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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**DOG DAYS ARE OVER** // Students stop to pet Bruce, a golden labrador retriever training to be a service dog. His owner Jane Dietrich, secretary of the dean of engineering, brings him to campus for walks.

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

Christmas music will probably start playing soon, how do you feel about it?

- A** I love it! Crank up that Rudolph!
- B** Can I eat some turkey first please?
- C** Play Silent Nights once and I'm out.
- D** [Starts Mean Girls Dance] JINGLE BELL JINGLE BELL JINGLE BELL ROCK

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

Halloween is creeping up now, what are your plans?

- A** My risqué costume is ready for the parties!  
6 votes
- B** A lonely night of drinking and eating candy :(  
8 votes
- C** Trick-or-treating, it's free food technically  
2 votes
- D** I'LL BE WITH YOU ALL NIGHT LONG  
1 vote

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### November 8, 1995

OU secretary Mary Paige stood mute at her arraignment after being charged with four counts of embezzlement after money went missing from the counseling center fund.

### November 6, 1996

Athletes spoke out in support of Oakland moving to a Division I-AAA and student congress remained divided on the idea of the shift.

### November 3, 1993

Students got light headed and dizzy, noting symptoms such as blue-tinted finger nails. The ventilation may have been to blame for these problems.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer



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### SPOOKTACULAR OU

Just in time for the holiday, Oakland University offered a new event for the community, including a trick-or-treat concert by the bell tower.



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### GUARDING OUR WINTERS

After having the most successful starting year, the Oakland University Winter Guard club has a performance scheduled at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



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### GRIZZ GANG GROWING

In preparation for the season, OU Grizz Gang is ready to give students a completely new experience watching Oakland compete.

## BY THE NUMBERS

HALLOWEEN

7.9 billion

estimated amount spent this year on Halloween

\$93.42

spent per consumer on Halloween

18.9%

of people will make their own costume

50,900

acres of pumpkin patches

41.2 million

estimated trick-or-treaters per year



# Perspectives

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### *Pep band responds to last week's Letter to the Editor*

**Kenneth Kroesche, D.M.A.**  
Director, Golden Grizzlies  
Band

On behalf of the Golden Grizzlies Band I would like to offer our sincerest apologies for any misconduct that Ms. Moeller, the Vitality Dance Team and the Winter Guard Club may have witnessed at the OU Football Club game on Saturday, October 17. It is regrettable to hear that the band might have been perceived as an organization that is anything other than supportive to the groups on campus.

When I learned of Ms. Moeller's allegations, my staff and I quickly looked into the situation and found no reason to believe that any member of the band made "sexist comments and belittling remarks" as reported in Ms. Moeller's letter. While I cannot deny what Ms. Moeller heard, I can say with a certain degree of confidence that any disparaging remarks did not come from a Golden Grizzlies Band member.

Regarding our behavior

at Oakland home basketball games, I can offer that I am proud of the way the Golden Grizzlies Band represents the university. For each of these games, win or lose, the band is supportive of the team and the other spirit organizations such as the Grizz Gang and the Oakland Cheer Team.

Along with these groups, the Golden Grizzlies Band has helped transform the culture of audience participation at games. Rather than just sitting passively in their seats, the crowd is now standing, cheering and showing school spirit as they support the team. Our school, like so many universities, has developed traditions over the years and I have learned Ms. Moeller is offended by the band's counting of what is referred to as "hair flips" by the Oakland Cheer Team during their routines. This practice has taken place for a number of years now and the Cheer Team seems to enjoy this banter as much as the band. If at any point the Cheer Team were to ever tell us to refrain from

this, I can assure that we would comply. With that said, the band deeply regrets that the Vitality Dance Team was made to feel that we disrespected their contribution at the Football Club game. I think it was difficult for the band to understand that this might be misinterpreted by another group.

I hope this letter might help to provide an explanation for what was observed and perceived from our performance at that game. It should be said the band has been disheartened by Ms. Moeller's letter, because they take great pride in representing Oakland both musically and as a spirit organization. In the coming weeks that preceded the beginning of the basketball season, the band and I will reflect on our traditions and whether they may go too far. Finally, it is my sincerest hope that when students, alumni and fans come to the games this season that we would make them proud to be a part of Oakland University.

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In the article "Oakland teams up with Wayne State to offer quicker law degree" in the Oct. 21 issue of the Oakland Post, we wrote that a 3.4 GPA and a 157 LSAT were the minimum entrance requirements for Wayne Law. The 157 LSAT score is the median, and the median GPA is 3.42 for Wayne State's law school. A 3.4 GPA must be maintained by Oakland students and they must be in the Bachelor of Integrative Studies at OU in order to partake in the partnership OU has with Wayne Law.

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The Real Deal: Reagan really the “ideal conservative”?

Ryan Fox  
Contributor

Ronald Reagan. He is often hailed as the ideal conservative, a hero who stared down the communists and made America powerful. He campaigned on the principles of small government and fiscal responsibility. Donald Trump even recently cited Reagan as “one of the great presidents.” For the hundredth anniversary of his birth, conservative groups around the country



Photo contributed by  
Ryan Fox

threw parties trying to outdo one another. Presidential candidate Jeb Bush is the son of Reagan’s vice president. Despite how long ago he actually held office, Reagan is still relevant in today’s political debate and discussion. However, Reagan is not the ideal conservative many portray him as today. Sworn in as the 40th president of the United States, Reagan is often viewed as the ‘tough guy’ president. Few people are actually aware of his multiple foreign policy blunders, such as the Iran-Contra Controversy, where he openly defied Congress and broke American law. During the Reagan Administration, a deal was organized between the U.S. and Iran, where the U.S. would

sell weapons through Israel to Iran in order to guarantee the return of U.S. prisoners being held in Lebanon. The revenue generated from this deal was then sent to fund an anti-communist rebel group in Nicaragua. Now at face value, this deal seems like a logical course of action. But upon further examination, ugly truths start to appear. Reagan officials sold weapons to Iran while the international community had them under an embargo. Not to mention this was just after the Iranian Hostage Crisis. Furthermore, the rebel groups in which Reagan officials were supporting had committed horrible atrocities. Congress had made further support of the Contra’s illegal, so Reagan decided that he would

do it secretly. The Administration created a covert agency called “The Enterprise,” and essentially used both private funding and funding from other nations to support a murderous rebel group illegally. Considering conservatives support the ideals of small government and moral values, Reagan should already be disqualified from being the conservative hero. This, however, only covers his foreign blunders, and not the issues he would cause back home. It was the Reagan administration that would push for the deregulation of the financial sector, and this deregulation would eventually lead to the economic crash of 2008. Even now we are still feeling the effect of Reagan’s bad economic policy, which

managed to majorly benefit elites while hurting the middle class. Now, Reagan was not a completely bad politician. He supported a women’s right to make her own health decisions, granted amnesty to 3 Million illegal immigrants and let them gain citizenship, and helped establish the Department of Veterans Affairs. All of the good policies that Reagan did enact were liberal in nature. Reagan even sought to close tax loopholes that benefit the wealthy. Couple that with the fact that he increased taxes eight times, massively increased government spending, and tripled the national deficit, we can see why conservatives might want to find a new hero.

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# Grizzlies on the Prowl

"What is the cut off age for trick-or-treating?"



**Chablis DeBuck, freshman, marketing**

"I think 16 to be honest. After that point, it might not be appropriate. I think once you can drive and get your own candy, you don't have to trick-or-treat."



**Carlton Walker, sophomore, cinema studies**

"Sixteen. Don't get me wrong, I love candy, but I just go buy it at the store and eat it myself."



**Ryan Antishion, junior, nursing**

"Probably 18. Once you're out of high school, people start going to more parties rather than trick-or-treating."



**Kaitlyn Neal, freshman, undecided**

"Thirteen or 14. It seems like that's the age when you start growing up."

— Compiled by Dani Cojocari,

## POLICE FILES

### Stolen property in the upper fields

On Oct. 5, OUPD was called to the upper fields after a student reported that her wallet had been taken. The student had left her wallet near the sidewalk by the concessions stand. She went to take some photos and came back to discover that her wallet had been taken. The wallet contained \$40, a credit card and an ATM card. As far as OUPD has been told, the wallet has not yet been found.

### Larceny in the O'rena

A wallet was stolen from a soccer player in the locker room on Oct. 7. OUPD was called to the O'rena the next day. Some money and a credit card were taken. Whoever had taken the card had attempted to use it several times. With the help of students, OUPD was able to identify a suspect. When the suspected student spoke with OUPD he admitted to needing some money, which led to him taking the wallet. The student said after he used it for some gas and groceries, he threw away the card.

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,  
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## The Walking Dead: Oakland University

*Zombie Walk to Meadow Brook Mansion turns out a success*

**Cheyenne Kramer**  
Staff Reporter

This year's zombie walk, hosted by the Residence Halls Association, was much better than last year's, according to students.

This year welcomed new changes, including a trail in the beginning of the night that led students through the Meadow Brook property, telling ghost stories along the way. Then students went through a path filled with zombies running and screaming, eliciting many screams from terrified eventgoers.

The first 100 participants got free shirts that read "A night at the mansion," referencing the stories tour guides told about



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

On Oct. 23, RHA hosted the Zombie Walk, which led students through the haunted and zombie-filled trail to Meadow Brook Mansion.

the stories behind Meadow Brook Mansion.

Kristina Whitaker, sophomore at Oakland, said that this year's event was much better than last years.

"They incorporated more to it, so it wasn't just walking through a path with people screaming and jumping out

at you," she said, "The stories built up to it and made everything a bit more scary"

Brianna Jaczynski, another student attendee, said that she was excited about the cider and donuts supplied at the end of the trail, and added she was excited to see the feature return this year.

### Ghost stories told during Zombie Walk:

**Matilda Wilson's ghost:** Rumor has it that Matilda Wilson haunts the halls of the mansion. The story told of a police officer bringing his wife on a ride along. When he did his rounds in the mansion, he called out to the rumored ghost, "Hey Matilda, we're coming up!". He was met with slamming doors and flickering lights.

**Danny's Cabin:** Rumor says that the cabin behind the mansion, which was once a clubhouse, used to be where the children played cops and robbers. Stories say that shadows can be seen running through the field playing games like they once did.

**Third Floor East Vandenberg:** The story told of two fraternity pledges who were told to flash a light in every room in the then being-built residence hall. However, when they got to a room in three east, the light never shown. When the fraternity brothers went to investigate, all they found was a baseball cap. Stories have been told of residents waking up to a shadowy figure with a baseball cap watching them, and even the possibility of exorcisms taking place in the space.

**Doll House:** Matilda's daughter had a doll house the size of a small home, completely filled with dolls. People say that today, there are still dolls inside lurking inside of the house, and that if you knock on the door, something may come out or respond to the knocking.

## From Cafe O'Bears to Au Bon Pain

**Nowshin Chowdhury**  
Photographer

At the beginning of fall semester 2015, Café O'Bears was replaced with Au Bon Pain Café and Bakery, and Bumpers was replaced with Bear Cave. The Pioneer Food Court added Panda Express, Moe's Southwest Grill and full service Chick-Fil-A, but the name for the food court remained the same.

Louis Kane founded Au Bon Pain in Boston, Mass. in 1978 with the goal to serve the community with fresh bread and croissants daily. Since then, the company has managed to expand to over 300 stores worldwide. The only two locations in Michigan are on the campuses of University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Oakland University.

"The O'Bears' renovations were a result of the recent food contract bid letting process.

Cafe O'Bears was built in 2003 and it was showing its age and the menu was limited due to the nature of the concept," director of the Oakland Center, Richard Fekel said.

All baked goods in the café are made fresh in the Oakland Center daily. Oakland University sophomore Steven Tocco said that he likes Au Bon Pain for the fresh food it offers.

"I really like the idea of a bakery that bakes fresh bread daily better than an off-brand Starbucks," Tocco said.

While some students adjusted to the new changes, others had difficulty with the foreign-sounding name.

"I wish I knew what 'au bon pain' means and how to pronounce it," sophomore Natalia Boyko said. "I've been rejecting all the name changes at Oakland. I liked Café O'Bears."

While referring to the new café, some students still call it by the old name.

"I have come to still call the new café as 'Café O'Bears' because that is what I became accustomed to doing. The new name, I think, everyone could have gone without," Oakland University sophomore Hanna Boussi said.

As part of renovations, the store size was reduced and more sitting space was made available outside. Inside the store, checkout lanes have been added for customer convenience.

"The previous configuration was a walk up to the counter set up which led to very long lines in the walk way and discouraged those guests that just wanted a quick cup of coffee or bakery item from getting their products," Resident District Manager Mark McCormick said.

To the freshman class, the café was just another place on campus they were unfamiliar with. Freshman Hannah



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Au Bon Pain replaced Cafe O'Bears at the beginning of the fall semester.

Gorosh said she only knew of Café O'Bears because she has heard the upper class students calling the new café by the old name.

"I liked the punny name before the change. The new one is interesting because 80 percent of the people I hear say the word 'pain' like the

English word and not French, which is hilarious at times," Gorosh said.

The smell of fresh coffee, baked goods and deli sandwiches seems to have attracted great amount of customers who flood the lines on weekdays and some weekends.



# Board of Trustees talk running of university

Kevin Teller  
Campus Editor

**O**n Thursday, Oct. 22, the Board of Trustees met in Elliot Hall. Here are some of the biggest takeaways from the Board's formal session.

## 1. AAUP contract agreement reached

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has been bargaining with the OU administration in the search of a fair contract agreement since this past summer. They reached a tentative agreement on Aug. 29, but it was not approved by the Board until this session. The contract includes a five-year agreement with the option for a re-opener in 2018.

## 2. New faculty hires in fiscal year of 2016

Among the many aspects spoken about in the treasurer's report, the addition of staff and instructors over the course of the next year was another item spoken about. This is something that is also part of the budget that prompted the tuition increase approval in July. In addition to the roles that have been previously specified in the past, searched are being made for a new vice president for development and alumni relations, dean of the school of nursing, dean of the school of health sciences, and associate vice president for research.

However, some positions have already been filled, including the newly created role of chief operating officer, which was simultaneously announced as being created and filled on Oct. 27. Board member Scott Kunselman has taken on this new position, according to Hynd, positioning him as a member of the President's Cabinet.

## 3. Sexual assault awareness

During President Hynd's report, he mentioned the growing awareness about sexual assaults on campus. Hynd said that OU is trying to keep up with practices, education, and programs about sexual assault prevention and awareness. According to Hynd, OUPD is working actively to ensure that people feel safe on campus. He also mentioned that people should take into account the dangers and risks that are involved in social media.

## 4. Strategic Planning Progress

The task forces that work together to provide a clear and direct purpose for OU have also been making strides, according to Hynd's report. The team splits their work into three distinct streams: identification, ways to enhance communication, and financial diversity and revenue streams.

The Board of Trustees' next formal session is scheduled for Dec. 2, and The Oakland Post plans to report on all future Board meetings.



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The Board of Trustees held a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 22 to discuss updates.

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# SpOUktacular: A new Halloween tradition

*A haunting event for students, community makes its debut on campus*

Alexus Bomar  
Staff Reporter

**O**akland University continuously offers new events to improve campus and get more involvement from students and the community.

Halloween is just around the corner, and students always wonder what events are being planned for them.

A new Halloween tradition known as OU's Spooktacular Halloween series made its debut on Friday, Oct. 23.

There were Halloween-related activities and a carillon recital at the Elliott Tower Friday.

The same event will take place again this on Friday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A great way to unwind will be sticking around until the very end of the event for the live carillon concert by OU's carillonneur Dennis Curry.

A carillon is an instrument made of giant bells that is controlled by a keyboard and OU's own carillon is in Elliott Tower. The concert will start at 7 p.m.

Curry has been a professional carillonneur for 25 years and is also the carillonneur and associated music director at Kirk in the Hills, a church in Bloomfield Hills.

Every Friday at noon, Curry plays a live concert as part of the Fridays at Noon Carillon Series. The program relates to something happening on campus or around the world.

"Last week, I played selections from the musical titled 'Oklahoma!' which was a performance put on by the Music, Theater and Dance department here," Curry said.

Curry will be performing some contemporary scary music like the "Addams Family" theme song at OU's Spooktacular Halloween series on Friday.

"I think this is going to be a great and fun event and I'm glad to see

OU is getting the community involved," Curry said.

Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development, is beyond excited to enjoy the fall festivities and music.

"Students, faculty and the community are welcome to come to this event to enjoy the Halloween activities," Miller said. "Everyone doesn't have to dress up, so they can feel free to come as they are or can get in the Halloween spirit and dress up."

Halloween-related activities include trick-or-treating around the tower, face painting, arts and crafts and giveaways. It wouldn't be fall and Halloween without free apple cider, donuts and caramel apples.

If anyone wants to show their OU pride, there is a Grizz stencil available online to decorate a jack-o-lantern with. Also, share any Halloween and Spooktacular photos using #ThisisOU, as well as tagging OU's social media handles.



Jason Bombaci / The Oakland Post

Students, faculty and community members were all welcome to the event. Caramel apples, cider and donuts were provided and a costume contest was held.

## 'Smokey Paws' BBQ food truck launch to be delayed

Cheyenne Kramer  
Staff Reporter

**S**mokey Paws, the new barbeque food truck previously scheduled to launch on Friday, Oct. 23, had to delay its soft launch as it ran into problems Wednesday, Oct. 21 with the truck not starting.

Mark McCormik, district manager of Chartwells, said the truck will feature a variety of barbequed foods and sides, even desserts. The cheapest option offered will be about \$4 and the truck offers a couple of vegetarian options too.

However, students will be unable to use transfer meals at the food truck, because of risks of the truck being too overcrowded with hungry students waiting to use their transfers.

McCormik said that it was a feasible option in the future, if sales remain low.

The launch was canceled because of the technical fail-

ures that came with trying to get the truck ready for launch.

McCormik said the biggest problems were being able to get the truck onto campus and figuring out where to store the truck in the off season.

"Right now, we're planning on storing it in the Facilities Building, but in the winter, it can't be on campus, because the building is needed to store the salt trucks and other winter equipment," he said, "No one's jumping on the chance to volunteer to store it."

In addition, the food truck will be able to stop in three different locations — the triangle shaped platform outside of the Human Health Building, the grassy area by the University Circle and the area between O'Dowd Hall and the Athletics Building. The exact location of the truck will be able to be found via social media, McCormik said.

The twitter page, @Smok-

eyPawsOU, currently has 17 followers and will be the main mode of communication between Chartwells and students about the locations of the truck.

Frank Calandrino, an OU student, said that he was confused on what times the truck would be running and why to even have barbeque on campus.

"Barbeque is one of my personal favorites and is an easily craveable food. It's also easy for us to make using the new smoker we got installed into the Vandenberg cafeteria," McCormik said.

He said that there is no official launch date, as they are pending more information about when they can get the truck fixed and when they can get trained on using the truck itself.

"It's a long process, but hopefully we can get up and running soon," he said.



Dave Jackson / The Oakland Post

The much-anticipated BBQ food truck has yet to debut on campus.

Smokey Paws will close down when snow starts sticking, and will reopen before the end of the winter semester.

McCormik said there is also a possibility for menu growth in the future.

Students who find the current menu options limiting

can look forward to limited time offers and new easy-to-make items being added to the menu.

More information about the food truck can be found on the truck's twitter page, @Smok-eyPawsOU, or at Chartwells' Facebook page.



## Dean's Choice Awards now benefitting community

*Starting this year, student organizations will have a chance to make differences for coveted cash prizes*

Sarah Lawrence  
Staff Intern

Beginning Nov. 1, the Oakland University Dean of Students Office and Oakland University Credit Union (OUCU) are coming together to help students involved in club sports, residence hall association and other student organizations give back to their community with the third annual Dean's Choice Awards.

In the past, the Dean's Choice Awards have been awarded based on an individual project or essay submission, however this year the criteria has changed as an effort to encourage student groups to help the greater Oakland community.

"This year, our goal for the Dean's Choice Awards is to provide student groups with an incentive to give back to the university community and beyond," Jean Ann Miller, director of the center of student activities and leadership Development, said. "This competition is also giving them a chance to give back through their student organization and gain a positive reputation for their group in the volunteer community."

Groups must register by Nov. 1 to participate. Once registration has been completed, individuals may log hours for their organization using the VIP Program link on the website.

Additional points will be awarded to groups who post photos holding a student organization, Oakland University or OUCU sign at their event.

The winners will be determined based on the number of volunteers, number of currently enrolled OU students who participate and the impact the organization

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Jean Ann Miller  
Director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development

has on the community. This will be based on type of service, overall originality and the OU community.

Winners will receive cash prizes deposited into their student organization's account. First place will be awarded \$1,250, second will receive \$750 and third will receive \$500.

"It's really a win-win situation," Miller said. "Those who need the assistance are receiving it, and the student organizations have the opportunity to earn money to use for their events and activities with the student body. We thought moving away from individual involvement and focusing more on student organizations would allow for a larger, more positive impact on the university community."

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Official competition announcements will be made through the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development.



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# Grizzly talent shines bright

*Performers showcase their skills, students  
vote for winners at Student Program Board's  
annual OU's Got Talent*

By Sarah Lawrence / Staff Reporter  
Photography by Dave Jackson

Katherine Taylor was a contestant  
in this year's OU's Got Talent. She  
sang along with piano.



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After months of preparation and sifting through live and online auditions, the Student Program Board hosted their annual production of OU's Got Talent on Oct. 26 at Meadow Brook Theater.

With 12 acts composed of 19 students, the event was filled with a variety of musical and spoken talents along with entertainment from host Marc LaMotte, former university advisor turned stand-up comedian.

This year's judges included Leonard Kraus, stand up comedian and winner of 2014 OU's Got Talent, Jean Ann Miller, Oakland University's director of student activities and Erin Ben-Moche, news director at WXOU.

The program began with an original song from junior Brittany Baker and continued on to feature two other vocalists and their renditions of "Resentment" and "Ave Maria" by Beyonce. Both acts impressed the crowd with their controlled riffs and overall range.

Among the various musical acts, freshman Benjamin Walthers stood out as the only contestant to perform an original piece of spoken word, "The Tragedy of a Poet." His controlled delivery of the emotional story resulted in a period of uninterrupted applause from the audience, as well as praise from the judges regarding his unique showcase.

Following Walthers, sophomore Jenna Russell performed "Run Away With Me" from the musical The Unauthorized Autobiography of Samantha Brown and received positive feedback regarding her stage presence and Broadway-esque performance.

Throughout the duration of the show, the audience was encouraged to vote for

"They announced Leigh Maple as the OUGT fan favorite for her Taylor Swift mash-up, ASD Girls Bhangra in second place for their group dance and Jenna Russell in first for her theatrical performance of 'Run Away With Me.'

their favorite act of the night by texting contestant's codes to 71441. This interactive feature allowed the audience to choose the program's fan favorite performance of the night who would go on to win a \$150 cash prize.

Following the 15 minute intermission and comedy routine from LaMotte, six more acts showcased their talents. Among this group, five girls from ASD Girls Bhangra performed their group dance, engaging both the crowd and judges with their colorful and energetic performance.

After each of the participants had finished their performances, the judges exited the stage to determine the winners and tally the votes for the night's fan favorite.

The results were delivered by Abby Godwin, mainstage director of the Student Program Board (SPB) and Cassie Hock, SPB annual events director. They announced Leigh Maple as the OUGT fan favorite for her Taylor Swift mash-up, ASD Girls Bhangra in second place for their group dance and Jenna Russell in first for her theatrical performance of "Run Away With Me."



**TOP LEFT** Jenna Russell won first place for her talent of singing. She performed "Run Away With Me" from the musical The Unauthorized Autobiography of Samantha Brown.

**TOP RIGHT** Katie Pionk and Patrick Baker sang a duet while Baker played guitar.

**ABOVE** The top performers of OU's Got Talent gathered after the show. ASD Girls Bhangra dance group placed second in the show.

**LEFT** Juliana Bilowus played guitar and sang.



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# Rising prices leads to congressional action

*College students have had enough with book prices, proposed bill could lower high costs marginally*

**Shelby Tankersley**  
Staff Reporter

**I**t's not a secret that college students often pay a hefty price for their textbooks.

The price of textbooks is one of the fastest growing prices in the country. According to an analysis done by NBC News, the price of textbooks has grown 1,041 percent since the year 1977. On average, a college student pays \$1200 a year on textbooks.

In order to combat this problem, the United States Congress presented a bill on Oct. 8 that would give both smaller schools, like Oakland University, and bigger schools grants so they could offer textbooks online to professors and students for free.

"In the ongoing nationwide debate about the rising cost of college, one of the most basic and direct costs to students is often overlooked: textbooks," Dick Durbin, a senator from Illinois who is among the group

that proposed the bill, said.

The bill's goal is to take the price of books off students' chests. After all, college costs enough as it is.

"I hope college faculty throughout the country will explore the opportunities that exist today to use open source materials in their courses to save students money and I hope my colleagues in Congress will support this legislation to provide federal support to that effort," Durbin said.

So how do the textbooks at OU compare to all of this?

Oakland's bookstore gives a lot of funds back to the university. When students buy textbooks from websites like Chegg or Amazon, that particular website makes a profit. The bookstore keeps some of the money at OU.

"Some students and faculty may not realize that a percentage of the revenue from campus bookstores goes back directly to the college or university to sup-

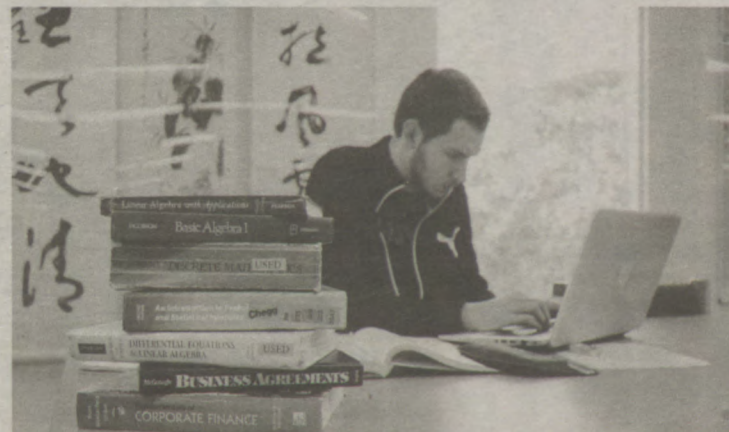
port student scholarships, special programs and faculty teaching positions," Jessica Wojcik, the store manager for Barnes & Noble Oakland University, said. "Online retailers do not provide any revenue to colleges or universities to support these very important initiatives."

In OU's case, students are paying for something that ultimately benefits the institution they attend.

The Writing and Rhetoric Department took initiatives five years ago to make first-year writing courses a little cheaper.

Anyone at OU who has taken writing 150 or writing 160 might have a copy of "Grizz Writes." Lori Ostergaard, chair of the Department of Writing and Rhetoric, came up with the idea for the book so that writing students wouldn't have to pay a high price for a mandatory class.

"Grizz Writes costs about \$30," Ostergaard said. "I decided to put the book together about



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

On average, a college student pays \$1200 a year on textbooks, with some books priced well over \$100.

five years ago because our students were paying anywhere from \$70 to \$120 dollars on textbooks."

"Grizz Writes" changes every year, so each class of freshman has a different version than the class that came before them. This year, Ostergaard and her

department have reorganized and added to the book.

Small initiatives like "Grizz Writes" have been taken to make some books more affordable, but some members of Congress hope help students worry less about how they're going to purchase books.



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"Fight the Night" is an event to raise money to help the Baldwin Center in its efforts to combat homelessness.

## Raising homelessness awareness

### Students to sleep outside to fundraise for Baldwin Center

Grace Turner  
Life Editor

A class will spend the night in cardboard boxes in P2 on Nov. 14 to raise awareness for homelessness.

Charlie Rinehart, special lecturer for the wellness, health promotion and injury prevention program, teaches persuasion/marketing in health. The class is partnering with the Baldwin Center in Pontiac in an event called "Fight the Night."

The goal of the event is "to raise empathy and awareness for the homeless as well as raise as much funds as possible for the Baldwin Center," Anne Maitland, wellness, health promotion and injury prevention major and a student in Rinehart's class, said.

Statistics on the number of homeless people in Michigan are hard to pin down, but Rinehart said that there is a "homeless epidemic" in southeast Michigan.

"Homelessness has also become a veterans' issue," Rinehart said.

The National Coalition for the

Homeless estimated that up to 25 percent of all homeless people are veterans.

The event was originally planned to take place after Veterans Day, which is on Nov. 11.

Money will be raised through donations and used to fix the heating system in the Baldwin Center's youth center, which hosts after school programs, Maitland said.

"It has to be a warm environment," Maitland said of the youth center.

Rinehart said the class hopes to raise \$5,000. The class is collecting donations through Crowdrise, a website designed to fundraise. They are increasing awareness through social media, the Baldwin Center's public relations team and reached out to Jay Towers at Fox 2 News.

Maitland is also the secretary for the Wellness, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention Student Society at OU. The society helped plan and advertise for the event and will make a donation.

Participants will receive a meal and there will be a time for reflection when electronics are not allowed. Representatives from the Baldwin Center, an OU alumnus and a veteran will speak, Rinehart said. Any student can participate.

The Baldwin Center asked Rinehart to host the event, Rine-

hart said. However, an OU alumnus suggested that the center host a sleep out.

"The Baldwin Center's mission is to feed, clothe, educate and empower the men, women and children of the Pontiac community," according to the center's website.

Campaigns like this help prepare wellness, health promotion and injury prevention majors for future work in exercise science, health education and nutrition, among others. Maitland said that majors learn how to improve people's quality of life by working with diets, stress management and exercise in everyday life.

This isn't OU's first sleep out this year. The Residents Hall Association hosted a similar event on Sept. 25.

Rinehart said he hopes for a good turnout and that people better understand what homeless people go through.

"We know that there is a homeless issue in the area," Rinehart said. He hopes that "as individuals, we are not running to the other side of the road."

### Fight the Night

Homelessness Awareness Event

WHEN Nov. 14, 7 p.m.-7 a.m.

WHERE P2, outside the Oakland Center

## OU winter guard team prepares for competition

### Club sport looks to repeat state championship win

Alexus Bomar  
Staff Reporter

In the winter of 2013, Laura Coan and Kristin Kaschalk had a plan to create a winter guard club sport here at OU.

"Laura Coan, the president, and I started this club in winter 2013 because we both enjoyed it in high school and this is something we wanted to bring with us," Kaschalk, vice president, said.

Last year was the team's first year as a club sport, and at the end of the season, it became the 2015 Michigan Color Guard Circuit (MCGC) Independent A State Champions. There were seven other teams competing in their division and over 160 there. The team won the competition during its winter season on March 28, earning the first place trophy.

Before going on to the MCGC, the team competed in the Winter Guard International (WGI) regional. The team placed second in the first round on the competition and moved on to the finals, in which they placed third.

Before becoming the state champions, there were some obstacles the team had to overcome.

"It wasn't necessarily about winning the championship, it was more about being recog-

nized, gaining credibility and improving as a team," Mary Catherine Moeller, treasurer, said.

The team has been invited to perform at The Palace of Auburn Hills before tip-off at the Detroit Pistons vs. Cleveland Cavaliers game at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

After their performance at the Pistons game, their fall season will come to an end and the team will prepare for their first competition of the winter season, which is on Jan. 30.

There are two seasons for the team, which are the fall and winter seasons.

"In the fall season, it's not as competitive but we really just focus on improving our skills and pretty much provide the energy at football club games," Jeffery Waters, secretary, said.

The winter seasons are considered to be more competitive based and the team goes out to compete against other winter guard teams.

Winter guard is similar to color guard — the students who twirl flags with marching bands. Winter guard is the same thing but there isn't a band with them. It combines both dancing and equipment, such as flags, in a competitive setting.

Discounted tickets for the Pistons game are \$30 for upper level seating and \$65 for lower level seating.

The deadline to buy tickets is Friday, Oct. 30. In order to receive a 30 percent discount, visit [www.pistons.com/guard](http://www.pistons.com/guard) to purchase tickets.



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

The vice president, treasurer and secretary discuss plans for the season.





Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

Attendees of the second TEDx Oakland University were able to learn about new innovations and various organizations as well as listen to presentations on design, technology and entertainment.

# TEDx OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

*Second conference held at OU provides a day of learning, growth, enrichment*

**Kevin Teller / Rachel Williams**  
Campus Editor / Staff Reporter

Approximately 500 TEDx Oakland attendees entering the O'rena on Oct. 23 were greeted by a multitude of interesting booths filled by interactive labs on one side of a set of large black curtains.

Crossing to the other side of the black curtains, chairs were laid out forming a semi-circle around a large stage with a TEDx Oakland placard standing beneath two large screens projecting speaker's names and videos.

The conference opened with an hour devoted to TEDx Oakland labs, in which people were able to walk to the different booths to learn about new innovations and various organizations. Among the labs were the Organization for Bat Conservation, i3 Detroit, Camp Casey, Oculus Rift Virtual Reality and OU Student Organic Farmers.

The crowd was able to view a live bat at the booth for bat conservation, receive energy healing through light touch at the Healing Touch Center, greet a Harry Potter cutout at the British at Heart

Club, learn about fencing with Oakland's Fencing Club and even participate in a texting while driving simulator by the Michigan State Police.

At 9 a.m., attendees were seated for the first of four sessions of speakers throughout the day. Each morning session consisted of approximately four speakers speaking on ideas from the technology, design and entertainment spheres.

Audience members heard of the rise of design in the professional world as well as educational world, the welfare of animals in captivity, technology's affect on our biochemistry, the power of the jury and how to overcome destructive thoughts in order to become mentally strong.

This is just a sample of the presentations from the morning sessions. Attendees also learned about Oakland's own modern dance group, Take Root. They were able to enjoy their performance titled "Unorganized Elbows" as well as an improv comedy routine by PJ Jacokes and Gerald Knight.

During the break for lunch, the lights went up and TED videos from various presentations that the company has organized in the past were played on the big screens behind the stage. In addition,

the TEDx Oakland labs remained open, allowing for even more time to explore.

As people came back to their seats after the break, they were greeted by the OU William Beaumont School of Medicine's DocApella group. This is an acapella ensemble composed of OUWB students who also share a passion for music and singing.

The afternoon's presenters also included Greg Garrett, CEO and president of CGS Advisors. He spoke about how deeply integrated technology has become into the process of marketing research and how that means that we are living in an age that is ready for large technological shifts to happen.

Perhaps the most inspiring presentation of the afternoon was by Morina Morris, a young woman who was born with Cerebral Palsy in Russia and then adopted by her American parents at age six. She spoke of the many trials and hardships that she had to endure, including discrimination and overcoming limitations due to her disease.

To find out more about TEDx at OU for future years or to find out more about this year's presenters, visit [tedxoaklanduniversity.com](http://tedxoaklanduniversity.com).



# the mix

## TRICK-OR-TREAT: FUN HALLOWEEN RECIPES



Sure, Halloween is focused on trick-or-treating candy, but there are some great food recipes to get Halloween party guests into the spooky spirit. The Oakland Post has compiled four of the best and easiest Halloween recipes, courtesy of Pinterest:

**1. WITCH HATS:** Where my witches at?! Anyone who loves chocolate will love these.

**Ingredients:** Find fudge stripe cookies, orange frosting and Hershey's Kisses.

**Directions:** Flip the cookies over, squeeze some frosting onto a Kiss, then plop the Kiss onto the cookie.



**2. HOT DOG MUMMIES:** My mummy used to make these for us every Halloween!

**Ingredients:** Get some hot dogs and crescent roll dough (and cheese if you want).

**Directions:** Slice up the dough and cheese and wrap them around the hot dog. Bake per instructions on the crescent roll dough can or until dough is golden brown. Use ketchup or mustard to draw on the face.



**3. JACK-O-LATERN CAKE POPS:** This recipe is much more complex, but well worth the result.

**Ingredients:** Cake mix, frosting, orange candy melts, green Tic Tacs, cakepop sticks and a black edible ink pen.

**Directions:**

1. Make a cake
2. Crumble cake and mix with frosting
3. Form cake balls
4. Put them on sticks
5. Dip in melted candy coating
6. Stick a green Tic Tac in the top of the cakepop to represent the stem of a pumpkin
7. Draw fun faces on them with the edible ink pen
8. Share with your friends and enjoy!



**4. GHOST PANCAKES:** Get in the spirit early in the morning on Oct. 31! Simply whip up a batch of pancakes, pile whipped cream on top and add two chocolate chips for the ghost's eyes.

— Compiled by Megan Carson and Faith Brody, Chief Copy Editor and Copy Editor

## YAKS of the WEEK

**Yik Yak:**  
The voice of the people



1. "To the window, to the wall, from my lofted bed I fall."

2. "Petition to change the OU fight song to the sound of people locking their cars to find them in the parking lot."

3. "I'm so done with boys. I'm becoming a nun."

4. "I must have signed up for Oakwind University not Oakland University..."

5. "Got my own Costco membership. I guess you could say I'm a big deal."

6. "'After grading Quiz 4, I am convinced it will be the scariest thing I see this Halloween.' Email from my calc professor."

7. "No need to go to a haunted house this year... I'm constantly scared just looking at my bank account."

8. "Restarting your favorite song because you weren't enjoying it enough."

9. "CRUNCHY LEEAAVES \*stomps all over the ground.\*"

10. "I just watched a girl wave to a squirrel."

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,  
Staff Reporter

## TOP TUNES

wxou albums  
of the month

1. Protomartyr — "The Agent Intellect"
2. Jr Jr — "Jr Jr"
3. Chvrches — "Every Open Eye"
4. Alex G — "Beach Music"
5. Beach House — "Depression Cherry"
6. Palehound — "Dry Food"
7. World is a Beautiful Place and I Am No Longer Afraid to Die — "Harmlessness"
8. Vulfpeck — "Thrill of the Arts"
9. Wand — "1,000 Days"
10. Homeshake — "Midnight Snack"



### Vulfpeck — "Thrill of the Arts"

Funk is alive and well in Ann Arbor, Michigan. On Vulfpeck's first proper album, the Ann Arbor-based band lays down their signature blend of goofy funk with a few new twists. "Thrill of the Arts" is their contemporary take on

classic soul and funk, genres the band members studied during their time at the University of Michigan's music school.

Mostly an instrumental band on their previous four Eps, "Thrill of the Arts" contains more songs with words than any of Vulfpeck's previous works. Member Theo Katzman has a few standout vocal takes on the infectious "Back Pocket" and the feel-good holiday banger, "Christmas in L.A." Antwan Stanley contributes a pair of soulful vocal takes on "Funky Dunk" and the tender ballad, "Game Winner."

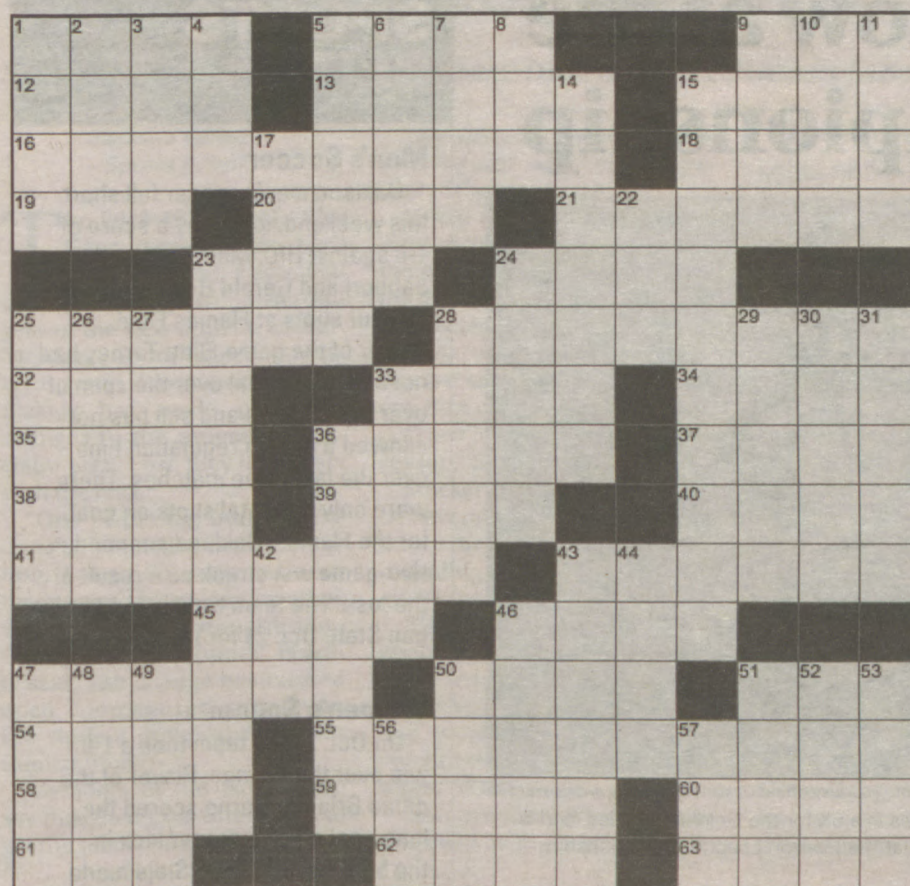
Start with: "Back Pocket," "Game Winner," and "Christmas in L.A."

Recommended if you like: The Budos Band, Old school funk, Michigan.

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director



# Puzzles



## Across

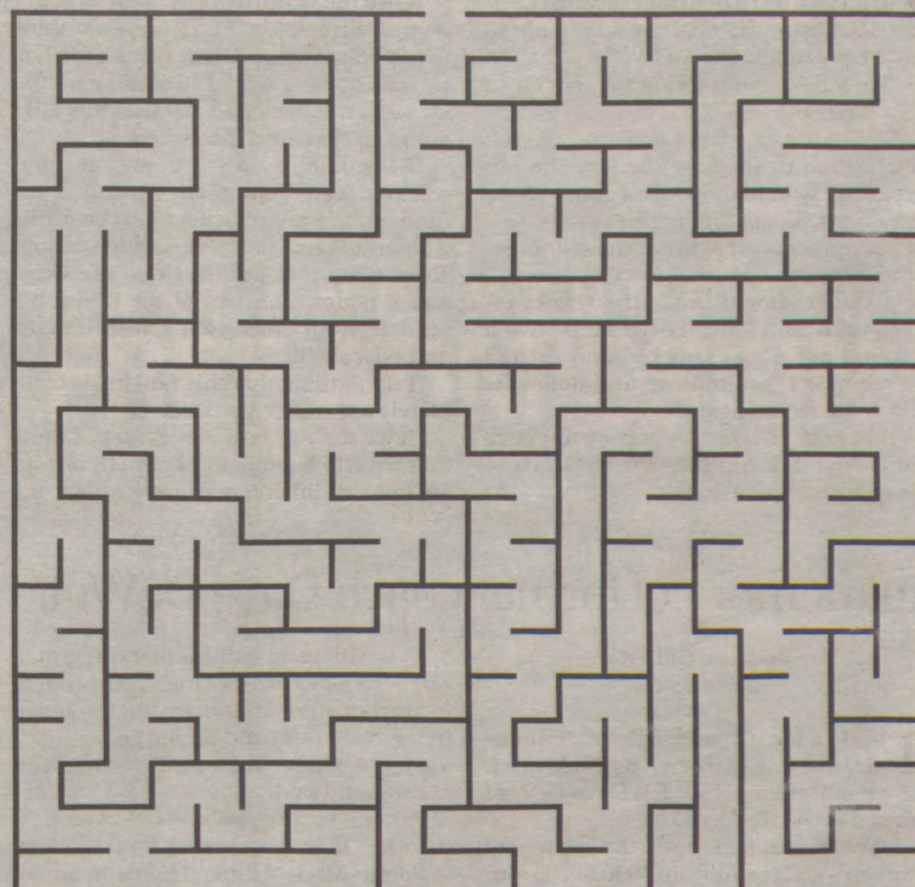
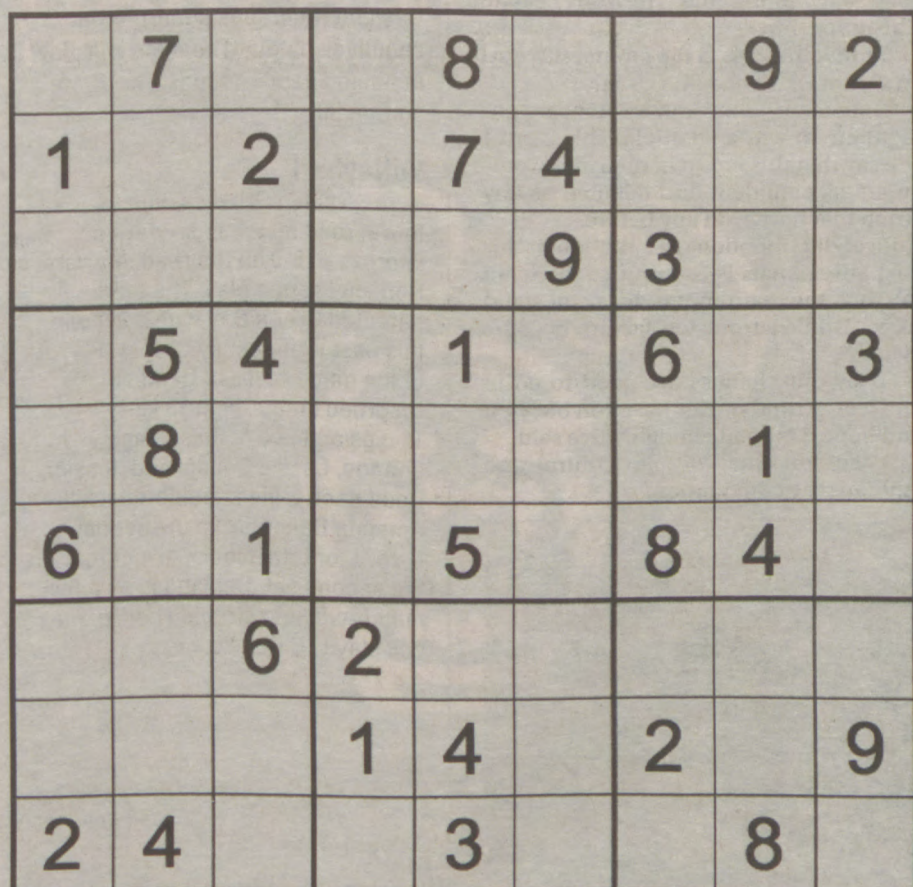
- 1: Angelic aura  
5: Shiite leader  
9: Coke's partner, at the bar  
12: Capping  
13: Spies  
15: Statistics  
16: Medicine chest item  
18: Multigenerational story  
19: 'I wonder...'  
20: Mercury or Saturn  
21: Fairy tale setting  
23: Racetrack stops  
24: Titanic  
25: Femme \_\_\_\_  
28: Prediction  
32: Sacred bird of Egypt  
33: Tight gripper  
34: Have the final say  
35: Type type  
36: Battle of the \_\_\_\_  
37: Jack-in-the-pulpit  
38: Thus  
39: Responded 'Not guilty'  
40: Waterproof cover  
41: Banned NFL substances  
43: Whippersnappers  
45: Your father's sister  
46: More than slow, in retail

- 47: Servers' boss, when followed by d'  
50: Slinky material  
51: Generation separator  
54: Drive train element  
55: Revealing  
58: Wire diameter units  
59: Ill will  
60: Fluish feeling  
61: Balaam's mount  
62: Trampled (on)  
63: Like a dungeon

## Down

- 1: 'Thirty days \_\_\_\_ September ...'  
2: Bit to split  
3: Machine with a shuttle  
4: Choose  
5: Ascribe  
6: Encirclers of castles  
7: Besides  
8: Came across  
9: Spellbound  
10: Elec., e.g.  
11: Pepper spray alternative  
14: Makes fast  
15: Profaned  
17: Call a cab

- 22: Historical period  
23: Fathers' offices  
24: Scammed  
25: Piccolo alternatives  
26: Call off, at Cape Canaveral  
27: Slight degree  
28: Rigs  
29: Ear-related  
30: Eat soup loudly  
31: Office aides  
33: South African plain  
36: Small pianos  
42: '\_\_\_\_ Town'  
43: Rose  
44: Cod relative  
46: 'Me, too!'  
47: Cass Elliot, once  
48: World War II partnership  
49: Misfortunes  
50: Recipe direction  
51: Wild (over)  
52: Grad  
53: Tiniest protest  
56: Liable  
57: Small amount





## Rachel Levy ready to flow at the Horizon League Championship

Katlynn Emaus  
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 16 at the Bradley Pink Classic Invitational in Peoria, Ill., Oakland University cross country broke two long-standing school records.

On the men's side, Bryce Stroede ran a 24:16.0 in the 8K. On the women's side, freshman Rachel Levy ran a 20:58.7 in the 6K.

Levy is the first female to break 21 minutes in a 6K for the Golden Grizzlies. This was also her first race as a Grizzly.

"For a kid who has never raced a 6K in her life it was really amazing to watch," head coach Paul Rice said.

"We were pleasantly surprised, having her now in that top group took us to another level."

Levy was battling issues with her achilles tendon for a majority of the fall season, which put her in a position where she almost had to redshirt.

However, for the past three weeks, Levy's training has been stellar and she's been able to hang with the top runners, explained Rice.

So on Oct. 9 at a dual meet against Central Michigan, the decision was made to have Levy run unattached.

"We talked about trying to race only a 3K," Rice said.

"We didn't give her a uniform, she ran unattached to see how she felt. She ran great and won it and looked good. So we gave her a shot at Bradley."

Levy proceeded to break the school record by ten seconds.

"I didn't know I broke the school record until a bit later," Levy said. "When I found out, I was shocked and excited to see how I can improve and hopefully break the record again."

This puts Levy at the top of the pack for Oakland just in time for the Horizon League championship.



Photo courtesy of the Oakland University sports website

Rachel Levy was the first female to break 21 minutes in a 6K for the Golden Grizzlies, and is determined to continue that positive running streak at the Horizon League Championship.

Rice said he's excited to see how this will benefit the Grizzlies not only for Horizon Leagues, but also for the future.

"I use the word 'dynasty' a lot with this group," Rice said. "But I honestly think that is what we are on the brink of. When we look down the road 10 or 20 years and we will look back and say that this 2015 group started the dynasty."

The women's cross country team is still relatively young. Of the top seven runners, five are returning next year. The women's team is also ranked in the top-15 in the Great Lake region. The Great Lakes region consists of all Division I schools from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin.

"I don't think that this ranking is completely accurate," Rice said.

"If we run our best at regionals, I think that we will be able to be top-12 or top-10, but it is difficult because we have one

day and 20 minutes to prove it."

Levy and Rice both agree that this team is capable of accomplishing the team goal — winning the Horizon League Championship.

"I think that this is the strongest women's team we've had," Rice said.

"Both teams, men and women, are going there to win a championships, but I will say that this group of men and women are as confident and talented as any group that have won any before."

Rice did mention that although his goal at regionals is to improve the team ranking, the team motto does still stand true: "Don't let outside factors become factors."

"I say our chances are good to go in and win, go and do our best, run our best and hope it is good enough," Rice said.

"Focus on what we can control and embrace the competition."

## SPORTS BLITZ

### Men's Soccer

Oakland men's soccer fell short this weekend, losing by a score of 1-0 against UIC. Matt Dudley, Chase Jabbori and Gerald Bed combined for four shots at Flames Field. Player of the game Elliott Tarney had not allowed a goal over the span of over 274 minutes and still has not allowed a goal in regulation time over the last three matches. There were only two total shots on goal for the Flames. Oakland snapped its two-game win streak as a result of the loss. The team travels to Michigan State Oct. 28 for the next game.

### Women's Soccer

On Oct. 24 the team took a 1-0 win over the Vikings. Player of the game Brienne Horne scored the lone goal off of a corner kick in the 53rd minute. Joan Sieja made her seventh assist and goalkeeper Emily Zweng made four saves on her way to her fifth win of the year. Oakland recorded its fourth-consecutive shutout. The team will play at home against Youngstown State on Oct. 30.

### Volleyball

The Golden Grizzlies won their fourth road match in six days to improve to 6-0 on the road during Horizon League play. The team defeated Green Bay with a 3-1 win this past Wednesday Oct. 21. Player of the game Melissa Deatsch recorded match-high 13 kills, 16 digs and five blocks. Sammy Condon, Cassie Pelloni and Jessica Dood each tallied double-digit kills. Amanda Baker broke the school record for total blocks in a career in the second set. Oakland is on a five match-winning streak. The Grizzlies will play UIC Oct. 30, next.



Photo courtesy of the GoldenGrizzlies.com

## In memory of former coach Dave DeWulf

Jackson Gilbert  
Sports Editor

The Golden Grizzly athletic community lost one of its own on Friday Oct. 23 when former golf coach Dave DeWulf passed away. He was 66.

DeWulf coached both the men and women's golf teams from 1990 to 2007 including notable PGA player Brian Stuard.

"It is with great sadness that we learned of Coach DeWulf's passing, Dave brought in quality student-athletes that excelled in the classroom and on the golf course," Senior Assistant Athletic Director Scott MacDonald said.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday Oct. 28 in the evening from 3-7 p.m. at Potere-Modetz funeral home in downtown Rochester.

— Compiled by Ally Racey,  
Staff Reporter



# Grizz Gang, athletic dept. thinking big for 2015-16

*Student section plans to increase interaction between fans, players*

**Jackson Gilbert**  
Sports Editor

The 2015-16 class of Grizz Gang members are back and ready for basketball season to fire up. In the second year of the new athletic administration, Coordinator of Marketing and Promotions Taylor Blakely has made plenty of changes to the program, especially with how they'll interact with the fans.

"One of the big things we've done is created a liaison position, Leann Schnurer, who attends every Grizz Gang meeting. We had open communication throughout the summer," Blakely said. The change has created open communication between the student group and the administration.

Members of the Grizz Gang say that their goal this year is to get the teams on their side.

"We want the players to know who we are," Alex Leidal, treasurer of the group, said.

Leidal also said they're planning social media shout-outs to the players with the goal of having the students and the athletes connected.

Grizz Gang president Jessica Stocker says the group has several new chants in progress.

"They'll be ready before the season," Stocker said.

Stocker added that there will be several themed nights to enhance the game-day experience, including a pajama night and a glow rage event.

Blakely was eager to talk about some of the changes to the O'rena this year.

"We've got brand new lights and a new PA system so the voices won't be so muffled anymore," Blakely said.

New pregame video introductions will be made similar to the

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Taylor Blakely  
Coordinator of Marketing and Promotions

Piston's pregame presentations at the Palace. A new job was created, the director of video content services, specifically for this purpose.

A pep rally is planned for the Grizz Gang next Thursday, Nov. 5 in the Oakland Center. The group will be practicing some of the new chants and free Buddy's pizza will be offered to all who attend.

Looking ahead to the season, Grizz Gang, along with athletics is planning several road trips, though they are still in the



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

The Grizz Gang gears up for the upcoming basketball season.

works. For the Michigan State game at the Palace on Dec. 22, athletics is offering a package for students including a game-worn jersey and a ticket for \$15.

According to Jean Ann Miller, director of the CSA and leader-

ship development, there is a bus trip planned for the Detroit game on Jan. 16.

More information can be found on the CSA. To join Grizz Gang, attend the pep rally next Thursday in the OC.

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## Oakland ready for third Horizon League campaign

*After a sixth place finish last season, women's basketball looks to make a run in league play this year*

**Ally Racey**  
Staff Reporter

The team that lost in the first round of the Horizon League Tournament last season has big plans to go further this year.

This will be Jeff Tungate's third season as head coach of the women's basketball team and 10th season total coaching at Oakland.

"I think this year we have a lot more depth than we've had in years past and our skill level has improved each year," Tungate said.

Green Bay has won a league title 17 years in a row and they are the team to beat, according to Tungate.

The Golden Grizzlies lost graduates Zakiya Minifee, Peyton Apsey and Amy Carlton this season, although Carlton will return as a graduate manager.

Leading Oakland will be captains red-shirt junior Sinclair Russell, senior Elena Popkey and junior transfer Taylor Gleason.

"I'll always go the extra mile. I always believed that actions speak louder than words," Popkey said.

Also returning for the Grizzlies is Olivia Nash, who was the team's top-scoring

player and was one point shy of hitting the 1,000 career points mark last season.

"I think she will get there pretty quick, which will be a great honor for her because she really deserves it," Tungate said.

Russell was the only player last season to make an all-league team. Tungate thinks she has the potential to be an all-conference player again this year.

"She's one of the best defenders in the league," he said.

The team welcomed seven new players this season — three freshmen and four transfers.

Taylor Jones, Nikita Telesford and Jessica Rotzoll are the freshmen members of the team and each is notable for various reasons.

Jones is a player that has the tools to be a freshman of the year candidate in the Horizon League, according to Tungate.

He added that this year's transfers are going to fit in very well with the team.

Shakeya Graves came to Oakland this season from DePaul University where she played in 34 games over two seasons.

She will sit out this season because of transfer rules.

"She played for one of the best coaches in the country, so she knows what it takes

to compete at a high level and what it takes to win championships," Tungate said.

Hannah Little, another transfer from St. Bonaventure, was named Atlantic 10 Sixth Woman of the Year during her sophomore campaign. She also set single-season record for rebounds with 328. She too will be sitting.

Tungate mentioned that Little is one of the best rebounders he has ever seen.

Gleason, a transfer from Illinois, was runner-up for Miss Basketball in 2013 and the No. 2 ranked player in the state coming out of high school.

As of now she will be sitting, but Tungate is filing an appeal with the NCAA to see if there's a possibility of getting her a chance to play immediately.

The fourth transfer is Nicole Dodd from Vincennes University, who was an NJCAA All-American second team selection in 2015.

Dodd averaged 16.6 points and 5.5 rebounds per game in her final season and ranked top in the NJCAA in free-throw percentage and 23rd in 3-point field goal percentage.

Her 2014-15 jersey was hung in the women's basketball hall of fame at Vincennes University.

Dodd is the only transfer who will play at the start of the season.

"She can shoot the basketball. She's here for one reason and that's to shoot the 3-point shot," Tungate said.

Other returners for Oakland are Korin Taylor, Nola Anderson, Leah Somerfiel and Beth Mahurin. Redshirt sophomores, Rio Dudgeon and Sidney Santos will also be coming back.

"Our team is really unified this year. It's a joy being in the gym together working hard on our goals," Popkey said.

"My number one goal is to get Sidney Santos an assist. She's been injured for awhile and deserves to get a couple minutes in."

The Grizzlies will host Michigan State Dec. 13 at home for the first time since 2012.

"It will be good for our fans to have a chance to see a school like that here. It will probably be one of our largest crowds of the season," Tungate said.

Nov. 11 is the home opener against UM-Dearborn. Two thousand local elementary school kids will be in attendance for kid's day, the first of the 11 themed games.

"It should be very loud and a great way to start the season."



Dave Jackson / The Oakland Post

The women's basketball team, which finished fifth in the league last season, will return nine players and add seven freshmen and transfers to this year's roster.

## FIVE THINGS TO KNOW

**1. CHANGE IN GAME FORMAT** Games will be played in an entirely new format this season, with four 10-minute quarters rather than two 20-minute halves. The change came this summer when the NCAA updated rules for both men's and women's college basketball.

**2. POPKEY AND NASH** The talented duo is entering their last season as Golden Grizzlies.

**3. FIRST LEAGUE GAME** League play tips off Nov. 28 against Youngstown State at home. Oakland posted a 6-10 league record last season and finish sixth.

**4. HORIZON LEAGUE TOURNAMENT** Wisconsin is the site of this year's tournament. Oakland will travel to the Kress Events Center in Green Bay from March 7-13.

**5. FAB FRESHMAN** Taylor Jones, a 5-foot-8 guard from Farmington Hills Mercy, was a candidate for Miss Basketball and an all-Oakland County Dream Team selection her senior year. Tungate said he's expecting "big things" from her this season.