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Men's basketball coach Greg Kampe survived a massive health scare this summer. PHOTO / The Oakland Post Archives
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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

GETTING PRESIDENTIAL // Last month, all of The Oakland Post editors along with our advisor, Garry Gilbert, met with Oakland University's seventh president, Ora Hirsch Pescovitz. Elyse Gregory, our photo editor and Shelby Tankersley, our editor-in-chief, interviewed Pescovitz about her goals, accomplishments and personal life. Catch the story on page nine. *PHOTO BY BRIAN BIERLEY*

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POLL OF THE WEEK

How was the first day of classes?

- A I had a freaking syllabus quiz
- B So. Much. Construction.
- C I'm drowning in homework
- D Literally dropping out

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LAST ISSUE'S POLL

Check in: How's summer going?

- A) I. Hate. My. Job.
10 votes | 30%
- B) Sugar mama still not found
10 votes | 30%
- C) So many summer classes
6 votes | 18%
- D) Things look good from my boat
7 votes | 21%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

September 4, 1994
The Oakland Post ran a feature on the Center for Student Activities' own Jean Ann Miller. Miller still works at OU and is on the board of directors for The Post.

September 4, 1996
Oakland's Board of Trustees raised tuition for that academic year, despite promises that it would not.

September 5, 1996
WXOU officially hit the airwaves. The Post was there to cover the launch of Oakland's entirely student-run radio station.



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Last month, Oakland was named the most LGBT-friendly school in Michigan. See the breakdown of the reasons why.
PHOTO / Shelby Tankersley



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Gamma Sigma Alpha held its first induction ceremony for Oakland's academically elite Greek life members.
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This year, MTV's annual Video Music Awards tackled politics and social issues in its performances and speeches.
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NUMBERS
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60
Years since MSU-Oakland
opened its doors

319
Student organizations currently
offered at Oakland

20,012
The number of students enrolled in
the fall of 2016

4.1%
Of Oakland students came from other countries
last year

Staff Editorial

Letter from the editor: it's going to be wild

Life working for the student newspaper is never boring – there's something new every week. Stick with us throughout the year, because we can promise that it is going to be a good year to be a Postie.

Shelby Tankersley
Editor-in-chief

Hey readers, I'm Shelby, a gal who has come from the streets of Davison to be your editor-in-chief. After three years with The Oakland Post as an intern, reporter and section editor, I am beyond excited to steer the ship and teach my peers about journalism during my senior year. I have loved writing about what is happening on campus with my friends and coworkers here at The Post since the moment I walked in our office as a (terrified) freshman. As a longtime "Postie," I want to impress upon you that this newspaper is something our staff takes very seriously. I can promise that every story we write and issue we produce is our best work. The students on our staff may come and go, but the spirit of hard-work never seems to leave.

But, while I'm sure you're all very moved by my love of the news and this newspaper, this editorial is not about me. I'd much rather talk about what you can look forward to reading this year.

The Post has a great tradition of producing quality journalism for Oakland University students, staff and faculty that is written entirely by Oakland University students. In the three issues my team and I have produced so far, I have seen a lot of promise and am confident they will give you quality stories every week.

I hope that you, too, will read their work and not just grab an issue for the crossword and the Hungry Howies coupons. The students at The Post have the opportunity to grow as writers, and it is truly rewarding to watch them improve with every article. Aside from reading the work of our budding student journalists, we have a slew of things readers can look forward to.

Campus

This might be the most exciting year our usually barren Campus Section has ever had (I can say that, I used to be the Campus editor). We will be following the construction of the Southern Housing Complex and the Oakland Center renovation (and since our office is smack in the middle of the renovation, you might even get some good satire out of it).



As usual, we will keep an eye on Oakland's Board of Trustees and provide summaries of its meetings. These are the people that make the big decisions for our school, they choose how much we pay for tuition and who our president is. So, the Post is always represented at the meetings.

And, of course, we have a new president this year: Ora Hirsch Pescovitz. The Post's editorial team met with her late last month and we are excited to have a president that is willing to work with student-run media, which has not always been the case. You can see the write-up of our interview with her along with some things you may not expect about her on page nine.

Life

Last month, Oakland welcomed the School of Music, Theatre and Dance. We're looking forward to seeing what the new school accomplishes in its first year with OU's resident entertainers.

We are also welcoming a fashion column to our lineup this year. One of our reporters spent her summer working in New York City's fashion industry. She'll be keeping up with trends, examining industry happenings and will sit down for Q&A's with professionals in the industry.

Although my jeans and I are not the target audience for this column, I think she has some great experience and inside-advice that the fashion-savvy crowd will love. Her first installment is on page eight.

Perspectives

Nearly every week, a political contributor and our web editor will write about what is going on in The White House, on the Senate floor and in the neighborhoods of America. This week, we're taking a look at jury duty and North Korea on page 14.

We also love to hear from you through letters to the editor, which are published in our Perspectives Section.

Sports

Some of the stories we're looking forward to are the football club's big move to campus and basketball tournament season. We're also going to give Oakland's club sports teams more coverage this year. Of course, we're all rooting for some more Horizon League titles for the Golden Grizzlies this year.

Stick with us, we're looking forward to everything we get to cover this year. Reporting to you from The Post newsroom:

Shelby Tankersley,
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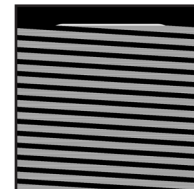
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Looking Back: Nudes and immorality at Oakland

The Oakland Post was once known as one of the most radical and opinionated college papers in the 1960s. This is the story of “immoral” Golden Grizzly behavior- from grossing out the Vice President of the United States to performing nude in front of 50 peers.

Cheyenne Kramer
Managing Editor

Back in 1969, The Oakland Post was known as The Oakland Observer. The Observer was well known for its opinionated content about both politics and Oakland University.

What kind of opinionated content? Well, the Oct. 7, 1969 issue of the Observer began a letter from the staff with the phrase “Listen here mother*****.” The staff at the time was certainly not afraid to publish whatever they were thinking.

1969 also marked the year that The Observer had to move printing to Ohio because no Michigan-based publisher would print the content they were running.

It also marked the year that Focus: Oakland, another student-run newspaper, opened its doors, thus dooming the Observer to a closure in December of 1969.

However, despite opinionated content and radical practices, The Observer was not afraid to point out problems across campus. The Nov. 22, 1968 issue of the Observer was known infamously as the “Special Obscenity Issue” and used a “certain four letter word” numerous times.

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“We encourage creativity and freedom of expression. The Elbinger was a “deliberate affront to the moral sensibilities of students, faculty members and the public.

Official 1969 OU statement

Chancellor Varner received a phone call from Michigan Senator L. Harvey Lodge, asking how he could allow this “behavior” to happen.

He demanded that Varner send him 40 copies to give to the entire state Senate. Varner told them he did not

have them and that he had no control over a student publication. He objected to the use of the four letter word, however.

Lee Elbinger was another key player in the discussions of immorality at OU. He stood before his class on Dec. 10, 1968 eating an apple.

He was also nude.

Once he finished his performance, he walked through the crowd of 50 people and handed out candy.

Elbinger was not unfamiliar with annoying university officials. He had been thrown out of school in his second semester for failing to conduct himself “in a manner acceptable to the university community.” He returned from his suspension and caused more issues than ever before.

Hubert H. Humphrey came to speak on campus. Elbinger singlehandedly created the O.C.T.H.O.H.H, or the Oakland Committee to Gross Out Hubert Humphrey.

Their tactic was “using gas to fight gas.” In other words, the plan was to fart during Humphrey’s speech.

Following this incident, he was questioned by university administrators, the FBI and the Secret Service about his activities as the committee’s chairman.

Of course, State Senator Robert J. Huber was not too pleased with an already “immoral” student making headlines for stripping nude during his presentation.

“Frankly, the morals at the university are going to pot,” he told the Detroit Free Press.

The immoral actions? He accused the university of allowing “four letter words” in the classroom, saying there were students with illegitimate children and unmarried couples living together in Rochester.

Oh my.

He also said the Observer was “the worst college paper he had ever seen” and that he was “fed up with this crap”.

Later on, he accused Oakland of allowing students to live in caves on campus. He brought Channel 7 News out to see the caves, but the footage was never shown on TV.

Varner said that the Elbinger case must be handled with due process, and that his rights must be protected.

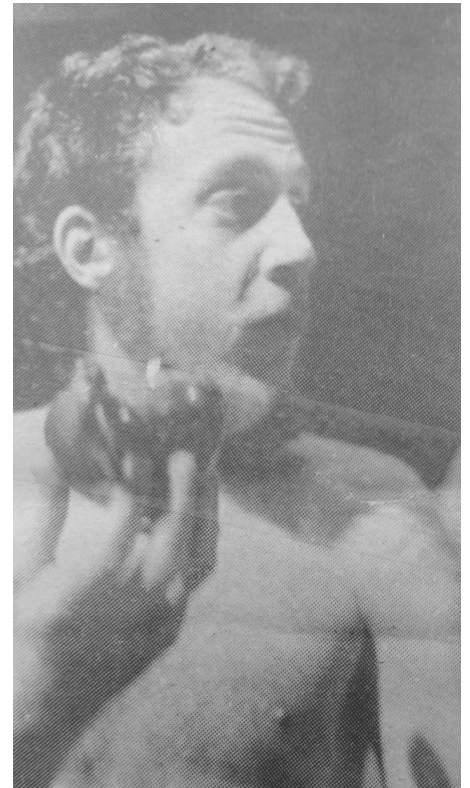
He further challenged Humphrey to apologize to the university, saying “It is clear to all of us that Senator Huber has damaged Oakland University.”

The Detroit News began its story by saying “One nude doesn’t make an immoral university.” Still, over 600 of 800 voting students decided the content of the Observer was not fit to print by the end of 1969.

The Observer, Sail and the Oakland Post have not run a nude photo since 1969 (and we don’t plan on doing so any time soon).

The Oakland Post Archives

Lee Elbinger, pictured right, eating his apple nude during his December 10 performance about Adam and Eve eating the apple. Elbinger was interested in philosophy during his studies at OU.



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Student Veterans prepare for third annual Road March

Mary Siring
Staff Reporter

The Student Veterans of Oakland University will host the third annual Road March to End Hunger on Friday, Sept. 8, to raise donations for the Emmanuel House in Detroit, a nonprofit that provides housing, substance abuse treatment and job placement services to homeless veterans.

The event will take place on Oakland's campus from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and begin with a 9/11 memorial service, performances from a veteran color guard who are residents at the Emmanuel House and the Star-Spangled Banner.

Following the memorial will be the event's signature one-mile hike around campus. Participation does not require signing up and is not exclusive to Oakland students and faculty.

Participants are asked to bring donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries and new or gently used clothing. Participants are also encouraged to bring a backpack to carry their donations in during the hike, symbolizing the weight that veterans bear.

"As veterans, we carry a certain amount of weight with us, both tangible and intangible weight," said Kyle McIntosh, treasurer of SVOU and this year's main event organizer. "We want individuals to take those donations, put them in a backpack and walk this."

However, it is not required to partake in the hike. Par-

ticipants are encouraged to mingle at the starting point, are welcome to purchase t-shirts and enjoy a catered lunch from Roadhouse Subs in Rochester.

Last year's event was host to 150 participants and raised \$600 as well as 600 pounds of food.

All donations will be given to the Emmanuel House where 70 previously homeless veterans are currently housed, receiving help during their transition back to civilian life.

"We have gone through the same thing, we have seen the same thing, but we all took away a different aspect or a different perspective from the one single incident," said Eric Wuestenberg, Coordinator of Oakland's Veteran Support Services. "It can affect us traumatically to the point where I'm here in this position and they are in the Emmanuel House or on the street corner."

Homelessness is a fairly common result. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 39,471 veterans are homeless on any given night.

"It's not hard to be homeless," McIntosh said. "It's the difference between making a left or a right turn at an intersection."

Both McIntosh and Wuestenberg shared their own stories of near homelessness, both losing their support systems upon their return home and struggling to reintegrate themselves back into civilian life.

"The one person, or people, that we come to that we would hope would be there for us in our darkest hour



Photo courtesy of Oakland University

Students partake in a one mile walk around campus in support of veterans.

abandon us and take off from us," Wuestenberg said. "It's knocking the legs out from underneath you."

The event is helping create and promote the support system for veterans that they, themselves, lost upon their return.

"It's people helping people. We are in a time where both sides of the aisle need a reason to come together and I believe that helping people is coming together," said McIntosh. "To help someone who has given everything that they have to this country...that is who we need to be giving back to."

WXOU builds community of listeners by appealing to wide audience

Edward Zilincik
Staff Intern

Oakland University's student-run radio station, WXOU, offers many different music options for listeners and students of Oakland University. By glancing at the WXOU schedule, programs vary from indie music to sports, alternative music to rhythm and blues - and even include some news and girl talk.

Drew Marczewski is the general manager at WXOU, his job at the station involves behind the scenes work including paying bills, booking events and coordinating projects with the WXOU staff and DJs.

"Variety is something that we take pride in here at WXOU," Marczewski said. "We are a free format station so we don't require our DJs to follow a set genre [or] style with their programs. This brings some diversity to airwaves while providing a community-based alternative to commercial radio."

"Our station consists of a hard working group of community DJs, staff and faculty," Marczewski said. "I want to make sure that WXOU continues to provide an environment for them all to thrive at what they do, whether it is covering news, mixing music, producing content or conducting interviews," Marczewski added.

Kevin Hawthorne, music director at WXOU, charts music for the North American College and Radio Chart and listens to as much music as humanly possible to see what's popular. According to Hawthorne, WXOU is meant to give students at Oakland University an outlet to voice their creativity to an audience of listeners and Oakland University students on FM radio (88.3 on the dial).

"A creative outlet is one of the most important things for a person to have," Hawthorne said. "You can come here, discuss sports or play music that speaks to you and that you want to share with the world... Essentially you can be yourself here."

"My job involves a bunch of room for creativity in terms of planning out how we [at the station] want to approach the upcoming year, which I enjoy," Marczewski said.

This creativity has worked for WXOU in recent history. WXOU was named the College Radio Station of the year by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014.

A few years ago the station had lead vocalist Cameron Boucher from Sorority Noise drop by the station for a visit. The station also had an interview with comedian Kyle Dunnigan a little over a year ago. Former Golden Grizzly point guard and current Cleveland Cavalier point guard, Kay Felder, was interviewed a couple months before he was drafted by the Cavaliers in the second round of the 2016 NBA draft.

As for what's planned for the upcoming fall and winter semesters at WXOU, the station plans to continue producing content for a wide variety of consumers, unveiling a new RadioFX app for listeners to stream broadcasts and interact easier with the station, while additionally hosting some noteworthy events. The station does plan to go with an updated cast of DJs and personalities, according to Hawthorne.

Marczewski said some of the events WXOU will be participating in will be: WXOU's Birthday Bash in March, will feature live music at the homecoming tailgate in Oc-



Credit to Oakland University

Tune into WXOU's daily broadcast at 88.3FM to hear a variety of music and news content.

tober and host their annual War of the Worlds broadcast later this fall.

"We started hosting jam sessions last year with members of our community that play instruments, which we are planning to make a regularly occurring event. Also, of course, we always host ticket giveaways weekly, both on air and around campus. We have a lot of stuff in the works, but nothing is confirmed yet in terms of big guests or interviews," said Hawthorne. "As for what's on the books for this fall, we have shows like Riley and Rookie for sports heads and News at Noon to keep everyone updated, which is our most popular show on the station."



Samantha Boggs / The Oakland Post

Oakland University staff works hard to keep communal bathrooms, residence hall lounges and bedrooms clean.

Healthy living space, healthy life

An unclean room can be a trigger for stress and a distraction from studying

Ariel Themm
Staff Intern

It was once said, "One, who maintains cleanliness keeps away diseases." A common problem that can lead to messy rooms is the slow accumulation of little trinkets and papers that soon swallow up the floor, then the bed, until there is nothing left of the actual room. This clutter does not only affect the living situation but it can also impact the body as well. A 2016 Psychology Today article titled, "The Powerful Psychology Behind Cleanliness," reported that in a 2010 study, women with messy homes were found to be more exhausted and they had an increase in the stress hormone Cortisol. A 2011 study conducted by Princeton University found that students struggled with focusing on one task when surrounded by a messy environment. The visual cortex becomes overwhelmed by other items causing the subject to find their attention divided. Even making the bed can lead to a better night's sleep. Most students will divide the chores amongst roommates but if they are living in halls such

as Hill Hall, Van Wagner Hall or Fitzgerald Hall, they find themselves with communal bathrooms. Fortunately, students are not expected to take care of these facilities. The Assistant Director for Residential Facilities, Kevin McDougall, is in charge of a team of 30 employees who meticulously clean the bathrooms in these halls every day. Armed with cleaner and disinfectant, two people from the janitorial staff sanitize every sink, partitioner and toilet seat in the buildings. "My staff do deep cleaning," McDougall said. "The students at Oakland University will find every nook and cranny of their rooms and bathrooms cleaned to perfection. I am so amazed by how much love and passion these staff members put into their job. They've even gone back to rooms already done to clean again because they didn't feel it lived up to the standards of what they can do." The staff is prepared and take precautions for students, they even call in a K-9 unit twice a year to guarantee no bed bugs are living in the mattresses that students are using. McDougall is not the only one to notice the

staff's hard work. Joey Baumbach, a junior at OU, shared how much the custodians are appreciated. "At Van Wagner, we had a custodian come in every day," Baumbach said. "She did a great job of keeping things tidy. Every now and then there would be a pretty bad mess left for her to take care of such as toilet rolls stuffed into the toilets. Our whole floor got her a thank you card for being so nice though." The dedication that the staff puts into their work should be inspiration for all students to maintain a clean room, not just for their health but to respect others as well. McDougall had some advice to share with the students on how to better care for their rooms. "Your mom is not going to be coming through and picking up after you," he said, "... Please treat [the residence halls] as if it was your own home." Maintaining a clean, healthy and happy environment should be important to every student, and it should be equally important to give thanks to all those who worked together to make our facilities the best that they can be.

Board of Trustees welcomes School of Music, Theatre, and Dance

Sadie Layher
Staff Intern

Oakland University President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz participated in her first Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, August 7. In the spirit of her vision to have pride in the school, she started the meeting by recognizing some students and a faculty member she feels are doing exceptional things — Dr. Satish Walia, Erika Cleary and Mary Asher. Pescovitz then welcomed professor Mike Mitchell, the director of the Oakland Chorale. He showcased some of the department's students in a performance by the chorale, which recently returned from Europe. The group performed one of the songs they had sung while in Slovenia. After Pescovitz's presentation, the BOT moved on to a proposal to rename the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance to the School of Music, Theatre and Dance. Distinguished professor of the Department of Music, Theater and Dance, Jackie Wiggins, made the case for the school.

Kevin Corcoran, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, explained that if the department were to become a school, it would still be housed in the CAS for financial purposes. Wiggins explained that with the establishment of a school, it would make the program more competitive, "increase external awareness" as well as provide more focus for students who want to singularly pursue music, theatre or dance. After Wiggins' presentation, the board unanimously voted to make the department a school. Wiggins said she is feeling "excitement and a relief for the future." Wiggins will serve as the interim director of the school, there will also be an associate director with three department chairs for the three departments — music, theatre and dance. This meeting also served as the end of Board Chair Richard DeVore's term. However, the BOT decided he will remain in his position until 2018 and Vice Chair W. David Tull will remain the vice chair instead of taking DeVore's place, which is customary. The BOT will meet again on Oct. 16 in the Oakland Center.

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LGBTQIA+ resources on Oakland's campus

Centers and resources across campus aid LGBTQIA students, staff, and faculty

By Cheyanne Kramer
Managing Editor

Oakland University has recently been ranked as the most inclusive university in the state of Michigan for LGBTQIA+ students. This is partly due to the efforts across campus to create offices, organizations and programs for students, staff and faculty to use who all identify as part of the LGBT community.

In addition to what's listed below, Oakland offers gender-inclusive housing options, and the option for housing employees to have their preferred pronouns listed on their name tags. In addition, OU has a preferred name policy, which allows students to use their preferred name on Moodle and in the classroom.

Gender and Sexuality Center

Currently located in Vandenberg Hall during the Oakland Center construction, the Gender and Sexuality Center (GSC) offers safer sex supplies, such as condoms and dental dams, as well as providing informational documents about LGBT issues, women's health issues and information on sexual assault.

The GSC also offers a peer mentoring program, where underclassmen can connect with upperclassmen who know what it is like to be in the LGBT community at Oakland. The program was the first in the state and began in 2008. Freshmen or first-year transfer students can apply to connect with a mentor by visiting <https://oakland.edu/gsc/programs-support/peer-mentoring/>.

Gender Neutral Bathrooms

Oakland University has over 20 gender neutral bathrooms across campus.

While there is none in the Oakland Center currently, newer buildings such as Oak View Hall and the Engineering Center have them.

According to the GSC's webpage, gender neutral bathrooms benefit not only transgender and gender non-conforming campus community members, but they also aid disabled individuals who need a larger bathroom as well as families with small children.

A full list of where to find gender neutral bathrooms on campus can be found

at <https://oakland.edu/gsc/gender-neutral-restrooms/>.

SAFE on Campus Training

One of the services offered to students, faculty and staff at Oakland is SAFE on Campus training. This training educates attendees in a 45-60 minute long course about LGBT terminology and being an ally to the community.

There are two different types of training for students, faculty and staff to participate in: basic and advance.

Most Oakland University Housing workers receive SAFE training as well.

Any organization can request a SAFE training session for their particular organization, and interested participants can join in public training sessions. Information regarding times and locations can be found at <https://oakland.edu/gsc/programs-support/safe/>.

LGBTQIA Employee Resource Group

The Resource Group began in 2004, and is located in the Graham Health Center. The group aims to foster an accepting place for all members of faculty and staff to learn about LGBT issues on Oakland's campus through events and discussions.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, and more details regarding how to join mailing lists and getting involved can be found at <https://oakland.edu/lgbtqia/meetings/>.

The Gay Straight Alliance

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is a student organization which puts on weekly meetings allowing members of the LGBT community and straight and cisgender allies to come together and talk about different topics pertaining to the LGBT population.

The organization is well known for the Drag Show, hosted in the spring of every academic year.

The GSA can be found at their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/gsaatou/>.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the LGBTQIA community on campus can attend the Welcome Reception on September 12. It will be in the Human Health Building room 1005 from noon until 1 p.m.

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Exclusive Greek honors society welcomes its first inductees

Simon Albaugh
Social Media Editor

August 31 marks the introduction of the first Greek-only honor society on Oakland University's campus. The Gamma Sigma Alpha Honor Society offers recognition to those within the sororities and fraternities that have achieved a 3.5 GPA or better in at least one semester and have at least 60 credits.

The national honor society was created in 1989 and is meant for students in Greek life who are passionate about academics. According to its website, Gamma Sigma Alpha has over 220 chapters in America and Canada and adds around 2,000 students to its ranks every year.

Other Michigan chapters include Albion College, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Kettering University, Michigan State University and The University of Michigan - Ann Arbor among a few others colleges.

A total of 23 inductees were present, and there were 11 others who could not attend. The ceremony featured opening remarks and an open ritual.

Upon completion of the ritual of Gamma Sigma Alpha, inductees were given a pin and certificate to show their achievement. Inductees then proudly brandished their awards to the friends and family who came to support them.

Louis Brown, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Inc. and recent inductee to Gamma Sigma Alpha, introduced the idea of deeper implications for his entire fraternity. "I think it sets the standard for our fraternity," Brown said. "It means a lot on that level."

To put this statement in perspective, nearly all of the on-campus Greek organizations were represented.



Simon Albaugh / The Oakland Post

Gamma Sigma Alpha encourages members of Greek life to excel in their academics. The new chapter inducted 23 members.

But even for those who were not inducted, there still remains the question of how Gamma Sigma Alpha can continue to gain momentum.

"Learning is one of our four core values," Abbey Smith of Gamma Phi Beta said.

Within that core value, there may be a greater desire for others to strive for this honor. Talking about the possible future relationship of Gamma Sigma Alpha and her own sorority, Smith said they both will become even more intermeshed.

The hope of those inducted is that more of their

brothers and sisters will join them in accepting the honor.

"I think when I go back to my organization they'll see that a lot of us had joined and think 'oh, I should join too,'" Smith said.

Gamma Sigma Alpha was introduced by Stephanie Jurva, assistant director of student organization programs. The goal, according to Jurva, is to encourage other students involved in Greek life to strive to become members of this honor society through exceptional scholarship.

How stylists are shifting the fashion industry

Celebrity designers are making their mark by popularizing new styles through social media

Katarina Kovac
Staff intern

While most of us are familiar with top models and actors such as the likes of Kendall Jenner, Gigi Hadid, Emma Stone, Bradley Cooper and Natalie Portman, not many are aware of the masterminds behind these celebrities' effortless style.

Celebrity stylists have quickly become household names and are changing the nature of the fashion industry in the process. From the vintage tees, fur coats and denim sets that are not only seen on the runway, but on the streets of New York, celebrity stylists are defining fashion trends quicker than any magazine ever could.

Many fashion enthusiasts have admired one of Karlie Kloss's pantsuits, drooled over Lorde's beautiful MTV Video Music Awards show gowns and fantasized about a dress that Ruth Negga or Sarah Paulson wore on an Oscar's red carpet. This is all the work of stylist Karla Welch.

Welch has a range of clients that include model Karlie Kloss, actresses Ruth Negga, Sarah Paulson, Mi-

chelle Monaghan, Demi Moore, Tracee Ellis Ross and more. Welch has solidified her status as a top

A-list celebrity stylist with the ability to create timeless looks and the connections to do so.

She recently started a clothing line called xKarla in collaboration with Hanes and Justin Bieber. While working with Bieber in the past, he always requested t-shirts that were extra long. To Karla's understanding, those did not exist in the marketplace, so she had to take matters into her own hands. She went to her local Kmart, stocked up on extra large Hanes tees, took them home and remade them by using a pattern she created. The results ended up being what Bieber wore on his Purpose Tour and it further ignited the xKarla collection.

Petra Flannery has also become a household name due to her extensive work with Emma Stone, Amy Adams, Reese Witherspoon, Andrew Garfield, Zoe Saldana and more.

Flannery was able to popularize the silk bomber jacket while bringing back vintage sunglasses by styling her clients in such ways. She styled Emma Stone in a custom Givenchy dress at the Oscars when she won Best Actress, and Emma was the first Oscar winner to

wear Givenchy since Audrey Hepburn.

Flannery's extensive connections to designers allows her clients to wear such exclusive pieces that leave America in awe whenever worn on the city streets or on the red carpet.

Monica Rose styles the entire Kardashian clan, as well as Gigi Hadid and Chrissy Teigen. She was able to convince the general public that lace up leggings and plastic boots were a necessity; something most department stores are not able to achieve.

Rose has an eye for detail and is probably the reason why people spend too much money on chokers at Forever21 and boyfriend jeans at Levi's.

Fashion stylists and the celebrities they dress have become more important determiners of fashion trends and style today than actual designers at fashion houses. As shocking as this is, the rise of social media has contributed to this. For example, any outfit Kendall Jenner or Gigi Hadid post on their Instagram is likely to sell out within minutes since together they boast 120 million followers.

Celebrity stylists like Welch, Flannery and Rose are creating a new path that does not focus on the appreciation of the design process that was previously put in place by fashion houses, but is effective and changing the game in the fashion industry nonetheless.

Meet the president: Ora Hirsch Pescovitz

The Oakland Post sat down with President Pescovitz to talk about her first months

Shelby Tankersley
Editor-In-Chief

It has been just over four months since Ora Hirsch Pescovitz was made the seventh president of Oakland University. She has spent these last few months learning about Oakland and transitioning with former president George Hynd.

But the transition period is over and Pescovitz is settling in. Most of her time is spent in meetings and working on improving campus, but she says her favorite part so far has been learning about Oakland and appreciating the school. For instance, when she is not in a meeting, she enjoys looking at Bear Lake from her office in Wilson Hall.

"The students are better than I thought," she said. "The faculty are more accomplished than I thought. The staff is more wonderful than I thought and the campus is far more beautiful than I would have imagined. All of the things that made me interested in the job are better than I had imagined."

Experiencing Oakland close-up during her first months has led her to do a few things differently than past presidents. At her first Board of Trustees meeting last month, she showed up with the Oakland University Chorale in tow so they could sing for the board and all who attended. She has also started publishing weekly Points of Pride, in which she highlights students, faculty, and staff who are doing noteworthy things.

"Here's one of the things I noticed when I came here: We aren't bragging enough," Pescovitz said. "When I was applying for the job, I did a little of my own research online. But, I was blown away when I got here. I was surprised that I hadn't found all of these amazing things during all of my research. We shouldn't be so modest, it's good to tell each other and our supporters what we're doing well."

She said that her Points of Pride will hopefully boost campus spirit and get Oakland some of the recognition she feels it deserves. As for



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President Pescovitz is excited to get to know the students of Oakland University and to be the best leader for the school's administration.

bringing the members of the chorale to the BOT meeting. She says she wanted to start off with something people won't forget.

"[The BOT] are my bosses, and I want them to see how good of a job the university is doing," Pescovitz said. "I want them to be proud and I want people to come to these meetings and see what we're up to."

She joked that she's not sure she can top that first performance, but she plans to always bring noteworthy happenings from around campus to every meeting.

Aside from working on morale, Pescovitz has also worked on creating the position of Chief Diversity Officer for the university. Vice President of Student Affairs, Glenn McIntosh, was chosen for the role and will work closely with organizations like the Center for Multicultural Initiatives on campus to promote equality, equity and inclusion.

"My hope is that this office will permeate the university and have great impact," she said. "I think it

really speaks to our values."

Pescovitz also hopes to boost recycling efforts and is focusing on listening to student input. She said she met with the Oakland University Student Congress last month to discuss potential initiatives and will soon start doing fireside talks with students so that she can meet as many as she can.

But, of course, meeting over 20,000 students is next to impossible. So, she has something to say to those that she will not get to meet:

"The number one goal for me and our leadership is student success," Pescovitz said. "I want students to love this institution. I want them to be able to look back at their time here and say that they were at the best possible university they could have been at. I want you all to be able to say that Oakland prepared you for work and life. I want our students to be able to leave lasting footprints wherever they go. The success of our students takes priority over everything else."

Some fun facts about the president:

1. Her favorite spot on campus is the Bear Lake (she wishes she could go chill out in one of the hammocks)
2. Her dream is to drive a race car
3. She loves spending time with her children, grandchildren, and significant other
4. Working out is a priority for her. The day The Post interviewed her, she had worked out for an hour and a half.
5. Live theatre is one of her favorite things (we suggested Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol")
6. She's got her eye on an electric bicycle to ride around campus

WELCOME

week

Over 2,000 students moved into University Housing between Saturday and Monday into Oakland University's apartment complexes and six residence halls. Student organizations, like Alpha Kappa Alpha and Glee Club participated in the Involvement Fair on Sept. 5 after Freshmen Convocation, hoping to attract new members to their organizations.

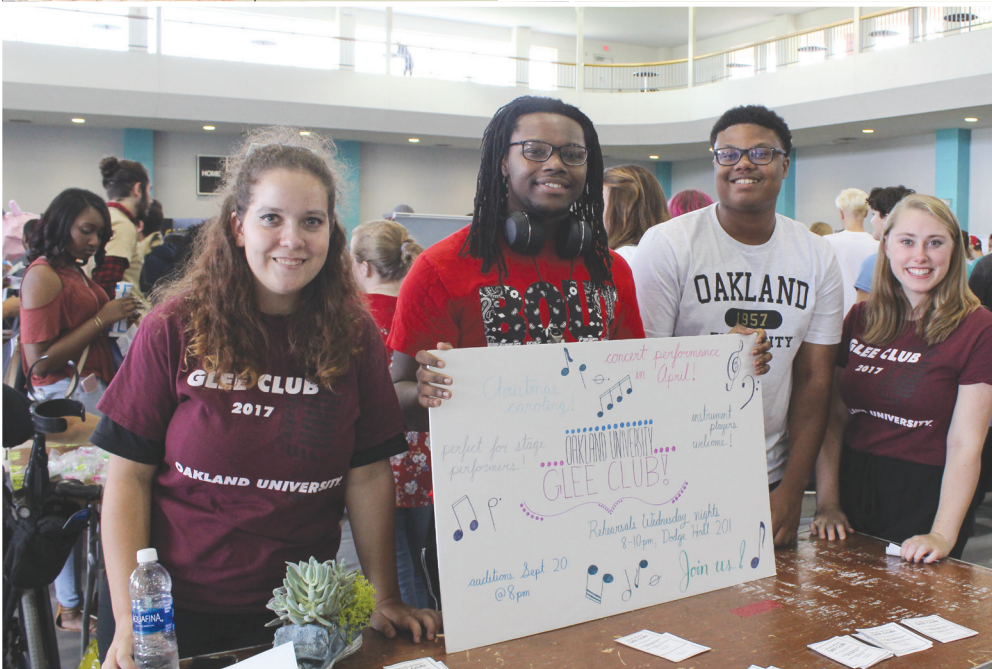


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WELCOME WEEK CALENDAR

Wednesday Sept 6	Thursday Sept 7	Friday Sept 8	Saturday Sept 9	Sunday Sept 10	Monday Sept 11	Tuesday Sept 12
<p>Classes begin @ 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Student Program Board's Hump Day @ 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Academic Peer Mentor Meet and Greet @ 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Oak View Hall Lawn</p> <p>Center for Multicultural Initiatives Welcome BBQ @ 6:00-9:00 p.m.</p> <p>Pre-Medical Society Association Welcome Bonfire @ 6:00-11:00 p.m.</p> <p>Residence Halls Association Open Mic Night @ 8:00 p.m. in Vandenberg Hall</p> <p>National Pan-Hellenic Council Greek Fair and Yard Show @ 9:00-11:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Grizzfest @ 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the lawn in front of Kresge</p> <p>The Student Activities Funding Board tie-die and bbq during Grizzfest</p> <p>Recreation and Well-Being's Find Your Fit @ 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center</p> <p>Saving Our Planet Earth's eco-friendly picnic @ 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the south side of Vandenberg Hall</p> <p>Women's soccer vs. Florida Atlantic @ 7:00-9:00 p.m. Oakland Soccer Field</p> <p>Meijer Mania @ 8:00 p.m. - Midnight. Meet at Hamlin Circle. Meet the Grizz Gang there!</p>	<p>Student Veterans 9/11 Remembrance and Road March for Hunger @ 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. between North and South Foundation Halls</p> <p>North Foundation Hall Open House @ 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>International Welcome Reception @ 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms</p> <p>23rd annual Sigma Pi Pig Roast and SPB Carnival @ 5:00-10:00 p.m. on the north side of the OC</p> <p>Student Video Production's Outdoor Movie @ 8:00-10:00 p.m. on the north side of O'Dowd Hall</p>	<p>Jump Start for New Students @ 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms</p> <p>Football Club vs. Faculty Charity Game @ 4:00 p.m. at the Athletic Outdoor Complex</p> <p>Center for Student Activities and RHA Comedy and Game Show @ 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. in the OC Banquet Rooms</p>	<p>Sorority Recruitment begins</p> <p>RHA showing of "Beauty and the Beast" @ 8:00 p.m. on the OVH Lawn</p>	<p>NO EVENTS</p>	<p>SPB's Poppin @ 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. between South Foundation and North Foundation</p> <p>LGBTQIA+ Welcome Reception @ noon-1:00p.m.</p>

OUCARES Pre-Employment skills training program for ASD adults



Courtesy of Oakland University

Evan Hodges participates in a practice interview as part of the Autism Outreach Service.

Mary Siring
Staff Reporter

OUCARES, the Oakland University Center for Autism Outreach Services, held an information session on Aug. 29 for their upcoming Pre-Employment Skills Training session, a 12 week program for adults with high functioning Autism, Aspergers or PDD-NOS, focusing on job-related skills, beginning Sept. 18.

"There are over 3 million individuals living with autism today," said Caroline Gorman, the Meadows Learning Center coordinator of OUCARES. "Over the next decade, an estimated 500,000 individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) will reach the age of 21 and 'age out' of government-mandated programs."

The increase in the population of adults with ASD is a large concern to the state of Michigan and for OUCARES. The goal of the Pre-Employment Skills Training is to help adults with ASD overcome the difficulties they often face in securing and maintaining meaningful employment opportunities.

"The Pre-Employment Skills Training has been offered since July 2016," Gorman said. "Over 70 percent of the individuals who have previously participated in this program have gone on to either gain employment or enroll in an educational program that will assist them with reaching their employment goals."

The three key areas that will be focused on during the session are interpersonal skills, understanding employ-

ment, and independent living.

"If you are seeking a job in any field where you will be helping others, being able to relate to people is crucial not only to finding a job, but also to being successful at your job," said Jenna Katz, a Special Lecturer in the Department of Writing and Rhetoric. "For fields where the focus is not helping others, you still need to be able to relate to people on a daily basis, so making sure that you show your interest and compassion for others is always a wise move."

For individuals with ASD, a condition specifically characterized by difficulty in communication and forming relationships with other people, it is important to provide extra help and resources to ensure that they have support in overcoming their struggles and ensuring that they have as positive a chance as anyone.

These outreach services focus on improving the quality of life of individuals with autism across their lifespan, their families and the broader community by developing comprehensive and quality programs.

As the job market becomes more competitive and is ever-changing, providing avenues which allow every individual to put their best foot forward is of great importance, which is what OUCARES is working to achieve with the ASD community.

"Searching for a job, interviewing and networking are some of the most nerve-racking things for anyone to have to do," Katz said. "Programs that help people to develop skills to highlight their natural abilities to assist them in this process are outstanding."

POLICE FILES

PNG Alert

A man came to the Oakland University Police Department dispatch window on Aug. 21, requesting visitation with the captain or sergeant in charge. He identified himself as an OU alum and admitted that he was not welcome on campus because he "received a letter in the mail." He described being PNG'd unjustly and that an OU employee was fired because of the incident. He came to campus anyway as he was invited for the following day (Aug. 22) by a professor and he wanted to be sure that this was allowed. He was told to leave and not return until he received resolution with the Dean of Students.

A "Bad habit of smoking cigars"

A man was questioned on August 15 for suspicious behavior near the Greek cottages on S. Adams Rd. He stated that he walks his dog around the trail when he knew students were not there and had acquired a bad habit of smoking cigars on the nearby golf course, using a chair from the first house. The incident included a run-in with two Oakland employees who stated that the man was wearing flip flops, which were odd walking attire, and attempting to open the door of one of the houses. He was issued a PNG.

Panty thief?

OUPD was called to Oak View Hall by a female student stating that there was an unwanted female guest in her room. The unwanted individual had been accused by the caller of stealing two pairs of Victoria's Secret underwear. The unwanted guest stated that hundreds of pairs of underwear were sold at Victoria's Secret, just like the pair in question, and she had no way of proving that the underwear was the caller's. Both parties were advised to have no further contact and no enforcement action was taken.

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Words of wisdom for freshmen

Isaac Martin
Political Contributor

If you want to fish well, talk to a champion fisher. If you want better grades and to stand out when you graduate, talk to outstanding students. Without a doubt, Oakland University alumnus Nick Walter (Criminal Justice, '16) fits that description. Before graduating and entering Arizona State University's law school, this Golden Grizzly was both a presidential scholar and the student body president. He has some words of wisdom for those of you just joining us at OU.

Better grades

"Schedule everything," Walter said. "Use Google Calendar or some other electronic calendar religiously. Every single activity, class, work, parties, should be scheduled, with reminders based on how much preparation you need to do for that activity."

You will be amazed at how much more you can do when you are keeping careful track of exactly where you need to be at any given time."

A recent study by Elevate Education reveals two common practices among excellent students that confirms Walter's advice. The study, conducted over 13 years on top students in the U.S., U.K., Australia and South Africa, discovered that these students intentionally schedule time to do things they love.

The second thing this study found is best summarized by Chad Scribner (pre-med, '19), another presidential scholar at Oakland.

"Stay focused," he urged, "don't let other students distract you from your goals."

Prepare for the future

At Oakland, you have access to a wealth of opportunities to en-

hance your career and get a leg up on your competition.

Chad says several resources to keep in mind are Career Services, the Writing Center and professors. All of which are free of charge for students.



Chad would also "highly recommend everyone visit Career Services as soon as possible to maximize their chances at internships and networking opportunities."

He is not alone in this thinking.

"Take advantage of your Career Services resources," said Jonathan Moy, a Washington Crossings Scholar at Hillsdale College (political economy, '18). "They give you an edge over other students when you're applying for jobs or internships or post-graduate education."

This strategy seems to have worked for Moy. He has landed several internships - including two in Washington D.C.

Invaluable internships

This is what Moy had this to say about internships:

"Jump at them. A lot of times these internships are paid, but even the unpaid ones can teach you a lot. They really help to define your career path and they demonstrate initiative on your resume. Also, a lot of times there will be internships where you think you're qualified and you end up not getting the position."

Moy's takeaway from these disappointments? Don't get discouraged; keep applying.

"Don't be afraid to stretch yourself too," he added. "You might get accepted after all."

A good college experience

Moy also has a unique perspective on the college years having interviewed dozens of college alumni for his school. He says that "the biggest thing alumni tell me is 'You're only in college for four years. Make the best use of it.'"

This is important to remember. Our college years are short. We mustn't waste them. We need to remember the things that got us to this point: hard work, perseverance and determination.

I would encourage you, as you venture into the new school term, study hard, stay focused and be balanced! I am looking forward to seeing you on campus this fall!

How to survive your first day as a Golden Grizzly

Tips and tricks for new students to have a successful start to the school year

Falin Hakeem
Staff Reporter

We all remember that first day of college - the exact outfit we were wearing, the surge of anxiety pumping through our blood as we walked into the classroom and being dubbed a "freshman" even after graduating high school.

Below, Oakland University upperclassmen and alumni reminisce on their first day and provide tips on how to survive it.

Confidence is key

"I remember wearing this frosty blue eyeliner that I thought looked so cool" said Mashal Khan, a 2013 alumna. "Be bold on your first day, even if you cringe about it years later."

Pushing the point further,

2015 alumna Anita Dallo suggested confidence in meeting new people.

"There's absolutely nothing to be afraid of, contrary to popular belief," Dallo said. "It's just a group of people your age sitting in a room together, don't be scared to talk to them or to ask questions. I met my husband in that room of people."

Utilize those here to help

Dallo further explained it's not just the students one should get close to.

"Even if you don't make friends right away, try and develop relationships with your professors from the very beginning," she said. "Only good things can come of it."

2013 alumna Subha Hanif said taking advantage of the undergraduate advisors can help make the year easier.

"I know I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for mine," Hanif said. "As a freshman, one can feel overwhelmed and may not know what they want to major in exactly."

Plan wisely with recourses

As far as the first day goes, 2016 alumna Namra Awan said to wait on buying your books.

"I remember buying all my books before my first day of classes because I wanted to make sure I was prepared," Awan said. "Sometimes it's not the best idea - a lot of the time the textbooks listed on your syllabus are older editions and need to be updated or the professor will say you don't need them" she said.

Although Awan didn't buy her books on the first day of classes, she suggested buying

scantrons ahead of time.

"I once forgot my scantron because I waited until the day of the exam and I was late to class," Awan said. "From that day on I always had a pack on me. Even on the first day."

Prepare for parking

As for tips on surviving the parking structure, sophomore Veronica Hirmiz said to leave at least an hour early in order to find a spot.

"If you live on campus, parking is not as bad, but spots fill up quickly," she said. "It's better to be safe than sorry."

Hirmiz added that for those classes that aren't mandatory, don't be tempted to skip, even when late because of parking.

"If you skip, you will be behind and it will be evident in your grades," she said. "Some people assume the first day is always a blow off, but that's not always the case."

Be you

Khan said the best tip she can give is that in order to survive classes, make sure they're the right fit.

"What works for others may not work for you," she said. "Work smart, not hard."



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Jury Duty: A Millennial's Perspective

Life Editor Laurel Kraus sees jury duty as a privilege not a pain in the neck



Laurel Kraus
Life Editor

So you receive a letter in the mail that states where and when to go, you show up on that day and get admitted through security. You stand in line, get handed a pink badge, find an

open seat, sit down and wait. All day.

Sound familiar? This is the front lines of jury duty.

Mention those two words to practically anyone and it's as though the politically correct response has to be a choice between "I'm so sorry" and "it'll bore you to death."

Call me crazy, but after experiencing the entirety of the system firsthand, I would have to lean toward "what an honor" and "if you get selected you'll have a fascinating experience."

Just last week I was awarded the opportunity to serve as juror number two on a criminal trial for a man accused of being the getaway driver for an armed assault and robbery.

Actual footage from the incident and witness testimony from FBI agents were only a small part of what I found to

be an overall captivating process.

The one thing I couldn't help but notice through it all, however, was the constant and persistent complaining. I was so excited to be there, yet all around me for three days was the griping and groaning from my fellow jurors about how, "it's such a beautiful day but we're stuck here," or "I was so hoping they wouldn't pick me" or "they could at least bring us bagels in the morning."

Not to mention those who weaseled their way out of being selected in the first place. With only 14 seats to fill, it still took the understandably frustrated judge nearly two hours to complete the task. All because nearly 30 American citizens claimed that just three days of service would cause them irreparable and

unnecessary hardship.

The ordeal got so ridiculous that at one point the judge paused the process to deliver a short speech on the honor and importance of service, which hung from the remark that, "this country only asks two things of us, taxes and jury duty."

This certainly seems like a small price to pay in return for the absolute freedom, comfort and prosperity that is the United States of America.

That being said, while it's fairly agreeable that taxes are simply no fun, the same can hardly be proven of jury duty.

The reluctance to miss a few day's pay or time with the family is understandable.

But supporting our system of government, which is unlike any other in the world, should be considered more of an honor.

Beyond our civic duty is the chance to experience the serious yet buzzing atmosphere surrounding jurors, from the escorts by a bailiff to attorneys avoiding eye contact and quite literally doing a 180 when spotting a juror out in public.

In short, the entire concept of such a system places members of the jury at the center of all proceedings, as these individuals ultimately bear the responsibility of determining a person's innocence or guilt.

The experience is exciting, educational and absolutely one of a kind.

But if none of this has proved convincing that jury duty is anything more than an inconvenience, then hey, at least there's a cool certificate that you get at the end of everything.

Political Focus: North Korea at it again

Crisis continues after Kim Jong Un reveals North Korea's newest toy



John Bozick
Web Editor

It was late Saturday night for many Americans when a tremor that was equal to a 6.3 magnitude earthquake was reported on the Korean peninsula. This was later confirmed to be a nuclear

test. If one thing is certain about this test, it is that North Korea continues to do what it does best—test the nerves of President Donald J. Trump.

This test, which is the first to be conducted during the Trump administration, came not long after North Korea, in one of its most ambitious moves yet, launched a missile over Japan. This move prompted the Japanese government to issue warnings to its citizens in the missile's path.

What sets this test apart from some of the others conducted by the Hermit Kingdom is the fact that North Korea allegedly says this was a test of its newest Hydrogen bomb. Hydrogen bombs pose more of threat than conventional nuclear weapons, and the fact that North Korea potentially possess a

weapon of this magnitude is worrisome to some world leaders.

The United States' ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, said that the North was "begging for war" by these actions and that the U.S. would seek to cut trade to those that do trade with North Korea.

Speaking on the matter, Secretary of Defense James Mattis said, "Any threat to the United States and its territories including Guam or our allies will be met with a massive military response, a response both effective and overwhelming."

President Trump, in a surprisingly well-composed and concise tweet, stated that "The United States is considering, in addition to other options, stopping all trade with any country doing

business with North Korea."

This idea, which some view as nothing but a threat, would see the United States cut ties with countries such as China, India and Russia, among many others. These comments angered China, the North's only major ally, whose foreign minister called the threats "unacceptable" and "unfair."

In a statement from Chinese state media, Chinese President Xi Jinping said that the entire incident is "posing challenges to world peace." Perhaps because China is the North's only key ally, they have been accused by Trump of being too weak on North Korea.

China, however has repeatedly told the North in the past to cease its nuclear program and to comply with the United Nations, which

strictly prohibits their actions, yet these actions have done little to sway Kim Jong Un.

While it's difficult to determine what's worse, North Korea's "acquisition" of a hydrogen bomb, or the fact that Donald Trump currently has control of the entire U.S. nuclear arsenal, the most certain idea is that both the U.S. and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) need utilize diplomacy and both could really benefit from a sane leader at the helm.

Yet, as 2017 continues to take on more of a cold war-esque feel, there is one thing everyone should be asking both Trump and Kim Jong Un, is to please not blow the world up before the new season of Game of Thrones, okay?

Powerful film focuses on dangers of social media

Trevor Tyle
Staff Reporter

Spoiler alert: This review contains minor plot spoilers about "Ingrid Goes West"

Ah, social media, the only real way anyone finds out anything about anyone anymore. Most of us are guilty of stalking someone else's profile at some point or another, right? The good old days where people learned about one another through one-on-one communication are all but gone, and while our surroundings continue to evolve, we're taking steps back in our ability to communicate with others.

In "Ingrid Goes West," director Matt Spicer tackles this issue head-on. The film follows Ingrid Thorburn (Aubrey Plaza), a mentally unstable girl whose loneliness following her mother's death leads her to a life of social media stalking and subsequent one-sided friendships. After arriving uninvited to the wedding of one of these "friends" to attack her with pepper spray, she is briefly admitted to a mental institution, only to take the \$60,000 her mother left her and go to California to befriend Taylor Sloane (Elizabeth Olsen), an Instagram "influencer" who has become Ingrid's latest infatuation.

Viewers will recognize Plaza from her breakthrough role as April Ludgate on the popular sitcom "Parks and Recreation." The series found Plaza portraying a pessimistic young woman with a sick and twisted sense of humor, a quality that she has brought to this role in a far more serious fashion. The disturbed character's portrayal is so convincing that it inclines audiences to feel somewhat sympathetic toward her. Though "Ingrid Goes West" is far from a psychological thriller, Plaza's exceptional performance as a deranged social media stalker reaches a previously unseen depth and would make her the perfect choice for such a film.

In fact, the film mostly teeter-totters between comedy and drama, providing enough sadistic humor to not be taken too seriously but enough drama to convey the film's overall serious message. Though the film is classified as a dark comedy, the laughable moments are few and far between, and audiences will find it hard to laugh at Ingrid's desperate attempts to befriend Taylor throughout the movie because of the underlying themes of mental health. The film's inability to commit to either a serious or comedic approach results in a convoluted blend of genres that occasionally loses focus.

Despite its flaws, "Ingrid Goes West"

has a brilliant cast. Plaza's aforementioned starring role is reason enough to watch the film; however, Olsen's portrayal of Taylor Sloane is equally compelling and offers audiences a glance at the delusive lifestyles so many of us try to exhibit online. "Straight Outta Compton" star O'Shea Jackson Jr. portrays Ingrid's landlord and eventual love interest, giving a performance that is both charming and promising for the up-and-coming actor.

However, more than anything else, what drives this film is the statements it makes about social media and mental health awareness. The lengths to which these characters go, emphasizes the severity of technological addictions in the modern world, while the film's final moments offer a painstakingly emotional plea for help from a victim of mental illness (although the relatively happy conclusion is perhaps too unrealistic to fully carry the weight of such heavy themes). Unfortunately, the film's "R" rating makes it nearly impossible for its messages to reach many of the younger audiences that it should.

In short, "Ingrid Goes West" has some powerful and relevant subject matter that make the film worth seeing, but doesn't provide enough entertainment for more than one or two viewings.

Rating: 3.5/5 stars



Photo courtesy of IMDb

Aubrey Plaza and Elizabeth Olsen star in the film, which first premiered in August 2017.



Photo courtesy of MTV

Katy Perry hosted this year's MTV Video Music Awards and brought in her political views.

The VMAs: Has the entertainment industry been corrupted by politics?

Trevor Tyle
Staff Reporter

Last Sunday, the eternally controversial MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs) aired, but this year, there were no meat dresses, twerking pop stars or ridiculous outbursts from Kanye West. Instead, the VMAs took a serious turn and dove head-first into dangerous territory—American politics.

This shouldn't come as a complete surprise. The show's host, Katy Perry, was one of many celebrities in attendance that night that had publicly endorsed Hillary Clinton for the 2016 presidential election. In her opening monologue, Perry spoke of music uniting people during hard times, while later remarks included references to her pro-Clinton tweets and a not-so-subtle joke about how the Best New Artist category was "an election where the popular vote actually matters."

Meanwhile, Paris Jackson spoke out against the recent violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, stating: "We must show these Nazi white-supremacist jerks in Charlottesville, and all over the country, that as a nation with liberty as our slogan, we have zero tolerance for their violence and their hatred and their discrimination."

Many of the performances also tackled political issues, among them Kendrick Lamar's opening performance, which directly addressed police brutality, and P!nk's performance of her new song "What About Us," which had some subtle political undertones. Susan Bro, mother of Heather Heyer, who was killed counter-protesting a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville earlier this month, also made an appearance, unveiling plans for a nonprofit organization in honor of her late daughter.

Viewers immediately noticed the political messages of this year's show, with some praising it and others feeling offended by

its almost unanimous liberal stance. Furthermore, the various social and political issues that the show tackled raised the question of whether or not politics belong in entertainment at all.

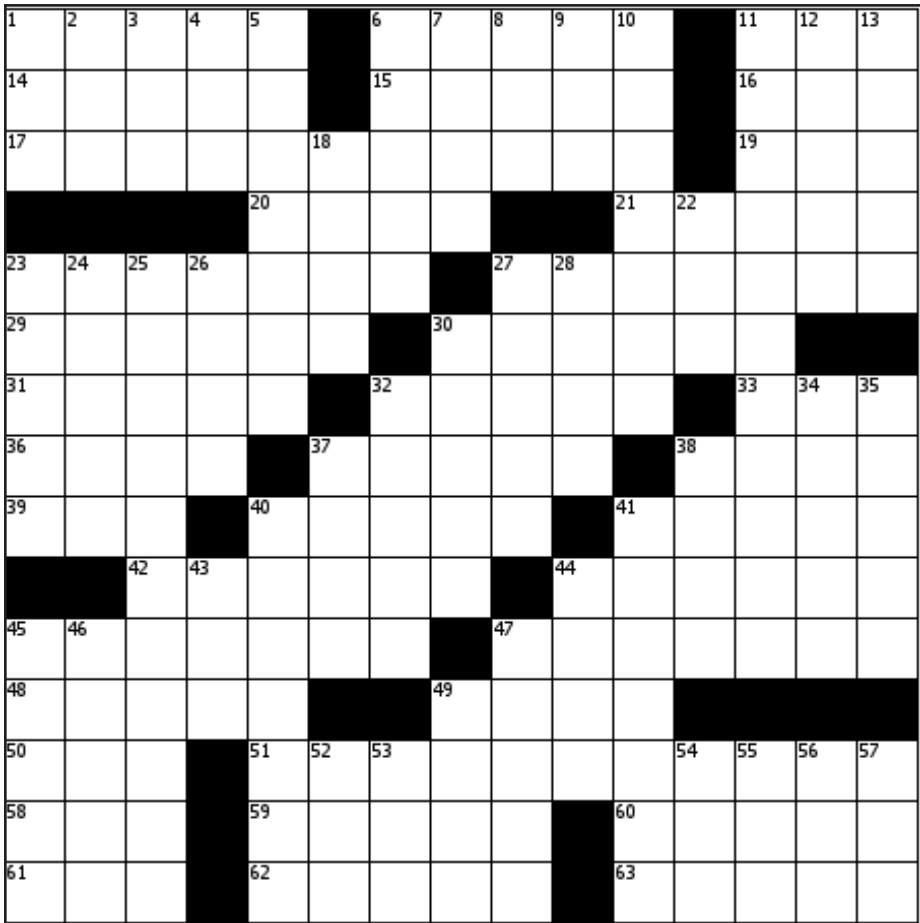
Despite some viewers' apprehensions of a more politically charged entertainment industry, the fact of the matter is that politics have become essentially inescapable, which means ignoring them will only prolong the issues they have created. However, the entertainment industry has a massive audience that can be easily influenced. Celebrities have the power to influence and educate their followers; however, not in the sense that they can force opinions on them, but in the sense that they can encourage their followers to have an opinion and to speak up for what they feel strongly about.

Celebrities' incomparable ability to influence people is exactly why they promote certain brands and ask their fans to donate to a charity they support—because they know there are millions of dedicated fans that will do exactly that. Perhaps it is not the content of their messages, but the efforts. Their willingness to speak openly about their beliefs encourages others to do the same, which will ultimately change politics for the better in the future.

A more politically charged show was bound to increase ratings, which was brilliant on MTV's part. People enjoy talking about politics—regardless of the potentially negative outcomes—because we are all directly affected by them. Bringing a group of entertainers together to openly discuss issues that others may be afraid to talk about will ultimately encourage more discussion, which is exactly what is needed right now.

While it would be unethical to assume celebrities have a duty to be vocal about politics, they should be commended for choosing to do so, because in doing so, they are educating others, and eliciting the opportunity for change.

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Across

1. Basic unit of capacitance
6. Battle mettles
11. Dr. Seuss character
14. TV studio light
15. City on the Penobscot
16. Nod or mod attachment
17. Boys with badges
19. Org. in "Patriot Games"
20. "Rich Man, Poor Man" author
21. Film editor's units
23. Sunblock
27. Polish remover
29. Removed from memory
30. Word with Vallarta or Rico
31. Biblical king
32. Bernstein and Lewis
33. Twist-off, e.g.
36. Atlas statistic
37. Flower component
38. Toast-topper, sometimes
39. Novelist Deighton
40. Military assistants
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42. He may swing from the heels
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45. Got going
47. Like eggs prepped for

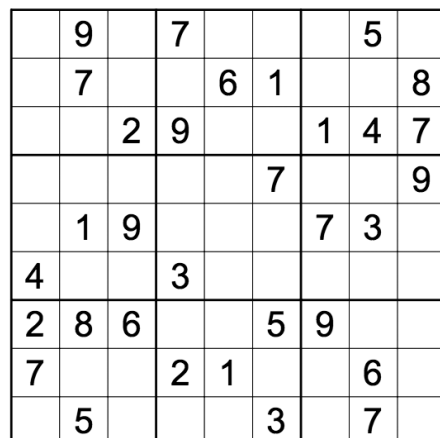
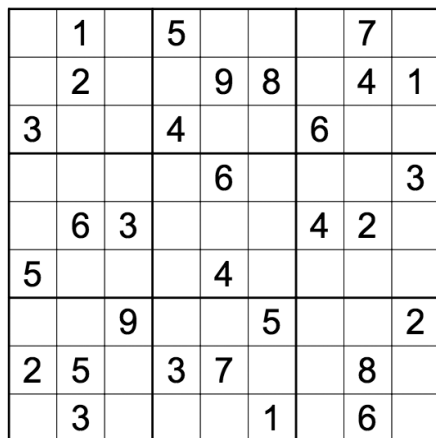
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51. Rat
58. Opening-day pitcher
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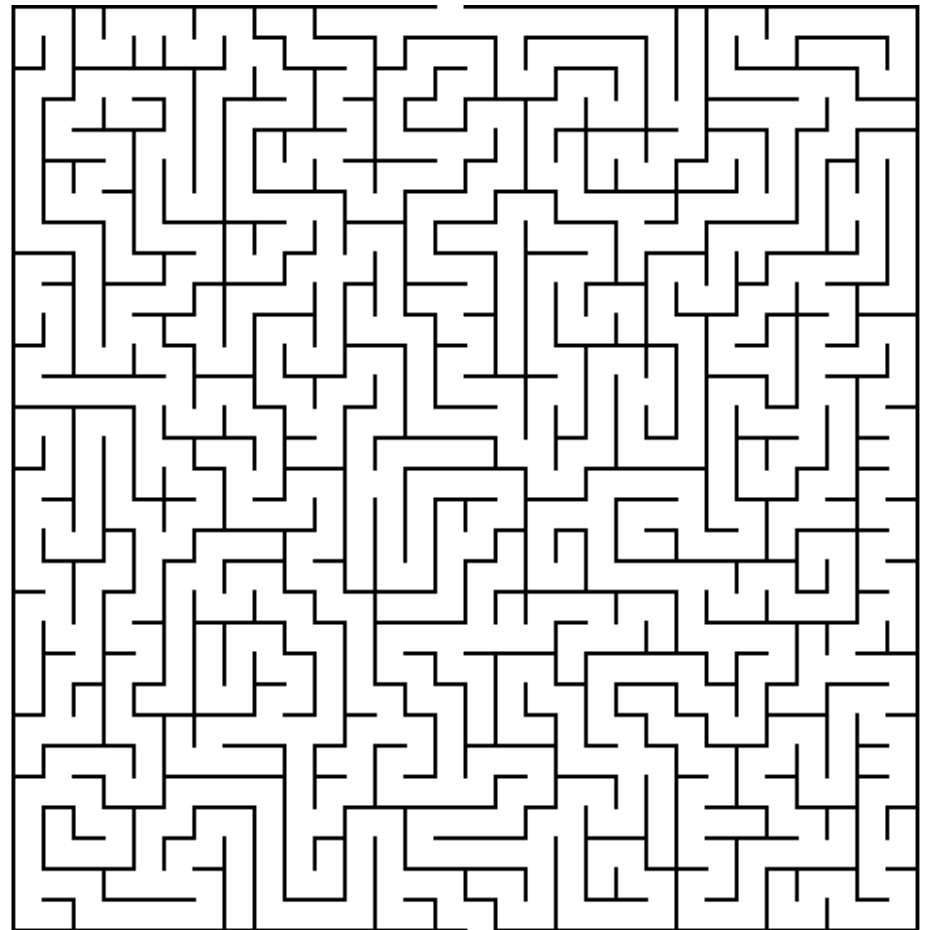
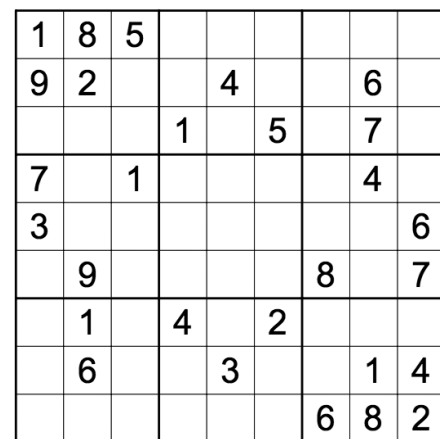
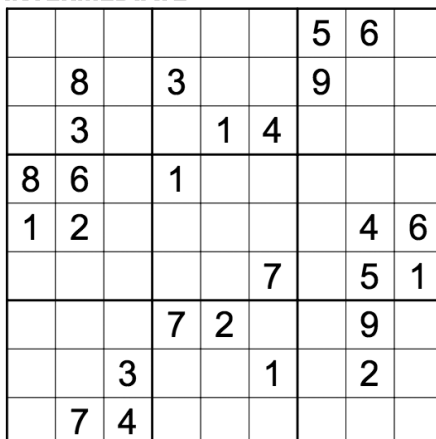
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3. Classless newspaper
4. Suffer ill health
5. Adorned
6. Outspoken
7. "... pretty maids all in ___"
8. Bodybuilder Ferrigno
9. Can. province (Abbr.)
10. Personnel lists
11. Noisy timekeeper
12. Immigrant
13. Kid a kid
18. Equipped with footwear
22. Telecom co.
23. Piano feature

24. "What ____ mood I'm in ..."
25. Black-tressed
26. It's east of the Urals
27. Saintly radiances
28. Spreadsheet unit
30. Word with news or tissue
32. Gave up, as land
34. Condor's nest
35. Did some modeling
37. Locale
38. Keats' creations
40. Bears witness
41. Your view or mine
43. April 15 addressee
44. Transport commercially
45. One leading to temptation?
46. Kind of element
47. Water holes
49. Proper function
52. One-time Delta competitor
53. Black gold
54. 3.75, e.g.
55. Poe's evening
56. Fabled sea monster
57. Thumbs down

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INTERMEDIATE



Army veteran steps down from men's basketball

Isaiah Brock leaves OU athletics to focus on his studies

Katie LaDuke
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, Aug. 9, Oakland University's Athletics Director Jeff Konya confirmed with The Detroit News that Isaiah Brock would be leaving Oakland University men's basketball after just one season. The 23-year-old U.S. Army Veteran has decided to focus exclusively on his studies. The Detroit News also reported that, though he remains enrolled at Oakland, it is unclear if he will finish his education there.

Brock spent four years serving in the Army, which included multiple overseas deployments where he worked to retrieve fatally wounded soldiers and prepare these wounded men and women for their final trip back to the U.S. For his time served in the Army, the Baltimore native earned many awards, including the Army Commendation Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Medal, a Army Service

Ribbon and a Certificate of Achievement.

After meeting men's basketball Head Coach Greg Kampe at the Hardwood Classic in Kuwait in 2015, receiving a scholarship to play Division I basketball for Oakland, being deemed ineligible to play by the NCAA and having the NCAA repeal the decision of ineligibility, Brock became a regular starter for the 2016-17 Oakland men's basketball team. He started 29 of his 33 games for the Golden Grizzlies, averaged 6.2 rebounds per game and finished with 72 blocks, which was second-best in the Horizon League and 28th in the country. Brock was also named to the Horizon League All-Freshmen Team and to the Horizon League All-Defensive Team.

Both Konya and Kampe thanked Brock for his time with Oakland basketball and respect the presence and maturity he brought to the program. With just a few months until the start of the 2017-18 basketball season in November, Oakland now looks to fill Brock's spot on the roster.



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After serving overseas in the army for four years, Isaiah Brock joined Oakland University's men's basketball team in 2016. He plans to focus on his studies.

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2017-2018 Oakland University club football team; the Golden Grizzlies have their first game Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.

Football club moves to main campus

*A dream come true
for OU Club Football*

Skylar Tolfree
Sports Editor

It was announced on July 21 that the Oakland University Club Football team will finally make its mark and move to Oakland's main campus. This is the first time in the history of the university that there is a football team that will be playing on campus.

"It is a dream come true," said team president Christopher Polite. "Not only for the current and past players of our team who have worked so hard for this opportunity, but even more for the surrounding community and the student body."

Rumors have circled for years as to why the team has never played on campus. One of the most popular was that Matilda Dodge Wilson was against contact sports, another was that Oakland doesn't qualify to have a football team. However, there simply are not enough resources to have a NCAA football program.

However, the football club remains successful. Within

the past four years, the team has won two National Championships and in 2016, 13 All-Americans and 8 Academic All-Americans. Some other awards include:

2014 NCFE Great Lakes East Champions
2014 NCFE Great Lakes Conference Champions
2014 NCFE National Champions
2016 Great Lakes Conference Champions
2016 NCFE National Champions

Their competitive skill-level has given them a good following during off campus games played in Auburn Hills. But, the team has wanted to be on campus for years. In June, the Student Activities Fund Assessment Committee; which is made up of representatives from Club Sports, the Center for Student Activities, the Student Life and Lecture Board, Oakland University Student Congress, the Student Activities Funding Board, The Oakland Post, WXOU, the Student Program Board and Student Video Productions; voted to give the football club \$10,000 for its portable goal posts, which can be rolled on and off the football field.

The posts can be removed

in the event that the soccer teams need the field, as that is the teams' designated backup field. But, the football club is allowed to paint football lines on the field and keep the goal posts up for its games. The first official home game for the team will be Sept. 16, from 7-9 p.m. at the upper fields.

The teams schedule, videos, images and announcements can be found on their Facebook page, as well as their website. If students want to see the team in action before their first official home game in mid September, they will be playing a flag football game against Oakland University faculty on Sept. 9, at 4 p.m. The proceeds of this game will go toward charity.

"Through our performance, on and off the field we hope to achieve the goal of simply being just another reason why students and alumni should be proud to be a Golden Grizzly," Polite said.

You can catch their home games on:

- **September 16 vs the Michigan Patriots**
- **October 14 vs Eastern Michigan**
- **October 21 vs UM- Flint**
- **October 28 vs Michigan State**

Oakland University Club Sports 2017-2018

*An introduction to
all the club sports
OU has to offer*

Katie LaDuke
Staff Reporter

Aside from being a Division I university for athletics, Oakland University is also home to 31 club sports with a total of over 500 members. This makes Club Sports one of the largest student organization groups on campus. Each club sport is operated out of the University Recreation and Well-Being Department and is completely student run. The teams function just like a normal student organization would. So, it is up to the students in the club to fund and schedule the team.

Club Sports at Oakland serves the purpose of giving campus members the ability to engage in activities to promote in areas along the lines of student development, socialization, physical activity and fitness. Since each club sport is student run, members are able to gain leadership and organization management skills while playing a sport.

To be eligible to join a club sport, all Oakland undergraduate and graduate students must be enrolled in at least one credit. Other members of the Oakland University community, such as non-students, employees and alumni, are also able to join a club sport if interested participants are at least 18 years of age and have purchased a membership to the Recreation Center if the sport utilizes this facility.

More information about tryouts and practices can be obtained from contacting the executive board of each team. Their information can be found on the GrizzOrgs website.

Just like regular university athletics, club sports are

able to travel for competition. Many sports travel to local in-state institutions, and out-of-state and international travel is also possible depending on the club sport.

Because many of these teams have their own competitions and tournaments that are not covered in the sports section, The Oakland Post is going to be highlighting some of these teams every week. Though they may not be in the school's sports program, many of these teams excel in their respective competitions.

Below is a list of teams that The Oakland Post will be catching up with over the course of the academic year. Stay tuned.

- Ballroom and Latin Dance
- Baseball
- Women's Basketball
- Bowling
- Cricket
- Dagorhir
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Figure Skating
- Football
- Golf
- GrizzFit (CrossFit)
- Men's Ice Hockey (DI)
- Men's Ice Hockey (DIII)
- Judo
- Men's Lacrosse
- Women's Lacrosse
- Men's Rugby
- Women's Rugby
- Running
- Ski & Snowboard
- Men's Soccer
- Women's Soccer
- Softball
- Swim
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Vitality Dance
- Women's Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Winter Guard

For more information on select teams, visit the team's GrizzOrg page.

Get involved in intramural sports at OU

IM sports participants are able to create camaraderie, build community and get exercise

Connor McNeely
Campus Editor

For some people, college is the most exciting stage of life. Attending a university opens doors to opportunities that far exceed textbooks and PowerPoints. Social opportunities that create camaraderie, build community and clear the conscious after cram studying all week are found all over campus.

Aside from the various student organizations, Greek affiliations and campus culture associations, there is a recreational outlet that students, faculty, staff and alumni/affiliates can participate in—intramural sports.

Intramural sports are a great way for both campus residents and commuter students to get involved. It is a suitable athletic outlet for those who want to continue their athletic skills after high school, meet new people and have fun without the additional pressure and commitment of collegiate sports.

Participants are encouraged to join teams, create teams and become team captains. Registration can be done online via IM Leagues and this

fall, Oakland University is offering some rather unique options.

Remember when dodgeball got banned from gym class and recess in elementary school? Here's your shot at redemption. Compete with others to see just how fast you can throw the same ball that helped Vince Vaughn win over Globo Gym – thanks to Chuck Norris. The registration deadline for intramural dodgeball is Sept. 8. Competition starts Sept. 12 and there is a \$20 fee per team.

This one might also be a blast from the past; team handball. The organized version of hot lava you may have played as a kid, where you keep a ball from hitting the floor using just your hands while trying to score it in the opposing team's goal. Registration for team handball is Sept. 28. Competition starts Oct. 2 and the registration fee is \$15 per team.

Those who have academic and work schedules too jam packed to maintain a continuous competition can enjoy a single tournament with specific intramural sports.

On Sept. 5 at 6 p.m., a sand volleyball tournament will be taking place at the Hamlin Hall sand volleyball courts. This competition is free and re-

quires no prior registration.

For those who enjoy tossing a frisbee, there is a disc golf course on campus, Grizzly Oaks, and there is an intramural tournament for that as well. Registration for the event will begin Sept. 21 and the competition will take place Sept. 26. This tournament is also free.

Additional intramural sports being offered this fall include an ultimate frisbee tournament, softball, soccer, wallyball tournament, tennis tournament, badminton, flag football, volleyball and an arena basketball tournament to close out the season.

A great staple of intramural sports is that they do not require any prior experience. They are a great gateway for anyone looking to try a new sport or social activity beyond the classroom. Intramural sports promote lifetime fitness and wellness practices for all that are affiliated with the school.

In an environment that can be clouded with competition such as college, it is important to remember to have fun and enjoy the experience of it all. Intramural sports are a solid starting line for building new and exciting friendships, memories and achievements here on campus at Oakland.

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Joe Arpaio is a vampire that feeds on Mexicans (AKA Tlahuelpuchi)

An Arizona Tent City? Lack of Adequate Living Conditions? Bite marks on Latinos?

Stephen Armica
Satirist

President Donald Trump's recent pardon of former Sheriff Joe Arpaio has many shaking their heads in agony, wondering why this matters or celebrating along with David Duke. While the first two are appropriate, it must be understood by everyone what Joe Arpaio did to require a pardon.

Arpaio created a jail system based on racially profiling anyone with dark skin and an accent that matches the Speedy Gonzales training video he developed. These were not "drug dealers, rapists and bad people," but often times regular people that just knew how to cook really good Tamales.

This jail system wasn't a normal one. They did not wait in a jail cell with continued access to food, water and a lawyer. They were living in tents in the backyard of the jail. This is Arizona. Not a mild September day in Michigan at your cousin's house. Come on.

Trump's response to this was to call him "a great American patriot." After that, I can only assume that Trump was playing monopoly while talking about his approval rating. I don't know, maybe he noticed the first card in his deck

and just ran with it.

So after hours of trying to guess what Trump's reason for this could be, I developed the only possible solution: Joe Arpaio is a vampire! This may seem far-fetched, but please hear me out.

Arpaio clearly requires blood to survive. According to Hispanic folklore, I think he is what is known as the "Tlahuelpuchi." While I might not know how to pronounce that, I can tell you it sounds pretty sketchy.

According to the myth, one gains the curse by being responsible for the death of someone else with the curse. Do you know how many people died in Arpaio's jails? According to one report, it's about a quarter of all inmates in Arpaio's jail that commit suicide. That's not counting heat stroke, malnutrition, mistreatment or that one time they just beat the shit out of a pregnant woman.

So with those numbers, it's not hard to catch the curse. But what's the only way to really know? By catching them in the act. The problem is that Count Arpaio wasn't caught. He was pardoned.

So I'm telling America this in a way that might be more appealing. Trump didn't pardon a virulent racist that held the power to destroy innocent people's lives. He let a vampire roam free to feed on human blood. Count Arpaio is on



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Arpaio seems to be much scarier than Count Dracula for his abuse towards of Hispanic people the prowls, folks.

Now that he hasn't been convicted of a felony, he can willingly run for public office and create a police state where he can quench his dark bloodlust at whim.

The important journalistic question is obviously what white nationalists have to do with this thing. What about the protest on campus last year? Are they vampires? Do we have vampires on our campus? Is Oakland Univer-

sity a breeding ground for conservative vampires?! Oh my God, is everyone who's conservative a vampire?!!

When people wake up to this fact, they're probably going to wonder why Trump would do this for a vampire - or if he's a vampire like I am. For those answers, I'll explain when I've researched more on this. In the meantime, wear garlic and a crucifix. It'll keep Arpaio away while I work on proving this whole thing.

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