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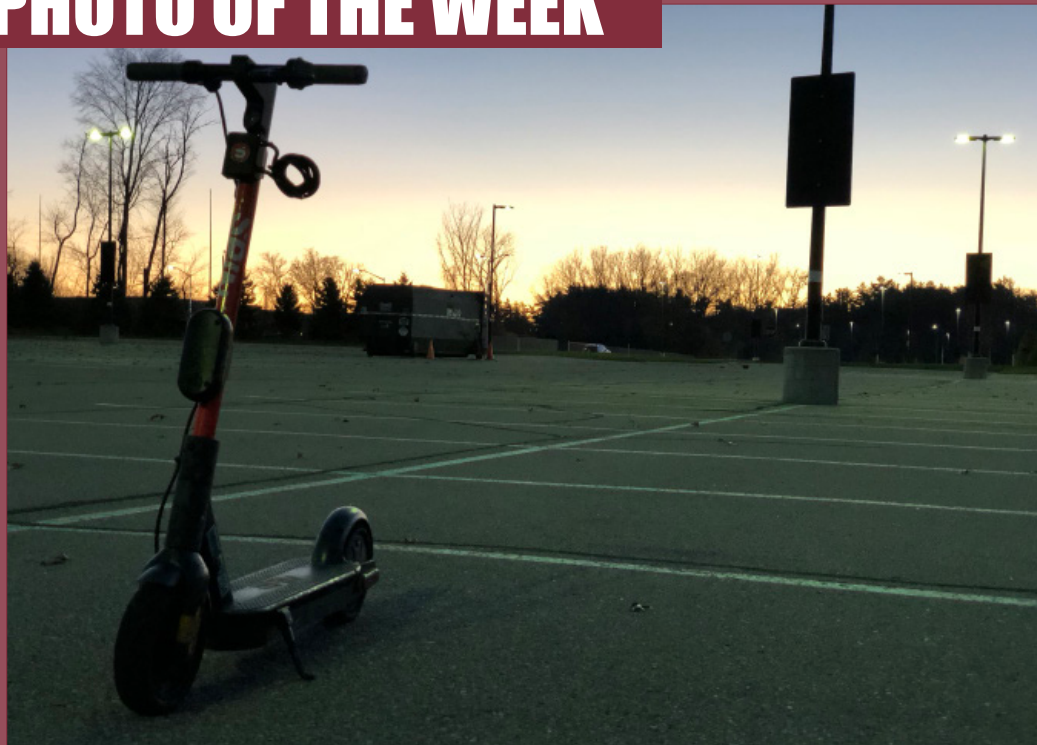
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WHAT IS YOUR GO-TO SELF CARE THERAPY?



CAMPUS

Veterans Support Services celebrates Veterans Day

RACHEL YIM
Staff Reporter

To honor the military veterans for upcoming Veterans Day on Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Support Services (VSS) at Oakland University put on a variety of events throughout the week of Nov. 9.

VSS provides services to veterans, current service members and their dependents. It not only helps them with their transition from military life to a life of education, but they also provide information about how to navigate education and health benefits.

Starting Monday, Nov. 9, VSS and the Veterans Planning Committee are hosting the Virtual Frozen Chosin march to honor the veterans who fought in the Battle of the Frozen Chosin. At 6:30 p.m. everyone is encouraged to participate and walk a mile and share their experience with VSS by taking a selfie and submitting the number of steps and the amount of time they took for the mile walk.

On Veterans Day they are hosting the Veterans Keynote Address and Scholarship presentation virtually with a

special guest Greg Gadson, a retired colonel and star of the hit movie "Battleship." Additionally, they are hosting a virtual Veterans Week Panel discussion, focusing on the health of women veterans at noon on Friday, Nov. 13.

Throughout the week, students across campus can visit the Housing Office in Hamlin Hall to fill out a card thanking a veteran for their service. The cards are then to be collected at the end of the week and sent to different veteran housing units around the state.

Mason Turrell is a Veterans Representative for VSS, assisting student veterans and their dependents with understanding their eligibility for the different education benefits the Veterans Affairs offers. He also discusses events planned throughout the year and how they can improve the quality of service they offer to student veterans on and off campus.

"VSS and the Veterans Planning Committee have worked very hard to offer several events that will take place during the week of Nov. 9," Turrell said.

According to Turrell, VSS has made the transition to remote work until the campus reopened due to COVID-19. While Turrell and his teammates are now back in the office working to serve student veterans, a lot

of work went into figuring out how they would operate during the COVID-19 pandemic. Months were spent during quarantine planning how they would handle their daily activities once campus reopened.

"There were a lot of obstacles that we overcame, but we are still adapting to this new way of life," he said. "We have also been reaching out to our community partners to let them know that we are still holding events, offering services here in the office, and adjusting to how the pandemic has impacted our daily routine."

The upcoming march and various other events are especially important to VSS. Turrell hopes to continue to help the student veterans in any way possible and provide the resources in order to guarantee them the best possible service they deserve.

"We just want the student veterans, veterans in the community, and service members everywhere to know that we appreciate them and thank them for their service," Turrell said. "Without them, we would not be able to enjoy our way of life. The sacrifices they made for us to be able to enjoy this is unmeasurable."



HAPPY VETERANS DAY!

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Actress, activist Keke Palmer coming to OU virtually Nov. 11



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Student Life Lecture Board has brought in Keke Palmer for a virtual Q&A on Nov. 11.

LAUREN REID

Staff Reporter

Oakland University's Student Life Lecture Board (SLLB) is hosting actress, activist, recording artist and author, Keke Palmer on Wed. Oct 11 for a live-virtual Q&A via Zoom.

Palmer has starred in a great deal of films — notably "Hustlers," Emmy winning "Grease Live!" and "Joyful Noise" alongside Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah. Earlier this year, she published her first book, "I Don't Belong to You: Quiet the Noise and Find your Voice," encouraging individuals to overcome limitations placed on them and become the hero of their own story.

"This generation of college students grew up watching Keke Palmer star in movies and shows, and we knew her name recognition and what she stands for would really stand out as an amazing speaker," said Drake Lambright, SLLB co-chair. "She's been very vocal during this election season, and we believe the Oakland University community would be interested in hearing what she has to say, especially since the event will take place right after the election."

The event is open to students, faculty, staff and alumni and will run as a moderated Q&A, hosted by Lambright. Questions will be submitted by attendees prior to the event.

"[Keke Palmer's] got a great message," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the office for student involvement (OSI) and SLLB co-chair. "She is someone that encourages individuals to be proud of themselves

and who they are and what they have to contribute to society, their peers and the community. That couldn't be more timely."

Lambright mentioned she is excited to bring an opportunity like this to OU amid a pandemic.

"It's hard to find casual events to enjoy anymore and we've seen a lot of people get really excited about this lecture," Lambright said. "Knowing that we can continue to provide opportunities for our community to still have fun while sitting at home is rewarding. [I think] participants will be surprised by how engaging [Keke Palmer] is in an interview setting. As a talk show host, she knows how to keep audiences engaged without making direct conversation with attendees and her ability to entertain is as impressive as it is fun."

The primary goal of SLLB is to bring the community together through shared interests. They work to bring a diverse series of lecturers to campus — such as Antoni Porowski and Ruth Carter — who have spoken in the past few years.

"Overall, she's young, knowledgeable, funny and popular enough for our community to take an interest, and we're so honored to have her be our fall semester speaker," Lambright said of Palmer.

The Keke Palmer virtual, live Q&A will begin at 8 p.m. on Wed. Oct 11. Registration will be open until 4 p.m. on the day of, where attendees will receive a link to the Zoom session a few hours prior to the lecture. The registration link is available on SLLB's Facebook event "A Virtual Night with Keke Palmer" or in their Instagram bio at @oaklandsllb.

Winter virtual commencement ceremony to be held for graduates

EMILY MORRIS

Managing Editor

Oakland University will host its first virtual commencement celebration for winter graduates — responding to winter weather and pandemic concerns — on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m.

More than 2,400 students will be graduating in the winter. These students can expect similar components as a traditional ceremony: a series of pre recorded remarks from deans, provosts and President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz. Although the ceremony components haven't been finalized, Administrative Associate Stephanie Lee assured with some creativity, it'll be a "big splash."

"We tried to have a little old school with a little new school — make sure it had flavor..." she said. "We're trying to do something that the students would enjoy but also keep the collegiate component as well."

For example, graduates will receive an "electronic gift" from the university. Lee described that graduates will receive a notification that will direct them to a filter with a virtual cap, gown and OU logo.

There will be some more palpable elements of the celebration too — gowns, cords and diplomas. Graduating students received an email or text message on Monday, Nov. 10 with instructions to pick up their graduation elements.

If anyone has any questions regarding this process, they can reach out to the Office of Student Involvement on the bottom floor of the Oakland Center.

The celebration will be available through OUTV, the cable television extension of OU. Following its debut, the celebration can be rewatched too.

Previously, the 2019-2020 commencement

ceremony was shelved until the end of August when a drive-in format was decided upon. According to Lee, repeating the drive-in format included too many weather variables that may interfere with a projection screen.

"Sometimes in December, it can be below zero... We just thought we would have folks on the inside for December in Michigan," Lee said.

Virtual settings are the safest during the pandemic. COVID-19 cases at OU have risen from roughly one case per day in October to roughly eight cases per day in November.

Along with a virtual commencement ceremony, classes will be entirely online beginning Nov. 16 to lessen the recent rise, but that doesn't mean in person events are entirely out of the picture yet, according to Lee.

"Once our large events task force meets and goes over possibilities of events on campus, we'll have a better understanding," she said.

Individual schools will also be hosting separate-personalized celebrations for their graduates. At the beginning of December, more details will be released on OU's website about these celebrations and whether any in-person celebrations will be possible.

In the spring, students may experience another drive-in ceremony, but those plans have not been finalized yet. Lee said OU will also eventually invite winter graduates participating in the virtual December ceremony back for an in-person celebration when it's safe to gather again.

"It depends on the rising numbers of COVID-19... In order to honor our graduates, we're just doing something that we know they would cherish a little bit, and then they have the option of coming back," she said.



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Students gather for a past in-person commencement ceremony.

CAMPUS

Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading option to be offered for fall 2020, winter 2021

LAUREN KARMO
Marketing Director

With the fall semester just passing the halfway point, Oakland University has announced they will once again offer the Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading option for not only the fall 2020 semester, but for winter 2021 as well.

This pass/fail style grading system was offered as an option for students last winter when COVID-19 first hit in March and the university shifted to fully online learning. Though administrators did not offer the option in either summer semester, they realized the need as the semester went on.

The announcement came via email from Interim Provost Michelle Piskulich on Thursday, Nov. 5.

“To help relieve some of the stress surrounding grading, students enrolled in undergraduate courses can request that their grade in one or more courses be converted to S/U grading after the semester is over,” Piskulich said in the announcement. “Because the pandemic is not predicted to end until summer or fall 2021, this temporary change to grading will be in effect for both fall 2020 and winter 2021.”

Administrators were approached by representatives from OU Student Congress (OUSC) over the summer to address grading options after hearing concerns from students.

“Dr. Piskulich took [our suggestion for S/U grading] very well,” said Nicole Massoud, OUSC director of student services. “She was very understanding and compassionate. It was a very productive meeting with her, and we presented some

student testimonies ... they said they would take it into consideration, and maybe it was too late [to offer] for the summer, but they’ll definitely consider it for the fall.”

After hearing student concerns and seeing other universities continuing to offer pass/fail grading systems, campus administrators saw the need for a flexible grading system to accommodate students during the hybrid year. In addition to concerns of stress, the recent spike in case numbers also impacted the decision.

“If we can’t figure out a way to reduce the stress and the concern or fear — whatever you want to call it — for students, and still keep the academic rigor really high, which we always have, and help students get towards their degree goals and graduating and getting on with a wonderful life, we want to do that,” Interim Associate Provost Anne Hitt said. “So, it seems like the best thing to do.”

As seen with last winter, S/U grading may not be ideal for all students, particularly those looking into licensure — such as those in nursing school or physical therapy — or people looking to apply to graduate or medical school. Students are encouraged to speak with their advisers to see if S/U grading would be appropriate for them.

While S/U may not be for everyone, it will provide another option to those who have been struggling this semester with COVID-19-related stressors that would not have otherwise impacted their grades.

“It’s just a huge weight off of so many people’s shoulders,” Massoud said. “This is such a tough time for so many people that I know, myself included.”



MARY MITCHELL | OAKLAND POST ARCHIVES

Grades for fall 2020 and winter 2021 can be changed from a letter grade to S/U.

 Information courtesy of the Oakland University Counseling Center

MENTAL HEALTH TIPS DURING COVID-19



1. It's okay to not be okay

Take a break, mental health is just as important

2. Be flexible and adaptable

Accepting change makes it easier to deal with

3. Know your limits on news consumption

Balance is key, keep your consumption healthy

4. Write three things you're excited about each morning

Give yourself something to look forward to

5. Write three happy things about your day at night

Even the smallest things count

6. Routine is king

Focus on the things you can control

7. Connect with others creatively

Social media, video calls, online parties

8. Daily self-care

Exercise, relaxation, pet therapy, journaling

9. Acknowledge the grief we're experiencing

Loss of loved ones and of our old lives/routines

10. Know your resources

Call OUCC at 248-370-346, talk to friends/family

Marathon runner, judge Richard Bernstein visits OU

EMILY MORRIS

Managing Editor

Justice Richard Bernstein celebrated Disability Awareness Month with OU students by discussing his road to becoming the first blind Justice and an avid athlete, with 24 marathons under his belt.

“People with disabilities know what we can accomplish, we know what we can achieve and we know what we’re capable of,” Bernstein said. “The real challenge is to get folks who are able-bodied to realize what our potential is.”

Although my father’s speech is affected by a stroke, he can still communicate with necessary tools. For him, those are a list of common words on his phone, promoting more fluid sentence structure with the patience of people who are “able-bodied.”

These are simple and effective methods for my father to excel in a world designed for able-bodied people, but everyone is different. Bernstein noted that every person has “their own uniqueness,” and that needs to be considered with disability accommodations.

“If you provide a chance for someone out of the ordinary, who doesn’t check off all the boxes, that’s the difference we need,” Bernstein said.

Bernstein has been a voice for people with disabilities throughout his entire career — practicing law with The Sam Bernstein Law Firm in Farmington Hills, Michigan and being elected as a Supreme Court justice in 2014. Through his political involvement, he’s devoted his career to ensure people with disabilities have necessary tools from attending sporting events to practicing law.

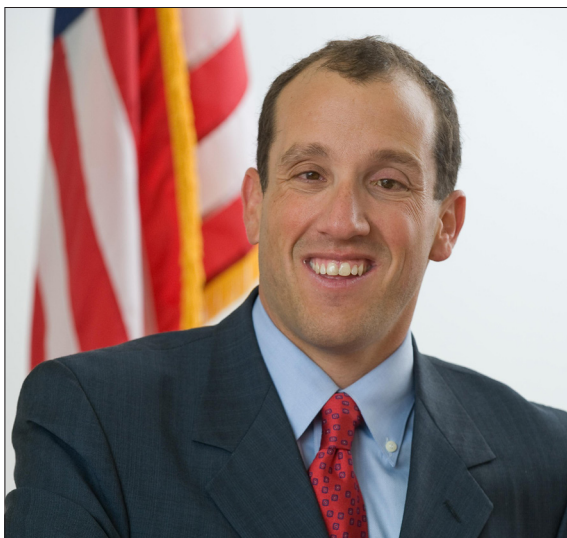


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Michigan Supreme Court Justice Richard Bernstein has a live Q&A with Oakland University students to celebrate Disability Awareness Month. Bernstein focused on teamwork and inclusion.

In fact, he set the standard for disability accommodations for commercial facilities by representing the Paralyzed Veterans of America in a case against the University of Michigan. The school made revisions to their stadium and failed to make accommodations for people with disabilities. Additionally, he challenged the American Bar Association’s testing with a federal suit to end their discrimination against blind people.

His political action has also branched to ensuring disabled equity in air travel, local public transportation and public areas, including New York’s Central Park.

“Ultimately what it really comes down to is having people give us a chance — having people give us an opportunity,” Bernstein said.

Focusing on “teamwork” is his main piece of advice. The consideration and accountability of other people can make a daily improvement for people with disabilities. For example, there has been increased virtual interaction because of the pandemic, but Bernstein can’t take part in any meetings without assistance.

“Zoom is inaccessible for someone who is blind... For me, for the last eight months, having the chance to do simple things has become exceedingly difficult, if not impossible because I can’t set it up myself,” he said.

Additionally, when he competes in races he relies on teamwork — a running guide tethered to him.

“The way you run a marathon is you have a team of guides... You work as a team, and you put your life in the hands of another,” he said. “That’s what makes it such a fantastic experience.”

Being thoughtful could make all the difference for people with disabilities. Activities, like a zoom meeting or a marathon, may pose additional challenges for someone with a disability, but that doesn’t mean they’re impossible with “teamwork.”

“We have to fight to get the world back, that we love, that we knew, that we appreciate...” Bernstein said. “We must be together.”

Cares Act gives millions to students in need

BRIDGET JANIS

Staff Reporter

Oakland University works hard to help students during this time of uncertainty. There was an Emergency grant funding opportunity for OU students from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

These acts were passed by Congress and signed into law earlier this year, in March. This opportunity provided OU with \$13,796,824 emergency relief funding. By law, half the funds received, \$6,898,412 went directly to students as emergency grants. There were 11,504 students granted a fund in order to help further their education at OU.

“It was important for our government to provide emergency relief grants to college students and higher education institutions,” said Dawn Aubry, interim assistant vice president for student affairs and director of admissions. “Oakland also had a responsibility to comply with the federal guidelines and develop an effective process that awarded federal emergency grants to students who met the federal requirements.”

The grants were a maximum of \$500, they did not need to be repaid and were distributed in the same manner as financial aid refunds.

When deciding what students received these grants, the U.S. Department of Education provided all universities with guidelines.

Government grant guidelines

- Title IV federal aid eligible (2019-2020 FASFA)
- completed the 2020-21 FAFSA
- awarded some type of federal aid/loans
- verification complete, if federally selected
- enrolled in the Winter 2020 semester in at least one credit hour as of March 11
- not enrolled in exclusively online courses as of March 13 for Winter 2020 semester



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The CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) Act is a program that gave millions to OU students.

Other eligibility requirements were set up for the summer and fall application process and can be found on the SFS website.

“It was very important to ensure that the CARES HEERF grants were awarded effectively, equitably, and quickly,” Aubry said.

There were three phases of the funding process, first was the automatic awards given out to students who initially met the criteria. In May, 10,850 OU students were automatically selected, without having to apply, for grants up to \$500 bringing the total to \$5.4 million.

The second and third part of the funding process required eligible students to fill out an application to be considered for a grant.

This second part allowed some students taking summer classes to receive a grant up to \$500. In June, 2,194 more awards were given out bringing the total of grants distributed to students to be \$1,091,263.

During the third and final phase of the process students that were enrolled in fall and winter courses were allowed to apply for consideration. In September, another 765 students were awarded, bringing the total amount of awards up to \$382,149.

“Our goal was to help our students stay enrolled at Oakland, mitigate financial impacts from COVID-19, and maintain progress toward earning their degrees so they can advance in the workforce, in their communities and live a good life,” Aubry said.

Students that were given grants were encouraged to sign up for non-payroll direct deposit. This allowed OU to transfer the money directly into student’s bank accounts. Students that did not choose this option were mailed paper checks.

Students with questions should contact Student Financial Services at finservices@oakland.edu or (248) 370-2550.

87% OF OU STUDENTS SUPPORT USING STUDENT RESOURCES ON CAMPUS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULES RELEASED WITH NEW FORMAT

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MEN'S BASKETBALL 2020-21 HORIZON LEAGUE SCHEDULE	
DEC. 19-20 AT UIC	JAN. 22-23 VS DETROIT MERCY
DEC. 26-27 VS NORTHERN KENTUCKY	JAN. 29-30 AT PURDUE FORT WAYNE
JAN. 1-2 VS WRIGHT STATE	FEB. 5-6 VS CLEVELAND STATE
JAN. 8-9 AT GREEN BAY	FEB. 12-13 AT RMU
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(PHOTOS COURTESY OF OU ATHLETICS)

This basketball season, Golden Grizzlies fans will get the conference play they're used to, but the schedules will be completely different.

Despite moving forward with the season, the Horizon League announced on Wednesday, Nov. 4 that the 2020-2021 conference schedule will be in pairs this season.

Each matchup will feature two games on consecutive days at the same venue to limit travel and potential spread of COVID-19.

Both men's and women's basketball will feature the back-to-back style of basketball that is reminiscent of the NBA regular season schedule, where sometimes teams will face each other on back-to-back days at different venues.

The only difference is here: whoever is the home team will host both games, and until January it will be without fans. No fans, special guests or complimentary tickets are allowed at least until January.

The tournament for both men's and women's basketball, if it still takes place, will be held at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum, the home of the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Jaguars.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball Head Coach Greg Kampe felt that while the team does not particularly like the format, they know it's for the best.

"I don't think anybody likes the format, but I think we all understand why we're doing it and we agree this is the way to do it," Kampe said.

The men's team opens the season on the road in Chicago against the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC) Flames on Dec. 19-20. Their home opener is the following weekend, Dec. 26-27, against the Northern Kentucky University (NKU) Norse.

For Kampe and the Golden Grizzlies, their home games are against familiar foes. They play the preseason No. 1-3 teams and their rival Detroit Mercy on their home court.

While home court still provides an advantage even without fans, Kampe is most concerned about the absence of the Grizz Gang, OU's student section.

"Of all the fans in the stands... I care if the Grizz Gang is there," Kampe said. "That's my biggest thing and why I want the ability to have fans, and the way it looks there's a good possibility we might not have fans all year."

The Golden Grizzlies face both newcomers to the Horizon League - Robert

Morris University and Purdue University Fort Wayne - on the road this year. Their regular season ends on Feb. 20, with a series in Milwaukee against the Panthers.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In contrast to Kampe, women's basketball Head Coach Jeff Tungate likes the new format and believes it lends to his team's strength - depth.

"Now that it's here, I actually like it," Tungate said. "I think it's going to reward a team that's got good depth, which I think we have this year."

The women's team opens their season against UIC, just like the men's team, on Dec. 12. Last season, UIC finished last in the Horizon League.

For Tungate, while the rest and preparation schedule might be different, the weekend series schedule means less road trips.

"Instead of being on the road Wednesday through Sunday we get to be on the road for basically 2.5 days," he said. "Considering what's going on with COVID[-19], I think it's good."

Unlike the men's basketball team, the women's team does not get their rival at home.

Missing the home Detroit game is not ideal, according to Tungate, but it something the team is "... more than willing to do."

"The whole thing this year with our team is we just take whatever is presented to us and roll with it, because at the end of the day we just want to play," Tungate said.

Having back-to-back games is something that Tungate and his team are not used to so adjustments to training and rest will take place.

"I'm a big believer that sometimes rest is conditioning," he said. "During the season instead of maybe one day off, we'll take two days off and we'll lighten up practices quite a bit."

However, Tungate believes the biggest strength of this team is the depth. Typically, he would have around eight or nine players receiving significant minutes, but this year he is looking at a potential 10 or 11 player rotation.

Having a deeper rotation was the plan even before the schedule was released, which according to Tungate was "perfect."

"I love the work ethic of our team," Tungate said. "We've had really good practices and their effort has been outstanding. Their commitment to getting in extra work and spending extra time to do what it takes has been really good."

Detroit protests, celebrations after the election results

LAUREN KARMO

Marketing Director

President-Elect Joe Biden won the state of Michigan Wednesday afternoon on Nov. 4, garnering a mixed reaction. The following days, supporters of President Donald Trump contested the vote count as those in favor of Biden rallied and celebrated the victory.

Election challengers gathered outside TCF Center

Outside the TCF Center (formerly the Cobo Center) on Friday, Nov. 6, hundreds of election opposers gathered mostly without masks and some with guns to protest the “voter fraud” occurring inside the counting center. Chats like “stop the steal” and “lock her up” (in reference to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer) spread across the crowd.

Although claims of Michigan voter fraud and following lawsuits were quickly disproven, those in attendance were sure something was amiss when the race was called for Biden.

Many pointed to the thousands of mail-in ballots that were processed later in the night on Tuesday and early Wednesday morning.



LAUREN KARMO | MARKETING DIRECTOR

A crowd of Trump supporters adorned with signs gather around poll challenger Nahren Anweya to chant “Stop the steal” and “Detroit cheats” on Friday, Nov. 6.

Genevieve Peters, 57, of Macomb voted absentee in California this past election, but believes this should not be an option for average citizens.

“We should have absentee [ballots] for our military — that’s what we’ve always had in the past — but everyone else, they have one day to be elected, and one day only to cast your ballot,” Peters said. “So, we believe this was all planned to be able to steal the election. And that’s what they did, but they’re not gonna get away with it.”

While many others in front of the TCF building shared similar views, Oakland University political science professor Cody Eldridge shed some light on the election process, confirming that many of these allegations were false. He also believes that distrust the crowd felt was misplaced.

“What’s also problematic here is that we’ve seen no evidence to back up any of these allegations about electoral malfeasance,” Eldridge said via email. “If there is, in fact, evidence of misconduct, it should be brought to light. But no one has furnished any credible evidence. We all need to agree, at a minimum, that our views on these kinds of questions need to be premised on facts and reality rather than conspiracy and hearsay.”

Many were chanting to stop the count, echoing the words of Trump himself. In addition to average Michigan citizens, members of white supremacy groups like the Proud Boys the Michigan Liberty Militia — who were linked to the plot to kidnap Whitmer — were also in attendance “because our freedom is at stake,” according to militia co-founder Phil Robinson.



RACHEL BASELA | CONTRIBUTOR

A handful of Trump supporters speak to Democrat Douglass Gibbons of Detroit about racism and election

One poll challenger, Chris Schornak, was allegedly escorted out of the TCF Center by three Detroit police officers after calling out supposed election fraud.

“When I came here on Wednesday to watch the ballots, I had to stop counting,” he said. “It was at least 8% of these ballots would come in, and they weren’t registered voters, they weren’t in the electronic log, they weren’t on the paper log. They were invalid votes, and there were thousands of them. Detroit cheats.”

Some counter protesters gathered to challenge the crowd. Among them was Scott Koskinen, 55, of Detroit, carrying a sign that said, “Earth to losers: Go home.”

“[I came here today] because Trump and his supporters are trying to subvert the will of the people and are trying to overthrow democracy,” he said.



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A man wears a prisoner costume with a Trump head carried a sign saying, “We did it!” as he poses with two members of the community on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Celebrations attract crowds of Biden supporters

After the election challengers angrily disputed votes at the TCF Center downtown, celebrations for the president-elect at the Detroit Department of Elections began the following day when Biden was declared the winner on Nov. 7. Groups like Detroit Will Breathe, Detroit Action, the Sunrise Movement and more organized a rally and march to protect votes.

“We want to make sure that Black, brown, Indigenous people throughout the state are being lifted up in their win and their hard work to make sure that their voices were heard and that they were able to vote for progress on the ballot,” said Brandon Snyder, 33, executive director of Detroit Action.

Slogans like “voters decided” and “count every vote” adorned signs and sweatshirts as people spoke, danced and chanted for Biden.

“I think it’s vital for people to remain patient, and to have faith in the integrity of our electoral system,” Eldridge said via email. “It’s remarkably robust, and fraud and malfeasance are virtually nonexistent. We run a tight ship, and we should be proud of that.”



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After the rally in front of the Detroit Department of Elections, the crowd marches through the streets of Detroit carrying signs like this one above, which reads “Defend Black Voices, De-weaponize the Black Vote.”

Hundreds of Detroiters were a part of the crowd on Grand Blvd, ranging in age and ethnicity. Holocaust survivor and Detroit resident Rene Lichtman, 82, celebrated the victory over Trump carrying a sign saying “defend Black voices.”

“I’ve considered Trump a fascist since he first got elected,” he said. “It reminded me of the fascism that I experienced in Europe during the Second World War. So this is a victory, and I attributed in great, great part to the Black struggle against police brutality and in Detroit as well.”

Several local leaders stood in front of the crowd to talk about the Democratic win in the context of the Black Lives Matter movement, unions, education, prison reform and minority communities.

Nia Winston, 46, of Detroit and her daughter A’mya, 7, were among those who stood up to speak.

“We don’t just do this for ourselves, we do this for our children, and I am so thankful,” Nia Winston said. “We defended our democracy. All our votes were counted, and our voices were heard.”

FEATURES

Joe Biden projected to be 46th U.S. president



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Joe Biden will be the 46th president, with Kamala Harris as his vice president.

MICHAEL PEARCE
Editor-in-Chief

It took longer than usual, but after counting all mail-in and early ballots, Joe Biden was declared the 46th President of the U.S. by the Associated Press.

Biden's victory came on the strength of the "blue wall" states: Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Pennsylvania, Arizona and Georgia also played a factor in Biden's victory, flipping after days of counting ballots.

Michigan, which was a deciding factor in Donald Trump's 2016 election, flipped in favor of Biden after all votes were counted.

In 2016, the 16 electoral votes for Michigan were decided by 0.2%, the closest margin in the entire election. This year, Michigan chose Joe Biden by a slim 2% margin. Michigan turning blue was fueled by a large turnout from Black voters.

Wisconsin, which also took multiple days to sort out, was Democratic since 1988 until Trump won by 0.8% in 2016. This 0.7% win in Wisconsin came on the heels of the Supreme Court not extending Wisconsin's mail-in ballot deadline. Trump requested a recount of Wisconsin's votes, since the final tally was within 1%.

Trump took Arizona in 2016 by 4%, which had voted Republican since 1952, excluding Bill Clinton's win over Robert Dole in 1996, but voted for Biden by a 0.7% margin in this election.

Minnesota, another "blue wall" state, was a battleground state which Trump hoped to win to flip the election. The land of 10,000 lakes went to Biden and was

called hours earlier than fellow Midwest states: Michigan and Wisconsin.

With the election of Biden, Kamala Harris will be the first woman, Black person and person of Indian descent to be vice president of the U.S.

Trump declared victory many times on Twitter and in prepared speeches, but after considering mail-in ballots, Biden was the winner. The popular vote margin was also in favor of Biden, with Biden receiving approximately four million more votes.

Before the Associated Press called the race, the Trump campaign sued multiple states to stop counting ballots, as well as protesting other states in which he was losing to continue counting.

Over the course of the five days in which it took to count ballots, Trump filed numerous lawsuits, alleging that the mail-in ballots were being improperly counted and Democrats were committing fraud.

"But we think there'll be a lot of litigation because we can't have an election stolen like this," Trump said, according to the Associated Press.

Trump is the fifth president to lose as an incumbent, the first since George H.W. Bush in 1992.

However, no truth to those claims of fraud and false ballots exist.

"America, I'm honored that you have chosen me to lead our great country," Biden said on Twitter. "The work ahead of us will be hard, but I promise you this: I will be a President for all Americans — whether you voted for me or not. I will keep the faith that you have placed in me."

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Coronavirus stagnates university tuition rates and finances

JESSICA ORLANDO

Contributor

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, health and safety precautions are being upheld at Oakland University (OU), requiring that most classes be held online. With the changes, students have asked why OU had chosen to not cut tuition rates in the 2020-2021 academic year.

The ongoing presence of the coronavirus had led to problems for universities around the country. With the shutdown of the country in March of 2020, universities faced decisions on the safety of both their faculty and student population for the 2020-2021 academic year.

It is estimated that more than half of all colleges across the United States have introduced the idea of lowering tuition costs for the current 2020-2021 academic year. The College Board of Research on higher education revealed that the average college tuition cost had dropped by 5% in the current academic year for private colleges and a 4% decrease for the average in-state tuition and fees as well as a 6% decrease for out-of-state tuition and fees in trends compared to the 2019 academic year.

Schools also were reported to have either suspended their planned tuition hikes or offered tuition discounts in light of the impact of the pandemic on families.

Even though many colleges around America have committed to reducing tuition, others chose to leave tuition costs and fees the same for the current academic year.

Oakland University is one of the colleges who had made the decision to freeze tuition pricing. They had chosen not to increase tuition and fees, but had maintained the same pricing as previous academic years.

“The process of developing the fiscal year 2021 budget was well under way before the COVID-19 pandemic began to impact the nation,” said Michele Knox, A.V.P. of the Budget and Financial Planning Department at OU.

Tuition still remains at \$13,934 for in-state students and \$24,708 for out-of-state students, according to the OU Student Financial Services page.

Knox reiterated that because of the economic hardship presented by the pandemic, students were notified before the budget was finalized that there would be no increase in tuition pricing or fees at OU for the fall.

A number of factors play into the tuition and fees of Oakland, such as room and board and facility maintenance.

According to Knox, 60-70% of university spending goes to salaries and benefits for faculty. Even with the switch of in-class learning to online learning, financial obligations were not reduced.

“In fact, there were many unexpected incremental costs that were incurred in transitioning Oakland to online instruction; some of these costs included technology for remote classes, training for faculty not familiar with online instruction, and health and safety expenses for both campuses,” Knox said.

Knox declined the possibility of a decrease, but acknowledged the hardships and sensitivity the pandemic has brought upon both faculty and students alike.

To learn more about the CARES Act, students can visit both the Department of Treasury and IRS pages available online. Also, to be informed about coronavirus updates at OU, students can visit the Graham Health Center’s tab on the OU webpage.

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Cumulative on-campus positive cases since October 24th:

98

Faculty or staff:

16

Students not living in OU Housing:

63

Students living in OU Housing:

19

On-campus isolation rooms occupied

10/102

All information is from OU COVID Public Dashboard



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To be informed about COVID-19 developments, visit Graham Health Center’s website

OPINION

'Operation Christmas Drop' falls short in key areas

BRIDGET JANIS
Staff Reporter

It's November, and that means the Christmas movies are starting to come out. Netflix released "Operation Christmas Drop" on Nov. 5, now is that too early? For me it kind of is, but a lot of people have been in the Christmas spirit since the second November hit.

Since Operation Christmas Drop is a real thing that provides supplies to the islanders of Micronesia and one of the longest running humanitarian airdrop missions, it makes the movie a little less unbearable.

It was a nice thought to have, thinking about how this is a real thing that happens, how it spreads all that Christmas joy and gets everyone into the spirit of giving.

In the movie, Erica Miller (Kat Graham) works as a political aide for a congresswoman (Virginia Madsen) and she was sent to see if a U.S. Air Force base in Guam is working efficiently.

The base had just released an article on their Operation Christmas Drop plan for the upcoming holiday. This raised suspicion in the congresswoman of whether the holiday tradition is actually beneficial for the base to be doing.

Upon arrival at the base, Erika meets one of the pilots, Andrew Jantz (Alexander Ludwig), who was actually the face of the article posing with a cheesy smile and Christmas hat.

Andrew is determined to prove to Erika that Operation Christmas Drop is a great thing. He explains to her that the whole thing is done by donations and fundraisers which take place on the island. The congresswoman's main concern is that this tradition is taking up government funding, time and resources.

Throughout Erika's stay there, she learns about the process and who is benefiting. She learns how it's providing more than just gifts — it provides medicine, resources, clothes, canned food and fishing supplies to the small islands that need it the most.

Erika experiences the heartwarming act of giving as she helps build up the drop and see the process first hand. She tries to explain to the congresswoman how there is no government funds being used, that all of this drop is helping so many people and is a great act of service.

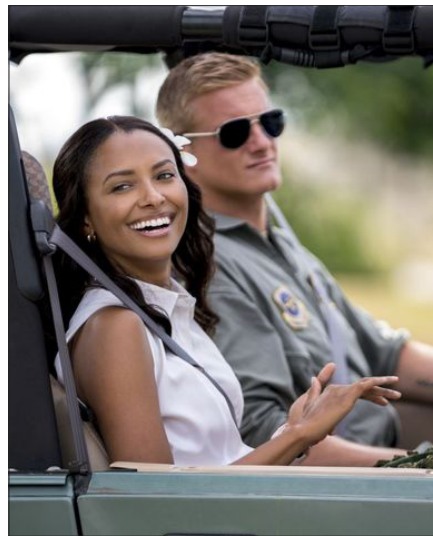


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'Operation Christmas Drop' should have focused more on the giving.

And of course, there's a little romance between Erika and Andrew, but a romance that didn't show any connection or chemistry.

Everyone knows Hallmark movies and Netflix originals tend to share a lot of cheesy aspects, but hey, I think Hallmark had just a little bit better writing than this.

But if I look past the terribly done CGI gecko and awful singing, I do think the movie was an interesting take on real events.

The film ended up having a good message about family and giving. While the main character struggled with her family she ends up deciding at the end that she should be giving her step mom a chance.

There also is a lot of character development for Erika, from when she arrives to practically shutting down the U.S Air Force base so she can empty her bag to give whatever she had to others. It's just that kind of spirit we need to get back into.

The whole movie could have done without the stale romance and focused more on the giving aspects, since that seems to be what was working best.

Rating: 3/5 stars, but only because it was based on a real thing.

Netflix's 'Holidate' is nothing special

LAUREN REID
Staff Reporter

We're plummeting right into the holiday season and along with it — holiday movies. With a title like Netflix's "Holidate," one would expect two hours of hot chocolate, sweaters and snow, but roughly 70% of "Holidate" took place completely outside of the holiday season.

Love interests Sloane (Emma Roberts) and Jackson (Luke Bracey) are single in Chicago and sick of taking on the holidays alone. After an eventful Christmas for both, they bump into one another at the mall, while returning gifts and decide to become "Holidates" — a no-strings-attached date to every holiday throughout the year.

The film spans an entire year as Sloane and Jackson take on holidays from Valentine's Day to Cinco De Mayo, highlighting their growing connection along the way. Although they clearly like one another, Sloane is stuck up on her dreamy ex Luc (Julien Marlon Samani), and Jackson doesn't seem ready for commitment. All the while, Sloane's mother (Frances Fisher) continuously tries to hook her up with successful doctor Faarooq (Manish Dayal).

In a sense, the film lived up to its title, as nearly 'every' holiday was featured. The movie appeared to be an average-holiday-romantic comedy plot — an NYC public relations professional goes home to her quaint Christmas town to find out the Christmas tree farm, run by her high school sweetheart, is

going under — but it wasn't. The cozy-holiday-season vibes I was looking for were barely there, and it really didn't feel like a romantic comedy because it wasn't funny, and the characters were low-key rude.

For starters, there's nothing I hate more than two love interests' first interaction being a roast session at a swanky retail location, while they simultaneously decide they're attracted to one another — it's not normal. Call me old fashioned, but telling a love interest "stop following me" or "get away immediately" barely worked at 5th grade recess and not in your late 20s.

The plot was okay. It was somewhat creative — I've never heard the term "Holidate" before — but it didn't reel me in. What's more is the main characters weren't likable. They always had an attitude and were dysfunctional.

At one point, Sloane took Jackson to the hospital after a fourth of July accident, and the two of them just got high, while waiting for the doctor. That's not funny. It's just two people being jerks.

A warning for anyone jumping into this film: there is an attempt at the "Dirty Dancing" lift. It worked with Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone in "Crazy Stupid Love," we can't all be Patrick Swayze.

"Holidate" just missed the mark. It wasn't a cozy-holiday movie. The characters were rude, the plot wasn't captivating and the jokes fell flat. The best thing about it was Sloane's hair and makeup.

Rating: 2/5 stars



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'Holidate' sports a boring plot with very few good jokes.

OPINION

An important update on the Paris Climate Accord

AUTUMN PAGE

Staff Reporter

If you've followed me since I was a contributor writer here at The Oakland Post, then you know I've previously reported about the U.S. leaving the Paris Climate Accord. If you haven't read that mediocre article, here's the link.

Back in 2019, it was notified that President Trump was acting on his plan from 2017 of leaving this agreement — because we all know how he feels about climate change.

The Paris Climate Accord is an agreement that was adopted in 2015 by almost every nation to try to stop or reduce the effects of climate change. The stated aim was to keep global average temperatures from increasing by more than two degrees Celsius above pre industrial levels by the end of this century. The U.S. pledged that they would cut the emission of greenhouse gases by 26-28%.

In the midst of all things election, the U.S. officially left on Nov. 4, a year after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo filed paperwork to do so.

It was the earliest possible day, under United Nations rules, that a country could begin the final withdrawal process, and it automatically finalized a year later.

What this means now is that the presidential admin-



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istration, whatever and whoever that may be, will no longer be working toward reducing the effects of climate change. Joe Biden, president-elect, promised that he'll rejoin the accord.

President Trump's opinion on the accord is that it takes away jobs and has given no indication he'd rejoin if he was elected for a second term. The U.S. is the only country that has left the accord...ever.

You may be wondering, "Autumn, have your thoughts changed since a year ago?" I'm happy to say that nothing about my thoughts have changed within the last year.

I still think that this is a grave mistake, and we have a lot of catching up to do. Since Trump got into office,

there's been little to no official actions taken to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases used.

Not everyone believes in science for whatever reason, but if most of the country and elected officials are saying to do something, you should probably do it, just like with masks (please wear them, I want to go back on campus). Especially if you're president — you don't serve yourself, you serve the people.

Speaking of COVID-19, since this pandemic began, the carbon dioxide emissions (CO2) have dropped, according to CarbonBrief.org.

It is predicted that the levels will rapidly increase, unless a response to COVID-19 can also reduce emissions to almost none.

With this and the possibility of rejoining the agreement because of Biden, these could create the break that this world — literally — needs.

This notion gives me hope, and I'm not an optimistic person at all. My feelings are very out of pocket.

I will leave you with one thing, science shouldn't be this controversial topic, when it's trying to save the world and make it healthier.

The next steps to strengthening our democracy

JEFF THOMAS

Staff Reporter

More Americans turned out to the polls in the 2020 presidential election than any other election in U.S. history.

With approximately 160 million ballots cast, this was the highest percentage of eligible voters to participate in an election since 1900. A number of factors contributed to the historic turnout.

The most obvious factor was how polarizing both candidates were. Many ballots were cast not necessarily in support of either Donald Trump or Joe Biden, but in spite of them.

Democrats and Biden specifically campaigned on this being the most important election in history, saying that Trump had to go, and that the fate of the country depended on it.

The Trump campaign leaned into their "Biden crime family" narrative, and the Trump presidential motif that "only he can lead this country and fix our problems."

Ultimately these tactics were effective, as less people voted for third party candidates and ballots were almost entirely directed at the two major party candidates.

Perhaps less obvious, but equally as important to this year's turnout is the efforts grassroots activists have made in recent years to expand voting across the country. Policies like absentee ballot expansion and same-day voter registration have made voting easier and more accessible.

Ever since the Voting Rights Act was gutted by the Supreme Court in 2013, voter suppression has been even more rampant across the country. Measures like absentee ballot expansion and same-day voter registration have been effective in increasing voter turnout.

Here's five ideas on how we can continue increasing voter turnout and strengthening U.S. democracy.

Get rid of the Electoral College

No more red states and blue states. No more presidents elected without winning a majority of the votes. The founding

father's flawed system continues to be a huge obstacle to election enthusiasm. The system is inherently undemocratic, and in this modern era of elections millions of voters are being reduced to the way their state casts electoral votes even when they themselves hold different political views.

I mean is it any wonder that people are cynical about elections when they know their preferred candidate can win by millions of votes and still lose? One person, one vote is a crucial step to restoring the voter's faith. It makes no sense to carry on with a system that reduces our elections to a handful of counties within battleground states. We must expand our democracy to include every state in the union — we must make sure our politicians are being held accountable by all of our people instead of just a few, and discarding the electoral college is the way to do it.

Election Day as our new national holiday

As straightforward as it sounds — no more having to take the day off work or having to schedule your whole week around making time to vote. It needs to be as easy and convenient as possible for citizens to cast their ballots, too many working class people are kept from voting because of their rigorous work schedules. Making election day a national holiday is the best way to help make sure those people can make it to the polls and have their voices heard.

Restore and expand the Voting Rights Act:

Voter suppression is a huge obstacle to our democracy. We cannot have a system where politicians are gerrymandering and picking their voters, we cannot have a system where poor people are consistently disenfranchised by our elected officials.

The Voting Rights Act needs to be restored and expanded to protect citizens from bad-faith politicians. We can't have limited poll locations in densely populated areas and people waiting in line for eight hours to vote, we can't have felons serving their time and then losing their right to vote.

Automatic voter registration

No more extra steps, no more standing in line or waiting for documents in the mail. With automatic voter registration, as soon as a U.S. citizen turns 18 they will automatically be registered to vote. This will increase turnout for young voters busy with school, as well as working class voters busy on the job.

Citizens are already automatically registered for programs like social security. We already have to register ourselves for the draft before we can participate in higher education, it only makes sense that we should be automatically registered to vote in the same way.

Expand Absentee Ballots

This election proves that absentee ballots work. When people are given access and the option to vote absentee, they will take advantage of it.

Across all 50 states, voters should have the option to vote absentee, no qualifiers and no questions asked. This will increase voter turnout and move our government closer to representing the interests of the American people.

Ranked choice voting

Ranked choice voting gives voters the option to vote for who their views most closely align with as their first choice, while ensuring their ballot goes to whichever candidate is garnering the most support to win with their secondary choices. It helps break down the two-party monopoly on our democracy and makes it so there's no more feeling that voters are throwing away a ballot by casting it for a third party candidate. The state of Maine has already implemented this system, once voters get a taste it is sure to expand from there. If we want a strong democracy voters have to have real choices with their votes and ranked choice voting moves us closer to those democratic ideals.

Samantha Nelson brings passion for sports to new role

MICHAEL PEARCE
Editor-in-Chief

Being around sports as a child defined Samantha Nelson's childhood. Now, she gets the chance to provide that same lasting impact to families at Golden Grizzlies games.

Nelson was named the coordinator of game day experience at Oakland on Monday, Nov. 3. The coordinator of game day experience runs the marketing, fan experience and promotions for the Golden Grizzlies, according to OU Athletics.

She worked previously at Clutch Sports Group in Texas, managing a large group of interns and executed theme nights and promotional activities. Through these experiences, Nelson worked to bring a big-league feel to a minor league baseball team.

"We were able to create memories of a lifetime for these families that might not be able to afford going to an Astros game or any type of big games," she said.

Nelson's dad was involved in baseball her whole life, so she wants to create the atmosphere that shaped her growing up.

"Bringing it home and tying in the community became a big passion of mine,"

she said. "Being able to come to Oakland and do things at a higher level was too good of an opportunity to pass up."

Nelson joins her husband, Brian, an assistant coach on the men's baseball team. Brian was hired in August to Head Coach Jordon Banfield's staff.

Previously, both Samantha and Brian worked for the Brazos Valley Bombers, a college league team in Texas. Brian was an assistant coach, then head coach and Samantha worked as director of fulfillment and assistant general manager.

"We were kind of like Bombers for life when we were in college," Samantha Nelson said. "It molded us into our love for not only the sport, but the business."

Samantha always worked "outside of the white lines," while Brian always worked "inside the white lines," according to Brian.

"It works for us and now we just love it," Samantha Nelson said. "It works for our family and our relationship, and we have a good time."

As coordinator of game day experience, Nelson hopes to expand OU Athletics' reach and give fans a valuable experience at all Golden Grizzlies games.

"This job is a great opportunity to



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Samantha Nelson hopes to let fans know that they're welcome as soon as fans are allowed at the O'Rena and fields.

show people what we are and how we not only provide great entertainment for the community but also give back to them," she said. "I want to reach out and do something a little different and show them another side of the Golden Grizzlies."

Nelson mentioned spirit nights and giveaways with local businesses as potential events to promote the Golden Grizzlies, with her main goal being bringing together the community.

Bringing together the community with the current pandemic ongoing is a unique position to be in, but Nelson sees it as an opportunity.

"We're going through a difficult time as is and they're all looking for that little taste of normalcy to come back," she said. "I'm really trying to be a part of reaching out to these families at home ... to keep them engaged and let them know we'll be ready to provide a good time for them."

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A private island birthday party? During COVID? Bold!

AUTUMN PAGE

Staff Reporter

"People are dying, Kim" is a sentence you've probably heard as your favorite celebrity continues to live her best Hollywood lifestyle.

If you, dear reader, have been on the internet "for just a millisecond," as George Washington from the legendary musical "Hamilton" said, then you know who I am referring to.

The reality show queen and fashion mobile herself, Kim Kardashian-West.

Mrs. West continues to live her lavish and I'm-a-zillionaire lifestyle through quarantine. If you Keep Up With the Kardashians, then you know she recently celebrated her 40 birthday.

"After two weeks of health screens and asking everyone to quarantine, I surprised my closest-inner circle with a trip to a private island, where we could pretend things were normal just for a brief moment in time," she said in a very heartfelt and humble tweet, so down to Earth.

Imagine having the money to go to a private island — whew, could never be me. But fear not, the COVID-19 doesn't affect your favorites like Jeff Bazos, Mark Zuccerburg or the Kardashion family.

We will be getting the last season of Keeping Up With the Kardashians. But I think we all have the million-dollar question — how do you surprise your "inner circle" with this?

Did it go something like this: "Hey girls, so I have a really big surprise, but you have to quarantine for two weeks :(xoxo richer than you <3"

It's kinda hurtful that the birthday woman had to plan her own birthday getaway, if I had to plan my own birthday party I'd never speak to my "friends" again.

Anyway, she continued on with her only-if-you're-rich tweets, saying: "Before COVID, I don't think any of us truly appreciated what a simple luxury it was to be able to travel and be together with family and friends in a safe environment."

Kim, I say this with all the live, laugh and love in my heart, but I'm fucking broke. I think you're the only one who feels this way, but love you the most.

She said her inner circle "danced, rode bikes, swam near whales, kayaked, watched a movie on the beach and so much more."

I have a bone to pick with this. I'm 19 and have the body aches of an 89-year-old woman.

It's bold of you to assume that



BEN HUME | WEB EDITOR

The leading health experts from across the world have said that COVID-19 doesn't affect your favorites like Jeff Bazos, Mark Zuccerburg or the Kardashion family.

everyone else can break their bones bike riding and dancing.

With, you know, COVID-19 and all, the idea of being outside is quite a turn off, much like voting for Mr. Ronald J. Dump is, and it boggles my mind why they'd find exercising fun. Yeah that's right, I said it, I hate cardio.

"Forty and feeling so humbled and blessed. There is not a single day that I take

for granted, especially during these times when we are all reminded of the things that truly matter."

Truer words never spoken Kim. It's not like if you or your family had so much as a sniffle or cough, you'd have first access to the not-so-readily-available COVID-19 testing and the best doctors in the world, but go awf. XOXO.

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