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So you've resolved to be better in 2015; to work out, to be kinder, to get that internship or maybe stop biting your nails, but how many of you will actually stick to these goals all year? Web Editor Sean Gardner explores the science behind New Year resolutions. Read more at www.oaklandpostonline.com.



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

OH GRIZZLY TREE // Even during the winter break, students 'bear'-ed their black and gold pride by hanging Oakland University ornaments from Christmas trees. The holiday season may be over, but being a Golden Grizzly is for life.

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Why'd the chicken cross the state? Answer: because it came from the Oakland Center, home to the only Chik-fil-A in Michigan, attracting nugget and waffle fry fanatics far and wide.



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OU friends and faculty mourn the loss of student leader and senior Cody Petzold after he died in an automobile accident Dec. 26.



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The Golden Grizzly men and women's basketball teams take on rival University of Detroit Mercy Saturday for the much-anticipated Metro Series.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Did you make any New Year's resolutions for 2015?

- A** Heck yes! New year, new me, baby.
- B** No. Who keeps them, anyway?
- C** I'm still thinking about it.
- D** It's 2015?!

Vote at www.oaklandpostonline.com

LAST MONTH'S POLL

The first poll for our comic cub's name ended in a three-way tie! We decided to try again:

A) Chester

15.4%

B) Bearonce

3.8%

C) Miguel Cabeara

57.7%

D) Hugo

23.1%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

January 7, 2009

Student Body President Dan Evola and his band, The Madison Opera, opened at the 89X New Year's Eve Rock 'N' Roll Bash in Dearborn.

January 13, 2010

Oakland students Emily Battle, Emily Wilson and Kathryn Slevin received national recognition for their research on energy expenditure in women during radiation treatment for breast cancer.

January 9, 2002

A warrant was issued for the arrest of a former OU student for stealing 10 computers from Elliott Hall while dressed as a maintenance man.

-Compiled by Megan Carson, copy editor

BY THE NUMBRRS

Sub-zero winter edition

26

more inches of snow fell last year than the average (12.5 inches) Michigan winter

17 mph

was the wind speed on Jan. 7 last year, compared to the forecasted windspeed on same day this year at 10-20 mph

-2.2°F

recorded temp last winter on Jan. 7, 13.2 degrees lower than the forecast for the same day this year

6.4

more days of sub-zero Michigan weather in 2014 than the average, 3.6

26.6

more inches of snow fell last year than the average (12.5 inches) Michigan winter

Editorial

It's time to change the casual mentality on mental health issues

By Kaylee Kean
Managing Editor

Bipolar. Depressed. OCD. Psychopath. Schizophrenic. These are common terms used to describe those out-of-sync things we experience on an average enough day: "this Michigan weather is bipolar, that woman is seriously OCD about her out-fits."

"This math professor is a psychopath. This homework load is really depressing."

They're well-known and well-used words. Harmless enough, right?

Wrong. These words may be well-known, but what about the meanings behind them? What about the implications?

There is a growing discussion on this casual use of diagnostic terms, and how this use ultimately minimizes these serious conditions and the people who have them.

In an eight minute video titled "4 Psychological Terms That You're Using Incorrectly," YouTube SciShow host Hank Green explains how the terms psycho, OCD, schizophrenic and bipolar are among those commonly misused, and why it's wrong.

In the video, he says psychologists define a psychological disorder as "a deviant, distressful and dysfunctional pattern of thoughts, feelings or behavior that interferes with a person's ability to function in a healthy way."

He then breaks down that

definition and the definitions of the psychological terms mentioned.

For example: obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), he shares, does not necessarily have to do with being clean. It involves obsessions — unwanted repetitive thoughts that could focus on anything — and compulsions — behaviors that are used as a way to try to escape the intense anxiety that come with the obsessions. These obsessions and compulsions take over the mind and interfere with one's daily life, and many have nothing to do with avoiding dirt and disorder.

Yet many people seem to throw the term around lightly, tagging themselves without fully understanding.

"We do this a lot," Green says. "Let's stop."

We at the Oakland Post agree with this statement, and ask the members of OU's community to re-evaluate their own uses of such terms.

Instead of calling a harsh teacher a "psychopath," labeling yourself with depression when you are sad for a short time, or calling a friend OCD because he or she is particular about something, stop and think about it. Learn what those terms really mean, and think about those who are genuinely struggling with these disorders.

Don't fuel the misunderstandings on mental illnesses. Whether you know someone with a psychological disorder or not, treat their struggles seriously and their disorders with respect. Don't

spread the wrong ideas, and don't let those ideas define those who are struggling with the real thing.

"It's hard enough to try not to become your disease when your disease is inside your brain, but it's even worse when it's inside everyone else's brains too," Green says at the end of his video.

There is an overwhelming amount of professional aid here at OU for those who need it. The Graham Health Center, Counseling Center, and GRASP are only a few of the resources available for students struggling mentally, and they are good resources. But they are not enough.

Those who are struggling with a psychological disorder, whether severe or mild, need more than professionals; they need their peers. They need friends and family to talk to, and they need to be able to share what they are going through without being casually branded for it.

We at the Post urge you to change the way you think about mental illness. We ask you to think twice the next time you're about to use the word "bipolar" or "depressed" or even "crazy."

Those who are diagnosed with a mental disorder are not crazy; they are sick. They are not OCD; they are a person struggling with OCD. They are not "those" people; they are just people.

They are people no different than you, and they are hurting. They need patience, kindness and open-mindedness. They need to know their struggles are not a joke.



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Perspectives

Letter to the editor: OU took away my scholarship

First-year transfer student loses her scholarship, says she was misinformed

Cayla Essenburg
First-year transfer student

I am a transfer student and this is my first year at Oakland University. I received the OU Distinguished Transfer Award for my first four semesters at OU. However, my scholarship was quickly revoked due to the fact that I switched from Physics 151 to Physics 161. Since I am a new student at OU, I was unaware of the different rules and regulations that apply to students, and over the past semester I was very poorly informed. Before registering for the fall 2014 semester I had met with my advisor. We had gone over possible schedules of the classes I should consider taking during the semester.

I was misinformed, however, that as an engineering student I should have been in the Physics 161 class without the lab instead of Physics 151 with Physics 110 (the lab). I was unaware of this fact until after the deadline date to add/drop classes, and I only learned of the correct requirements when making small talk with my fellow colleagues instead of my advisor.

As soon as I found out about this mistake I went straight to registration services to get the corrections. There was no problem with registration in switching from Physics 151 to 161, since it is the same exact class except without the lab. However, I was once again never informed of the right information and was unaware of the fact that switching from 151 to 161 would lose me my scholarship.

I cannot understand why when I was still carrying 12 credit hours. I was told by financial aid services that once you drop a class after the deadline, classes that you add aren't taken into consideration. However, Physics 151 and 161 are the same exact class, except without lab. So the only class I actually dropped was Physics 110, and I was always a full time student even after the change.

If I was informed or aware of this rule earlier I would've just stuck the year out with Physics 151 so I wouldn't lose my scholarship.

At my previous college the registration and financial aid services were always very straight forward, very informative,

and extremely helpful. I have yet to experience those qualities at OU.

The only reason I even found out about my scholarship being cancelled was because I went on my Sail account to switch some classes for my winter semester. It said I had a hold on my account because I owed money again.

I was never emailed or even contacted about not being eligible for my scholarship, or that I had another charge to my account.

I was instructed that in order for consideration to get my scholarship reinstated I had to write a letter to financial services. I did so in hopes they would see the errors I made were due to a lack of correct information given to me by advisors/employees at OU.

My request was not approved. Financial services told me once again that I was not a full time student, but there was no period of time in the fall semester where I wasn't taking 12 credits.

If financial services would've been more considerate with this situation, they would've seen by looking at my records and transcripts that I am a very hard-working and dedicated student whom takes pride in what I do.

The first time I spoke to financial services about my scholarship being revoked they simply said that they understood I was still in the same class and they could see that I was a full time student, but that they didn't have the time to look and consider the changes made in student's academics.

So instead, without any thought, they just took my scholarship away that I had worked really hard to earn. I wholeheartedly felt this situation was out of my control.

I had other options and scholarships offered to me from several colleges in Michigan and this whole circumstance has made me regret my decision to attend Oakland University.

I am now sending this letter to you in the hopes that this may make the situation more visible to the board and faculty at OU and show how wrong all of this has been. I guarantee I am not the only student that something like this has happened to, and circumstances like this are going to give OU a bad name.

Word gets around and situations such as this portray to incoming students that OU doesn't care about honoring initial commitment to their academically proficient students.

After all, that was one of the reasons I chose OU in the first place.

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Campus Grizzlies on the Prowl



*"How did you start
off 2015?"*



Shamaila Mirza,
nursing, sophomore

*"At a dinner party with family
members. It was my mom's
birthday."*



Savannah Simancek,
political science, freshman

*"With a better attitude, and
hanging out with a friend. I'm
trying to prepare better."*



Joseph Kelley,
cinema studies, junior

*"Trying to enjoy break as much
as possible before school starts. I
want to know what I'm doing by
the end of the year."*



Jason Bombaci,
cinema studies, junior

*"I went to my first legitimate
New Year's Eve party. I usually
spend it with family."*

— Compiled by Nowshin Chowdhury,
Photographer

POLICE FILES

Wood planks with nails driven through found behind residence

OUPD took a call from Rochester Hills resident who called and stated that she had received a call from her friend that there were pieces of wood with nails driven through them on the walking trails behind her house. She told the officer that that this was not the first time it as happened.

The officers walked the trails behind the house and picked up 237 small pieces of wood in assorted shapes with different-sized nails driven through them.

It is not known who placed the wood planks on the trails.

Hot dogs stolen from Vandenberg dock

OUPD responded to a call on Dec. 4 at approximately 10:30 from a from a Vandenberg worker. He told police that the day before at around 1:30 p.m. he noticed four or five hot dogs and buns wrapped in clear plastic. He said the hot dogs were in a plastic milk case, second from the top and all the other milk cases were empty.

He told police that when he looked again around 3:30 p.m. the same day, the hot dogs were missing. He told police that he did not know who took them or when they were taken.

The complainant noticed a camera that was pointed at the milk cases and he gave it to police hoping that the suspect might have been caught on camera. When the officers returned to the station and reviewed the video, they determined that the video was unusable because the camera was broken and not functioning properly.

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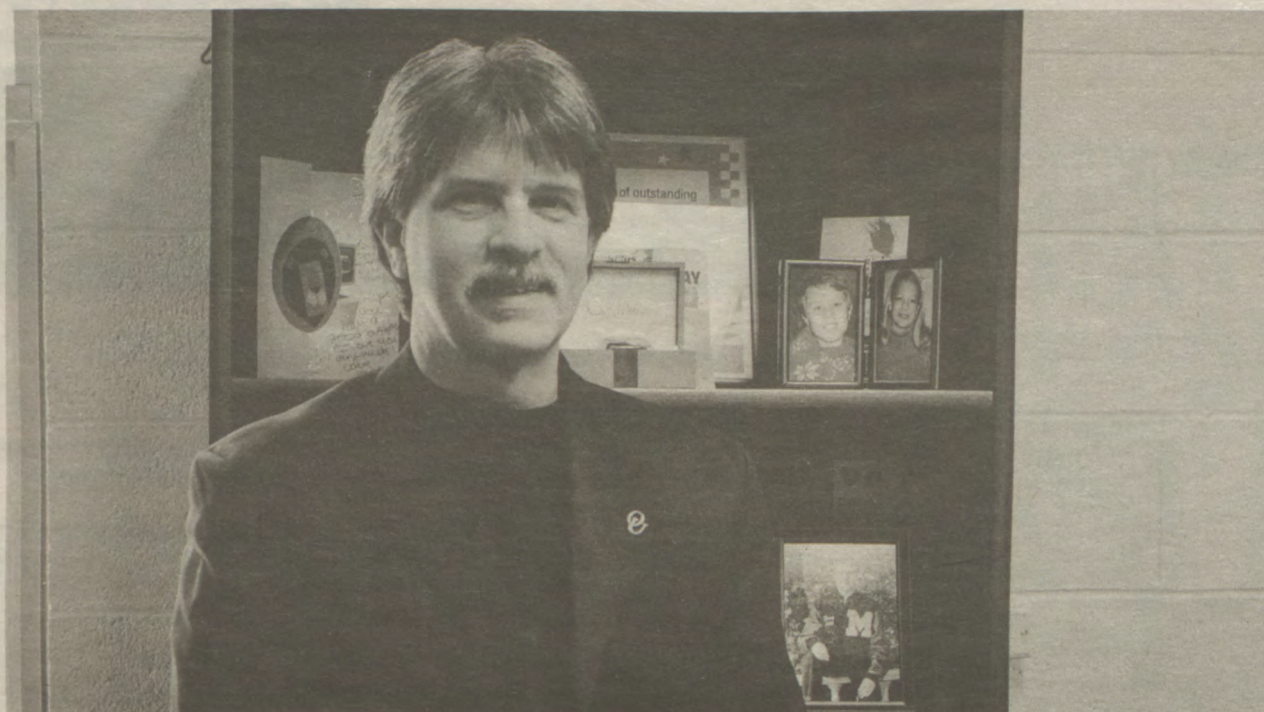


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John Young, now vice president of communications and marketing, is the man behind many of OU's communication achievements.

New year, new job, forever Young

Former associate vice president of UCM moves into President Hynd's cabinet

Kevin Teller
Staff Reporter

This month marks a new chapter in the life of John Young, as he begins his new position as the vice president of Communications and Marketing (UCM).

While it might not seem like a large shift from his previous position as the associate vice president for UCM, that dropping of the word "associate" represents a meaningful change. This new job places Young in President George W. Hynd's cabinet — Young now has a direct line of communication with OU's new president.

Young said he values this particular facet of the new job because he now has "the ability for direct input from both the communications and marketing perspectives on major decisions."

While he has only been at OU since 2013, Young said he has formed some big plans for the department and university as a whole. Growing communication through digital means will be a high priority.

"That is where our target audiences seek information," Young said.

Young said he hopes that, through these increased communication efforts, the university can convey more information to more people.

Jackie Wiggins, chair of the music, theatre and dance department, has

worked with Young on a few occasions, including when he helped to promote arts faculty on radio and television. She said she is proud of the work Young and his team have done so far, and that his promotion appropriately reflects the work that he has done for OU.

"Vice President Young and his team worked tirelessly to assess our situation and make decisions about what we needed to do to move forward," Wiggins said.

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Kevin J. Corcoran has also worked with Young on the recent internal branding project.

"He doesn't think he has all the answers," Corcoran said. "He recognizes a lot of the answers around the table and around the campus."

This, in addition to Young's attention to the opinions of many entities and dedication to getting the core messages across, are what make Young a good fit for the job, according to Corcoran.

SOME BACKGROUND LOL

Young grew up in Southfield and attended Detroit Catholic Central. He received a degree in business from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and his Master of Public Administration from Wayne State University.

Other notable positions that Young has held before Oakland include chief marketing officer and vice president at

Walsh College, and corporate director of marketing at Oakwood Health System.

In his free time, Young said he enjoys horseback riding with his autistic son. When he's not with his son he's feeding his main hobby: running. He attributes members of the OU health community with keeping him on track.

While Young has had many enriching jobs and interests in his life, it is evident to many that his dedication to Oakland is steadfast.

As he takes on the new year, and his new job with it, Young said he is ready to get down to business.

"We will continue the aggressive outreach to media in order to generate visibility to build our academic reputation," Young said.

John's greatest hits

Young has made some waves in the two years he has spent at OU. Here are some of he and his team's most notable achievements:

- The publicizing of Travis Bader's breaking the NCAA record for 3-pointers
- Aerial photography of campus
- Radio and TV promotion of arts faculty members
- Active role in the Hillary Clinton campus visit

THIS WEEK AROUND CAMPUS

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12-2 p.m. Spirit Hump Day in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

4-7 p.m. Study Abroad Welcome Back Re-entry Workshop in the Heritage Room, Oakland Center

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11 a.m. Leadership & Volunteer Center - 2015 Volunteer Fair in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

5-7 p.m. Housing Recruitment Information Session in the main lobby of Oak View Hall

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All Day Event Track: Oakland vs. EMU Triangular in Ypsilanti, Mich.

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11:30 a.m. Women's Basketball: Milwaukee vs. Oakland in the Athletics Center O'rena

7 p.m.-11 p.m. Casino Night in the Oakland Center

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12-5 p.m. Susan Goethel Campbell: Field Guide exhibition in 208 Wilson Hall

1-3 p.m. Housing Recruitment Information Session in the main lobby of Oak View Hall

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12-1 p.m. Winter Semester Walk-In Study Abroad Student Advising begins in 160 North Foundation Hall

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12-1 p.m. Student Leader Recruitment Info Share in the Oakland Room, Oakland Center

6-9 p.m. After Hours Adult Social in the Oakland Center



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LECS president Dom Dabish and vice president Ivan Gappy try on the new Oculus Rifts.

Playing with reality

Erica Marracco
Staff Intern

The League of Engineers and Computer Scientists (LECS) have something not a lot of colleges get to experience - virtual reality.

It's called the Oculus Rift, a headgear that submerges your eyes into a simulated state of reality.

The virtual reality technology that exists today is similar to a simple version of a video game but it includes more eye and head movement rather than button mashing.

A user can "look around" in real time, while moving his or her head up, down, and around. When using a simulated space application, for example, when the user looks up he or she will be able to see the stars as realistically as star gazing on a cloud-free night.

"A lot of people aren't experimenting with this yet, we are among the first," said LECS President Dom Dabish. "No rules, it's all brand new."

With two Oculus Rifts in their possession thanks to the Student Funding Board, the LECS is enjoying virtual interaction and are optimistic about what they can create with this new technology.

"The first thing we want to do is de-

velop," Dabish said. "We want to use the programs available to make an original application."

Eventually the LECS hopes to get their hands on Leap Motion input, which tracks finger and hand movements without connecting sensors to the user.

"It's like you can pick up a Coke and drop it or throw it while watching it happen on the Oculus," Dabish said.

The LECS is also seeking helpers. They need students to generate unique and creative uses for virtual reality and people to test it out in action.

"We're open to anyone joining," Vice President of LECS, Ivan Gappy said. "No background in computers required; we value all ideas."

Playing with the Oculus Rift is fun and new. Some people, though, may be sensitive to the movement and get dizzy.

"Every time I play around with the Oculus, I think to myself how amazing this is," said LECS member Andrew Alisa.

This new student organization hosts about fifty members at the moment. It's easy to join: type in LECS.me in your browser, which will direct you to their GrizzOrgs page.

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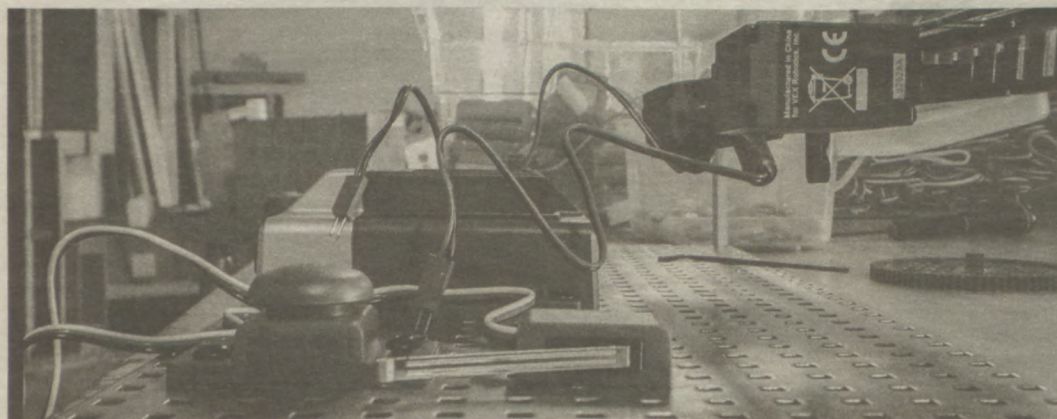
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Classrooms that once held supplies for woodshop are now the rooms where students create STEM projects.

STEM education grows in popularity

Ali DeRees
Campus & Administration
Editor

It is 2:11 p.m. Students shuffle through the widened hallways of Romeo Middle School, gossiping and giggling while making their way out the doors to the buses. The smell of sweat lingers in the air that is thick and humid. Tucked away in the southwest corner of the building is a large room that used to hold woodshop classes. It is now home to robots.

Education is transformative. It allows a person to think critically, solve problems and better understand the world. Since the Industrial Revolution our lives have been shaped and molded by technology and scientific discoveries. In light of these advances, employers are in need of qualified employees. Enter STEM education.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs are gaining attention and prevalence both locally and nationally. Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder included in his 2014 State of the State address that one of his goals is to make "Michigan a leader in promoting STEM and career tech opportunities."

To be able to compete and obtain jobs within computer science, engineering and chemistry, the education starts long before college or even high school.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides STEM programs to elementary through high schools nationally. The programs in-

clude PLTW Launch for kindergarten through fifth grade, Gateway for middle school and engineering, computer sciences and biomedical sciences for high school.

Romeo Middle School (RMS) is a PLTW Gateway school and one of the 118 PLTW schools in Michigan. Tammy Rastigue teaches the STEM curriculum at RMS that has been in place for two years. In 2013 she attended STEM training at EMU.

"I have had to learn to be more of a facilitator in the classroom and let the students lead the learning," Rastigue said.

According to Rastigue, the program includes specific classes for each grade level. Sixth grade students take Design & Modeling, which includes the use of industry technology Autodesk Inventor. Seventh grade students take Automation & Robotics, which incorporates VEX Robotics and ROBOTC for building and programming. Eighth grade students can take Automation & Robotics as an elective.

The STEM program as a whole is based on project-based learning Rastigue said, stating that it "allows the students to be creative and more engaged."

A large part of STEM learning is problem solving Rastigue added.

"Teach them that it's okay if their project is not successful the first time," she said. "They need to problem solve and rework, redesign things."

Problem solving is the key concept to being successful in STEM programs and therefore later in life, according to RMS

Principal Brad Martz.

"What the work force is really looking for is people who can actually take a problem and solve it," Martz said.

He said he is very happy with the program, specifically the hands-on experience it gives students.

"They were set with a problem of designing a playground or what have you, and they actually kind of worked in there and designed it and put things together," Martz said. The Romeo School District is home to the Romeo Engineering and Technology Center (RETC) where high school students can participate in the Advanced Science, Math and Technology program. Oakland University (OU) student and Romeo alumna Hanna Trzeciakiewicz participated in this program.

The senior credits this program and her prior to education to the success she has seen as a Biochemistry major at OU.

"I was able to excel in math and science to the point I was taking college classes as a (high school) sophomore," Trzeciakiewicz said. "I took the AP Calc BC exam and never had to take a math class at OU."

Success in the STEM fields must start with learning at a young age, according to OU Mathematics professor Dr. Stephen Wright.

"You have to develop an interest and a facility with technical subjects at an early age because it's hard," Wright said. "Math is hard. Physics is hard. Engineering is hard. You not only have to have the ability, you have to be motivated."

Building Oakland's brand through social media

Students use the hashtag #ThisIsOU to start conversations

Erica Marracco
Staff Intern

Getting a message across to others is easier than ever thanks to the birth of social media. Oakland University is using this to their advantage by creating the Social Media Street Team student organization.

It's a fairly new organization with about 100 active members. Anyone familiar with social media can join. The goal is to utilize the internet to market OU.

"We come together by promoting events and promoting Oakland," President Josh Pokrefsky said.

Using the hashtag #ThisIsOU, members post updates about what's going on around campus and initiating students to be a part of it.

"We are not your average student organization," Pokrefsky said. "Most of what we do is behind a cell phone and it's easy to be involved."

With so many people using smartphones and posting live updates off of their Facebook and Twitter accounts, it is expected that the Social Media Street Team will grow quickly this year.

"This opportunity is the perfect way to create your personal brand," group advisor Colleen Campbell said. "It's an educational experience on how to be profession-

al using a public forum."

"Being affiliated with OU's growth will help a student market him or herself and create life-long connections using networking that could be beneficial in the future," according to Campbell.

"We want to help students grow and develop their image using this powerful tool," she said.

Not only do members have the advantage of personal marketing, but they also get the benefit of sometimes receiving free OU swag, t-shirts and bracelets, just for being active and participating.

"I want to see less Michigan and Michigan State college gear and more Oakland-related wear," Pokrefsky said.

Becoming a member

Being interactive on the Social Media Street Team begins with sending in the application found on their GrizzOrg website. It's also possible to be recommended, as the Team is always looking at who's actively promoting OU.

"We will notice those who are always going to events and posting about it using hashtags," Vice President Kristiana Hila said.

Being a part of the Social Media Street Team is easy, and a student member doesn't have to live on campus to be a part of it. Participating in the Street Team requires only positive enthusiasm and active posting.

Contact Staff Intern Erica Marracco via email at emmarrac@oakland.edu.

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By the numbers

FACEBOOK
28.2k likes

TWITTER
18k followers

INSTAGRAM
3.7k followers

the mix

oddsandends

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

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



1. "U2 announced a world tour. I'm confused. Do I have to buy tickets or are they just going to break into my house and start playing?"

2. "Hard for me to trust people that pour milk in their bowl before the cereal."

3. "The Detroit Pistons have a better chance at winning the Super Bowl against the Chicago Blackhawks than I have at kissing a girl at midnight."

4. "What I got for Christmas is... fat. I got fat and I'm not even complaining."

5. "Did you know you can drink lava but only once?"

6. "My chances of getting Ebola are higher than my chances of getting a girlfriend."

7. "Nothing says 'I respect you' quite like a 2 a.m. 'What's up?' text."

8. "No mom, I don't need you to vacuum my dorm. Please go home now."

9. "When do OU students come back? I'm getting lonely."

10. "No autocorrect, I did not mean 'ducking.'"

—Compiled by Shelby Tankersley, intern

TOP TUNES

wxou albums of the week

1. Ariel Pink – "Pom Pom"
2. Parquet Courts – "Content Nausea"
3. Francisco the Man – "Loose Ends"
4. Frontier Ruckus – "Sitcom Afterlife"
5. Deerhoof – "La Isla Bonita"
6. Aquadolls – "Stoked on You"
7. TV on the Radio – "Seeds"
8. She and Him – "Classics"
9. Panda Bear – "Panda Bear Meets the Grim Reaper"
10. New Basement Tapes – "Lost On The River: The New Basement Tapes"



She and Him - Classics

She and Him is the project of actress Zooey Deschanel and folk singer M. Ward. On their new album "Classics," the duo pays homage to a handful of timeless covers. Putting their own spin on cuts previously recorded by Carole King, Dusty Springfield, Aretha Franklin, and more, She and Him put together a sleek and smooth album that makes for a perfect Sunday morning listen. If your favorite part of "Elf" was the shower scene where Deschanel sings "Baby It's Cold Outside" in a not-so-empty women's locker room, then "Classics" is the perfect album for you.

Start with: "Stars Fell On Alabama," "Oh No, Not My Baby" and "Stay Awhile."

—Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

"A Student Presentation"		Written by: Kaseb Ahmad	Drawn by: Dani Cojocari
<p>Four Types of Students</p> <p>Which One Are You?</p> <p>A Powerpoint Presentation by Miguel Cabeara</p>		<p>1. The Debator</p> <p>I mean, really, is global warming even real?</p>	<p>2. The Sleeper</p> <p>Should we wake her up?</p> <p>No, let the poor girl rest.</p>
<p>3. The...Who Is That Again?</p> <p>Who is that?</p> <p>Not sure... Was he always here?</p>		<p>4. The Normal Guy</p> <p>He's just a regular student. He's a pretty cool person if you ask me, or anyone else!</p>	
<p>The End</p>			



Chickening out

Michiganders flock to Oakland Center for a taste of the state's only Chik-fil-A

By Anthony Spak / Special to the Post
Photography by / Erika Barker

Chick-fil-A has been a successful restaurant franchise since 1967. However, the southern-based company only has one location in Michigan: Pioneer Food Court.



FAR LEFT Freshly-prepared Chick-fil-A nuggets, strips, sandwiches and waffle fries await the mouths of hungry Michigan customers. **MIDDLE** The restaurant also offers greener, more health conscious items including grilled chicken and a plethora of salad options. **UPPER LEFT** The classic Chick-fil-A sandwich with waffle fries is one of the franchise's best-sellers. **ABOVE** Oakland University boasts the only Chick-fil-A in all of Michigan, located in Pioneer Food Court.

Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

As you open the door to the Oakland Center, the smells hit you immediately: crispy chicken, fried to golden excellence in 100% refined peanut oil and seasoned to perfection; the buttery goodness of the toasted buns; the sharp, sweet scent of serrated dill pickle chips. Together, these three simple ingredients meet to form a mouthwatering menu item, the Chick-fil-A Chicken sandwich.

This southern delicacy, along with other Chick-fil-A menu items like the Chick-fil-A Waffle Potato Fries and the Chick-fil-A Nuggets, can only be found at one location in Michigan. That location is on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester, where the state's only Chick-fil-A serves up savory, golden-fried delights in the Pioneer Food Court.

While this one is a Chick-fil-A Express, meaning it offers a limited menu, it still serves the three classic franchise dishes mentioned above. Customers at the Pioneer Food Court location can also expect to sip on fresh-brewed Chick-fil-A sweet tea and lemonade, and enjoy premium salads and wraps.

The customers aren't just university students; many consumers come from all over the state to the Pioneer Food Court everyday just for Chick-fil-A. Atricia Kellie, a Chick-fil-A employee at the Michigan location, often sees customers driving long distances just for her employer's food.

"I put sandwich pictures on Facebook. The next day, my friend's kids from Saginaw came down and bought fifteen sandwiches," Kellie said.

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OU Chick-fil-A employee

A Detroit security guard who overheard Kellie's quoted nodded in agreement, adding that he drives all the way from the city often for two waffle fries, two four-piece strips, and a large lemonade.

Sidonie Shuler, a catering administrator at Chartwell's, the company that operates the Pioneer Food Court, says that most of the phone calls that her office receives involve Chick-fil-A.

"People call in all the time asking where Chick-fil-A is located," Shuler said, saying that the restaurant brings in many people that wouldn't otherwise come to Oakland University.

Chick-fil-A is open to the public every Monday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is closed Saturdays and Sunday.

Spak's suggestion:

- Chick-fil-A sandwich (with extra pickles, of course)
- Waffle potato fries
- Chick-fil-A lemonade (fresh-brewed daily)
- Chick-fil-A sauce

For the love of nuggets

The Paige family drove 45 minutes north from Oak Park just for a taste of Chick-fil-A.

"I love Chick-fil-A," says Kimberly Paige, a Georgia native who was raised on the franchise's food.

The Post caught up with the family of three on their first successful commute to the Oakland University location.

James Paige, Kimberly's husband, planned on surprising his wife with a secret trip to Chick-fil-A this past Sweetest Day, but the holiday fell on a Saturday, so the location was closed. This setback didn't discourage the family from making the trip again for the hard-to-find chicken.

"I'm a strip man, and the fries are delicious," Mr. Paige insisted shortly after finishing his meal. Mrs. Paige said she prefers the nuggets, with a few honey mustard packets on the side to dip with.

Before departing on the long drive back to Oak Park, Mr. Paige made sure to take a few extra Chick-fil-A sauces home with him in his coat pocket, assuring us that they'd "most definitely" be back to the restaurant soon.



TRAVELER SPOTLIGHT: The Paige family drove 45 minutes to Oakland University from Oak Park for a taste of the traditionally southern delicacy. Photo by Anthony Spak

'A light put out too soon'

Students and faculty mourn the loss of friend, mentor, leader Cody Petzold

Oona Goodin-Smith
Editor-in-Chief

The Oakland University community is mourning the loss of 21-year-old senior, campus leader, and friend Cody Petzold after he died from severe head trauma resulting from a motor vehicle accident at a construction site near the entrance ramp at 12 Mile Road and I-75 on the morning of Friday, Dec. 26. An autopsy by the Oakland County medical examiner revealed that alcohol was a factor in the crash.

"A shining light was put out way too soon," Cody's mother, Susan, told WXYZ News. "He was a creative soul in every way and dedicated himself to everything 110 percent."

About to begin his final semester of undergraduate study this January, Petzold was a member of the Honors College studying Human Resources Development and earned a 3.99 GPA during his first year on campus and the 2011 Credit Union One COS Award which covered his freshman year tuition, books and room and board, according to the Oakland University website.

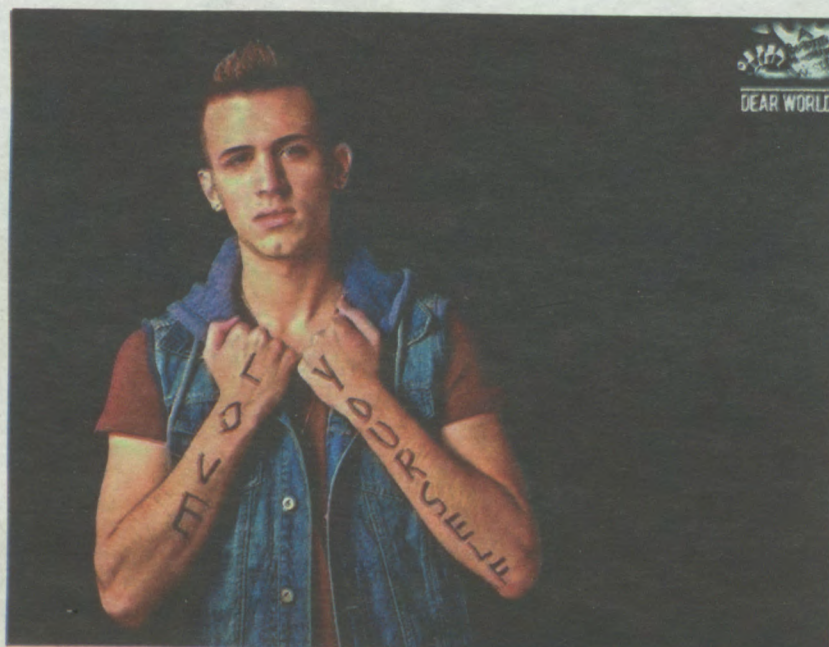
Petzold also graduated as valedictorian of his class at Holly High School in 2011.

"Cody was a highly regarded scholar and student leader at Oakland University and the news of his death has saddened our campus community," said Glenn McIntosh, interim vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this most difficult time."

"He was absolutely brilliant, and he didn't even have to try that hard" said one of Cody's closest friends, senior Bria Ellis. "He was one of those people who would finish a test in thirty minutes when it took everyone else three hours."

As a resident assistant, new student orientation group leader, peer mentor for Oakland's Center Multicultural Initiatives, University Housing academic peer mentor and former vice president of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), Petzold "held every visible leadership role on campus," according to McIntosh.

Petzold also formerly worked as an executive assistant at the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce and



Courtesy of Facebook

Cody Petzold, 21, was set to graduate this May with a degree in Human Resources Development. Active in student life on campus and a high academic achiever, he was known for his artistic talent and zeal for life.

as a Chrysler Corporation intern.

"He was always heavily invested in the success of the students he served," Director of Housing Jim Zentmeyer told oakland.edu.

It is perhaps for this connection with his classmates and his zest for life that Petzold will be best remembered at OU.

"He was so full of energy and light," said Petzold's friend and GSA President Becca Reichenbach, recalling a trip to Windsor with Ellis and Petzold. "I can't stop thinking about all the fun we had. We were 19 and 20, so it was incredibly odd to go out to the clubs, but we paraded the streets like we owned it."

"He always made an entrance in a room," said Ellis. "Even if it was you entering the room, he would be the one making the entrance."

"He was just a really loyal friend," she said. "Even if you only came in contact with him two or three times, he still would do whatever it took to help you out. How many people are like that anymore?"

A visitation and celebration of life were held at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston Dec. 30



and 31, respectively, where Petzold's friends compiled "Letters to Cody" with memories and messages from those he impacted. His family asks that donations be made to the Oakland University Gay-Straight Alliance.

The Center for Multicultural Initiatives (CMI) will be holding a vigil in remembrance of Petzold on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Banquet Room B in the Oakland Center.

According the CMI Facebook page, the vigil will be student-oriented, where students will be invited to share their testimonials about Petzold.

For more information, contact Director of the Center for Student Activities Jean Ann Miller at jam@oakland.edu.

IN remembrance

In addition to Cody and the others who have been lost this past year, the Oakland Post would like to honor the memories of the following members of the OU community lost this past month.

PATRICIA WISEMAN, a.k.a. "MISS PAT", 78

Miss Pat died the first week of December due to health complications. She worked at Chartwells for 12 years and was loved by the many on-campus students who saw her regularly when getting their meals. She was a prankster, loved food and was always smiling.

RANDY HANSEN

Professor Emeritus Randy Hansen died on Dec. 21, announced in a notice sent out by President George Hynd on Dec. 23.

During his tenure, Hansen served as Interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Study, Interim Director for the Office of Grants, Contracts and Sponsored Research, and Director of the Center for Social and Behavioral Research. He retired in 2013.

LAWRENCE LILLISTON

Professor Lawrence Lilliston died Dec. 13 — a bereavement notice was sent out by President George Hynd on Dec. 23.

Lilliston joined the department of psychology in 1973 and served as chair of the department from 1990 to 1995. He retired in 2008.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Primeau, called a model student by her professors, has served as a principal flautist for two years.

Take a note from a flautist

Junior music student works hard, prepares to perform with OSO

Jasmine French
Staff Reporter

Flute in hand, junior Alysia Primeau can be seen around campus, bustling in and out of Varner Hall to her own beat.

Primeau, who has hopes of pursuing a career as a band teacher, is in her third year at Oakland and is double-majoring in instrumental music education and flute performance.

Primeau found inspiration through her older sister, who played the flute in high school.

"She was the one who kind of got me started on it, and having really good teachers along the way is what influenced me to want to teach students and other people," Primeau said.

Since attending Athens High School in Troy, she has found large audiences intimidating.

The student flautist uses a variety of techniques to overcome her fears, such as randomly performing in front of others in her practice room and using calming techniques that her professors

taught her.

Although she wants to begin teaching general education for elementary students, Primeau would later like to teach at a university.

Primeau will be playing "Carmen Fantasy" by French flautist, Francois Borne, with Oakland's Symphony Orchestra this semester.

"I started playing it my senior year in high school and I have kind of been learning it on and off since then," Primeau said. "It's definitely my favorite flute piece to play and it's probably the hardest."

Primeau said she chose Oakland University's music program because of its location and the potential opportunities it had for her future.

Primeau thinks the program has several great faculty members. Professors such as Greg Cunningham, Joseph and Victoria Shively and Sharon Sparrow have made a large impact on her studies.

"Alyssa is a model student who continues to excel in her studies as a music major at Oakland," said Cunningham, Professor of Music and Instrumental Program Coordinator.

According to him, Primeau has served as the principal flautist

of the Oakland University Wind Symphony for the past two years and has been a member of the Oakland Symphony, a regional orchestra comprised of area professionals.

"I look forward to collaborating with her on this concert and am excited about her future here at Oakland and beyond," Cunningham added.

According to Primeau, learning the music is not the most challenging aspect of performing.

"I definitely think playing with musicality and expression is probably the hardest thing that someone can conquer as a performer," Primeau said. "Anyone can learn how to play the notes and how to play the rhythms."

Primeau has made many memories at OU that she hopes to take with her as she pursues a career.

"At Oakland, I recently saw the Julliard String Quartet perform last semester and that was probably the most inspiring performance I've seen," Primeau said.

One thing is clear when speaking with Primeau: She has diverse interests. On top of playing flute in high school, she worked with students with autism and said she may also be interested in working in special education someday.

But for now, she'll stick to her instrument.

Rolling into the future

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Intern

Since 1907, the North American Auto Show has been a staple for Detroit, only taking a few years off during World War II.

The show has increased in popularity and is now attended by car enthusiasts from around the globe.

Greg Miller, a senior design engineer for Faurecia, attends the show every year and sees the concept cars as examples of what he could be working with in the future.

"I find it interesting to study the concept cars because sometimes they are showing you what the production version of a future cars will look like and sometimes it's just styling direction," Miller said. "I see advancements being made in auto construction."

He and Rod Price, an automotive technician for General Motors, have noticed more fuel-efficient and electric cars at the show.

"There are more and more hybrids and energy efficient vehicles," Price said. "Gas prices are high so efficiency is a must."

Miller said he shared the same hopes for more efficient cars.

"More recently, automakers have realized that electric motors can give a car performance gain as well as economical," Miller said. "I like the idea of buying a purely electric performance car — a good trend going forward."

Auto professionals are not the only people affected by new car trends. The technologies displayed at the auto show this year affect college students, as well.

After all, students will be the ones designing and driving these cars when they become popular.

When a few Oakland University students were asked if they drive American-made cars, they all said yes.

While the auto show does showcase some foreign brands, American cars have the spotlight.

It seems these are the cars

"I find it interesting to study the concept cars because sometimes they are showing you what the production version of future cars will look like,"

Greg Miller
Senior design engineer for Faurecia

many OU students are driving, and will continue to drive in the future.

When those same students were asked if they care about the industry changes in gas mileage, electric engines and design, the majority expressed interest in mostly gas efficiency and electric options.

Most said they enjoyed the idea of the economically sound hybrids because they are more environmentally friendly, but also because they can save drivers money.

Despite showing interest in the industry side of things, not many of the students said they would want to attend the show.

"I do not know much about cars other than they get me from Point A to Point B," said sophomore Abby Mandley. "If I do go, it will probably be because someone else dragged me to it."

While it doesn't seem Oakland students will be going to the show, more than 18 million people have attended for business and/or pleasure over the years.

Miller admitted that while attending can be beneficial for his work, he goes because he loves to see the cars and learn about them.

After all, top-of-the-line cars may be hard on the wallet, but they aren't too hard on the eyes.

The Detroit Auto Show is open to the public Jan. 17 to Jan. 25.



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Bringing comfy back

Grizzlies list comfortability as priority in winter fashion

Selah Fischer
Staff Reporter

Heading into a new year, many people resolve to leave behind their horrible diets and bad habits.

However, not everything from 2014 has to go. There are some things you should hold onto — and they're probably right in your closet.

Good news: there's no need to donate UGGs, leggings and yoga pants because they're still in style. You can also rock your favorite North Face jacket and fit right in.

Comfort is key

"Every day on campus I wear an oversized sweater paired with a pair of leggings and UGG boots," said junior Amanda Kassab. "I have at least seven pairs of UGGs. I'm on campus all day and I like to be comfortable, like most girls."

Walking around campus,

many will notice the majority of female students are decked out in last year's attire. However, it's not all about the old trends.

With a new year comes new fashion trends, and they can already be seen all over campus this semester. Ladies are covered in faux fur and wearing designer rain boots — rain or shine.

"I wear my North Face jacket almost every day," said senior Katelyn Gohlke. "When it's wet outside, I like to wear my Hunter rain boots."

Boots can be paired with almost anything. It all depends on how students feel the most comfortable.

"I usually always wear a big comfortable sweater and layer that with a large scarf," junior Ivana Vitosevic said. "I'm always wearing my Chelsea boots as well."

Students want to stay warm but fashionable at the same time. Mixing new and old

fashion trends make it easy to do just that.

"All of my North Face jackets are the super fuzzy ones," senior Chantel Lohmann said.

"I have a baby pink color, black and grey one and wear them almost every day to school," Lohmann said. "They're so warm and I feel like almost everyone owns one since the brand name is so popular."

Men's fashions

On campus, it's not just girls that are pulling out trendy outfits from the back of their closet, but guys as well.

For guys, it's mainly about the shoes this year. Timberlands and statement sneakers, such as Nikes, are popular.

"I usually wear my colorful Nike running shoes to class," said senior Rob Marshall.

Aside from shoes, plaid is trending. Many guys like to stay casual and comfortable on campus during Michigan's

"[Flannels] are thick, warm and easy to match with any pair of pants, which is why I think they're so popular right now for guys."

Steve Thibault
Senior

cold winter months.

"Plaid gives off a laid back but still clean-cut look," senior Steve Thibault said.

"I have around eight plaid flannels that I wear all the time to class in the winter," he said. "They're thick, warm and easy to match with any pair of pants, which is why I think they're so popular right now for guys."

Comfortable, casual — but most importantly fashionable — Oakland University is filled with students expressing themselves through fashion.

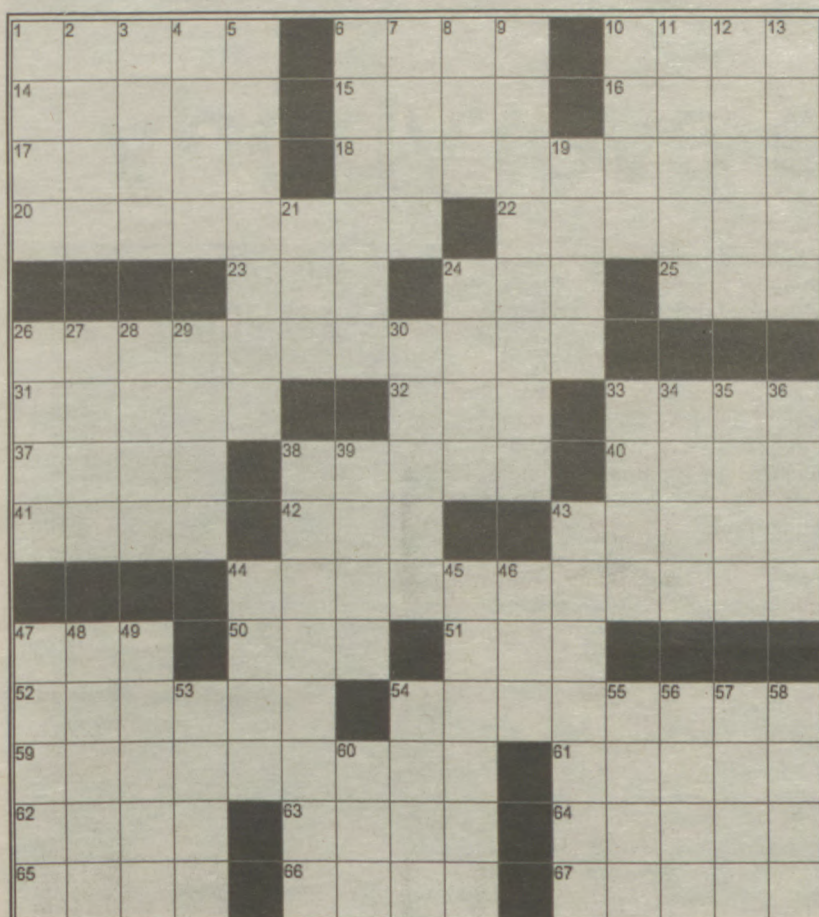
1. Plaid shirts, sweater vests, and brightly colored shoes are in style for men. Pairing the ensemble with khaki pants or blue jeans creates a comfortable and classy outfit.

2. UGG Boots originated in Australia and New Zealand in the 1960s, and have since then become a global sensation. Bearpaw, an American company, began selling their own UGG Boots in 2001 for a lower price.

3. Being fashionable doesn't have to burn a hole in your wallet. Buying off-brand clothes such as this fleece jacket that resemble more expensive brands is an easy way to being fashionable on a budget.

4. Plaid shirts and vests are a very popular look for men that is affordable and

Puzzles



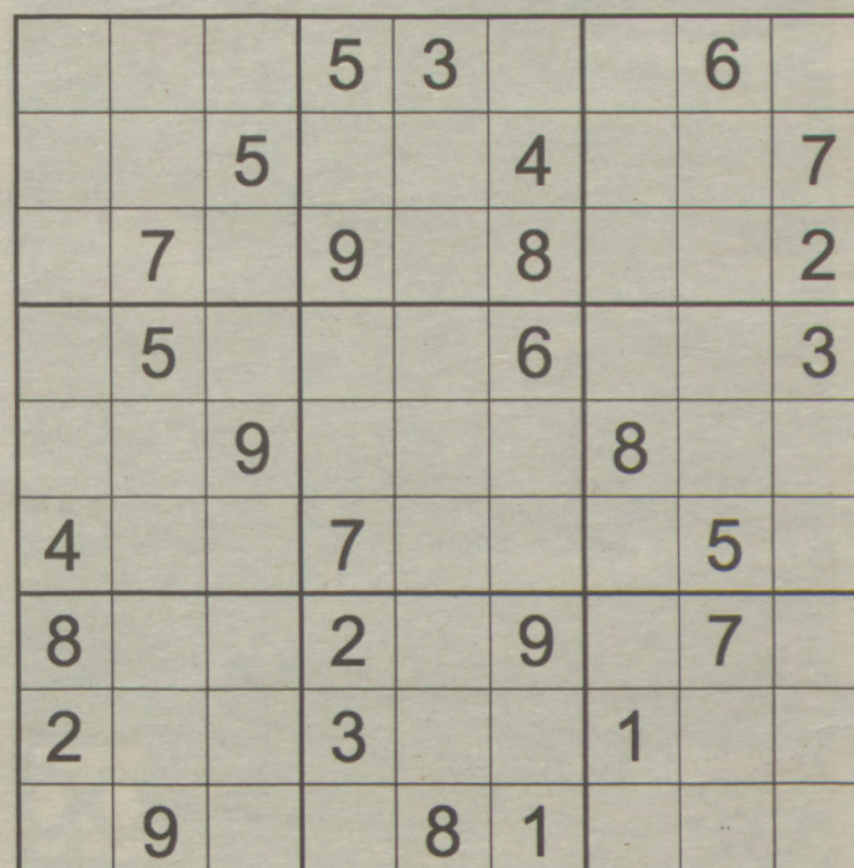
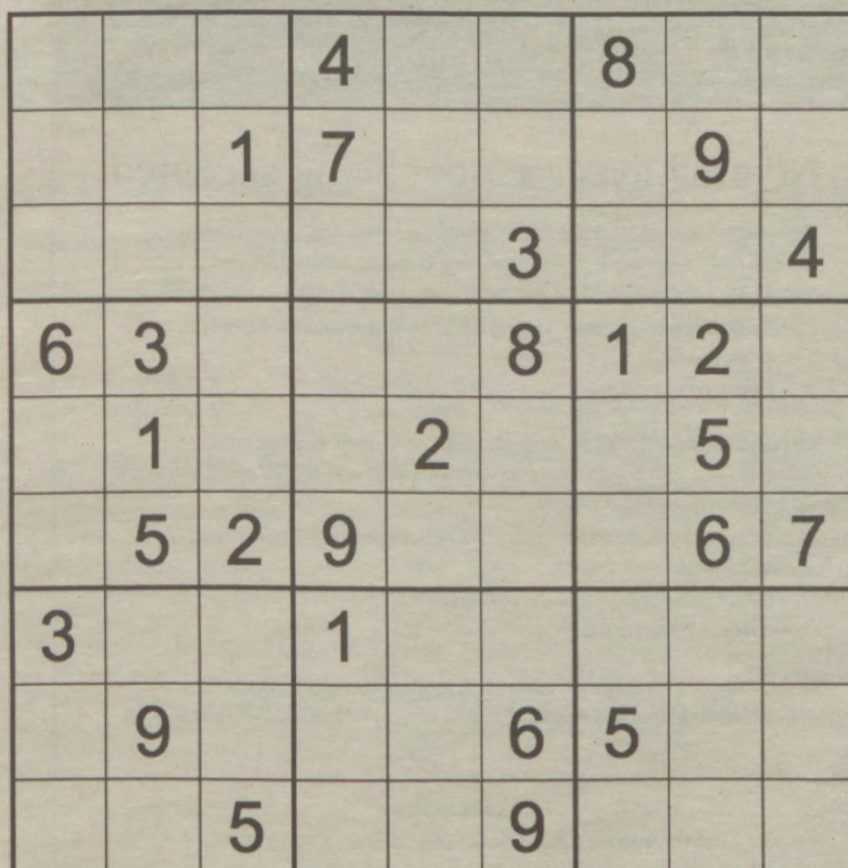
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 14: Rants go-with
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 16: Give birth to
 17: Intestinal
 18: Clause connector
 20: Hard-shelled critter
 22: McCheese and others
 23: Stewing vessel
 24: Preserves preserver
 25: 'The Catcher in the ___'
 26: Ally
 31: Little egg
 32: Spot
 33: Night birds
 37: Construct
 38: Indelicate
 40: Blender button
 41: Responded 'Not guilty'
 42: Cut off
 43: Muddle
 44: Banquet figure
 47: Bleacher creature?
 50: Tune
 51: With it
 52: Wake-up noises

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- 54: Fine-tuned
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 62: Vexes
 63: Make money
 64: Friendly push
 65: Section in the credits
 66: St. and ave.
 67: Operate the rudder
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 2: Golfer Irwin
 3: Kaput
 4: Cauterize
 5: One out?
 6: Kind of inspection
 7: Peachy
 8: Backboard attachment
 9: Vitalizes
 10: Sailor's greeting
 11: Heroism
 12: Soap soap
 13: Thick
 19: Devil-may-___
 21: School of whales
 24: Crested screechers
 26: Freebie
 27: Football's contour
 28: Warm in the microwave
 29: Got out of Dodge
 30: Brings in at harvest time

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 34: 'I beg your pardon?'
 35: Limb's partner
 36: Incite
 38: Place of seclusion
 39: Niagara Falls sound
 43: Homo ___
 44: Unresisting
 45: Material of an infamous
 crown
 46: Inch fraction
 47: Type of training
 48: Extremist
 49: School grades
 53: Unused portion
 54: Cut back
 55: Slattern
 56: Seek cover, maybe
 57: Upper hand
 58: Whitetail buck
 60: Siamese or Persian



SATIRE

New year, same everybody

Josh Soltman
Chief Copy Editor/New Man

Another damn new year is here, and trust me when I say this, 2015 is going to suck ass as much as 2014 did. Even so, that reality doesn't deter people from reaching for the stars and concocting a brilliant list of New Year's resolutions.

January is one of my favorite months because I love going on Facebook and reading all the idiotic "new year, new me!" posts. I love reading all of the wonderful, positive changes that my friends and colleagues are planning on making this year. Most importantly, I love watching them cry when all of their plans crash and burn because they suck and have no self-control or will power.

Even though I see no reason to do so, I have always participated in the sacred ritual of resolutions. My

hope is that one time my ideas of becoming a decent human being will actually pan out. Unfortunately, I just end up having another sexless year of being an asshole.

Surprisingly, I have more hope for a better 2015 than I've had in recent years. Gas prices are down, my hair is getting back to normal and I only have one on-campus class that I have to drag myself out of bed for. Still that feeling that everything will come crumbling down soon has been present in the back of my mind.

To make myself feel better, I set some easy goals for myself: stop eating pizza, stop drinking and exercise. New Year's Day I was pumped and ready to turn my life around. I sipped on some apple juice, ate some carrots and walked up like three steps of stairs. I was unstoppable.

But as humans are pathetic in nature, by Jan. 2 I was binge-drinking

Miller Lite and making sweet, sweet love to a piping fresh Hot n' Ready.

This is why I don't take resolutions seriously. Why make goals for ourselves that are most likely not going to be fulfilled? The laws of reality bind me. I would much rather lower every expectation of myself to the level that getting up and going to work, or not peeing in the shower, are wins for me.

Let's hope that everyone is successful in their New Year's resolutions, but I'll be willing to bet that by next week all the gyms will go back to being empty.

Contact Chief Copy Editor Josh Soltman at jmsoltma@oakland.edu with your New Year's resolutions and they may be featured an issue. Or he will sit and laugh at them while drinking a beer, not sure yet.

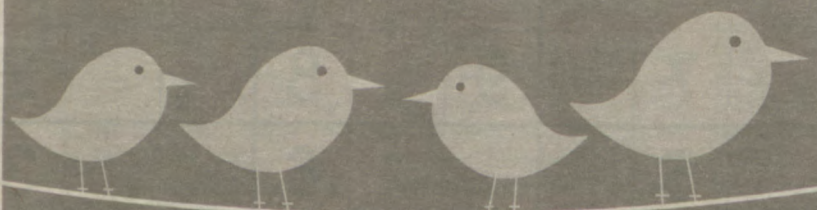
New Year's Resolutions

- Exercise
- Don't skip class
- Stop Drinking
- Stop being a sex addict
- Stop taking pictures of lists

Sean Gardner/The Oakland Post

Josh Soltman prepares his New Year's resolution list.

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2015 Wilson and Human Relations Awards

Nominations are now being accepted.

THE ALFRED G. AND MATILDA R. WILSON AWARDS recognize one female senior student and one male senior student who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the OU community. **Nominees must:**

- be graduating seniors in winter 2015 or have graduated in summer or fall 2014
- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

THE HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the OU community. **Nominees must:**

- be graduating seniors in winter 2015 or have graduated in summer or fall 2014
- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

Nomination forms are available at oakland.edu/dean_awards or in 144 Oakland Center. The deadline for both awards is Monday, February 9, 2015.

For questions, contact:

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Sports



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

The Grizz provides entertainment and pumps up the crowd at a men's basketball game over winter break.

Free fun, friendly rivalry

CSA provides tickets and transportation to away game

Scott Davis
Staff Reporter

As part of the Winter Semester Welcome Week, the Center for Student Activities (CSA) is giving Oakland students the opportunity to see the men's basketball team play at the University of Detroit for free.

The Oakland and Detroit Mercy men's basketball teams square off for the first time this season in Detroit as part of the Metro Series Saturday at Calihan Hall.

The CSA is providing 160 students with tickets as well as transportation to and from

the game. There are plenty of tickets still available, and if students also attend the women's basketball game against Milwaukee Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the O'rena, they will receive a free T-shirt and lunch.

"There is a lot of energy at these games and they are a lot of fun," CSA Director Jean Ann Miller said. "There's a whole day of activities planned."

The Metro Series is a competition between Oakland and Detroit Mercy that involves 14 sports. When the schools compete in head-to-head competitions, two points will be awarded to the winner while one point will be awarded to each school in the event of the tie. Currently, the two schools are tied with four points each.

The upcoming schedule

for the Metro Series includes a women's basketball game Jan. 22 at UDM and another men's basketball game at the O'rena Feb. 15.

A lot of points are up in the air as the two schools still have to compete in track and field, softball, women's tennis and both men and women's golf in the spring.

Before their road game against Horizon League foe Cleveland State Thursday, Oakland has a record of 5-10 and is 1-0 in Horizon League play. Detroit Mercy has an overall record of 7-9 with a 1-1 record in the league.

More information about the Metro Series and the Oakland men's basketball team can be found at goldengrizzlies.com.

Editor's Pick: What to watch

Oakland at Cleveland State (Thursday at 7:30 p.m.) — The Thursday night matchup of the Golden Grizzlies and the Vikings pits two of the top scorers in the Horizon League against one another.

Trey Lewis ranks fourth in the league at 17.6 points per game, only a fraction ahead of Oakland's fifth ranked Kahlil Felder at 17.5 ppg.

Felder currently leads the league in assists at 2.1 per game and senior forward Corey Petros is second in the league in rebounds at 5.3 per game.

Both teams have played high quality power conference teams already this season in preparation for Horizon League play.

The Vikings have most notably lost to Virginia, VCU, and Louisville but secured nonconference victories over Marshall and Jacksonville State.

Cleveland State already has two victories in the Horizon League in January against Milwaukee and UIC.

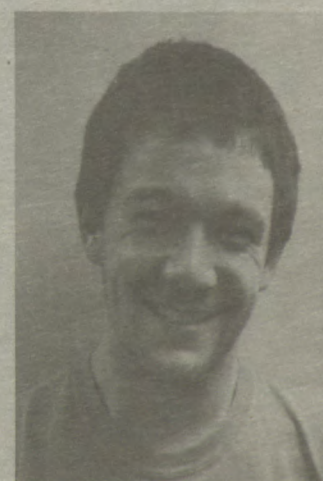
The Vikings were picked second in the Horizon in the preseason coaches' poll, noting that the Vikings return four out of five starters this year including guard Trey Lewis and forward Anton Grady.

Prediction:

Cleveland State wins 86-75, Trey Lewis goes for 30 points.

Oakland at Detroit (Saturday at 3 p.m.) — The matchup everyone is looking forward to pits the Golden Grizzlies against Metro Series rival Detroit.

Last week, Dante Williams successfully shut down Valparaiso's Alec Peters with his stifling defense. This weekend, he'll be tasked with a tougher challenge, Horizon League scoring leader Juwan Howard Jr.



Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

Yes, Juwan Howard Jr., the son of the fab five member and NBA star.

Howard the younger is averaging 19.3 ppg this season, with 4.6 rebounds and 2.4 assists to top it off. The senior has played his way into NBA draft conversations and appears to have put his game together this season.

Meanwhile, freshman "guard" Paris Bass is averaging 10.7 points and 5.8 rebounds for the Titans this year.

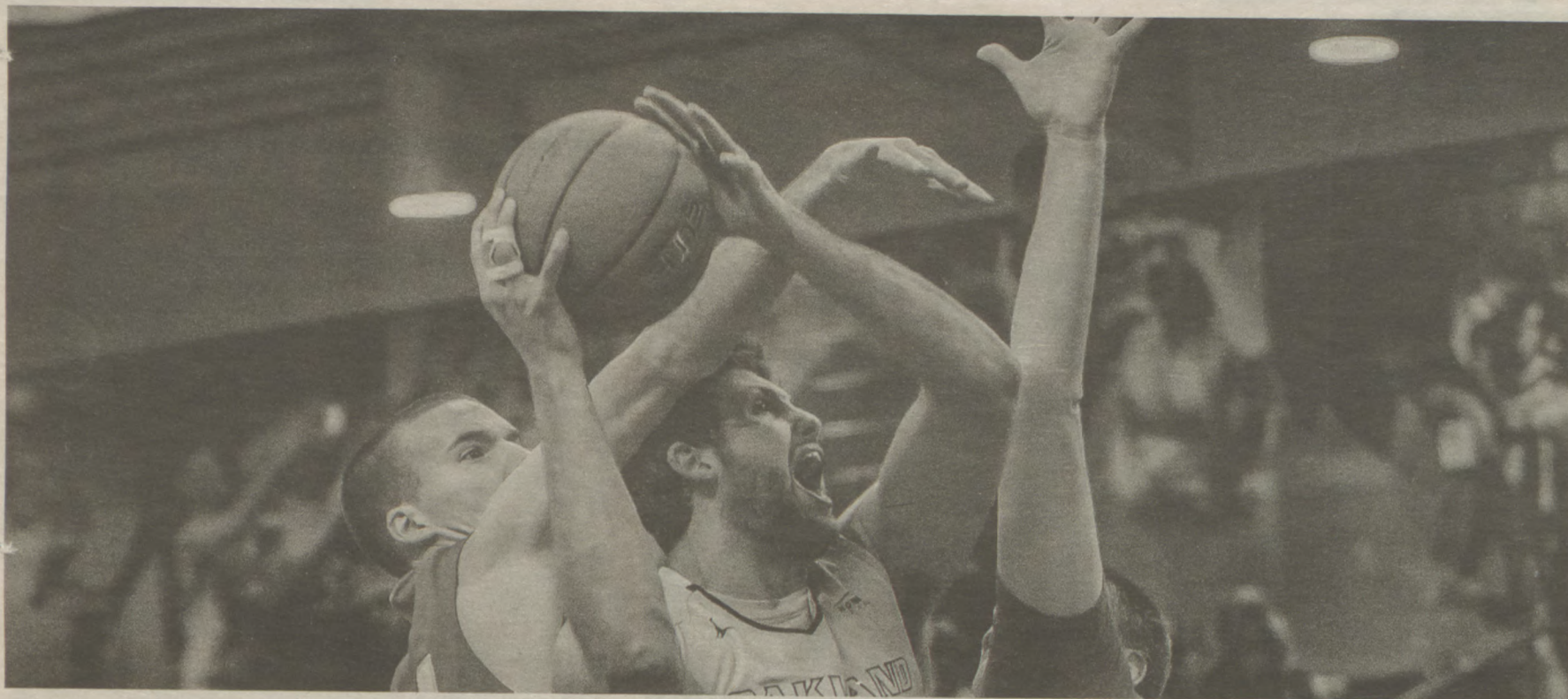
Kahlil Felder will have opportunities against the Titans and should be able to score 20 points. Corey Petros should give Oakland a strong advantage down low.

Detroit has played a reasonably tough schedule this year with losses to Oregon, Michigan, and Wichita State. They've also beaten Toledo and are 1-1 in the Horizon League.

Prediction:

Oakland steals a victory at Calihan Hall 75-70, Corey Petros pulls in 20 rebounds.

Check out both games on ESPN3 or on 11:30 a.m. radio with Neal Ruhl on the call.



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

At first it took him a while to get used to 16 credit hours and basketball, but Corey Petros has advanced so far in his time at Oakland University that he's actually started on his MBA.

Balancing act of an academic athlete

Melissa Deatsch
Staff Reporter

Evan Dermidoff is the Athletic Academic Advisor for the Oakland University Athletic department, and it's his job to help students along the academic path college brings.

"Here at Oakland," Dermidoff said, "we put the student first and the athlete second, and it's kind of a philosophy we've developed over the years here."

To keep the philosophy going, everyone from the players, coaches, and in between have to do their parts.

"It's part of our mission, and it's something we're extremely proud of," Dermidoff said.

His responsibilities include helping students with their class schedules, helping with the exploration of majors, working with them as an on-campus resource, and working with the compliance office to make sure all athletes remain eligible.

The NCAA has a standard for student athletes to keep their GPAs maintained at a certain level, and Dermidoff does a great job at that. No senior basketball player has ever had a problem keeping

up on his studies.

"My classes are not too bad, I don't really have the toughest classes," basketball player Corey Petros said. "However, whenever I am struggling with something academically we have a great support system with our coaches, other players, and Holly who works in the athletic office. They all try to guide you and help you out whenever you need it academically."

At first it took him a while to get used to 16 credit hours and basketball, but now Petros has advanced so far in his time here that he's actually started on his MBA. He said a lot of that is thanks to Coach Greg Kampe, who has always been big on his athletes to get it done in the classroom first and foremost.

"Kampe talks about academics almost every day," Petros said. "He knows how important school is for everyone. He sincerely cares about all the players outside of the basketball court, and that makes him a great coach."

Since joining the conference in 2013, OU athletes rank highest among all Horizon league schools with over 120 students averaging better than a 3.2 GPA. The history extends well into their Sum-

mit League days.

There is a lot of travel involved for student athletes, especially at the college level. Dermidoff is the one that gets the puzzle pieces in order. He says that all student athletes have to attend a certain percentage of classes, and in no case are they allowed to miss for practice.

Petros is one of the many players here

that set the bar for what a student athlete should be.

"The term 'student athlete' means to me performing well in the classroom and by doing so, I get rewarded by playing the game I love," Petros said. "This also means to me representing the university in a high-character way."



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Femi Olujobi leads the team in a pregame chant against Valparaiso University on Friday, Jan. 2.

Athletes constantly work hard to play well

While other students take a break, OU's athletes are still hard at work

Matt Saulino
Staff Reporter

Christmas break is a usually the "most wonderful time of the year" for college students.

It offers a chance to take a respite from research papers and exams and relax in the comfort of your own home. It's a time to be surrounded by close friends and family, to exchange gifts, see some movies and eat fancy holiday meals.

For most of us, that's the case. For the players in OU's basketball teams, however, it's a different story. They spent their break with a different kind of family — their teammates.

While most students were relaxing, the men's basketball team spent hours practicing in the O'rena and played a six-game road trip while traveling to five different states — Kentucky, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Maryland and South Carolina.

While many of us sat watching Christmas movies from our living room couch, the Golden Grizzlies dedicated almost all of December to playing hoops — starting Dec. 6 at Morehead State and ending Dec. 27 at Clemson. As the break ended, Oakland hosted Horizon League foe Valparaiso and beat the Crusaders in overtime, 89-75, last Friday.

"It doesn't feel much like the holiday season when you're traveling so much

right before Christmas," said freshman forward Femi Olujobi. "You almost forget about the holidays and the time just flies by."

The Grizzlies didn't have much time to spend at home, and at least two players stayed on campus on Christmas Day.

Olujobi and sophomore guard Collin Weaver are two of the four members of the men's basketball team who are from out of state. Weaver's family resides in Glendale, Arizona, while Olujobi is from Long Island, New York. Since the team had games all the way up to Dec. 22 and resumed play again on Dec. 27, it was too difficult for them to go home to celebrate.

"Femi and I spent Christmas Eve at a close family friend's of a teammate," Weaver said.

"We spent most of Christmas day on campus," he said. "The only time we left was to go to the only place that was open, CVS, to buy Coco Puffs and milk."

This was the first Christmas spent away from home for the two and they struggled with their feelings.

"Not being able to see my family and spending Christmas on an almost empty campus was the hardest part," said Olujobi, and Weaver agreed.

"But at least we had each other," added Weaver.

To be successful in any sport requires many sacrifices. Having basketball be such a big part of their lives for so long, both men have had to give up many things to be successful.

"This was, without a doubt, one of the hardest sacrifices I've ever had to make for basketball," Weaver said.



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Starting the new year with a bang

Exciting opening game to kick off the Horizon League season

Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

Sophomore point guard Kahlil Felder scored a career-high 32 points and OU's men's basketball team defeated Valparaiso, 89-75, in a thrilling Horizon League opener that required overtime to decide a victor.

Kahlil Felder was dominant for Oakland. He hit 6 of 14 shots from the floor, 19 of 24 free throw attempts, and also added five assists and six rebounds.

Oakland outscored its long-time rival 18-4 in the overtime session in front of a loud O'rena crowd. Official attendance was listed at 2,873, and those attendees showed their spirit.

Senior center Corey Petros managed just eight points but grabbed 12 rebounds to help power the Golden Grizzlies to victory.

Redshirt freshman Jalen Hayes put the Horizon League on notice with arguably his best game of his young career, scoring 16 points and eight



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The Golden Grizzlies began the conference season by roaring to victory.

rebounds in what can only be described as a breakout performance.

Freshman guard Nick Daniels also played well with 14 points and two assists.

He made a key three pointer near the end of the second half

to put the Grizzlies up, 71-68, though Valparaiso would force overtime with a late three.

The overtime period was all Oakland, with several Valpo players fouling out, putting the Grizzlies on the free throw line. Oakland shot 41 free throws

overall; Valparaiso shot just 12.

The victory broke a five-game losing streak for Oakland and raised its overall record to 5-10.

After the game, head coach Greg Kampe said he was impressed with the youth on his team.

"Last year we talked about our team and losing four players," Kampe said. "Nick Daniels and Jalen Hayes should've played last year but they were injured. Think we would've been a little better with them?"

Kampe played both freshmen in crunch time along with his sophomore point guard and seniors Petros and Dante Williams.

Valparaiso, which came into the game with a 13-2 record, was lead by guard Tevonn Walker with 22 points and two assists. Keith Carter added 18 points and three assists.

Preseason All-Horizon League selection Alec Peters was held to just 3-11 from the floor and was limited to just 10 points, partially due to the blanketing defense played by Williams.

Oakland will play at Cleveland State Thursday before the big "Metro Series" game against at 3 p.m. Saturday at the University of Detroit.

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Swimming

The men's swim team has had seven people commit to swim next year for Oakland. Tony Eriksson from Järvenpää, Finland swims fly and free. Paul Huch from Ingolstadt, Germany swims back and free. Patrik Löfgren from Mölnlycke, Sweden swims IM, fly and back. Devon Nowicki from Lake Orion, Michigan went to Lake Orion High School and swims breast/fly/IM. Adam Polosky, who is from Rochester Hills, went to Rochester Adams high and will be diving. Joe Smith from Chelsea, Michigan went to Chelsea High School and will be diving. Ben VanderWeide, from Byron Center, Michigan, went to Byron Center high school and swims distance.

Men's track

Oakland's Bryce Stroede has been named Horizon League runner of the week for the week of Dec. 2-8.

Women's volleyball

Taylor Humm was named all-region and scholar athlete for the month of December. Several new commitments were named: Jordan Lents from Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Homestead High School is a setter/RS. Jordan Massab from Novi, Michigan and Novi High School is a libero/DS. Niki Polce is from New Boston, Michigan, went to Huron High School and is a libero/DS.

- Compiled by
Jimmy Halmhuber, Staff Reporter

Horizon League Standings

Men's Basketball					Women's Basketball				
	W	L	W	L		W	L	W	L
1. Green Bay	12	3	1	0	1. Detroit	11	2	0	0
2. Cleveland State	8	8	2	0	2. OAKLAND	11	3	0	0
3. OAKLAND	5	10	1	0	3. Wright State	10	3	0	0
4. Valparaiso	14	3	1	1	4. Cleveland State	10	3	0	0
5. Wright State	9	7	1	1	5. Valparaiso	8	5	0	0
6. Detroit	7	9	1	1	6. Milwaukee	6	7	0	0
7. UIC	5	12	1	1	7. UIC	5	8	0	0
8. Youngstown State	9	8	0	2	8. Green Bay	4	8	0	0
9. Milwaukee	5	11	0	2	9. Belmont	4	9	0	0