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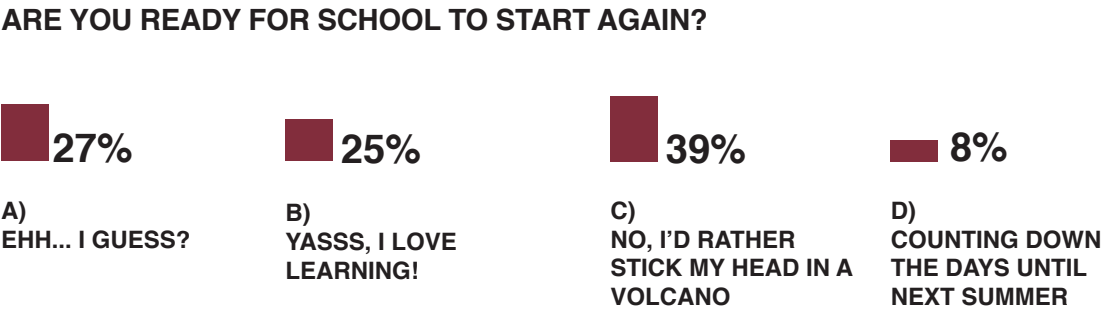
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The killer clown returns in release of new thriller/mystery.  
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## POLL OF THE WEEK

- HAVE YOU SEEN TO SEE "IT: CHAPTER TWO"?
- A) ONLY IF I CAN GET A DATE TO GO WITH
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## LAST ISSUE'S POLL





## LOOKING BACK

# 9/11, nearly two decades later

**ASHLEY AVERILL**

*Design Editor*

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, the world stood still as news quickly spread that the city of New York was the victim of terror when the World Trade Center fell.

Now, 18 years later, we look back on the event that rocked America and changed the way we look at national security.

Many of us were in elementary school or younger when it happened, but most people can tell you where they were the day the news broke. Radio and television stations picked up on the unfolding events, newscasts reported live coverage and Americans felt collective heartbreak.

At 8:46 a.m., the first plane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center and a mere 15 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., the second plane crashed into the South Tower. Meanwhile, in Washington, D.C., roughly 30 minutes later, a plane struck the Pentagon. A fourth plane crashed into a field south of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was believed to have been targeting Camp David.

"I think this is one of the worst terrorist attacks to ever take place on American soil," said Bill Illis, then a junior at Oakland University and a member of the Army reserves. "They have literally shut down the entire United States."

Immediately in the aftermath, officials began to piece together the evidence, which pointed toward, among other groups, the terrorist organization

Al-Qaeda and its leader, Osama Bin Laden. Bin Laden was also the mastermind behind the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

"They don't know who's done it yet," said Paul Kibicek, OU political science professor, at the time. "There are a lot of groups in the world that don't like America. It's a shock that we didn't know anything about this. It just came out of nowhere."

Others, such as 33-year-old senior David Gardner, disagreed.

"The nation has become too comfortable," he said. "You see this back in 1993 when they tried to bomb the Trade Center and nobody was around to police that kind of thing ... and now this happens ... What does this say about our airport security? That's pretty scary."

Then-President George W. Bush addressed the nation that afternoon. In his televised speech, he vowed to "hunt down" those responsible for the attacks.

"I think the repercussions are going to be echoed throughout the many months to come," Illis said.

The Oakland Post reached out to staff and students at the time for their reactions to the tragic events.

"I'm numb basically," said then-junior Adam Fuhrman. "I keep thinking these are images from a movie, but I know they're not."

Des Walker, office manager for the Center for Student Activities at the time, hadn't seen so many students interested in U.S. affairs since the Gulf War.

"They [the government] need to let them know that the U.S. won't take this," said Chukunda Leshore, a junior at the time. "This will not be had."



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Over 120 students gathered around Hamlin Circle in prayer after hearing of the morning's attacks.

## Issues with 1995 OUSC election

**BRIDGET JANIS**

*Staff Reporter*

When election time for the Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC) comes around, students have the opportunity to have a say by voting for the best candidates.

In 1995, the OUSC election ended up taking a surprising turn. Steve Capps, OUSC's administrative assistant, was suspended from OUSC for one week without pay because of certain academic conflicts.

Capps was the chairperson of the elections commission. His responsibilities during the election were to handle publicity and the guidelines — two important aspects of the election. Before the election was over, Student Body President Michael Simon ended up having to take over the position.

Capps was suspended because other OUSC members claimed he was not doing his job and had a lack of effort in publicizing the election on campus. Making the election known on campus allows students to know what is going on and who is running for the positions.

He also told The Oakland Post that the election was going to be almost non-existent. He claimed that, because of the lack of opposition, no students would be interested in voting.

"There is only one person running for Congress president," Capps said. "There are 15 Congress positions open, and only 15 people are running. I think it would be a waste of student money to have a bunch of voting tables open."

Many of the candidates were not campaigning for their positions. While president and vice president candidates Rayissa Slywka and Michael Manson were campaigning, they believed it was wrong for the others to not be working for their positions.

Since there was an expected low voter turnout, the university resolving this by only having one table with a ballot box.

"I can't force this university to become involved democratically," Capps said at the time. "There is almost no point in having elections if having petitions filled out means you're automatically elected to Congress."

Without Capps being part of the process, there were errors found on the ballot sheet and students had to re-vote. According to Garrick Landsberg, a then-OUSC member, the elections committee listed a non-candidate and dropped the name of a candidate on the ballot in a last-minute rush.

The student placed on the ballot who shouldn't have been was Kathryn Kumiesha. It was a mix up because she did check out a petition for candidacy but never turned it in. The candidate that was supposed to be on the ballot was Will Pailen.

With this mix up, the students on campus expressed frustration as they would have to go through the entire voting process again.

The voting did get sorted out with the next attempt and the OUSC positions were all filled. While there was trouble with lack of candidates and ballot issues, OUSC still wanted to make the students feel like they had a voice during the election.



# City of Auburn Hills hosts first SeptemBEERfest

**RACHEL YIM**

*Staff Reporter*

For the first time in its history, the City of Auburn Hills will be hosting “SeptemBEERfest” on Friday, Sept. 13, providing residents in and outside of Auburn Hills the opportunity to celebrate craft beer, cider and mead.

Torri Mathes is a media communication specialist who is in charge of community outreach, services, or programs for the city of Auburn Hills. She is a part of the team that is responsible for promoting and planning the event.

Since this is the first time for Auburn Hills to host such an event, Mathes and her group have been trying to make sure they are promoting the event to as many people as possible.

“My major role is assisting with that job and making sure we are promoting the first-ever event — SeptemBEERfest — here in Auburn Hills, especially because we’ve never hosted this event in the community,” Mathes said. “They can find more information on our website. The tickets are \$35 per person, which includes entrance to the festivity, foods and many other activities provided, such as pools.”

This event not only provides people the opportunity to enjoy the night with beer, food, and activities, but it also comes from a good cause. Sponsored by Chrysler Automobile, the City of Auburn Hills, Downtown Development Authority, 2 Stones Events and Little Caesars, the event has various ways to give back to its community.



NICOLE MORSFIELD | PHOTO EDITOR

Signs promoting the event can be seen close to campus.

“One of our major sponsors is Chrysler Automobile. Their headquarters are in Auburn Hills, so they wanted

to give back to the community that their headquarters are in,” Mathes said.

The money raised through this event will, as usual, go directly to the foundation where they make donations and give out grants and scholarships to other organizations that are directly impacted in the Auburn Hills area. The goal of the Community Foundation is to assist in funding for those who are, at most times, not supported by the local government. With this goal, it always seeks to find ways to provide various charity opportunities in the Auburn Hills community.

“So basically, it’s just to create an event that one would be fun and unique to the community because we’ve never done the thing, but also to get back to the community in a way,” Mathes said.

With a rapidly increasing population, the City of Auburn Hills is trying to host many different fundraising events and programs to further enhance the community with health initiatives and environmental issues to benefit its people.

“Definitely go to our Facebook page — City of Auburn Hills — and we always have events going on where we are doing pop-up events like pop-up movie night next month,” Mathes said. “But, definitely I’d head to our Facebook page where they can find more information about fun events in the future!”

## Charter school students address BOT with administrative conflicts

**TREVOR TYLE**

*Editor-in-Chief*

Students at one of Oakland University’s Public School Academies are fighting back after publicizing a conflict with their school administrators — and nearly jeopardizing their college education in the process.

Universal Academy (UA) in southwest Detroit has come under fire in recent months after two of its graduating seniors spoke out against school administration at their commencement in June and, consequently, had their diplomas withheld. Tuhfa Kasem and Zainab Altaqaani, salutatorians for the class of 2019, alleged that school administrators had cultivated an environment of inadequate educational opportunities, including a surplus of unqualified long-term substitute teachers and retaliation against members of the community who spoke out against the school.

In addition to their diplomas being withheld, UA and its management company, Hamadeh Educational Services (HES), reportedly held graduating students’ transcripts as well, prolonging their college application processes.

As a charter school, UA is authorized by OU, meaning that the university “ensures that the school is being operated

well by the school’s board of directors,” according to the PSA website. Last month, several UA students addressed OU’s Board of Trustees (BOT) to express their concerns and attempt to elicit change within their community.

“This year, our youth organizing team surveyed students at the school, and the two biggest issues they found the students face are a lack of students’ voices and not having enough certified teachers,” said Sarah Nasher, a recent UA graduate.

In 2016, eight UA teachers were fired in the middle of the school year after speaking out about the school’s lack of resources at a Board of Education meeting. UA students have since asked OU’s BOT to consider drafting a policy that would protect teachers, parents and staff from administrative retaliation when exercising their First Amendment rights.

Now, 30 out of the school’s 33 teachers are long-term substitutes. Nasher claimed many of these substitutes assign “busy work” so that, statistically, the school continues to rank among the most successful academic institutions.

“These students have given up on themselves — HES is making students give up on themselves,” Nasher said. “However, we don’t want to give up on them.”

According to Hanine Mansour-Fakih, assistant principal at UA and district curriculum coordinator for HES, this issue can be attributed to a national teacher shortage, not administrative shortcomings. She also said all UA educators satisfy the Michigan Department of Education’s teaching requirements.

Mansour-Fakih also alleged that the students’ complaints were rooted in their dissatisfaction with their grade point averages at the end of the school year, which prompted them to use social media to give the school negative press. Furthermore, she claimed the students’ activism proved the school was successful in preparing them for life outside the classroom.

“I really believe in what we do, which is our commitment to our students,” she said. “What you have seen today is actually real proof that they are career-ready.”

During the August BOT meeting, several disgruntled UA students and alumni presented the BOT with a list of requests to improve the school as it currently stands, including investigations into administrative conflicts of interests, inadequate curriculum and the aforementioned lack of qualified teachers.

The students also expressed hopes for increased involvement and representa-

tion in school-related issues, including the assurance that parents, students and community members would have a role in UA’s budgeting process and a place on the school board.

“Many of our community members are Yemeni, yet no Yemeni person sits on our board,” Kasem said. “Often, our collective voices are silenced, or we are retaliated against by those in power. We understand there may be limitations on how many seats are available and potential age restrictions for young people, but we wanted to ensure those most affected by our board decisions have a seat on the board.”

The students thanked the BOT for making them feel heard after they previously assisted in the reacquisition of their transcripts earlier this year.

“As young people, it means a lot when adults stand with us to make our dreams a reality,” UA junior Wally Al-homaidi said. “We don’t want the school to be shut down. We want it to be a place where the dreams of our parents and our dreams are able to come true.”

OU issued a statement after the BOT meeting expressing plans to have a report ready by Friday, Aug. 23, though the details of that report have yet to be publicized.



# Student Organic Farm crowdfunds for expansion

**BRIDGET JANIS**

*Staff Reporter*

The Campus Student Organic Farm (CSOF) provides the community of Oakland University students, faculty and staff with fresh produce, engagement programs and education. To help continue supporting the campus, the group has started a crowdfunding campaign to raise money to extend its hoop house.

The farm grows over 50 different types of fruits and vegetables and sells them at a farm stand on campus every Thursday through Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. near the Oakland Center and Elliott Tower.

Ashton Nietzke, a member of the CSOF, said the farm helps students increase their knowledge on foods.

"I think it's important just in general because for people, a lot of people don't know where their food comes from," Nietzke said. "So, here on the farm, we're able to teach students exactly where it's coming from, how to grow it, and it's something they can take with them down the road. Use it at home or use it in a community and help the community around them."

This year the CSOF members want to increase their production rate by extending their hoop house, a climate-controlled area heated by the sun and cooled by the wind, often described as a soft-sided greenhouse. The extension will allow the CSOF to extend its season for growing fruits and vegetables to up to nine or 10 months and protect the plants from the weather.

In order to achieve this goal, the group has launched a crowdfunding campaign in hopes to raise funds for the extension.

"We have found that our hoop house, which was built by students in 2014, is only 13% of our cultivated space, but 40% of our revenues come from that," said Dr. Fay Hansen, CSOF faculty adviser and an associate professor of biological sciences. "These weather changes are really hurting us badly, so by having climate-controlled space, not only can we produce more, we have more weather protected space for more student activities and community engagement."



NICOLE MORSFIELD | PHOTO EDITOR  
Over 50 types of fruits and vegetables are grown at the Student Organic Farm.

Extending the hoop house will also increase the revenue the CSOF is earning. Since the farm is self-funded, growing over a longer season will increase its ability to have more opportunities and help the farm grow more in the future. They will also help them in the educational aspect by being able to offer more fall and winter classes.

"By having all that extra food, it helps the campus community, too, because we're able to provide fresh produce a lot longer into the year," Nietzke said. "So, even in late November or mid-March, people are going to be able to buy fresh produce from the OU farm."

The CSOF provides farm shares to people, which is a subscription for anywhere between eight to 20 weeks of weekly shares of the farm's produce. There is a waiting list for the farm shares, and extending the hoop house would allow more people to be part of that weekly subscription.

The end goal is to raise \$4,500 through the crowdfunding campaign. To make donations to help the CSOF reach its goal and to learn more about how to get involved with the CSOF visit the Organic Farm Hoop House Extension Project website.

## \$ DOLLARS FOR \$ DORIAN

Students are asked to come together to help support relief for those in the Bahamas directly affected by Hurricane Dorian. Around 600 students on campus at the University of the Bahamas are included in those who have been injured or displaced because of the hurricane. The death toll is expected to increase as whereabouts and conditions of individuals continue to be uncovered.

### What is Dollars for Dorian?

For 12 hours on Thursday, Sept. 12, OU students, staff and faculty have the opportunity to donate a dollar or more at "Bahama Relief" donation tables and also at Hillcrest and Vandenberg residence halls.

On "Grow Oakland," a crowdfunding platform, online contributions can be made for 24 hours.

The Office of the President along with President Pescovitz, will both be matching funds up to \$5,000.

### When?

Thursday, September 12

### Time?

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Where?

Oakland Center, Hillcrest, Vandenberg, online

### Why?

Oakland's values and mission inspire us "to serve the needs and aspirations of our communities"

### What do you get?

A sticker and knowing you are helping those in need

**All contributions will be donated to the University of Bahamas Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund**

*Compiled by Katie LaDuke, Managing Editor*





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The poverty simulation will soon be implemented as part of the first year curriculum.

## OUWB students engage in poverty simulation

**KATIE VALLEY**

*Content Editor*

About 30 OUWB students participated in a poverty simulation Saturday, Aug. 24 to help students broaden their viewpoints on the health determinants and social issues that people face.

The Missouri Community Action Network Poverty Simulation (CAPS), developed by the University of Missouri, aims to broaden students' knowledge of communities apart from their own.

Students roleplayed as members of low-income families — from single parents to people in extreme poverty — and lived the lives of those people for four weeks simulation time (the simulation was one hour, with every 15 minutes representing a week).

Pontiac community members who had experience with low-income families and additional professors roleplayed as community resources for the participants, such as police officers, utility collectors, grocers, social services caseworkers, mortgage/rent collectors, Quik Cash managers and child care workers.

The simulation was planned by Dr. Jean Szura, OUWB director of service learning; Dr. Rose Wedemeyer, director of education training; and Dr. Victoria Lucia, associate professor of epidemiology, with help from Dr. Nelia Afonso, assistant dean for community integration and outreach.

Szura said the simulation was truly impactful for students, especially when considering their future patients.

"It taught them to understand that their patients are a full person, and there are a lot of factors that impact their health and their ability to maintain their health," she said.

The CAPS was held at the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, which Dr. Robert Noiva, associate dean for grad-

uate studies and community integration, noted was a great location, in light of OU's efforts to offer additional support to the city through the OU-Pontiac Initiative.

Many students said the simulation left an impact on them, and they appreciated seeing their classmates gain an understanding of life for people unlike themselves, according to Wedemeyer. The simulation was also held on the same day as OUWB's annual Day of Service, a metro Detroit community outreach activity.

Noiva said the CAPS may have a stronger effect on students than requiring them to observe communities because of the ability to control the simulation, along with being able to pause and reflect at certain moments.

"Any kind of simulation gives you a safe environment to learn in..." he said. "When you do a simulation, you can control things, like we can make sure that something bad happens. If we just send somebody to work at social services or to follow around a family, maybe there wasn't a big challenge that day, but [through simulation] you can do something to make sure they have an experience that will be challenging."

Originally done as a pilot, OUWB plans to integrate the CAPS into its curriculum so all students will take part in it. Its inclusion in the "Promotion and Maintenance of Health" course will help influence OUWB's 125-student future freshman classes and potentially students from other programs as well, according to Noiva.

Noiva said the simulation taught students a great deal of empathy for patients with limited resources without directly involving medicine.

"This wasn't necessarily totally health related," Noiva said. "This is about the challenges that these families experience and for you to understand what other challenges might impact how [patients] interact with you."

## Red Cross blood drive combats summer shortage

**TAYLOR McDANIEL**

*Staff Reporter*

September for college students may mean the hectic schedule of managing new courses, jobs, extracurriculars and a social life — or lack of one. It may mean the smell of new — or "slightly" used — textbooks that instantly drain our funds. It's an exciting yet exhausting time for us all.

While September may be the start of a new semester for college students at Oakland University, it may be important to note that it is also Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

It was approximated by the National Cancer Institute that more than 15,000 children and adolescents would be diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. last year — many of which are in need of blood products on a regular basis.

The Office for Student Involvement (OSI) hosted an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, Sept. 9, in a diligent effort to support those in need of blood transfusions — specifically children, teens, and young adults battling cancer. The drive was held in Rooms 128-130 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Oakland Center.

Eligible donors are urged by the Red Cross to donate following the summer shortage of blood. Hurricane Dorian has also forced around 100 Red Cross blood drives and donation centers to be canceled, resulting in the loss of more than 2,300 blood and platelet donations. According to the Red Cross, individuals in unaffected areas are crucial to keep a sufficient supply of blood available for those who need it — just don't forget to eat before you donate.

Red Cross volunteer Kenyatta Jiles said it is imperative to eat and stay hydrated before and after a person donates. There were even snacks for after the blood donation process.

"If you don't [eat and stay hydrated] dizziness can hit you like that — out of nowhere," Jiles said. "Drink so much water that you have to pee beforehand."

The Red Cross enticed eligible persons to donate blood by collaborating with Sports Clips Haircuts to offer a free haircut coupon via email to each donor — a part of the annual Saving Lives Never Looked So Good campaign.

The OSI had its own incentive to get students to donate: a chance to win two 2019 tickets to Cedar Point theme park.

The added perks of helping those in need seemed to work. The drive was open to the public, and there was almost constantly a line for walk-ins. Students were also able to book an appointment ahead of time — a good idea if you have a packed class schedule.

"The [blood donation process] takes about 45 minutes from beginning to end," Natalia Quryaqos, Red Cross nurse, said.

Jiles said the blood drive was a steady day of students and the general public donating blood.

"There was a morning rush, one around lunch, and there'll probably be another later after people get off of work," she said during the drive.

If you are an OU student who missed the Sept. 9 blood drive, don't fret! All future blood drives — either on OU's campus or another local spot — can be found on the American Red Cross' official website, as well as the option to donate to the organization.



RYAN PINI | PHOTOGRAPHER

Students and eligible donors give blood at the OSI Red Cross Blood Drive Sept. 9.



## LIFE&amp;ARTS

## School of Medicine graduate becomes U.S. naval flight surgeon

**DEAN VAGLIA**  
Staff Reporter

Medical school. Get in, get out, become a doctor and retire happily. A simple plan for a comfortable life.

Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (OUWB) graduate Kyle Eaton opted to go another way. Instead of working as a doctor in a practice, Eaton is practicing medicine as a U.S. naval flight surgeon.

The Birmingham, Michigan native found an affinity for medical work in high school. Eaton enjoyed his science classes and wanted to work in that field, but during mission trips to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, Eaton finally found his calling.

"We got to give out medications and talk to people in the community about health," Eaton said. "I think that is when I decided, 'Yeah, I should go toward medical school' and allowing my love and interest in science to help take care of people."

While Kyle was the first in his family to pursue a medical career, he always wanted to follow in his father's and grandfather's footsteps and pursue a military career.

"I always thought about serving in the military in some degree," Eaton said. "My dad was a Navy pilot, so that was always in the back of my mind."

At first he did not know how to make a military career work. Premedical classes were time consuming, so doing Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) was



PHOTO COURTESY OF OUWB

The first in his family to pursue a medical career, Eaton is practicing medicine as a U.S. naval flight surgeon.

off the table. But then his dad learned about the U.S. Department of Defense's Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP).

"[The HPSP] seems like a pretty good trade-off," Eaton said. "They pay for four years of medical school, they give you a small stipend to pay for things, and in return you owe them four years practice as a doctor in the military."

When his HPSP application was approved, Eaton was commissioned as an ensign, the entry rank for Naval officers.

With a rank to his name, Eaton was off to OUWB. Going to OU was not a hard choice for him thanks to the Beaumont connection.

"I grew up in Birmingham and OU was just building their medical school," he said. "We went to Beaumont if we were sick, our doctors were affiliated with Beaumont, so [Beaumont] always felt like a community to me. To be able to work in the community that raised me was important and such an awesome thing I was able to do."

Balancing his Naval career and OUWB studies was easy, especially since the Pentagon did not ask for much while learning. His residency was at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in Virginia, and he spent five weeks at Officer Development School in Newport, Rhode Island.

At his graduation in the summer of 2018, Eaton not only graduated as a doctor but was promoted to lieutenant, two steps above ensign. His father and grandfather were there to pin on his lieutenant regalia.

"My father was a lieutenant before he separated from the military," Eaton said, "and my grandfather ... was in the Air Force as a colonel. Both of them were pilots and in the military, so it was a special moment for them to be part of the ceremony with me."

Today Lt. Eaton is back in Virginia finishing up his flight surgeon training. Once he completes that and six more months of training in Pensacola, Florida, he will be able to provide preventive care to Naval and Marine pilots wherever he is stationed.

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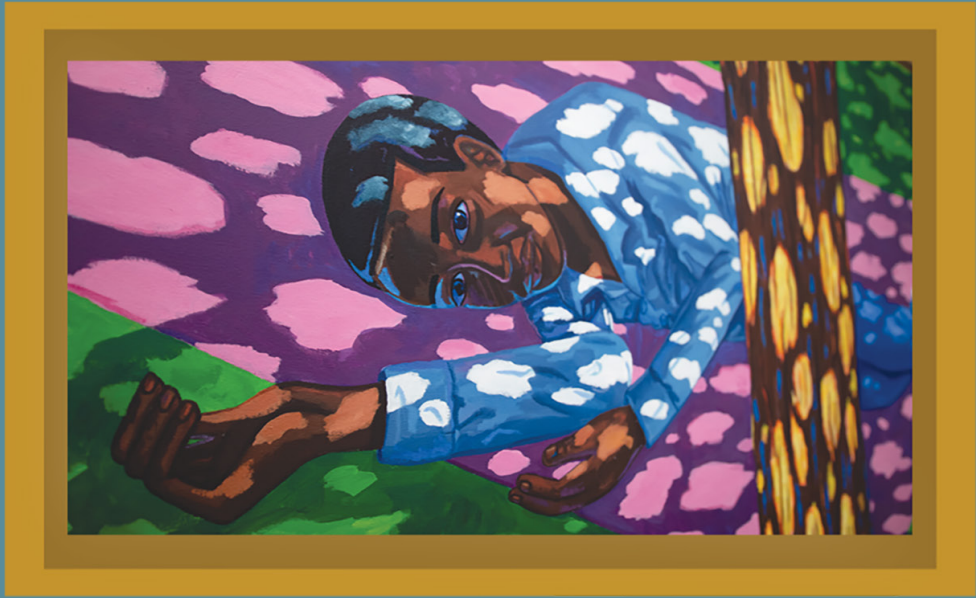




Rebecca Morgan. Milky Sky Jug, 2014. Terracotta. 13 x 8.5 x 8 inches.



Art Gallery Women: Maira Kalman. Everything S, Gouache on paper, 6 x 12 inches. Courtesy J



Art Gallery Boy: Lamar Peterson B.1974. A Young Man with a Fish (version 1), 2016. Oil on canvas. Collection of Dr. Robert Feldman, Courtesy of the artist and Fredericks & Freiser, New York.



Art Gallery Car: Nick Archer. White Car, 2018. Oil and acrylic on canvas, 58 x 45 inches. Courtesy of the Christine Park Gallery.





# Oakland gallery exhibition explores paradise through art



She Said Was Hilarious, 2017.  
Julie Saul Gallery, New York.



Say hello to “Your Very Own Paradise,” the ongoing exhibition at the Oakland University Art Gallery. Curated by Dick Goody, “Paradise” showcases the work of 13 artists of various mediums, each piece providing a different vision into what paradise can be and reflections on the very concept of what paradise is.

To help exhibitgoers get into the state of mind for pondering such a topic, Goody has worked to create a radically different type of gallery experience. Goody mentioned that a survey of gallerygoers showed the art gallery atmosphere was church-like, which is not at all what the curator wants.

“We all have our own voice,” Goody said, “and we have an ability to interpret things. And if we are given these cues to [interpret] — you read the exhibition tablet, you hear the music, you look at the work — then you feel as if you are participating in the thing.”

The scene people walk into is more like a dorm room than a museum. Hard benches and silence are replaced with plush rugs, knitted cushions, soft lighting and a soundtrack

of nature and Tibetan bowl sounds, along with various relaxing songs.

The works on display vary in medium and content, each one providing a glimpse into their creator’s utopia. One wall showcases the quaint scenes of Maira Kalman while Rebecca Morgan’s exaggerated faces watch on from the opposite wall. Lamar Peterson’s haunting “A Young Man With a Fish” hangs between the dueling walls.

Fabrications of urban utopias of Marc Yankus’s “Nineteenth Street” and Andrew Lenaghan’s “Blue Time (Harry’s House E. 19th St.)” challenge the more pastoral paradises of Melanie Daniel’s “Goat Love in a Digital Age” and Amer Kobaslija’s “Fish Feeders, Orange Park II.”

Other works take a more abstract route on the road to paradise. Nick Archer and Tayna Marcuse find beauty in decay with “White Car” and her two “Fallen” works, respectively. Marcuse opts for rotting apples while Archer visualizes a rusting automobile.

Paradise is a complicated subject that spans ideological definitions, religious

influence and personal tastes. To help discuss the various paradises that exist, a seven-part lecture series will run alongside the exhibition.

One of those speakers is Jo Reger, sociology professor and chair for the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice. Her lecture, “Singing to Utopia: Lesbianism, Feminism and Music” will tell the story of women who were pushed out of the music industry and founded a community in the 1960s, ’70s and ’80s.

“What I am going to talk about is these three contexts of exclusion that pushed women out and ended up forming this community that was really seeking to create a utopian-like society based around music,” Reger said.

She plans on using her Oct. 2 lecture to report on her research into the community, play some of the records they produced and explore how pseudo-utopias collapse.

The exhibit runs until Nov. 28 in 208 Wilson Hall. Lectures will be held at noon in the gallery Sept. 18 and 26, Oct. 2, 7, 8, 16 and 24. Admission for everything is free.



# Former student dances her way to the crown

**KATELYN HILL**  
*Staff Intern*

Farmington native Cathy Roe was recently crowned 2019's Ms. Senior Michigan. Roe, 66, claimed the title on July 17 during the pageant, which was held at the Rochester Older Persons Commission (OPC).



PHOTO COURTESY OF CATHY ROE  
Cathy Roe was crowned Ms. Senior Michigan this July.

However, the pageant was far more than just a competition, Roe said. "It is a camaraderie of like-minded, very dynamic women," she said. "It was more like a very, very welcoming support group."

Roe's journey to the crown started years ago when she attended Oakland University. Originally attending OU as an English major, her life changed when she took a dance class for a physical education (PE) credit.

"I chose Oakland because it was close by and I could commute," she said. "Little did I know that all I was going to have to do was meet one person: my dance instructor, Carol Halsted."

The late Carol Halsted, who was a dance professor at OU at the time, told her she had real potential as a dancer and worked with Roe to help her become a dance major. Roe soon transferred to Western Michigan University, where she began her journey as a dance major with a degree in dance education.

"I don't know if Carol knows what happened or how important she was in my entire life," she said. "Boy, I would sure like her to know what she meant to me in my life."

After graduating, she decided to complete her student teaching in Hawaii. She ended up staying in Hawaii, living there for 10 years and becoming the dance director for the University of Hawaii.

Roe, however, became homesick and moved back to Michigan to be with her family.

While in Michigan, she continued her life in dance, working with a dance competition and starting up a business where she coaches dancers online.

When she received a submission from a 72-year-old woman who was going to be competing as Ms. Senior Washington in the Ms. Senior America pageant, she decided to see if there was a Ms. Senior Michigan.

After finding out more about the pageant, Roe decided to enter.

"I told my sister, and at first we were just kind of laughing about it, just kind of fantasizing, 'Oh I wonder what that would be like,'" she said. "Then I said, 'You know, Cindy, I think I'm going to do it.'"

From then on, she committed herself to the pageant, making the 10-hour round trip multiple times for rehearsals and the pageant itself.

Roe said the pageant was delightful and she has made many new friends during the short time the ladies were together, many of whom she has stayed in contact with.

"It's a chance to make new friends in a period of your life when you don't have things like school or college or your career," she said. "It's just an opportunity to collaborate, to have a relationship and just have fun with people that are like my classmates."

Roe said, though she didn't have to, she decided to use her platform to promote the magnificence of living in a healthy body.

"My plan is to just make people happy and feel good being in their body," she said. "When you're moving and you love the music, whatever it is, there's nothing more fun than that to me."

Roe will represent the state in the Ms. Senior America pageant, which will take place this October in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

# OU senior becomes general manager at WXOU

**EMILY MORRIS**  
*WXOU News Director*

The geometric buttons shined from repetitive clicking, a step to creating the most professional radio voice.

From the spry age of 3, Caitlin Flora began perfecting her tone with simple tape recordings, "talking about random things and pretend[ing] it was a talk show."

"I remember thinking, 'when I'm a big kid, I'm going to do radio,'" Flora said.

Since then, her passion for communication has only elevated. She has transitioned from that original recorder into manning a few studios as general manager of Oakland University's WXOU radio station, 88.3FM.

"Ever since I started getting involved with the executive board [of WXOU], I've been working up to this point ... I [am] just really happy," Flora said.

The next year promises to be filled with renovation and building connections at WXOU, according to Flora. WXOU has proved to be a prominent stepping stone in her road with radio.

The OU senior will soon take her voice past the walls of the university. Although she cannot say where the impending years of her career are headed, radio is surely to be a factor.

"It's always going to be a part of me," she said.



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**CAITLIN FLORA**  
*at a glance*

**Major**  
*Communication*

**Position**  
*General Manager of WXOU*

**Passion**  
*"Connecting people through communication and telling stories"*

**Secret Pleasure**  
*Nobody knows*

**I'd give anything to meet**  
*Barack or Michelle Obama*



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18. SE Asia country

19. Bouquet

20. Geometrid caterpillars

22. Ran without moving

23. Decline in value

24. Interrogates relentlessly

26. Where people and rats coexist

29. Blue Hen St.

31. Leaves eaten as cooked greens

35. Constituents

38. Golden's "Memoirs of a \_\_\_\_"

39. Yule trio

40. Cacophony

42. It's prominently displayed on Leno

43. Spanish or western dish

46. Uzbekistan capital

49. Reporter's tote

51. Class-conscious grp.?

52. Wait's partner
53. Fathers, but not dads

55. Public house potable

57. Casino lure

60. Serving blunder

65. Like a divorce, in some places

66. Otherwise

67. Lid irritation

68. Free of mistakes

69. Diamond decision

70. Pull down

71. Check casher

72. System of weights

73. Slough
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1. Prefix for disestablish-mentarianism

2. Chopped

3. Language maven

Partridge

4. Some emperors

5. Element in some lamps

6. Winglike

7. Jazz composition with a fast rhythm

8. Pogo, for one

9. Gallivant

10. Comparison standard

11. "Teen Age \_\_\_\_" (Rick Nelson)

12. Newborn's need
13. Ex-senior

21. Walk in the surf

25. Play to the camera

26. Dud on wheels

27. Place associated with the historic date of 1836

28. Engender

30. Old Ford

32. Hearth heap

33. Lorelei's river

34. "La Vita Nuova" poet

36. Turning point

37. Obedience school order

41. Raised fiber

44. TV installment

45. Solid residue of tobacco smoke

47. Baronial

48. 24 minutes of basketball

50. Switch sides

54. Type of panel

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58. Tibetan monk

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62. Beehive State

63. Ancient musical instrument

64. Word at a bar

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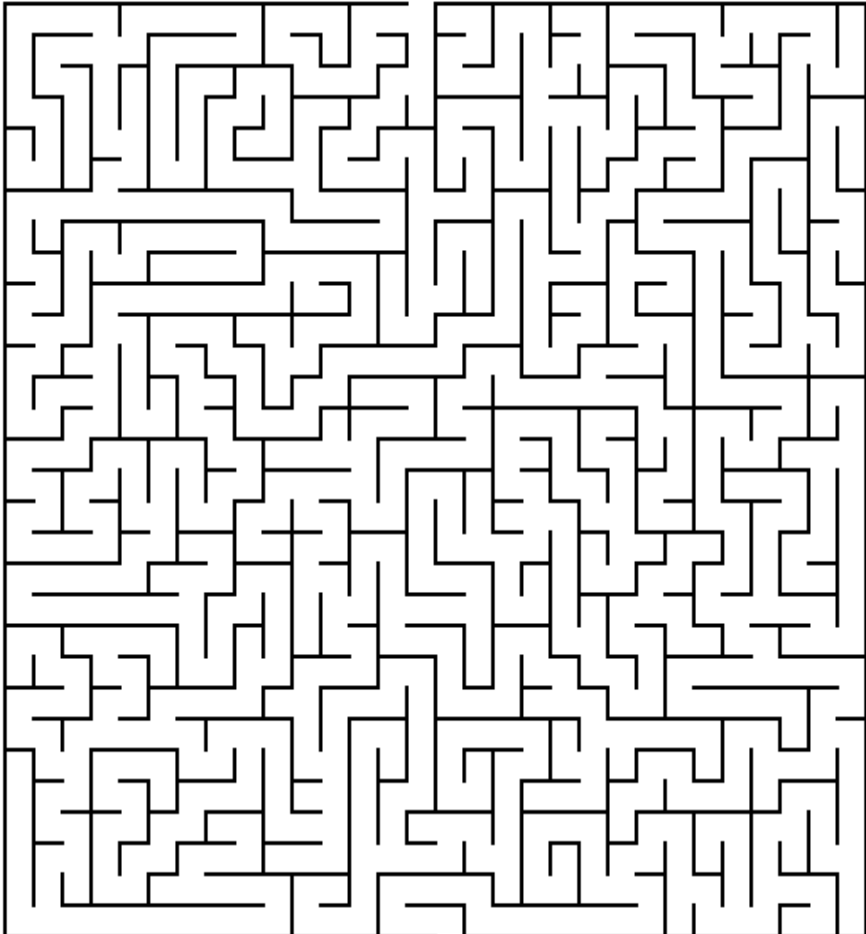






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The men's basketball team traveled to southeastern Europe to play professional teams.

## Grizzlies take Greece

**MICHAEL PEARCE**  
*Sports Editor*

Every four years, the Golden Grizzlies basketball team goes on a trip abroad to face off against professional basketball teams. This is a trip that builds camaraderie and helps young players play against tougher competition.

Four years ago, the team traveled to Spain. That following season, they finished tied second in the Horizon League and defeated Clemson in the Vegas 16 Tournament.

"From the student-athlete welfare side, it's a chance that some of these kids would never get an opportunity to do," Head Coach Greg Kampe said of international trips in 2015. "From another side of it, we do send a lot of kids to Europe to play professionally afterwards, so our players on the team are going to get a view of that."

In their first game, the team won big, 92-49. The box score shows that every player on the roster played at least 10 minutes, something undeniably done to increase reps for the multiple freshmen that will be seeing action in the 2019-2020 season.

A standout was Jackie Harris, a six-foot, six-inch forward out of St. Francis De Sales High School. Harris put up 16 points and a team-high nine rebounds, shooting 75% from the floor.

The fifth-year seniors Brad Brechting and Xavier Hill-Mais were effective as expected, but Tray Maddox added a team-high 17 points as well. Maddox is the player who could fill in the scoring hole left by Jaevin Cumberland, and getting significant shots up against pro-level players will help him become an improved offensive weapon, to go along with his elite defensive abilities.

The next game for the Golden Grizzlies wasn't as lopsided as the first. They lost 84-79 after holding a fourth-quarter lead. While many Oakland fans look at that and sigh "same old Oakland," the result isn't as important as the growth of the players. Winning, while great, is not paramount on an overseas trip like this. There is a reason minutes are divided up so evenly, it's all about growth.

In the second game, it was another new face scoring points. Daniel Oladapo, a junior college transfer, put up a team-high 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting. Oladapo can provide solid scoring and rebounding as a rotational piece in his first year, since Brechting and Hill-Mais will receive the lion's share of the front court minutes.

Oladapo, however, did sustain a minor ankle injury. It is not expected to be serious (according to a video posted by Kampe on Twitter), but it is something to monitor. With a lot of new faces, the injury bug can be a problem. Oakland is no stranger to that.

After the final game in Greece, Kampe took to Twitter to discuss what he believes are the biggest strengths and weaknesses of the team. As to be expected after losing the top three-point shooters on his team, Kampe believes that shooting is the biggest concern.

"You may see us playing a lot of games in the 50s and 60s early on," Kampe said in a tweet.

He also stated "no one was a stand-out" due to the minute restriction on each player, which is to be expected with many new players. The Golden Grizzlies returned on Sept. 2, and are beginning practices soon, as their home opener is just over a month away.

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# Women's soccer falls to Notre Dame

**DEVIN BOATWRIGHT**

*Staff Reporter*

On a chilly Sunday afternoon, the Golden Grizzlies faced off against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame in their second-to-last non-conference game of the season. After a tough 90 minutes of play, Oakland was unable to break the Irish's defense, and lost 1-0.

After the national anthem played and the teams were announced, the game kicked off at 4 p.m. on Childhood Cancer Awareness day in front of a crowd of about 600 people. Notre Dame had control for the better of the first half. However, Jaimie Leas, goalkeeper for the Golden Grizzlies, played amazing defense under center. She had a career high six saves by the end of the game, five of which came within the first half.

In the 31st minute of the first half, after an elongated amount of pressure

from Notre Dame, Sammi Fisher of the Fighting Irish sent a cross into the box which deflected and was then scored by Eva Hurm. This was the only goal scored throughout the game.

The second half held a shift in energy and pressure from the Golden Grizzlies. The team played with more energy and speed than in the first half. Despite the increased energy and effort, the Irish were able to keep Oakland in check and didn't allow a single goal or shot attempt from the Golden Grizzlies.

Saves were the only major statistic that the Golden Grizzlies recorded, as the 6-0 Irish were able to play clean, commit no offside penalties and allow zero corner kicks. It was a clean match all around, with only one yellow card going to Oakland's Nikki May.

At the end of the game, the Irish left Oakland University with a 1-0 victory. Coach Juan Pablo Favero was very proud of the team and was happy with the ef-

fort from his team, which led to a tightly fought match.

"Although we don't do moral victories, we are proud of the effort the team put forth overall," Favero said. "Our girls competed this whole game. I think we did

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**JUAN PABLO FAVERO**  
COACH

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a lot of things that frustrated them and made them change their game plan. So, I'm very proud of our team and there are more positive things to build on from this game than there are negatives. We have a tough schedule coming up, having to face Western Michigan and Michigan State, that will present different challenges, but this game was great and something we will build off of going forward."

This loss moved the Golden Grizzlies record to 2-2-1, and marked their second loss in a row, as they lost to Toledo three days prior.

The Golden Grizzlies will be traveling to Kalamazoo to face off against in-state rival Western Michigan University on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. This game will be a short road trip, as the team will return to the Oakland soccer field for a two game home stint, with a game against the Michigan State Spartans on Sept. 15 and then the conference opener against the Youngstown State University Penguins on Sept. 20.

## THE SPORTING BLITZ

The first week of school saw multiple soccer and volleyball games take place away from campus. The Golden Grizzlies traveled across Michigan and the United States in out-of-conference match-ups.

### Volleyball

The volleyball team had three matches this weekend, playing in the Bradley Invitational in Illinois. In their first match, they played DePaul. Jamie Walling led the way for the Golden Grizzlies with 24 kills, and adding eight digs as well. Taylor Dellinger added in 20 kills as well, as Oakland won in four sets. Lindsay Wightman led the team in digs with 19, and Madison Ross was effective offensively, dishing out 28 assists, a team high.

After dropping their second match of the day against Bradley, the team faced off against Belmont on Saturday, winning 3-2 in dramatic fashion. Belmont took the first two sets, and was poised to sweep, but Oakland fought back in the next three sets and took the game after a 15-10 fifth set victory. Ross once again was effective on offense, recording 32 assists. This time, Brittany Welch led the team in kills with 18. After the victory versus Belmont, the volleyball team improved to 4-2 on the season.

### Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team traveled to Toledo to face off against the Rockets in their first game of September. It was a high scoring match, but all seven goals of the 3-4 final were scored in the second half. After a scoreless first, the floodgates opened and both teams were finding the net at ease. After going down 3-1, the Golden Grizzlies fought back to tie the game in the 71st minute with an Alexa Sabbagh goal. The Rockets were able to come away with the victory however, scoring the go-ahead goal in the 88th minute.

Sami Lopez and Taylor Thalheimer also added goals in the 62nd and 66th minute. Sabbagh led the team with five shots, three on goal. This loss marked the second of the season, but the first since the season opener on Aug. 14. Their next game is on Sept. 14 against the Western Michigan Broncos in Kalamazoo, and their next home game is Sept. 15 against Michigan State.

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team played two road games over the weekend of Sept. 6. The first was against Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. The Golden Grizzlies opened up scoring in the

5th minute, after Evan Sawula scored on a deflection. After Western Illinois was able to even up the game in the 31st minute, Noah Jensen responded six minutes later with what would prove to be the game-winning goal on a free kick.

This victory was the second for the team, after they lost 1-0 to Duquesne University.

Two days later, the Golden Grizzlies would travel to Illinois to face off against Bradley University. After a scoreless first half, Bradley scored back-to-back goals in a six minute span. The Golden Grizzlies answered, however, with two unanswered goals of their own in the 59th and 69th minutes. Both teams were able to hold tight defensively for the rest of the game, even lasting through two overtime periods. This match ended after the second overtime with a 2-2 draw. The next match for the men's soccer team is their conference opener against Cleveland State. It is also their home opener, taking place on Saturday, Sept. 14.

**Compiled by Michael Pearce,**  
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# 'It: Chapter Two' is a hauntingly humorous saga finale

**TREVOR TYLE**

*Editor-in-Chief*

For many, September marks the start of “spooky season,” and what better way to initiate it than with the return of everyone’s favorite killer clown?

After what felt like an agonizing two-year wait, director Andy Muschietti has finally brought Pennywise (Bill Skarsgård) back to the big screen with “It: Chapter Two.” Following the success of its 2017 predecessor, “Chapter Two” ups just about everything — the gore, the suspense and, surprisingly, the laughs — but often at the expense of what made the first film so terrifying.

“Chapter Two” picks up 27 years after the events of the first film and finds the Losers’ Club — the band of misfits that faced Pennywise the first time around — all grown up. They’ve all moved out of Derry, Maine, sans Mike (Isaiah Mustafa), who has stayed behind anticipating Pennywise’s return.

The remaining Losers inevitably — and reluctantly — return to Derry after Mike notices a string of mysterious murders around town that have Pennywise written all over them.

The group’s leader Bill (James McAvoy) is now a successful author with a reputation for writing terrible endings; foulmouthed Richie (Bill Hader) has made a career out of his token smart-ass remarks; Ben (Jay Ryan) is a prosperous architect that’s gone from chunk to hunk; Eddie (James Ransone) is still the same sheltered hypochondriac he was as a child; and Beverly (Jessica Chastain) is a strong-willed fashion designer whose relationship with her husband eerily

mirrors a lifetime of abuse at her father’s hands.

In his years of research, Mike has discovered that the sole way to defeat Pennywise is through an ancient ritual involving the sacrifice of various artifacts from the Losers’ childhoods, forcing them to revisit their haunted pasts to save their condemned futures.

“Chapter Two” has the rather daunting task of staying faithful to its source material — the second half of Stephen King’s 1986 “It” novel — while living up to the genius of its cinematic predecessor, in which it largely succeeds. (The film obviously still pales in comparison to the original, though.)

While the adolescent stars of the first film do appear in flashbacks, the focus has mostly shifted to their perfectly casted adult counterparts. McAvoy and Chastain are unsurprisingly perfect, with the latter in particular given ample opportunities to show off her impressively unflinching emotional range.

But the real showstoppers of the adult Losers’ Club are Ransone and Hader, both of whom are portrayed in a fittingly more humorous light. But Hader’s performance also surprises by bringing an emotional depth to his character that extends far beyond the actor’s comedic track record, offering the film’s sole indisputable highlight.

Skarsgård’s reprisal of Pennywise is also fantastic, though the scares are in slightly shorter supply this time. With “Chapter Two,” Muschietti has traded in jump scares for mildly inappropriate — and hilarious — jokes, which works both for and against the final product. Skarsgård’s screentime felt largely reduced in “Chapter Two,” though he still manages to be a commanding presence in every scene in which he appears.



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Pennywise returns to Derry in the final chapter of ‘It.’

If “It: Chapter Two” has one fatal flaw, it’s the film’s unjustified runtime, which nearly hits the three-hour mark. While it doesn’t feel like a three-hour film, it easily could’ve been condensed into a more concise narrative like its fore-runner — which somehow manages to supply considerably more scares with almost an hour less of content.

Though it falls a bit short in the scare department, “Chapter Two’s” frequent jokes and collectively memorable performances make it a thoroughly entertaining and satisfying conclusion to an undeniable horror classic.

**Rating: 4/5 stars**

## Student employees are not paid enough

**BEN HUME**

*Web Editor*

The push for a \$15 minimum wage is predicated on the data that shows corporate profits have steadily risen over the course of the last decade, while the federal minimum wage has remained unchanged since 2009. Here at Oakland University, we benefit from a slightly higher minimum wage than \$7.25 an hour, with Michigan’s minimum wage at \$9.45 an hour. Even so, I know of so many fellow students who work hard on Oakland’s campus but are unable to make enough to live on their own without significant economic support.

The issue of student wages is certainly a complicated one, and before I even begin to list my issues and solutions for student employment I want it to be

clear that there is no single correct answer to this problem.

That being said, here are a couple of things that I have seen and experienced working at OU. The biggest issue is that the vast majority of undergraduate employment hovers between the minimum wage and the magical \$15 an hour, but I have never had a starting wage above \$10 an hour while working at OU. Coworkers of mine have voiced the same concerns, even seniors who have seen little to no pay increases after working for their entire undergraduate careers.

So, not only do most students begin with low wages, they also see little reason to exert themselves without a way to get a substantial raise. I will grant that nearly all places give opportunities for student development as a part of their work, especially University Recreation and



Well-Being, where I work. They offer payment for many classes and seminars as a requirement for working at the Rec, which should definitely factor into how students are paid.

All of this in mind, it seems strange to me that OU knows it has a problem with on-campus culture with such a large commuter population. It would make the most sense to me that better working wages

for students working on Oakland grounds would promote more involvement with campus culture.

There’s also the issue that, while giving undergraduates the opportunity for personal development at their places of employment is a fantastic gesture, those skills unfortunately do not pay for tuition, books or board.

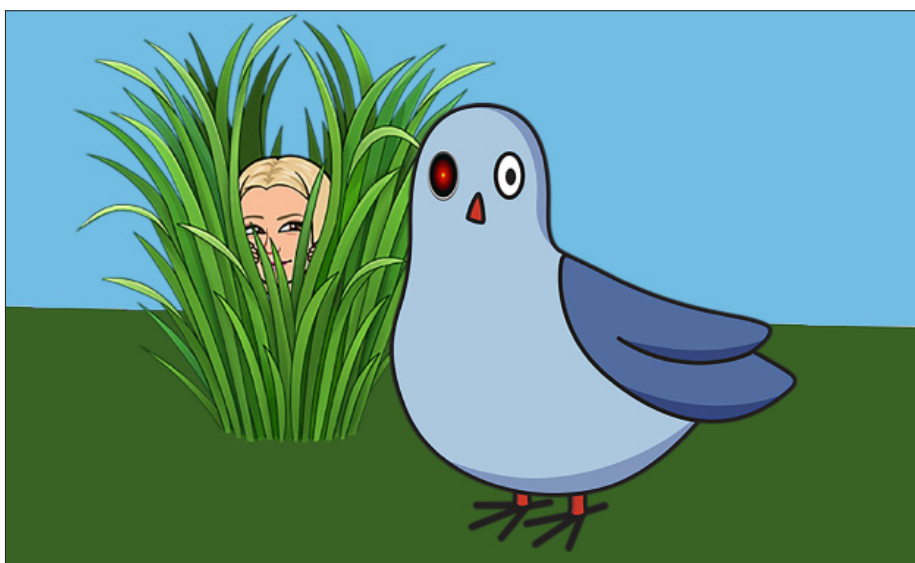
As for solutions to underpaid undergrads, the way forward is foggy. Different students get paid through different organizations. For example, while the Office for Student Involvement may be in charge of allocating funds to the student newspaper, the library staff find themselves answering to a completely different budget. There is no single grant or budget increase that would lead to all students receiving more money every paycheck.

That being said, I believe

there are ample reasons to have a conversation about increasing student wages. I, myself hope to start by talking to my student government representatives to see if there is any way I might make a difference myself. For any of you who are similarly moved, visit The Oakland Post website and tell me your experiences with working on campus. With so many people and groups that I don’t have a chance to interact with, I’m sure I haven’t seen the whole picture.

I am not expecting the op-ed at the back of the weekly newspaper to change how wage laws work at OU overnight, not by any stretch of the imagination. But I hope that at the very least I’ve started conversations about how we can make Oakland University a better place for students and staff to work comfortably.

## SATIRE



ASHLEY AVERILL | DESIGN EDITOR

Be on the look-out for birds. BEWARE...they are not what they appear to be.

# Birds are not real

**KATIE LADUKE**  
Managing Editor

The birds work for the bourgeoisie.

There. I said it. If there are any fellow TikTokers out there, you know what I'm talking about.

This isn't a game though. Birds are not real. Maybe Reagan did kill them off in 1986 because something isn't right about those creatures.

Before you accuse me of being a flat-earthier, I'm not totally nuts. The earth is very much round with a variety of animals to make it beautiful and spectacular. Birds just are not one of them.

Birds are straight up spies. The proof is in the way they fly away the second you take a step near them. Nobody moves that fast unless they have something to hide. If you get too close, you can probably see the cameras in their eyes.

So, the government can't be everywhere at all times. Isn't it just so convenient that no matter where you live, there is some type of bird hanging around? They're watching you. You've been warned.

You might say, "But the government tracks us through our electronics." Not everyone owns a smartphone or computer. Even if you're homeless, birds can get to you. They're on the lookout 24/7.

Birds are the perfect size to just sit on a branch or ledge comfortably to overhear a conversation in the park or peer into a window. Talking with your friend about the Area 51 raid? Bertie the Bird just marked you as high-risk.

It's also mind boggling how there are so many types. There are roughly 10,000

species of birds. That's just a little too suspicious for my liking. It's one of their tactics to throw us off — they distract us with pretty feathers and chirping.

That annoying ass chirping in the morning is just them talking to each other about their findings from the night before. They think they're slick, having meetings early in the morning before anyone is up.

Ever heard a group of birds going at it late at night? That's a special meeting the HBIC (head bird in charge) called when they found out something extra juicy.

Another one of their tactics is shitting everywhere. Literally anywhere they damn well please. They'll shit on your head if they feel like it. That's them asserting their dominance, showing us they're in charge.

The most notorious shitters and ballsiest of the birds are geese. You may not see a lot of smaller birds on college campuses because of how many people are around, but geese are unlike any other form of bird. They're not afraid. They need the intel from the younger generations. But you can't let them win. You must chase them and show them who's really in charge.

I know a few people have caught on to this theory. Where do you think the act of killing turkeys for Thanksgiving came from? It may not get rid of them all, but it definitely sends a message. There's also the saying "kill two birds with one stone." WE HAVE TO TAKE THEM OUT BEFORE THEY GET TOO POWERFUL.

All I'm saying is birds are sketchy as hell. Encounter at your own risk.

# The Jonas Brothers are burnin' up...AGAIN!

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The other night, I was going through my CDs ... Yes, I still have those thin, circular, holographic things that no longer go in cars or anywhere, frankly, unless you have a Walkman — if one of you asks me what a Walkman is, I swear to God, I'll have you saying "S.O.S." — but I digress.

I was going through my ancient technology when I stumbled upon all of my Jonas Brothers albums — regular AND deluxe because 15-year-old me was a MASSIVE Jonas stan.

But it got me thinking, they're back and arguably better than ever. I feel like I'm in a time warp, not forward to the "Year 3000," but back to 2008. It's as if I fell into an alternate reality or universe.

I remember listening to all their albums in my room writing in diaries I kept on my "Shelf," having been bitten by the "Love Bug," obsessing over Nick and Joe...sorry, Kevin, but don't think we haven't noticed your glow-up! To me, they were perfect and were all so "Cool."

I was in middle school when they were "Burnin' Up" the charts at their peak. They and their purity rings were taking Disney Channel by storm. I was a "Sucker" for anything and everything Jonas.

When Joe briefly dated Taylor Swift, I was definitely "Jealous" — or the whole Selena Gomez-Miley Cyrus love triangle Nick had going on — and don't even get me STARTED on how many times I watched "Camp Rock." I know, I had a serious problem.

When news broke that the Jonas Brothers had broken up, I nearly dropped my "Toothbrush." I sob-sang "When You Look Me In The Eyes" for days until the CD skipped and my mom threatened to have me committed.

When I heard they were getting back together briefly, I was "Paranoid." I clutched my CDs, posters, and live tour DVD, thinking, "Is this really happening?" Alas, it wasn't meant to be at that point.

Unfortunately, that did not "Hold On" and dissolved quickly. Yeah, they did their own things while Kevin had children. However, they eventually moved past their issues and made a big comeback earlier this year.

In the end, I'm glad that they took time to find themselves, each other and where "Happiness Begins" for them. Did I buy their latest album when it came out? Hell yes! Did I buy the physical CD? Yes, bite me. And "Tonight," I'll be relistening to all their old hits and reminiscing.

But for now, I'll just have to take it "One Day at a Time."



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With the Jonas Brothers back together after reuniting, I am left to fangirl my little heart out.



# Vaping: The beginning of the end starts in Michigan

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In recent news, Michigan's governor, Gretchen Whitmer, has made history by being the first to sign an executive order to ban flavored vaping products statewide.

Her motive for the ban is the protection of children, seemingly decided after Whitmer was informed by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) that youth vaping is a public health crisis. However, unflavored and tobacco-flavored vape products will still be in the market post-ban, due to possibly being less of a threat to children.

But don't fret, my college-aged readers. The executive order has not been put into place yet. We still have time to vape our fruits instead of eating them.

Until Whitmer officially signs the order, you may still purchase the candy-flavored products at one of your many local vape stores. Even after she signs it, the order won't be in full-effect for a few weeks. Don't worry, there's time for you fiends to stock up.

My question is not why our governor banned the products. I completely get why they're dangerous. I'm wondering what the business-owners who sell/make the flavored vape juices are going to do with them after the fact.

Will store-owners be able to sell the products that they already have in stock

until they run out, or will they have to trash everything? Will there be a vape black market? Will people be able to buy online from other states? These kids can get crafty when it comes to nicotine, so I'm sure this won't be the last we hear about the issue.

From the research that's presented itself recently, it seems like the flavoring isn't the real issue. It's what's inside the juice that's hurting people, and I'm not just talking about nicotine. According to New York State health officials, the dangerous component of e-cig is really vitamin E acetate. It's being linked to numerous health conditions, and even some deaths, all nationwide.

This information scared me so badly that I quit my own habit. My only advice on how to not be affected by this seemingly growing problem in our generation is to either quit your habit or never pick it up. Or, you can ration your fruity vape juice until you cave and use a tobacco flavoring (ew).

So, start stockpiling your juice, now. The vaping apocalypse is just beginning, and it's starting in our backyard. Escape to Colorado, where everything's legal, or ration your vapor like canned food in a famine.

The option was clear to me, only because I fear death so greatly, but if you're more ballsy than I am, you might want to consider if you really want to go out by the hands of a killer flash drive.



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Prophet condemns a sinner who dared to play Ariana Grande during his three hour long soliloquy. He referred to this student as an "authoritarian."

## Local prophet visits campus

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On the first day of classes at Oakland University, students were greeted with blessings from above, in the form of a pudgy, middle-aged man with a squeaky voice.

A 41-year-old man who has a passion for arguing with people of color and members of the LGBTQIA+ community, visited Oakland, sharing his infinite knowledge with anyone who cared to listen. Not many did care to listen, but the few who did left with more questions than answers.

The first sighting of this prophet was reported at 9 a.m., and he left in a blaze of glory at 4 p.m., never once taking a break to eat, drink or go to the bathroom.

He was dressed to the nines, wearing a NASA T-shirt, dad sandals and khaki shorts. He held a sign that simply read "Ask Me Why You Deserve Hell." A simple sentence that caused immense public outrage. What he lacked in height, he made up for in bluster and gusto.

Many times, he engaged in hearty debate with those that felt offended by his claims that homosexuality was a sin and that most of us were going to hell, but nevertheless, he persisted. The work of a prophet is something that few are able to understand, which is why the campus feels lucky that one of the few people who are al-

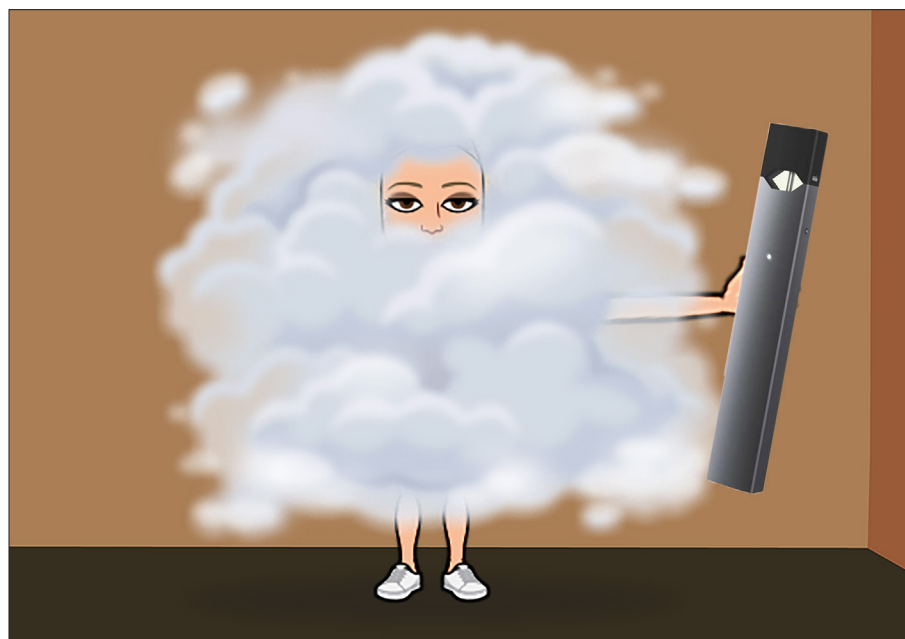
lowed to judge and shame was there to share the hard facts of life.

He is a man of many tales. He was addicted to pornography, he lusted after lots of women and this is why he needed God. In his words, he was "saved from lusting and sinning by god once he got on his knees and prayed."

He goes on tour to different colleges. Last week, he was at Grand Valley State University as well. I'm sure the Lakers took just as good of care of him as the Grizzlies did. Students far and wide traveled to see him preach, occasionally even thanking him for fixing this world, hugging and crying endlessly as they praised him as their new savior.

Throughout my multiple hours of observing him and his gospel, I learned a lot about the world. I learned through his direct quotes that "if you film you and your husband having sex, it is not a sin." I also learned that the "gay mafia has deceived" me. Never before this prophet visited OU would I have thought that "masturbating without lust is not a sin."

After his departure, the clouds split and the sun shined bright, leaving many to wonder ... was he the second coming of Jesus Christ himself? I can't say yes or no, but what I can say is, he's certainly passionate about his beliefs. So passionate, he probably has a UTI from holding it in for seven hours at a time.



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For all of the nicotine addicts, prepare to find a new drug of choice as vaping is over.