supportive of the individual. It's a very

special and unique ambiance.

To anyone I ever had class with here at OU, it's been an honor knowing you and befriending you.

The memories I have here with each of my Grizzlies (you know who you are) are some I'll never forget. Best of luck to every student here as they pursue their hopes and dreams of a greater career for themselves.

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Campus

Grizzlies on the Prowl



"What do you think about having classes the night before Thanksgiving?"



Wanting Yu, sophomore, nursing

"The professors should cancel. Spend more time with family and not give out any homework."



Kristin Brimmeier, sophomore, elementary education

"Frustrated. Thanksgiving is turning into Black Friday and we are now getting less time to spend with our families."



Lexi St. Amour, sophomore, elementary education

"So many people miss classes that day, anyways. Teachers should cancel them."



Joseph Darish, freshman, pre-biomedical

"Two classes canceled: one at 8 a.m.-not canceled. It should be cancelled so I can go places and do things before Thanksgiving."

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury, Photographer



POLICE FILES

Fire alarm goes off in Oak View dorms

Officers were dispatched to Oak View Hall in response to a fire alarm coming out of one of the dorms.

The officers discovered that there was no fire, but that the resident of the dorm had burnt a bag of microwave popcorn.

The officers set up fans to help clear the smoke out of the room and the bag of popcorn was disposed outside of the room.

Property stolen from vehicle parked in P16

An officer responded to a report from a student of items being stolen from a parked car on Nov. 17, sometime between 8:00 and 10:45 p.m.

The student said that he had parked his car in P16 around 8:00 p.m., but had not locked his doors. When he returned to his vehicle, he discovered that his backpack was taken from the front seat of his vehicle. Some of the items stolen included an iPod, a textbook and some other school supplies.

The officer attempted to locate the vehicle on camera during the time frame the student gave, but he was unable to do so.

Wallet found in Kresge Library, money missing

A report was filed by a student who said that she was in Kresge Library on Friday, Nov. 7, and had accidentally left her wallet somewhere in the Writing Center.

The student said that the library called her later on and told her that the wallet had been returned to the circulation desk.

When the student returned to collect her wallet she discovered that everything was in it except for two 100 dollar bills and either a five or a 10 (the student couldn't recall).

At the time of filing the report the student could not remember exactly who or when someone from the circulation desk had contacted her.

Property stolen from dorm room in Hill House

Officers were dispatched to Hill House on Nov. 17, at around 10:30 p.m. in response to a report of larceny.

The resident told the officers that someone had taken money and jewelry from her room several days before then.

She told officers that on Nov. 11 she had noticed the iPhone she kept on her shelf had moved to her desk. On Nov. 17 she discovered that a jewelry box was missing from the same shelf the phone had been on. The box contained jewelry and money.

The resident told officers that there are a lot of electronic items kept in the room, but nothing else was taken.

She told the officers that she and her roommate did not always lock their door. They also explained to the officers that there is another resident in dorm who had a habit of walking into other people's rooms unannounced, and that she had walked into her room on two different occasions.

— Compiled by Josh Soltman
Copy Editor

'Conditioned to fear Shakespeare'

Difficult language of Shakespeare discourages students from reading and appreciating his works

Sean Gardner
Staff Reporter

In a long list of names that scare people, Shakespeare may be near the top.

The name Shakespeare is held in such high regard that students feel he is put on a pedestal that only the brightest students can understand.

"I firmly believe that students have been conditioned to fear Shakespeare," special lecturer Jennifer Gower-Toms said.

The fear comes from the language. Though it is English, it is not a form many are familiar with. It takes time to understand the text, time that many students are not willing to give.

Shakespeare's works are still admired and taught throughout the world. These works remain relevant due to their subjects, such as gender roles, race and religion. Many people

today are still able to relate to these topics.

"Shakespeare does not offer us easy answers to questions," Gower-Toms said. "Therefore, we are asked as readers to consider how 16th and 17th century attitudes have impacted our 21st century views."

The difficult language of Shakespeare is a challenge for most students. There are movies and plays to view his works, but in class, the first way to learn Shakespeare is to read Shakespeare.

"We live in an age of a visual culture and we feel uncomfortable to listen to Shakespeare," Bruce Smith, professor of English and Theatre at USC Dornsife, said in an event at Oakland University.

When watching Shakespeare, students can see the writing come alive. Directors will cut and alter scenes to make a play or movie more visually

appealing to the modern audience.

"Hearing the language spoken and performed sheds new light on the meaning of the written word of the text," Gower-Toms said.

Watching Shakespeare lends more understanding of the stories and can better convey the humor. Some of Shakespeare's witty jokes can even rival those seen on modern shows such as Family Guy, though many students find it hard to believe that a sense of humor existed in the 16th century.

"Finding humor in Shakespeare's texts is a great way to bridge the historical gap between our time and his."

The works of Shakespeare that have stayed relevant and continued to leave people in awe deserve the time of students. Students should not be scared to study Shakespeare.

His works reflect various aspects of society that we still find in ours today. The fact that students from middle school up to university levels continue to study Shakespeare, shows that there is not as much of a cultural gap as people may think and that history does tend to repeat itself.

Shakespeare inspired the silver screen



THE LION KING

"The Lion King" has many scenes that are taken straight out of "Hamlet." For example, both King Hamlet and Mufasa are killed by their brothers.



10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU

Similar to in "The Taming of the Shrew," the younger sister Bianca in "10 Things I Hate About You" cannot date until the older sister does.



SHE'S THE MAN

The plot of "She's the Man" is a modern version of "Twelfth Night." The main characters Viola, Sebastian and Olivia even have the same names in both.

Honors college journal 'Echo Cognitio' accepting submissions from all students

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Intern

Echo Cognitio is a journal put together solely by members of the Honors College that seeks to publish other OU students. The students of the journal get together once a month to edit research papers, art, poetry, photography and creative writing in search for the cream of the crop to publish.

Jacob Nick, a freshman who is involved with both editing and graphic design for the journal, is excited for what the year has to bring for "Echo Cognitio." In his short time with the journal, he seems to be ready to help make this school year's issue the best one they've had yet.

"I think it's pretty cool... I'm working with the graphic designer on the cover art which has been fun so far," Nick said.

Similarly, Andrew Mandley, the journal's president and editor-in-chief, said he joined because he thought it would be an experience.

"I originally joined Echo because I thought it would look good on a resume and I was told I would get to read good work," Mandley said.

He said his job is different from the editors; in the sense that he has to rally everyone together, but he still very much enjoys helping the writers and other editors reach their full potential.

"I like helping other students succeed," Mandley said. "Helping the students develop skills as an editor and critic and to be able to do it together professionally is great. I like being able to work with writers that want to be published and helping them along their way."

Both Mandley and Nick expressed the desire for

"It might be a little daunting to approach a journal, but since this is student-run, I think that it takes some of the scariness away...It's a great first step to becoming a published author."

Jacob Nick, Freshman

students to submit their work to "Echo Cognitio." As students, they fully understood why people might not want to submit. However, they encouraged students to submit because they truly want to publish their fellow Grizzlies.

"It might be a little daunting to approach a journal, but since this is student-run, I think that it takes some of the scariness away," Nick said. "It's a great first step to becoming a



Shelby Tankersley / The Oakland Post

"Echo Cognitio" is a journal published annually by students of the Honors College. It combines writing and art into a sophisticated work.

published author."

"You can get published and get your name out there," Mandley added.

Mandley also made it clear that "Echo Cognitio" is not just a for Honors College students. He said as long as the work is of good quality, they'll take it.

"We're opening it up to the student population and our criterion is going to be that it has to be at the Honors College

level," Mandley said. "So you don't have to be in the Honors College, but the whole idea is to get that caliber of work."

"Echo Cognitio" is currently accepting submissions and will be doing so until Feb. 1, 2015. They're hoping to get 50 submissions from OU students this year.

To find out more, email honorsecho@gmail.com or like them on Facebook.

Casual sex on the rise among emerging adults

Ali DeRees

Campus & Administration Editor

In a society where young adults are figuring out what they want in their lives professionally, they are increasingly curious sexually. But the sexual stereotypes of college students may not necessarily hold up.

Recently, sociology professor Dr. Heidi Lyons co-authored an article titled "Young Adult Casual Sexual Behavior Life-Course-Specific Motivations and Consequences" in which she found that there has been a change in that society encourages casual sex behavior.

Lyons found in a sample collected from the Toledo Adolescent Relationship Study, 67 percent of sexually active 21-year-olds engage in casual sex.

Her research includes studying both

emerging adults (ages 18 to 29) and adults older than that. She defines "casual sex" in terms of commitment and whether the person(s) are in a romantic, committed relationship, or not.

One of Lyons findings was that emerging adults were more likely to have casual sex and older adults were far more likely to not use condoms when engaging in casual sex.

"We think there's this increase in casual sex among college students," Lyons said. "If I look across the education gradient comparing emerging adults who dropped out of high school, all the way up to currently enrolled in a four-year institution, community college, just high school graduates, college students have the least amount of casual sex in terms of lifetime vaginal partners, recent partners in the last 2 years, and oral partners."

In this education gradient, high school dropouts were the most likely to have casual sex, according to Lyons.

Parts of these societal changes are attributed to the time span between sexual debut (losing your virginity) and getting married.

"Five years ago we hit the peak of marriage, people were getting way later," Lyons said. "But, sexual debut is about 17 years old. People aren't getting married; it's about 27 for women, 29 for men. That's 10 years."

With such a time gap, Lyons said that this "area of opportunity" for casual sex is much larger than what it used to be in the 50's where women were getting married at 18 and men at 20.

Marriage may seem daunting to those who will be spending four to six years working to get a degree, Lyons said.

"It just takes longer to get those requirements for full adulthood," Lyons said. "It does seem like society has changed because we have shifted those adult markers older. It created a new space for identity exploration which includes sexual exploration, is what I think."

She also believes that these findings do not only apply to college students but to all emerging adults.

Through this research, Lyons believes there is an important lesson to be learned or message to send.

"Emerging adults aren't looking at this as a risk behavior. They aren't talking about pregnancy and they aren't talking about getting an STD," she said. "If we want to engage in helping emerging adults make healthy sexual behaviors, we need to take a more holistic approach. It can't just be from a risk perspective."

From the other side of the line

Sam Schlenner

Contributor

As excited crowds gathered for the Democratic rally featuring an appearance by Hillary Clinton on October 16, another crowd gathered outside the O'Rena, protesting the government.

They left their free speech zone, stood about 150 feet from the line of attendees and held up their signs. Then, Larry Mitchell walked over.

"He came over, he was very abrasive, very aggressive," said David Rowe, one of the protesters.

Him and Mitchell talked politics. Then things escalated, Rowe said.

"He was starting to get very heated, and eventually he just all of a sudden exclaimed, 'I'm from Texas. I have Ebola, and I'm here to give it to you.'"

Rowe says Mitchell lunged at his throat and grabbed it like he was choking him. Rowe slapped his hand away.

Mitchell kept saying he had Ebola and licking his hand and "tried to slap another man in the face with his saliva-covered hand," according to Rowe. Then he turned to Rowe again and tried to touch him with that hand, he said.

The police report says as Mitchell approached each man, "he licked his hand and then placed it on their throat."

Mitchell questioned why the protesters had to stand in a free speech zone.

"Two points," Rowe said. "One: We left the free speech zone, so we weren't even in the free speech zone. Two: He wasn't worried about free speech. He came over there to stifle speech."

Rowe referenced what Mitchell said to Campus Reform:

"They're easily scared and intimidated," Mitchell told the website, "and when you have bullies like that, you bully them back, and that's when they go away, and that's what they did, they went away."

"He came over to shut us up," Rowe said.

Rowe filed a police report. He and the other student Mitchell confronted pressed basic assault charges against Mitchell.

"I'm not the kind of guy to press charges," Rowe said. "I've never pressed charges on anybody in my entire life. But to me, I just think that's ridiculous."

"I can't stand when people think they can bully people into shutting up, or trying to make us be quiet," he continued. "To me, it's a threat of force. I can't stand that, so that's the only reason why I'm pressing charges."

Rowe said he felt threatened.

"I had to really restrain myself," he said. "Because I knew he was just trying to get a reaction out of me."

Mitchell had said his actions were "street theater."

"I know he says it was a joke," Rowe said, "but I don't know many people that joke around like that."

A month later, Rowe is moving on. "Let bygones be bygones."

Mitchell said he would confront the protesters again, but not the same way.

"That was childish," Mitchell said. "I should be better than that."

You can read Larry Mitchell's side on page 8 of the Nov. 12 issue.



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Gen eds generate fear

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Intern

As the semester draws to a close, feelings of anxiousness rise in students. But part of that anxiety may not come from final exams. That stress may come from university's general education requirements, and the struggles of balancing classes one wants to take, and classes one is forced to take.

With 10 official general education requirements (gen eds,) not counting any writing prerequisites or major-specific general education requirements, students are left facing 40 credits of classes they may not need for their major.

Not everyone's a fan

Colleen Elsbernd, a freshman, explained her views on the classes.

"I'm spending money on classes I might not ever need."

But Brianna Jaczynski, Biomedical Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences major, offered a different take.

"The worst part of the general education requirements is that it distracts from studying for core classes," Jaczynski said. "I'm still going to finish my degree in four years, but I'll need to take 18 credits a semester plus a couple

"No matter what, learning about different subject materials is worth it in order to have a balanced education, especially if you are undecided—it may direct you on a major path."

John Tufnell
Resident Assistant in Oak View Hall

summer classes every year."

There may be some reason to push through the hassle of completing the general education requirements.

Gen ed supporters

John Tufnell, Resident Assistant in Oak View Hall, said he believes that these gen eds are not the real concern for students.

"Gen eds only make up 40 total credits, and most majors require about 120 to earn a degree, so there's a lot more content students are learning that relates to their major than just their general education classes."

"I think they're worth it," he said. "No matter what, learning about different subject materials is worth it in order to have a balanced education, especially if you are undecided—it may direct you on a major path."

Tara Aziz, sophomore Teaching Assistant, discussed the re-

sponsibility every student takes on while attending a university.

"We are all college students after all, so our learning should be our responsibility—we can make our own decisions. Gen eds do take energy that you could be putting into something related to grad-school or your career, but by spreading out your gen eds over your years in college, it isn't that bad."

Ultimately, students face the responsibility of talking to their First Year Advising Counselor (FYAC) or major-specific advisers about what gen eds are right for their major and right for them as a student. Though they might be time consuming and, to some students, useless, it seems as if there's reason behind taking 40 credits of seemingly random classes.

More information on the overall gen ed requirements can be found at <http://www.oakland.edu/gened>.



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Students wait patiently for Thanksgiving break. Classes end at 10 p.m.

Thanksgiving break: better late than never

Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

The holidays are times that people normally spend with family and friends, making memories and keeping traditions alive.

Unless, however, they are forced to be at school.

Oakland University does close the day before Thanksgiving, but there's a catch. It closes at 10 p.m.

"OU should be more specific about when classes are canceled," said senior Elaine Alliston. "I booked a flight to Georgia to visit my family because OU's website said classes were canceled on the 26th. However, I found out later that this only meant classes after 10 p.m."

The day before Thanksgiving is usually filled with activity. Whether it's helping prepare the turkey, decorating the house, baking one's favorite desserts or hopping on a plane and jetting off to another state, this day can be hectic.

"Having classes the day before the holiday affects me because I'm a parent and I'm unable to prepare meals the day before," junior Yosen McWilliams said.

Students who are traveling home or need that day for holiday preparations are left inconvenienced if they have classes that day.

"I don't travel anywhere for

the holiday," said Chris Johnston, a student. "However, for those students who live on campus and want to travel home for Thanksgiving, I can see how that may be a big issue."

Other universities have decided to close classes much earlier on Wednesday, Nov. 26, than OU. Colleges such as Central Michigan University have canceled their classes after 5 p.m., and Western Michigan University has canceled classes after 12 p.m.

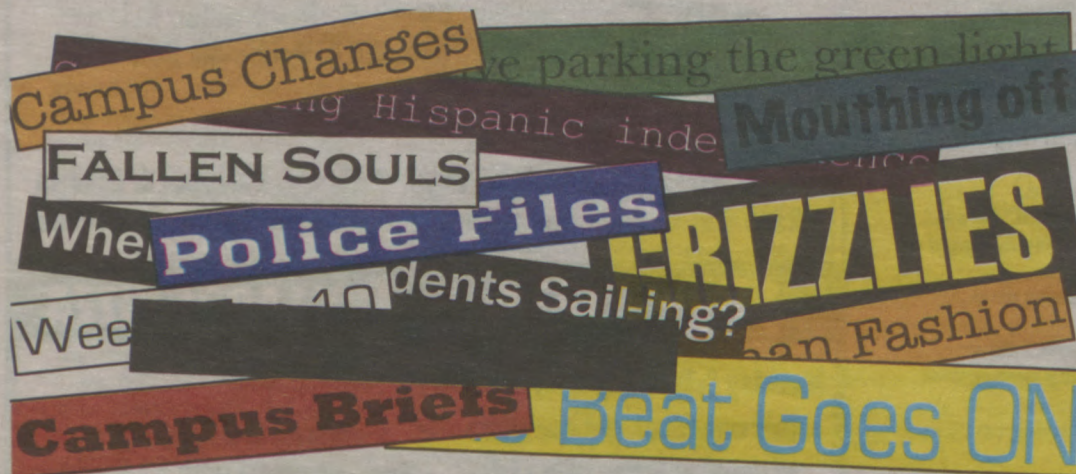
Others, such as Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University, have completely closed their campus that day.

Although OU has canceled classes after 10 p.m., it leaves little time for any typical pre-Thanksgiving activities to happen. Getting out of classes this late at night leaves hardly any room to prepare for the holiday at all.

"My family has game night every Wednesday the day before Thanksgiving," said freshman Aspen Grezeszak.

"Having classes on Wednesday forces me to miss out on time spent with my family and miss out on traditions. This is because I won't arrive home until Thursday morning, since I live two hours away from my hometown."

For OU students, they will just have to make do with the time they do have.



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Oakland students gather their belongings and abandon their dorms over the Thanksgiving and winter breaks.

Grizzlies going, going, gone

Students prepare to leave the dorms for semester break

Sean Gardner
Staff Reporter

It's almost semester break: a time to spend with family, to catch up on sleep and for students living in the dorms, time to move out.

Students do not actually have to take anything with them, but many have brought the comforts of home and closets full of clothes to their dorms. Finals are right around the corner, so it's no wonder that students will be taking home at least some schoolwork over Thanksgiving break, even if it never gets touched.

"Students move out because the university is completely closed down on Thursday and Friday. Other than emergency personnel, the halls are empty," said Sandra Alef, assistant director for residence life.

It would be fairly tough to survive in a little bedroom when the school is closed. An empty campus, with no people, no meals and no other heated buildings

to venture off to, would be more like a scene from *The Walking Dead*.

One of the main reasons students don't continue to live in their dorms during the winter break is the money. Financially, students cannot afford to stay on campus. When housing rates are broken down, the cost to live on campus is not counted during breaks.

"If a student does need to stay and has a legitimate reason (work, lives out of state, athletics, etc.) we do have a daily rate for our students," Alef said.

Some students have concerns with these strict housing rules.

"The only irritating thing is that I can't move back in early at all," student Walker Kelly said.

Once students leave, they cannot come back until the school reopens, even if they forget something. It is the housing policy and with finals week coming up, leaving something important like a computer or charger can be detrimental.

According to Danielle Crilley, a student living in Van Wagoner, the key to moving out is to do it in pieces.

"I think it's pretty difficult to have everything moved out by 6 p.m. on the last day of finals week," Crilley said. "So I know

I'm going to have to go about it much earlier."

Students in the dorms need to make sure everything is tidy, trash is taken out and all electronics are unplugged.

"A professional walks through every room," Alef said. "We are checking mostly to see that everything is unplugged and that there are no hazards still in the room."

3 things to remember before moving out

1. Unplug everything

Though unlikely, it would be a shame if a fire started and everything was lost.

2. Don't forget the important things

Our technology is never out of sight, but don't forget to bring home chargers, batteries, etc.

3. Have fun!

It's break, enjoy the time off and good food!

'It's still people that make all the difference'

Students gain connections, tips for a successful future after graduation

Jasmine French
Staff Reporter

Students gathered at OU to acquire information on what to expect when transitioning from a student to a professional. The 5th annual Student to Professional Conference took place in the Oakland Center Nov. 15.

The conference covered 12 workshops divided into three sessions for students to choose from. Shelly Drouillard and Amy Tuckfield are committee co-chairs of Student to Professional. Drouillard obtained her masters in counseling from Oakland University and is an employer relations consultant with Career Services.

"Student to Professional is here for helping students make that transition because often times they're not sure of 'How do I go from student to professional?' and 'What sort of things I need to do?'" Drouillard said. "We really encourage students from freshman year to senior year to be working on developing themselves as a professional."

Drouillard discussed what part of the challenge is for students.

"I think the fear factor is some people are afraid to talk about what they want and others just don't know what they want," Drouillard said.

The hospitality sponsor of this conference was the Oakland University Credit Union, with keynote sponsor Quicken Loans and presenting partner Chrysler.

"The way we connected

with Chrysler is we knew they were an organization that wanted to expand their partnership," said Wayne Thibodeau, director of Career Services.

"As this brainstorming concept evolved, we said 'What better partner to invite at the table than Chrysler?' and five years later, here they are giving more than ever in terms of their time, commitment, their role modeling to our students in coaching, and it's been a wonderful relationship," Thibodeau added.

Student Destiny Lopez is studying communication and attended the conference. Lopez talked about goals and her reason for attending the conference.

"It's just to prepare myself for when I graduate, what to expect and to make myself ready," Lopez said. "I like focusing in on events for public relations and might even go into the marketing field."

Tony Nuckolls, vice president of training and development at Quicken Loans, was the keynote speaker during the conference and discussed why it's important for students to work hard and gain experience.

"Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want," Nuckolls said. "When you think you've got it all figured out that's when the learning begins."

Nuckolls advised students on how important it is to get an internship.

"Paid or not, you can't put a price on an experience you get when you intern somewhere," Nuckolls said.

According to Nuckolls, face-to-face communication is still important.

"In a world of technology, it's still people that make the difference," he said.

the mix

oddsandends

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

A FEW OU 'LIFE HACKS'

We're sure you've heard the term 'life hacks' at this point, but if not, here's a quick run-down from the fantastic search engine commonly as Google: 'a strategy or technique adopted in order to manage one's time and daily activities in a more efficient way.' Or in many cases, a way to save money.

We thought the good students of OU could use some personalized hacks and scoured the lands to find the best. (By 'scoured the lands' we mean took most of these from Posties' experiences.) Feel free to comment on these and share more hacks by emailing managing@oakland-postonline.com.



SPENDING HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS? OR NAH // Instead of buying or renting class books right off the bat, check for them at the Kresge Library or your local library. Check out any required books you find and renew the rentals until you no longer need them — just make sure you're the first one there!

TOILET PAPER TRICKERIES // Students who live on campus are allowed to take two empty rolls of toilet paper to the front desks of each dorm for a refill. Bring the rolls with a bland face and the air of someone who's done this before, and bam! Two free, full rolls of TP for your tush.

FREE SCHOOL CONCERTS AND SHOWS // Make your official major music, theatre or dance, and you get a certain amount of free tickets to the shows and get into the good practice rooms with a swipe of the ID. One of our staff members was originally in music before switching to journalism, and the official major didn't change for quite some time — free shows and quality practice time? Aw yeah.

GET INVOLVED // Join a club, a study group, a student organization, whatever — getting involved can take up as little or as much time as you want it to, and the connections and skills you develop will last for a lifetime. Plus, you could make some professional relationships that have the potential to make or break you somewhere down the line.



BACON PIZZA ALL DAY LONG // Order Hungry Howie's pizza enough to build a reputation. Tip the employees well and befriend them, and eventually they may just upgrade your late-night pizzas for free.

GET TO KNOW YOUR ROOMMATES // Seriously, no matter how different you all are from each other, or how busy your schedules are, take time to be comfortable with your roommates. It will make your life so much easier, and potentially lead to some great friendships.



—Sass, hacks and photos compiled by Kaylee Kean, managing editor

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



1. "I didn't choose the 4.0 life. The 4.0 life didn't choose me either."

2. "If you guys are having a bad day, just remember there's someone from your high school still pursuing their rap career."

3. "Hey Monday, I'm gonna let you finish, but Saturday be the best day of the week."

4. "Anyone else think that waking up for school should be considered an extreme sport?"

5. "I'm so tired that while walking to my car, I stopped at the stop sign ..."

6. "A question on OU college applications should be 'Do you know how to use a roundabout?'"

7. "And God said: let there be snow and the Oakland students groaned."

8. "Waking up in the morning has become how many times can I snooze my alarm and how pretty I can make myself in 2 minutes."

9. "Aggressively plays Christmas music."

10. "Oakland University volleyball just made history! First conference championship."

—Compiled by Shelby Tankersly, Intern

TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the week

1. Alex G — "DSU"
2. Zola Jesus — "Taiga"
3. Homeshake — "In the Shower"
4. King Tuff — "Black Moon Spell"
5. Jeff the Brotherhood — "Dig the Classics"
6. Foxygen — "And Star Power"
7. Alt J — "This is Yours"
8. Frontier Ruckus — "Sitcom Afterlife"
9. TV on the Radio — "Seeds"
10. Thurston Moore — "The Best Day"



Frontier Ruckus - Sitcom Afterlife

East Lansing, Michigan native's Frontier Ruckus are back with a new album that incorporates an enjoyable blend of indie rock, bluegrass, folk, country, and blues. Sitcom Afterlife is a great listen for this time of the year when the leaves begin to disappear and the snow starts to fall. Singer Matthew Milia's lyrics deal with many Michigan themes including the city of Pontiac, A&W visits, and frozen lakes. If you like what you hear, catch Frontier Ruckus live on November 29th at The Loving Touch in Ferndale. Start with "Bathroom Stall Hypnosis," "Little Henrietta," and "A&W Orange and Brown."

—Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

The cost of college

STORY BY KAYLEE KEAN // DESIGN BY KELLY LARA

Is college worth the cost anymore? That's what director Andrew Rossi explores in his new documentary, "Ivory Tower," an hour-and-a-half long film that takes a look at different factors of the extreme rises in tuition and student debt. This film is set to release Thursday at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. on CNN/U.S.

"This huge cost structure is part of the marketization of so many things in our society," said California Gov. Jerry Brown, one of many interviewed in the film, "but when does it get out of hand? I think it's getting out of hand now."

The documentary features college presidents, authors, business founders and students, sharing their views and findings on government funding, financial aid, academic responsibilities and the many other things that have funneled into the overwhelming costs and debt students face today. It discusses some history of higher education and university structures, the race for prestige and the cycle of spending money to have more appealing facilities and administrations, then getting into debt for that spending and battling that debt through students.

"Ivory Tower" wanders the states, visiting small colleges, large colleges, and alternatives to college such as "UnCollege" or "hacker-houses." It tells the story of David Boone, a homeless-gone-Harvard teenager who is able to attend Harvard University thanks to its being among the 1.25 percent of colleges that provides "full-need" financial aid. It tells the story of Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, a privately funded college in New York that provided tuition-free education until 2013, when the new president decided to charge undergraduate students for the first time in over 150 years to battle the university's overwhelming debt.

"It has been and will continue to be a challenge to keep the doors of college open, to provide the best possible education to as many people as possible," said Andrew Delbanco, author, professor and director of American Studies at Columbia University. "Not everybody's going to want it, not everybody will be able to take good advantage of more education, but let's not assume that college has outlived its usefulness."

While the question itself is left a little up in the air - IS college worth it? - plenty of material is given to the viewer to provide a solid foundation for an answer, and a range of views and experiences is discussed.

Here are just a few facts and statistics pulled from "Ivory Tower," Oakland Post archives and the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (OIRA) at Oakland University's website.

U.S. college cost increase

+1120%
1978 Present

This is more than any other good or service in the economy.

The average U.S. student graduates with over

\$25,000
in debt

68% of students in the U.S. failed to graduate in four years
44% failed to graduate in six

National average of state funding versus tuition:

-40% state funding vs **+230%** tuition

Total student debt in U.S. as of March 4, 2014:

over **\$1 trillion**

Only

18.9%

of OU graduates in 2010 graduated in four years

OU tuition for juniors and seniors

158.75 in 2002-03
410.25 in 2014-15

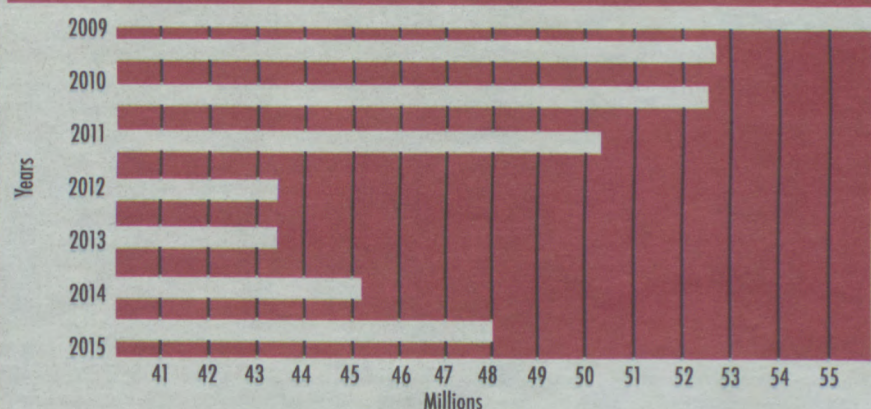
In the U.S., tuition covered by the Pell Grant:

116%
1977

42%
2012

OU undergraduate tuition raises

2010-11 **10%** 2011-12 **7%** 2012-13 **2.9%** 2013-14 **3.75%** 2014-15 **3.17%**



2013 U.S. College Grads Employed

50% employed
50% unemployed or underemployed

\$3,938

average amount of scholarships, grants and other awards received by eligible full-time undergraduates at OU in 2013-14

HORIZON LEAGUE HEIST

Story by Jimmy Halmhuber

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No. 1 seed Oakland University (9-6-3, 5-0-3 Horizon) defeated No. 3 seed Wright State (12-7-2, 4-3-1) 2-1 in the Horizon League Championship Saturday night.

The last time Oakland played Wright State, they tied 1-1, with Oakland owning an all-time winning record against the team. Home games have gone well for Oakland this season, going 5-1-2.

Joey Tinnion put the Golden Grizzlies up early, just five minutes into the game off of a pass from Matt Dudley.

In the 34th minute, Joey Tinnion dribbled the ball into Wright State's box and was tripped around the penalty spot. Gerald Ben, Oakland's best penalty kicker this year (3-3), stepped up to take the shot and scored to make it 2-0 with 55 minutes left to play.

"I went in for it. I threw my body at the ball and he got me and maybe a little bit of the ball. I mean the ref was right there so I'm going to trust him on that one," Tinnion said.

Oakland's second goal seemed to take the energy out of Wright State for the remainder of the first half.

The second half got a little chippy for both sides. The first 15 minutes of the second saw seven fouls by Wright State and a yellow card given to WSU midfielder Joakim Carlsson.

Eventually Wright State's pressure paid off with a goal from Marquis Payton in the 72nd minute. The goal gave Wright State some life to try to get an equalizer with 18 minutes remaining.

Oakland's defense fought off chances created from corners, long throw-ins and free kicks, frustrating Wright State

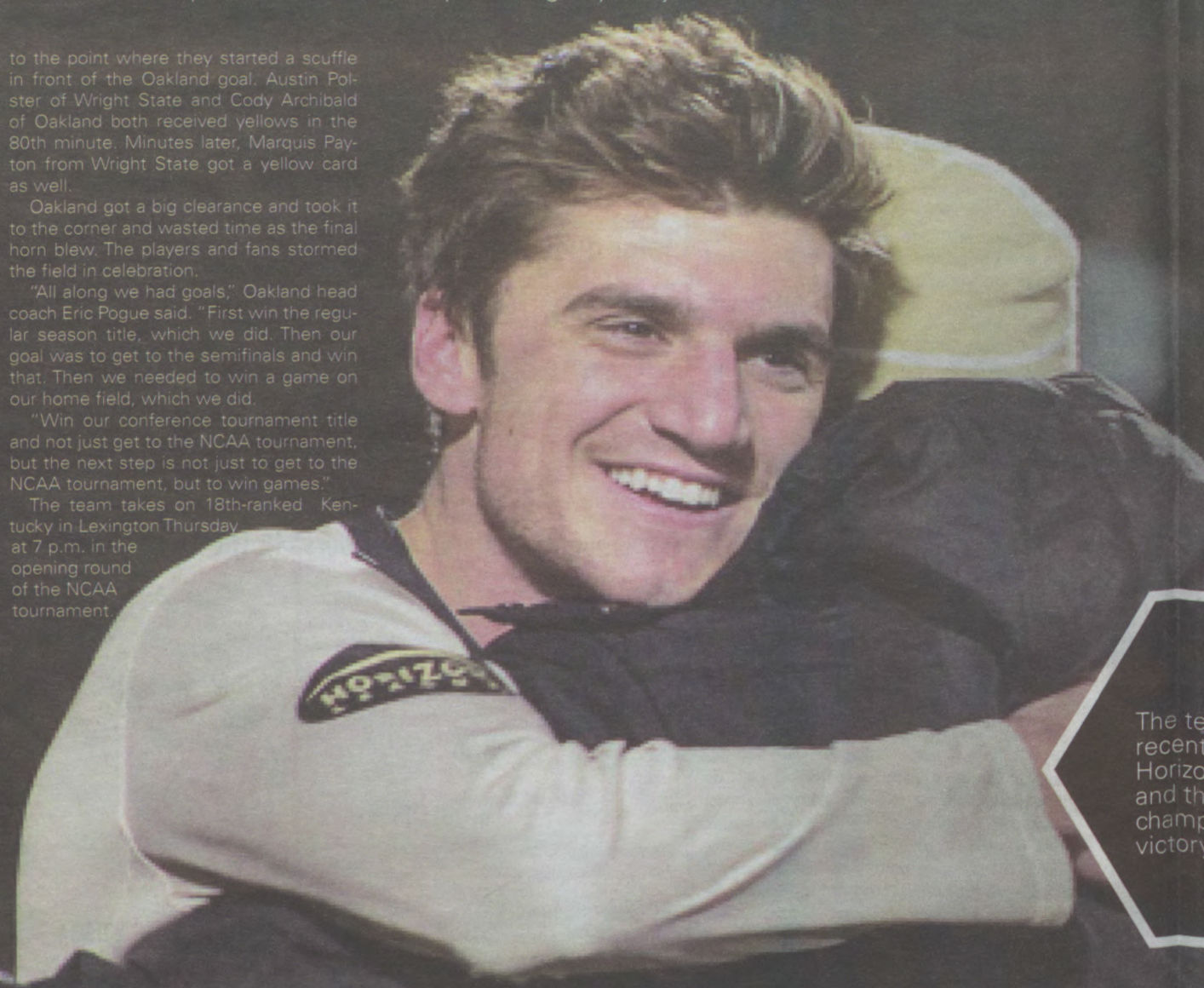
to the point where they started a scuffle in front of the Oakland goal. Austin Polster of Wright State and Cody Archibald of Oakland both received yellows in the 80th minute. Minutes later, Marquis Payton from Wright State got a yellow card as well.

Oakland got a big clearance and took it to the corner and wasted time as the final horn blew. The players and fans stormed the field in celebration.

"All along we had goals," Oakland head coach Eric Pogue said. "First win the regular season title, which we did. Then our goal was to get to the semifinals and win that. Then we needed to win a game on our home field, which we did."

"Win our conference tournament title and not just get to the NCAA tournament, but the next step is not just to get to the NCAA tournament, but to win games."

The team takes on 18th-ranked Kentucky in Lexington Thursday at 7 p.m. in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.



The team's recent Horizon League and national championship victory.



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BEN THERE, WON THAT

Gerald Ben last week won the Horizon League soccer tournament MVP. Ben totaled five points in two tournament games including two goals and an assist. A native of Minnesota, Ben began his college career at Northern Iowa Community College in 2011. He spent 2012 at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. This is his first year playing with Oakland and is among the top players in the Horizon League.

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The team only recently joined the Horizon League, and this is its first championship victory.



Joey Tinnion scored just five minutes into the game off of a pass from Matt Dudley.

From the Middle East to the Midwest

Omani students band together 12,000 miles from home

Andrew Wernette
Life, Arts, &
Entertainment Editor

When one is sent to live and study in a foreign country for a long period of time, it can be a daunting prospect.

That is partly why the Omani Students Association was formed at Oakland University.

In addition to reserving a special community for students coming from Oman, the association aims to promote the culture of its home country to the OU community.

Faisal al-Shukaili and Mohammed al-Araimi are president and vice president of the group, as well as its founding members. They and 11 other Omanis are currently studying at OU.

Living in a new land

Oman is a small, oil-rich country that sits at the tip of the Arabian Peninsula, next to Saudi Arabia, Yemen and the United Arab Emirates.

It has a population of just over 3 million, and it doesn't make the news here as often as its neighbors.

Yet, al-Shukaili and al-Araimi hope to widen their country's reputation abroad.

One of the differences they immediately noticed from Oman was the weather. Al-Shukaili said that he chose to come to Oakland partially because it sat in a climate that produced snow, which is unheard of in his country.

This intrigued him until he felt it for himself.

"The weather there is so hot," he said. "Here, it's totally different, so cold."

Al-Araimi said that this is what also drew him to Michigan.

"The reason I was interested in here [was because] I saw the snow," he said.

"But, to be honest, after one week, I want to go back because



Katherine Cagle / The Oakland Post

Faisal al-Shukaili and Mohammed al-Araimi are president and vice president, respectively, of the Omani group, as well as its founding members.

the snow is so cold," he added with a laugh.

Al-Shukaili and al-Araimi came to Michigan the previous winter, meeting for the first time at the airport. They arrived without knowing anyone in the area.

"We are here alone, without anyone from our family," al-Araimi said.

Pretty soon though, they and the other Omanis bonded and helped each other in navigating American culture.

"They are my family now," al-Araimi said.

Cultural awakenings

Like all the other Omanis at OU, al-Shukaili and al-Araimi are here on government scholarships. These are provided to those who get high marks in the Omani equivalent of high school. Students that do well are given the opportunity to do

collegiate study in the country of their choice, fully funded by the Omani government.

Although they didn't realize it beforehand, they said that they are living the dream of many an Omani student.

One of their challenges to adapting to American life was learning English.

"To be honest, I studied it back home," al-Araimi said. "In our high school, we have subjects called 'English,' but that subject, like, we don't have focus."

He and al-Shukaili said that there are private schools in Oman where learning English is more of a priority, but they both attended free, government-funded schools.

In Oman, "To speak with someone and make conversation, I don't know how," al-Araimi said. "I don't have the chance to do it."

Now, through trial-and-error,

they said that they have come to the point where they can hold conversations in English.

"Maybe sometimes people laugh at me," al-Araimi said. "But, like, by them laughing, I start learning."

Another thing for them to get used to is the dining experience.

For one, Omanis traditionally eat with their hands. Secondly, al-Araimi noted that meals are mostly shared at home with family, rather than dining out.

Then there is the food itself. Al-Shukaili and al-Araimi spoke of Arab dishes that were hard to come by in the States, such as kabsa and harees. Al-Shukaili said that it made him homesick just to think of them.

"I think most people would prefer the food that they would eat in their country and with their culture in their country, because they used to eat it from their childhood," he said.

Living the dream

Al-Shukaili is studying human resources management, while al-Araimi is majoring in mechanical engineering. Both of them say that jobs are easier to come by in Oman than in America, especially if one has a degree. Al-Shukaili estimated the average salary of one with a degree in Oman to translate to between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a month.

"In the end, we want to thank our president back home," al-Araimi said, speaking of Oman's Sultan Qaboos. It is because of him, they said, that they are here today.

"It's a good thing to have the opportunity to live in another country for five years," al-Shukaili said.

The Omani Students Association can be found on Grizzzorgs. Anyone is free to join.

Bearing the weight of success

Students feel overwhelmed with weight of their work

Erica Marracco
Staff Intern

When I walk around campus, I notice how students either carry their backpacks with the confidence of Paris Hilton toting around her little Pomeranian, or slouched over with back pain that just writes "mental anguish" all over their face.

I look to my side at my overflowing messenger bag and can't help but pity myself as I switch the strap to my other poor shoulder only to feel the cramping come back and switch again soon after.

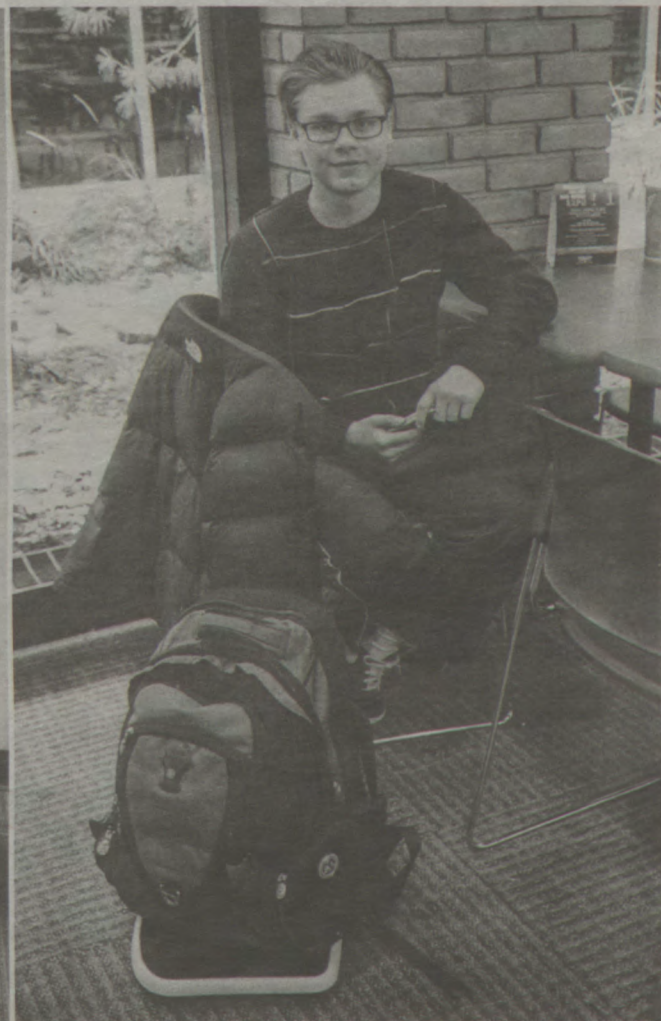
Naturally, I was curious to find out how many students are suffering like me. With a portable gym scale I took the weight of 100 students' backpacks.

I was gaping in horror at seeing 30-plus pounds read across my scale at times, but it seems the super heavy bags were the outliers. Turns out the average student carries about 15 pounds of school stuff in their bag.

When I asked 50 students if they felt they were weighing themselves down with their backpacks, 25 of them said no, that they were comfortable. The rest said "sometimes" and "yes."

So if half of the student population feels like they carry too much, if my small sample is an accurate representation, then why are we breaking our backs? Are there any alternatives?

It's common to read on a syllabus that the professor has put copies of their class texts on hold at Kresge Library. Taking advantage of this means one less book to carry and saving money by not having to purchase or



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

Students weighed their backpacks in a survey conducted to find out just how much weight students are actually carrying around campus daily.

rent it.

Some students use their car as a locker.

"I carry a lot of things in my backpack," junior computer science major Andrew Alisa said. "If I have a day when my back really hurts, I just leave a book or two in my car and go back when I need them later."

Another solution to a sore backside is using a backpack on wheels. A decent one can be found on Amazon for around \$35. They may look kind of gaudy, but hey, they were invented for this reason.

For the large percent of students who take their laptops to campus, one option is to replace those thick textbooks with the

e-book version so you manage to carry less. I've even found copies of some popular academic books on the internet for free. If students put in the effort to look around online, they can potentially lessen the burdens on their backs.

Prioritizing what one brings to school can really be beneficial. Finding some time to discover what works best just might spare a student a backache later.

Contact staff reporter Erica Marracco at emmarrac@oakland.edu.

THE BREAKDOWN

14.73

is the average weight of an OU student's backpack



7

out of 100 students did not carry a laptop but still felt overwhelmed with the weight of their backpacks

71%

of the students surveyed had their laptops with them

33

pounds was the heaviest backpack of the students surveyed

50%

of students surveyed feel like they carry around too much weight



Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance's production of "The Liar" runs from Nov. 13 all the way through Nov. 23.

Liar, Liar, Shakespearean pants on fire

'The Liar' mashes Renaissance-style wit, crowd interactions for unique stage experience

Dani Cojocari
Photographer

To lie or not to lie.

That is the question asked in "The Liar," the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance's current play showing in Varner Studio Hall. It will be shown Nov. 13 through Nov. 23.

Directed by Anthony Guest, the play is adapted from the comedy by Pierre Corneille. It follows the story of the liar Dorante, played by Gabriel Jamison, and his attempts at winning over the young maiden Clarice, played by Jillian Hoffman.

Brandon Santana, who plays Geronte in the play, talked about his favorite part of being in the cast.

"Getting to learn from the other actors and being able to share my own talent was amazing," he said.

Andrew Barikmo, who plays Philiste, echoed Santana's satisfaction.

"This is my first show at Oakland, and being cast with so many talented actors was a great experience," he said. "Because the cast is so small, we grew really close together and became a second family."

Santana explained how the cast would often change lines during rehearsal.

"Because Gabriel and I aren't the same skin color, he would often say 'my black dad' instead of 'dad.' It got a lot of laughs out of everyone," he said with a smile.

Santana explained that his influences for acting mainly came from "growing up and watching actors on the screen."

"There were a lot of African American actors that I identified with, and I admired how much work and effort they put in," Santana said. "I don't want to be cheesy, but [I'm influenced mostly by] Denzel Washington and Norm Lewis."

Barkimo said that he was inspired when he first saw "The Wizard of Oz," with which he became "obsessed."

Guest spoke about rehearsals for the play.

"The actors have been rehearsing for about six weeks as preparations for the design elements were being created," he said.

"We practice each cue and then have three to four dress rehearsals before an audience is invited."

Guest also spoke in depth about the lighting effects in the play.

"The lighting designer is often the last designer to define his craft, because the costumes and scenic elements must fall into place first," he said. "He will watch a few run-throughs and develop a cue list and a light plot."

"We didn't start building the set until the previous show, 'The Life,' was over, which was around Oct. 20," said Kerro Knox III, an associate professor of theater who oversaw much of the set's construction.

Guest estimated that hundreds of hours went into rehearsals for every aspect of the production.

Show times for "The Liar" can be found at <http://www.oakland.edu/mtd>.

Top 10 reasons to see "The Liar"

1: The play is spoken completely in pentameter.

2: "The Liar" mixes renaissance vernacular with a modern flair.

3: The play constantly breaks down the fourth wall.

4: The cast interacts with the audience.

5: In between scenes, a troubadour entertains you with live music.

6: The set and costumes are high quality.

7: The actors are extremely talented.

8: "The Liar" is hilarious!

9: The plot is engaging.

10: "The Liar" is the perfect way to spend an evening with your friends and family.

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"[Playing an instrument]'s like an extension of your own being," said Pophali, left.

Putting it all on the tabla

Kevin Teller
Staff Intern

When people bob their heads to country or rock music on the radio in America, they might not consider that different, more enticing beats and melodies may exist around the globe.

Fans at the World Music Concert heard such new possibilities last Friday, Nov. 14, in Varner Recital Hall.

Boasting a lineup of the African Drum Ensemble, the World Percussion Ensemble and the Steel Band, the concert was a fusion of all of these different styles.

The night featured an esteemed guest as well: tabla drum master Rahul Pophali. Pophali, who is currently on a nation-wide tour of the U.S., lent his skills to numerous of the pieces performed that night, adding the influence of Indian instrumentation and rhythm.

After the intermission, Pophali played a solo tabla piece as well, in which he enlisted the audience's participation through clapping.

Pophali used this as a tool to demonstrate the unique Indian rhythms to a Western musical sense.

While most American tunes on the radio are set to a 4-count or 3-count, the Indian rhythms so the hands-on approach helped to educate the audience about the technique of the music.

Pophali said that this connection with the audience is one of his favorite things about performing. It fuels his creativity and gives him a channel in which he and the audience can be expressive together.

Rahul Pophali began playing the tabla when he was around eight years old after being inspired by a performer on television. His dedication to the instrument—and music in general—has only grown since.

"It's been a long, long journey so far, and it always continues," Pophali said regarding his musical career.

While recognizing the global impact that his music has had over the 28 years he has played, Pophali is still humble enough to always seek growth in his ability.

"When you play an instrument for so long, what happens is it becomes an additional dimension to your personality," Pophali said. "It becomes a mode of expression. It's like an extension of your own being."

He says that the goal that he is actively trying to reach is to be able to close the gap between the music that his mind thinks and what he can execute. He wants the two to become one and be able to do exactly what he is thinking when he thinks it.

Friday night's entertainment was largely organized by OU World Music Lecturer Patrick Fitzgibbon. Many of the pieces performed were arranged and led by Fitzgibbon, as he has been the one primarily working with them this semester.

Fitzgibbon said, "We focus a lot on West African stuff and the Trinidadian Steel Band, but we're expanding into Indian and Arabic percussion more with this concert."

He spoke about the world music program OU offers as a minor as well. As part of this discipline, students are trained in multiple world music instruments.

Students also have opportunities to study abroad for the program as well. One of these options is to travel to Trinidad to explore the music of the steel drums firsthand.

However, Fitzgibbon stresses that world music students are not the only ones who are eligible to play. All OU students are welcome to join the band and can contact him at pwfitzgi@oakland.edu.

Rahul Pophali also gives private tabla lessons online to anyone interested in learning to play. More information can be found at tablarahul.com or onlinetablalessons.com.



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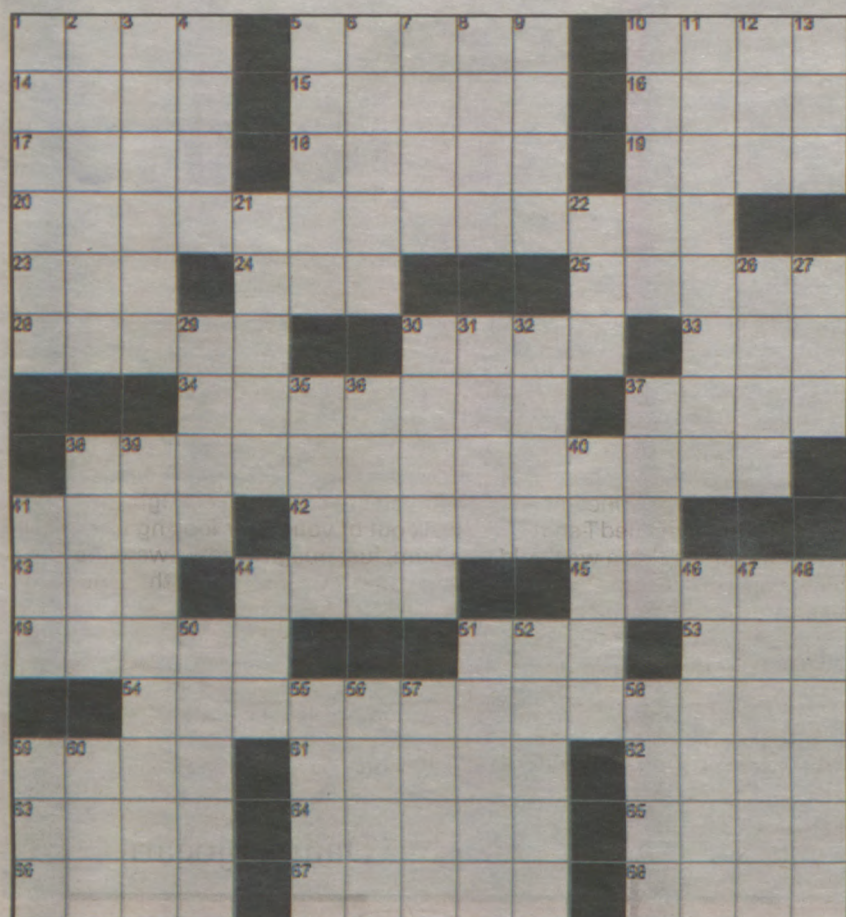
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Puzzles



Across

- 1: Mortarboards
5: Unstressed vowel
10: Borrrring
14: Oahu bash
15: Bass basket
16: No longer green
17: FYI cousin
18: Distinctive atmospheres
19: Alpine climber
20: Wrongdoer's bane
23: Many, many moons
24: Slim swimmer
25: Combat site
28: Pulled
30: Business letter addressees
33: Quarterback Brady of the Patriots
34: Like fatty tissue
37: Word on an octagon
38: BIG DIPPER
41: Kind of ant or brigade
42: Wren relative
43: Goalie's protection
44: Resistance units
45: Brings up
49: Single-celled microorganism
51: Noah's second son

Down

- 53: Attend
54: Input for a recorder
59: Keep in suspense
61: Seed coverings
62: Pitt of 'Ocean's Twelve'
63: Formerly
64: Photo finish
65: Make a cake
66: Batik worker
67: Glorify
68: Kane's dying thought
1: Scratched
2: Anonymous one, sometimes
3: Thin coating
4: Phoenix roundballers
5: Actor's minimum wage
6: Heartless
7: Parsley or sage
8: Welt
9: Besides
10: Smoker's choice
11: Text of an opera
12: Musclebound brute
13: Evil spell
21: Looks after
22: Used to be
26: Break time
27: Band blaster
29: Gradual decline
30: Cobbler's supply
31: Sea spot

- 32: Sow's opposite
35: Uneasy tingling
36: Salon job
37: Foal's father
38: 'I'm history!'
39: Weapons, ammunition, and so on
40: Contract conditions
41: 28,800 seconds before midnight
44: Like any number finishing with '9'
46: Having star quality?
47: Gain back
48: Like some rye bread
50: Boring tool
51: Cuts short
52: Dunderheads
55: Metric foot
56: Spoken
57: Write up
58: Reduces in intensity
59: Bricklayer's item
60: Whichever

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Dressing well is in the jeans

Sean Gardner
Staff Reporter/Mr. Suave

meet some interesting characters working at a grocery store.

Whether you are a psychopath or part of the ideal American family, there's a pretty good chance you need to eat, and grocery stores are a common place to harvest your meals from - or that's my understanding, at least.

Customers of all walks of life come in and some have just lost hope. The real shame is when you see college kids who have lost all hope and take no care in their appearances.

I know the stresses: balancing a social life with school and work,

drinking lots of coffee to make it through a day. I get it: life sucks, but come on - look presentable.

It's different if you are going to the gym and wearing a dirty shirt and sweatpants to work out in. At least you are dressed for a reason. But if you can throw on an outfit for about thirty minutes at the gym where you probably won't interact with anyone, then what's stopping anyone from looking like they care the rest of the day?

Now I'm not telling you to throw on a suit every day—kudos if you do, you suave thing you. From my experience, ladies love nothing more than a man in a suit.

Find a style and go with it. Don't try to replicate every celebrity,

sometimes it just doesn't work. When putting on a nice pair of jeans is so much of struggle that you resort to sweat pants, maybe they are just too tight.

Furthermore, important people like Hillary Clinton and Ron Paul visit Oakland University. Do you really want to run into someone like that, with your nappy bedhead hair, pajama pants and wrinkled T-shirt? Which, let me guess, has a week-old spaghetti stain on it?

I know what you're thinking—who cares about politicians, I'll probably never meet them. Ok, you're right, but what if you walk past a solid 10 and want to ask him/her/them out?

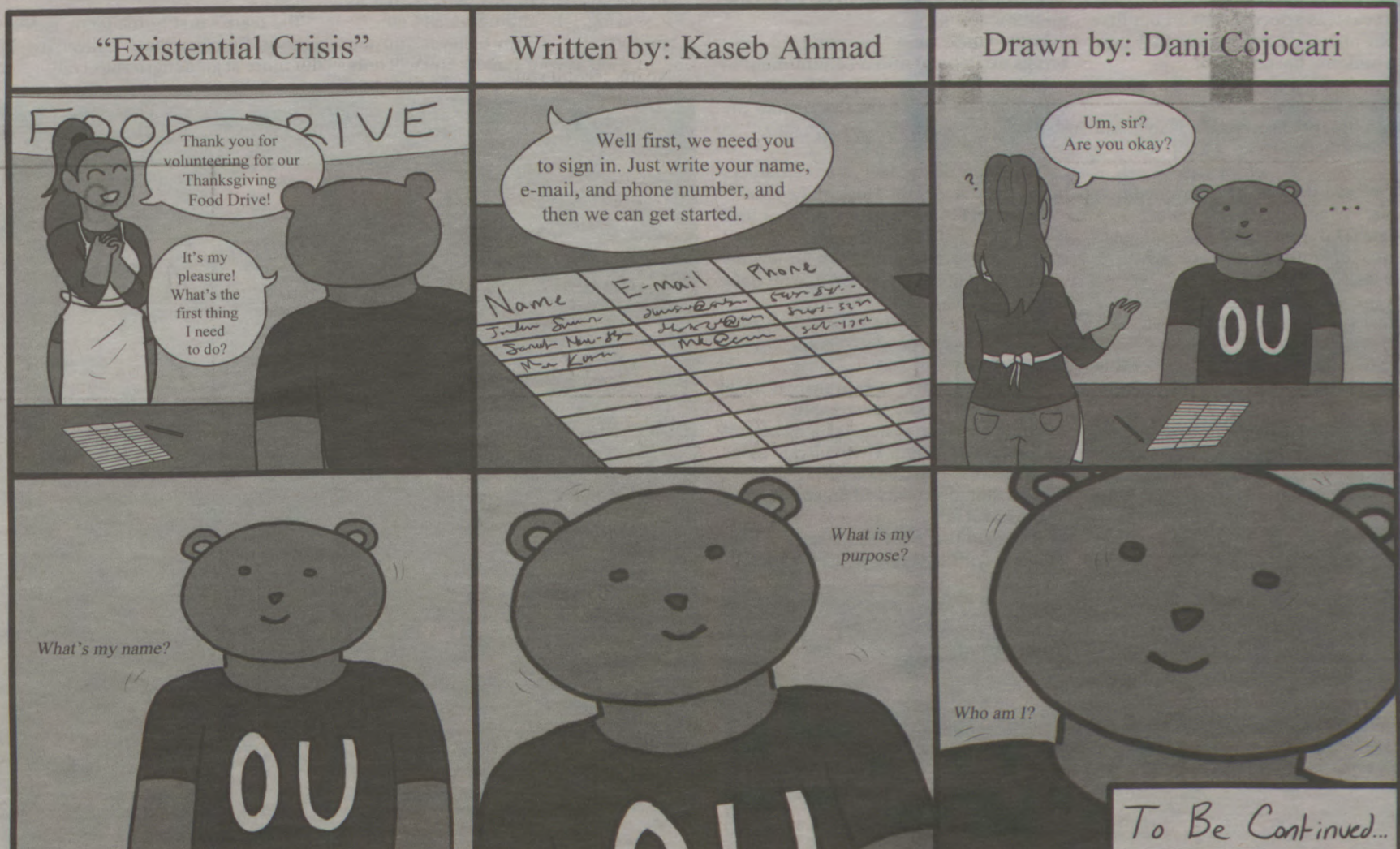
"Don't judge a book by its cover," said every elementary school

teacher ever, and my managing editor, Kaylee Kean.

Too bad. Social media and apps like Tinder and Hot or Not have us judging looks all the time. In a visual age, first impressions are more important than ever. The first step to making a good impression is dressing like you care.

If you are confident enough to walk out of your door looking like a bum, just imagine how awesome you could look if you took the time to look halfway decent.

Just remember: pajama pants should be for the privacy of your home. If it takes more than five seconds to tell if a shirt laying on the floor is dirty or not, it's probably dirty, and you shouldn't wear it.



What should we name the bear? Help The Post out! Check out our poll on page 2 and cast your vote at oaklandpostonline.com. Have a more pre-fur-able option? Send your ideas to editor@oaklandpostonline.com and check back in the winter semester when we reveal the name of this clueless cub.

Sports

Building the 'next person up mentality'

Women's basketball head coach Jeff Tungate looks forward to another successful season on the court

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

The Oakland Golden Grizzlies women's basketball team gets set for its second year under head coach Jeff Tungate.

The Grizzlies finished 13-17 last year going 8-8 in Horizon League play and hope to build on that this year.

The team is predicted to finish sixth in the conference this year, the same spot it finished last year.

Oakland Post: What expectations do you have for this year?

Tungate: We want to continue to move our program forward.

Last year was a decent start for our first year, but now we have to take that next step in building the program.

What I want is a team that will compete every night and expect success.

If we follow the process, the results will take care of themselves.

OP: Where do you feel your team is strongest? What areas in particular?

Tungate: I think our strength is that we have great chemistry and a commitment to hard work.

They are a fun group to be around and hopefully will continue to improve each week.

I feel like we shoot the ball better this year and have a little more depth.

OP: How do you deal with player loss, and player additions?

Tungate: We obviously had a great group of seniors last year in Kim Bee, Victoria Lipscomb, and Bethany Watterworth.

They did some remarkable things

in helping us turn around this program. Graduation (and injury) are part of collegiate athletics.

It's now time for someone else to carry the torch and if someone gets hurt, we have the "next person up" mentality.

We are a young team, with nine of our 14 players not playing in a Division I game last year.

I will never allow that to be an excuse for this team.

With youth and inexperience also brings excitement and a commitment to learning. I'm really looking forward to watching this team grow throughout the season.

OP: Where do you feel your team stacks up with the rest of the Horizon League?

Tungate: I think there are three or four teams that definitely have very talented rosters compared to the rest of the league.

However, the most talented team does not always win.

Until someone can beat Green Bay, they will always be the regular season favorite.

What they have accomplished over many years is simply remarkable.

I think based on roster, us being picked sixth is about where I would put us as well.

Does that mean we will finish sixth?

No, not at all.

The team that wins our league will be the team that is playing well in February.



Jeff Tungate,
Women's basketball
head coach



Photo courtesy of Oakland Athletic Communications

The Golden Grizzlies women's basketball team looks to a successful season.

go as far as they will take you.

I expect Amy Carlton, Peyton Apsey and Zakiya Minifee to have great senior seasons.

The team's first home game is Nov. 23 against Chicago State University. Find out more at goldengrizzlies.com.



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Fighting back against violence

New resource center determined to eliminate abuse on campus

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

The Violence and Abuse Resource Consortium (VARC) is an organization on Oakland University's campus that serves as a centralized location for information about not only what is happening related to violence and abuse on campus, but also the research and the action Oakland is taking against these issues.

VARC was founded by three professors on campus: Scott Pickett and Michele Parkhill Purdie, both psychology professors, and Amanda Burgess-Proctor, a professor of criminal justice. All three work in, research, or teach classes related to violence and abuse.

"Oftentimes we would say how much there needed to be a place for information on things happening on campus related to violence and abuse," Burgess-Proctor said.

They eventually decided to take it upon themselves to create such a place. VARC has been in the works for about a year, however it has only been active for about a month. When the organization was first created, it looked to the community for partners. Members reached out to a variety of agencies in the community and became partners with Haven.

Haven is the only program in Oakland County for people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

After reaching out to a variety of community agencies, Burgess-Proctor met the newly appointed Oakland Athletic Director, Jeff Konya, at a meeting where she was talking about VARC. When they started discussing partners, Konya suggested they reach out to

campus organizations as well.

Since that conversation, VARC has gained five campus partners. The organizations they reached out to on campus are not specifically related to violence or abuse prevention, but they represent student leadership.

These partners are the Gender and Sexuality Center, Housing, Oakland University Police Department, Violence Prevention Task Force, and most recent campus partner, the Oakland Athletic Department.

The athletic department is excited to be taking part in such a cause, according to Burgess-Proctor. The department recently invited former Syracuse quarterback Don McPherson to speak to the student athletes about violence and abuse prevention using the platform of sports in order to relate to them. This was the first step taken to bring awareness of this issue to the student-athletes.

The VARC founders feel this partnership will be very effective in helping them reach their goals of informing and researching violence and abuse.

"Student athletes are leaders," said Burgess-Proctor. "In their role, they have an important opportunity to be a part of the solution."

The creators of VARC have noticed that domestic violence has become an increasing issue in sports.

"There are good people in sports," said Burgess-Proctor, "They just don't make headlines like the negative people do."

VARC hopes to help the "good" athletes in sports lead the effort of change.

Contact staff reporter Melissa Deatsch at deatsch@oakland.edu.



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Cheer, cheer, cheer for Oakland

When the rest of the teams are on break, this one keeps things moving

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

You see them at all the basketball games, and they see you. It's the Oakland Cheer and Dance Teams providing extra excitement for the fans, and working on getting you to the games.

The Oakland teams are the image of the school's sports, but it's this team that keeps the energy flowing whenever the whistle is blown or timeout is taken.

"It's definitely really fun. It's fun to be a cheerleader and be the ones who are promoting Oakland Sports," Katerina Hrisopoulos, a leader of OU's cheer team, said.

Two other leaders joined the conversation to help talk about their program.

"It's really nice being involved with the sports," Ashley Moskal said.

Moskal came from a gymnast's background and, since they don't have a program here, she signed up to cheer.

"Cheer was my way to get involved at OU and be an athlete like I have been my whole life."

These women all have some sort of athletic background, whether it was through gymnastics or prior cheerleading experience through middle and high school.

Hrisopoulos is involved with the Spirit Staff, which has a cheer camp that high school teams can go to. They can be caught at all the basketball games, but attend other sporting events at OU including swimming and volleyball.

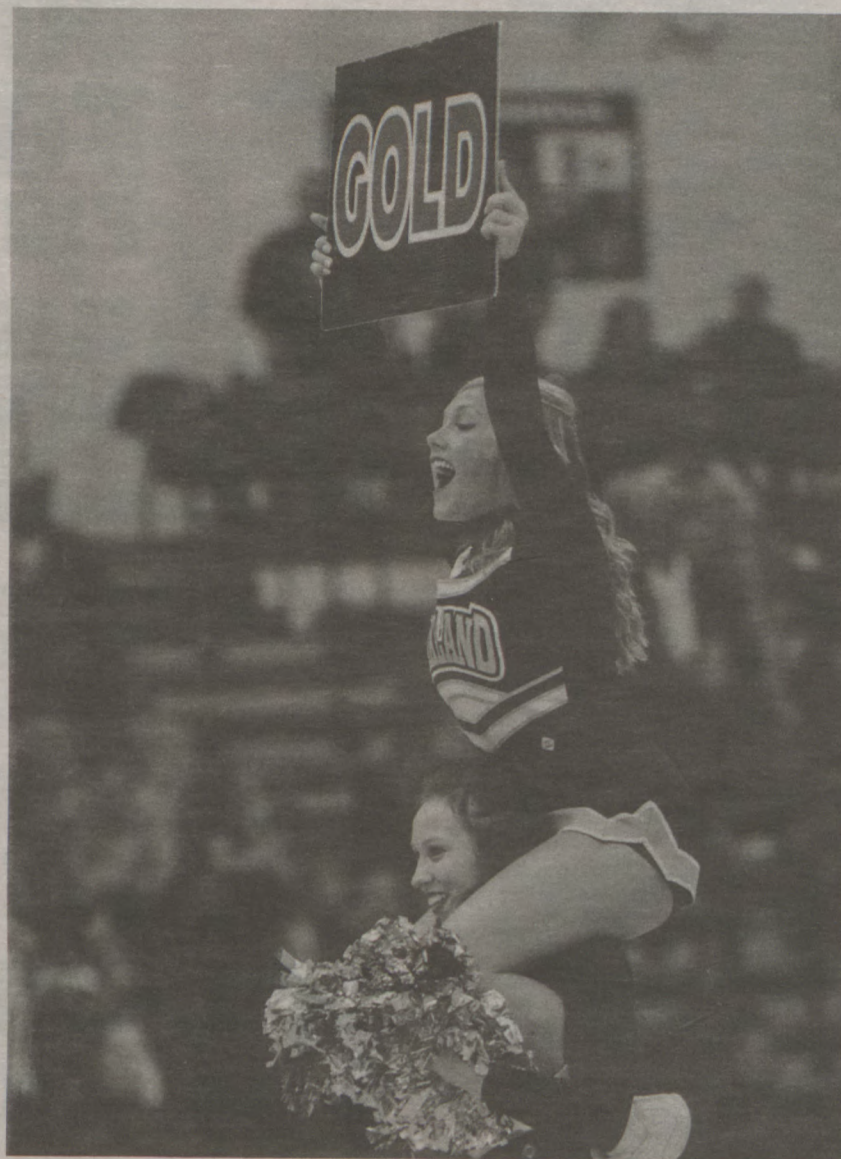
The women on the dance team have a strong sisterly bond even though most of them live off campus. They say it's just like any other sport in terms of connecting with their team.

Cheerleader Izzy Evans lived with a few dance women since coming to OU and she's experienced the growing relationship between the two squads.

A cheerleader's schedule is huge to them.

"Some people think when they first join it's like, 'okay its two practices.' It's not just two practices; it's practices, workouts, events, games, it's everything. It's a big commitment to us."

This is Claire Mozer's first year as



Jacob Mulka / The Oakland Post

The women of the cheer team take their game schedules very seriously.

head coach, and she loves what she's getting out of her team.

"They're always excited to be here, even though I push them to be their best. They're always willing to give more than I expect," Mozer said.

Over the past couple of years the cheer and dance teams have been growing closer.

The two teams have separate jobs. The dance team will put on a performance, and cheer gets the crowd more involved in the game.

They work as a complement to each other.

When it comes to coming up with new routines in cheer, the team and coach both have their inputs on what

to do.

"We're starting to work on our nationals, which is huge for us," Mozer said.

Nationals, which refers to the national tournament that Oakland cheerleaders will compete in with about 20 other teams, is what the cheerleaders have worked for all season. They are only trying to compete in this one competition, which doesn't have a specific affiliation with the Horizon League.

For more information on the cheer team, check out their Facebook and Twitter feeds.

Editor's Picks:

What to watch



Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

1. Oakland Soccer @ Kentucky in the opening round of the NCAA tournament: The Oakland men's soccer team won the Horizon league tournament on Saturday night against Wright State. They found out on Monday that they drew Kentucky for their first round game on Thursday in Lexington. The Wildcats, currently ranked 32nd in the country by the NCAA. The Golden Grizzlies come in ranked 82nd in the same poll but those rankings are deceiving. Oakland has wins this season over No. 5 Michigan State and no. 29 Ohio State. As they've proven, the Grizzlies are capable of beating anyone on any given night. Prediction: Grizzlies 3, Wildcats 1. With a victory Thursday, Oakland would travel to East Lansing for a Sunday matchup with the Spartans.

2. Men's Basketball @ home Wednesday against Western Michigan: The Golden Grizzlies played a tough game against Iowa State last week and left feeling confident despite a defeat. Things didn't go quite as well against Eastern Michigan on Monday night but Oakland will be fired up for a packed O'rena on Wednesday night. Oakland will take on a Broncos team coming off an easy victory against NAIA subdivision Aquinas College. Western, lead by two senior guards, David Brown and Austin Richie, won't be an easy challenge for Oakland. Prediction: Oakland 68, Western 80. Oakland will play games three straight nights next week starting on Monday night against Western Carolina.

3. Volleyball against a team yet-to-be-determined Saturday in the second round of the Horizon League tournament: The volleyball team will play the lowest-seeded team remaining after the first round of the Horizon League Tournament starts Friday night in the O'rena. It shouldn't matter who Oakland plays—they've already beaten every Horizon League team at least once this year. Prediction: Oakland wins in four sets. They'll play Sunday with a victory for the league title.



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Melissa Deatsch celebrates the victory of the OU women's volleyball team as they win the championship.

Perspective: Playing through pain

Melissa Deatsch

Staff Reporter/Outside hitter for the Golden Grizzlies

I've been healthy for almost my entire volleyball career. No injuries have ever prevented me from playing in big games. On Thursday Nov. 13, I thought that streak would come to an end. I landed on a teammate during practice and was almost immediately rushed to the doctor, terrified because the game of my life was scheduled for the next day.

As I sat in the X-ray room, tears ran down my face. Not from pain, but from nerves. My athletic trainer said to me, "Deatsch, I think it's broken," and it echoed in my ears. I couldn't miss the game the next day. My teammates were counting on me. I couldn't miss this game.

All season long, Oakland Volleyball has been giving it their all for a chance to make history. To be the first Oakland Volleyball team to win a Division 1 conference championship: that's been the goal all year. All the hard work at practice, all the tough losses, all the five set match wins, it all came down to one match. It came down to one game against Milwaukee to determine who will be crowned regular season Horizon

League champions.

The doctor came into the room and announced "no break." That was all I needed to hear. I spent the next 24 hours rehabbing. It was a game time decision and when time finally came, my number was in the lineup.

During warm ups I was asked how I was feeling from everyone on the team at least once. But when the game started there was no injury anymore. There was no time to focus on anything but the task at hand: beating Milwaukee.

We began the match with our usual routine: losing the first set. That seems to have been a trend all season. As the team huddled up before the second set, it was obvious that no one was discouraged.

"How many times have we done this before?" "If anyone knows how to bounce back it's us" were some of the things said in the huddle. That's exactly what we did. We bounced back and took the second set 25-22.

Entering the third game it felt like we had all the momentum. We knew that if we kept focusing on our side of the net, the game would be under our control. This team has learned throughout the season that when we keep the energy on our side positive

and determined, we perform our best. That's exactly how the energy felt when we took the third set 25-21.

After dropping a close fourth set 23-25, we huddled as a team to discuss our mindset going into the fifth and final set. No coaches, just players. No talking strategy, just mindset. It was obvious after leaving that huddle. No one felt discouraged. No one was nervous we were going to lose. We were confident. We trusted our teammates.

This was it. This was something we worked for all season. This fifth set decided who was named regular season Horizon League champions. I was up to serve to start the match. We broke from our huddle in the middle of the court and I walked behind the end line.

I saw the men's swim team dressed in only their speedos holding signs, I heard members of the men's soccer team cheering my name. To me, it felt like the crowd was as confident in our ability as we were.

Halfway through the game we found ourselves with an 8-5 lead.

We rode that lead for the rest of the game and with a kill by Jessica Dood on match-point, we became regular season conference champions.

Corey Petros: 'a load down low'

Oakland sophomore floors competition despite loss to Iowa State

Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

Corey Petros starred in Oakland's 93-82 loss to No. 14 ranked Iowa State the night of Nov. 14 in Ames, Iowa, the regular season opener for both teams.

The 6-foot-10 Petros scored 25 points on 10-of-12 shooting and added eight rebounds and six assists.

Cyclone coach Fred Hoiberg referred to Petros as "a load down low." Hoiberg also said that the Cyclones had no way to stop the senior center's lethal left and right hook.

Oakland sophomore point guard Khalil Felder posted a double-double with 23 points and 10 assists but also had six turnovers.

Tommie McCune finished 6-of-8 with 14 points and six rebounds in the loss.

"We knew it was going to be a fast paced game," Oakland head coach Greg Kampe said after the game.

"We executed extremely well, Iowa State is just too

good on this floor."

All five starters for the Cyclones finished with double figures in scoring with Georges Niang leading the way with 30 and Bryce Dejean-Jones chipping in 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Oakland was plagued with fouls throughout the evening. The Golden Grizzlies finished with 27 fouls while Iowa State only had 17. Oakland's Dante Williams fouled out and four other players finished with four personals.

Another telling stat for the evening was turnovers: Oakland had 13 compared to Iowa State's eight.

But the Cyclones had no answer for Petros, who is slated to be one of the best centers in the Horizon League this season.

"[Petros is] a four-year starter, a young man who has come a long way, and one of the better post players in the country," Kampe said.

Oakland will play Eastern Michigan on Monday night in Ypsilanti.



Scott Davis / The Oakland Post

Fouls plagued the Golden Grizzlies Friday at their game against Iowa State, finishing with 27 total. Dante Williams (above) fouled out while four others finished with four personal fouls each.

Grizzlies won't stop going for the gold

Volleyball team celebrates championship win, hosts tournament

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University women's volleyball team made history Friday night as it claimed its first-ever regular season Horizon League championship and will host the league tournament this weekend.

The Golden Grizzlies (19-9, 11-2 HL) defeated the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers (15-13, 9-4 HL) in five sets: 19-25, 25-22, 25-21, 23-25, 15-10. The victory gives Oakland the regular season Horizon League title outright for the first time in the program's history.

Melissa Deatsch led the way for Oakland as she posted 19 kills, 10 digs and had three blocks. She said that the team did not lose focus after dropping the first set because coming back strong is something that the team is used to doing.

"We're used to losing the first set, it has kind of been a routine this whole year," Deatsch said. "I think this team does a nice job of not losing focus and not getting discouraged; losing the first set only makes us believe more that we are going to win the second. We make sure that on our side of the court it feels like we



Jacob Mulka / The Oakland Post

The women's volleyball team celebrated as it won its first-ever regular season Horizon League Championship.

have the momentum."

Oakland rode that momentum for two sets and it even looked like they might pull away in the fourth set, but the UWM Panthers battled back to take it 23-25. UWM appeared to have taken the momentum right back from the Golden Grizzlies going into the fifth and final set, but sophomore Jessica Dood (who recorded 13 kills, two digs, and three blocks) said that didn't feel like the case.

"It was like we had the confi-

dence and we are the number one team in the league so we need to start playing like we are the number one," Dood said. "We wanted to play our game and we're better when we are having fun."

The victory gives Oakland the number one seed in next week's Horizon League tournament and it also means that the Grizzlies will play host. Head coach Rob Beam said it is very important for his team to get the first round bye and also play in front

of the enthusiastic Grizzly fan base.

"The fan support here was phenomenal," coach Beam said. "I think people are really excited about Oakland University and the things we are doing with our brand."

The Horizon League tournament is set for Nov 21-23 at the Athletics Center O'rena. Oakland will play in a semifinal match Saturday.

Contact staff reporter Scott Davis at sddavis@oakland.edu.

Horizon League Standings

Women's Soccer	W	L	D	Men's Soccer	W	L	D	Women's Volleyball	W	L
1. Valparaiso	8	0	0	1. Detroit	6	2	0	1. OAKLAND	12	2
2. Detroit	5	3	0	2. OAKLAND	5	0	3	2. Milwaukee	10	4
3. OAKLAND	4	3	1	3. Wright State	4	3	1	3. Valparaiso	9	5
4. Green Bay	4	4	0	4. Cleveland State	4	4	0	4. Youngstown St.	7	7
5. Cleveland State	3	4	1	5. Valparaiso	3	3	1	5. Cleveland State	7	7
6. Youngstown State	3	4	1	6. Milwaukee	3	3	2	6. UIC	7	7
7. Wright State	3	4	1	7. UIC	3	4	1	7. Green Bay	2	12
8. Milwaukee	2	4	2	8. Green Bay	2	5	1	8. Wright State	2	12
9. UIC	1	7	0	9. Belmont	1	7	0			

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Cross Country

The men and women's cross country team both finished 20th overall at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional this past Friday afternoon. The men tallied 562 points while the women had 597. The teams were led by First-Team All-Horizon League selections Nathan Ziolk and Ashley Burr who had strong performances in the men's 10k and women's 6k race respectively. The teams' next meet will be the NCAA National Championships Saturday, Nov. 22 in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Women's Basketball

The Golden Grizzlies fell to the University of Central Florida Knights 98-65 Monday night in Orlando. Freshman Leah Somerfield led Oakland in scoring with 12 points, while Zykria Lewis had 28 points for Central Florida. Oakland had the lead late in the first half, but Central Florida took a nine point lead into the half and scored 63 points in the second half. The Golden Grizzlies will play their home opener Sunday night against the Chicago State Cougars.

Club Football

The Oakland Football Club will take on Robert Morris University in the NCAA Great Lakes Conference Championship Saturday at 1 p.m. at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Robert Morris is ranked first in the NCAA while Oakland is second.

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