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Professor Hoepfner attended his second to last event at Oakland University where students listened to his favorite poetry. Read the extended story on oaklandpostonline.com



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GRIZZLIES GIVEN GOLDEN HONOR // Seniors Ciara Schultz, Allia Knight, Mary Grassano, Amanda Baker and Cassie Peloni were honored at senior night Saturday, Nov. 14. They led the Golden Grizzlies in a five set win against Northern Kentucky University that night.

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OU's MTD performed 'Equus' for crowds to enjoy as students act out the epic psychological tale.



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As the season opener nears, the men's basketball team managed to win every exhibition game this season before.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Favorite Thanksgiving activity?

- A) Eating my weight in food and then passing out on the couch.
- B) Fighting with my conservative extended family...
- C) Preparing my body for the shopping excursion.
- D) Gonna watch the Lions win! (pfft, lol)

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What is your opinion on the Starbucks cup controversy?

- A) The what?
11 votes
- B) I've never cared about something so less.
18 votes
- C) I think it'd be nice if they said Happy Holidays!
4 votes
- D) YOU'LL TAKE AWAY MY GINGERBREAD LATTE FROM MY COLD DEAD HANDS #CupGate
19 votes

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

November 17, 1993

Faculty and students objected to the idea of switching commencement ceremonies to the Palace of Auburn Hills, rather than holding it on campus. This was the result of proposing there only be one commencement ceremony held per year.

November 20, 1996

Chi Upsilon President Stephanie Maximuik received a package containing a dead raccoon and an offensive note. She believed that it was the result of hazing.

November 20, 1991

The Board of Trustees lost the interim nursing dean Penny Cass to a slow search process. She resigned due to the very long search and felt as if her position wasn't secure.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer

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spent per household on Thanksgiving dinner

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pounds of turkey eaten per year by each individual American

37

places in the U.S. named Plymouth

\$1.15

per pound of Turkey on average

39

million families will travel for Thanksgiving dinner

— Source: statisticbrain.com

Editorial

No structure, no problem?

The new COO position raises more questions, answers few

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

It's no question that the creation of the new chief operating officer position and subsequent hiring of Scott Kunselman has created a good deal of conflict at Oakland University.

Hynd explained to the Oakland Post and in his President's Report on Nov. 11 that he modeled the chief



Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

operating officer position after one at the University of Virginia.

Patrick D. Hogan acts as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the University of Virginia. The two positions combine in "overseeing financial operations of the University ... and supporting special initiatives that have a University-wide impact," (virginia.edu/ex-cvp/).

According to the Cavalier Daily, Hogan makes \$472,800 annually, whereas Kunselman will be making \$325,000 a year, though Hogan seems to be fulfilling two roles at the university as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Hynd also explained that the search was not as brief as it may have seemed.

"It was probably January when I was talking to our board chair about a possible addition known as the chief of staff," Hynd explained. "As the board chair and I continued our conversation, and included other board members, that conversation morphed into having someone with the title of chief operating officer."

Mark Schlusell, the Board of Trustees' chair, remembered differently, stating

that "I looked at my notes, we had this discussion as early as February or March."

Now, this could be a simple lapse in memory on either Hynd's or Schlusell's part, though it is mildly assuring that the idea of this position was put into place months prior.

Yet, the process was still not nearly as drawn out as most faculty employment searches.

Kenneth Mitton, president of OU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), commented that previous employment searches at the university required presentations in front of the entire faculty.

Mitton disagrees with how the hiring went about, but hopes that the position proves valuable.

"The new fellow (Kunselman) is going to have the job of finding out where staff need help and assisting them, which isn't a bad concept or bad idea," Mitton said. "I just would have done it differently."

Mitton's understanding of the job description is about as detailed as was provided by the president and Kunselman. There is no formal job description, nor was there an outline of the restructuring of the executive hierarchy to include this position.

Hynd explained in his formal report that the COO will be handling the structural issues while he is away representing the university to alumni and potential donors and that Kunselman will be reporting to the board through him.

Schlusell stated, "the chief operating officer position is going to be an operating position reporting to the president."

But in what capacity? Another question raised is whether or not the hiring is a conflict of interest.

"I think it's important to note that it would have been

a clear conflict of interest if I had somehow been on the board at the time that the board was voting on such an action, that would've been inappropriate," Kunselman explained.

Kunselman said that once it was clear that he would be considered a strong candidate, he immediately resigned to prevent a conflict of interest.

Though, Kunselman resigned from his Board of Trustees' position only two days prior to his placement as the new COO.

"I'm not sure that I see much of a conflict of interest, in fact what I see is a huge advantage because of his knowledge base," Hynd said.

Yes, I am glad that Kunselman has had three years of experience on the board, on the facilities committee at the university and over thirty years of experience at Fiat Chrysler.

Yes, he makes sense as a candidate for the position, but not without a national search and without the inclusion of other faculty members.

Hynd himself even admitted that the hiring was "an atypical way of doing things in academia, and that had the situation been otherwise, we would have done a national search."

Given the recent tuition raise, the creation of a six-figure salaried position and hiring of someone to that position should have been done entirely differently. I have hope that the position will be prove valuable to the university, but have lost some trust in our university leaders because of the way this was handled.

During his report, Hynd implored people to be patient and stated that positive returns should be noticeable soon. Schlusell agreed saying "I think it will be good for the students, faculty and the board."

Let's hope so.



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Letter to the Editor: Calling on administration to play by rules

Oakland introduces another administrative position without open search; deceit from board of trustees, president continues to occur

Barry Winkler, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus of
Biomedical Sciences

Dear Editor:
In my 41 years as a professor on this campus (I retired in August of 2012), I expected only one thing of the upper administration, namely, that they play by the same rules that govern all employee groups on the campus.

However, as I first witnessed many years ago, the Board sets its own rules.

When the Board chose to cancel an open search for president in 1996 and to appoint Gary

Russi as president, over the objections of myself and many other faculty, I was deeply disappointed in their imperious flouting of the stated rules of diversity, affirmative action and faculty input.

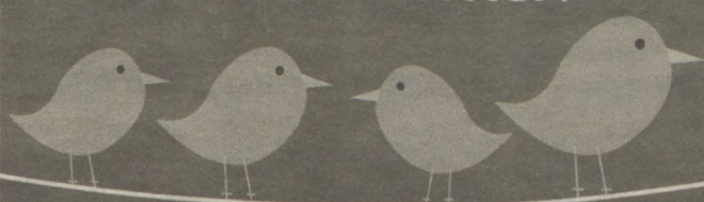
In my opinion, Mr. Russi never gained full respect from those of us who were disappointed with the flawed (illegal?) process. And now, we see the same sort of deceit being carried out by President Hynd and the Board in the direct appointment of a chief operating officer.

This appointment was, as in the appointment of Mr. Russi, made in the absence of an open

search, without faculty input and without adhering to the rules of affirmative action and equal opportunity. Yet, search committees at all other levels of the university (e.g., faculty, clerical/technical, police, trades, etc.) must adhere to these rules when hiring new, full-time employees.

I suggest that the appointment of the chief operating officer be rescinded, and an open search be conducted. This is not only the fair and correct action to take, but it also would help to restore respect for President Hynd and the Board.

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The Real Deal: Terror and tragedy

We must stand together in light of recent tragedies in Paris, Beirut, Fotokal

Ryan Fox and Aditya Tiwari
Contributors

For this article, ladies and gentlemen, there are a lot of things we would like to touch upon. When human grief and disappointment know no bounds, one must take a moment to acknowledge that some events in our world make less sense than others. Natural disasters, accidents, and untimely demise are all regrettable and purely shocking.

What has taken place over this past week, unfortunately, was none of those things. The attacks we have seen against innocent people in Beirut, Baghdad, Fotokal, and most recently Paris are some of the worst attacks we have seen in some time. This has left in our present state of mind, some degree of hopelessness and anger. How do we help? Why'd they do it? What happens next?

Don't let fear translate to ignorance

There is no straight answer to these questions. All we can tell you is that if you do feel afraid, there is no reason for you to let your fear transform into ignorance. Upon that, you must never, let ignorance transform into hate. Lest we bring ourselves to the levels of those who



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ADITYA TIWARI
Contributor

would dare commit such crimes in the face of humanity.

To combat ignorance, we have to get the facts straight. Islam is not the enemy of the west. All Muslims are not to blame for what has happened in these past weeks. The situation in Syria has been years in the making, and we are merely seeing the symptoms of an infection that has been let to sit for too long.

Remain hopeful

We must also recognize that we, as Americans, have gone down this dark road before. We cannot let our grief and our sadness turn into a lust for vengeance. We have to treat ISIS differently than any other threat the modern world has faced. And while there is no easy and simple solution to defeating ISIS, we cannot give into the fear and hatred in which they want to create.

Stand united

But for now, let's take on a more real-

istic battle that we as citizens must fight and win. When these horrid events unfolded almost immediately, several presidential hopefuls dared to use the deaths of the Parisians caught in the attacks as springboards to launch putrid and foul propaganda. With the sole purpose in mind of pushing their talking points forward, they did not try to console a frightened people.

They instead tried to politicize a tragedy. It should not surprise you, that among these smug and insensitive politicians, were many members of the GOP field.

There is no doubt that November 13th has changed the face of not only France, but the world forever. Now is a time for us to come together to banish darkness. That is a job that the world can only do if it is united, and not divided.

A Better yOU: Four health mistakes college students make

Katie Rose
Contributor

As college students, we are always on a time crunch for something. Whether it is getting that paper done on time or studying for that exam we have coming up, there's always something



KATIE ROSE
Environment, Health and Wellness Director

that requires our full attention. We often forget to take care of ourselves when we so badly want that 4.0 and an impressive resume. Let's look at some health mistakes that most college students make.

Time management

With work, extracurricular activities, and class, it's important to manage your time. If you know that you have a paper due and an exam in 2 weeks, get that paper done ASAP so you have more time to study for your exam. If you know you have class at 8:00am in the morning, don't stay out until 2:00am the night before. If you are able to effectively manage your time, you'll perform better and stress less. Keeping your tasks in a planner is a great way to do so. Visit the Student Congress office on the lower level of the Oakland Center to pick up a free planner!

Stressing Out

It may seem impossible to avoid stress, but there are healthy ways to cope with it. Schedule time to take a break from your busy life. Watch an episode of your favorite show on Netflix or go for walk. Whatever it is, it's important to relax to avoid feeling overwhelmed and to maintain your mental health.

Drinking energy drinks

There is no alternative to a good night's sleep. Drinking energy drinks like Monster, Red Bull, and Rock Star may seem like a good idea, but ingesting excess sugar and caffeine as a substitute to sleeping can cause anxiety, insomnia, mid-day energy crashes, headaches, and high blood pressure and heart rate. In more severe cases, energy drinks can cause heart arrhythmias, cardiac arrest, and seizure. If you need an energy boost, try hitting the gym, taking a nap,

or eating a snack rich in proteins and complex carbohydrates.

Taking advantage of unlimited food

We know Oakland has tons of food available, and it's easy to overindulge in pizza and brownies at student organization meetings or in Vandenberg Dining Hall. Watch portion sizes! You don't need pizza, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, spaghetti, and a bowl of ice cream. Although that sounds like a tasty dinner, these are the meals that contribute to that dreaded "freshman 15". Having a healthy diet can help you avoid heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.

Disclaimer: I am not a medical professional. This article is for informational purposes only. No guarantee made as to the accuracy of this information. If you are in need of medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment, contact Oakland University Graham Health Center at 248-370-2341.

UPCOMING EVENTS: ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & WELLNESS

NOV. 20	12 p.m.-1 p.m. Leaders for Environmental Awareness and Protection General Meeting, Lake Superior A Room in the Oakland Center
NOV. 21	9 a.m.-12 p.m. Wellness, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention Society Mindfulness Retreat, Oakland Room in the Oakland Center
NOV. 21	9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. American Red Cross Club, Gleaner's Food Bank in Pontiac
DEC. 2	12-1 p.m. Neurology Club General Meeting, Lake Michigan Room in the Oakland Center
DEC. 4	10 a.m.-4 p.m. Student Congress Thrift 2 Gift, Gold Rooms ABC in the Oakland Center

Cheating in college: It's absolutely not worth it

Shelby Tankersley
Staff Reporter

Last Monday when I walked into my Spanish 114 class, my normally enthusiastic professor had a melancholy expression on her face.

She stood in front of our class and told us someone from another class had cheated on their last exam. This was the first time in all of her years of teaching she had this happen.

Needless to say I was shocked. For one, this is Spanish, not Calculus. Our exams aren't that hard, and this student was in a 114 class. Second, our professor is a great teacher and a genuinely nice lady, and I know I can say that the vast majority of the class doesn't want to make her life harder than it needs to be.

But there we were, nonetheless. She told us that this student would probably be expelled, she was going to be more watchful during our exams and that there was a chance our final exam would be a large, proctored exam.

It got me thinking about the effect one person can have. One student changed the semester for not just my professor,

but every last one of her students.

Time Magazine did a study for their Answers Issue this year on cheating in higher education. They found that 82 percent of recent college alumni admitted to cheating in some way while they were in college.

The Boston Globe cited another study from 2012 that reported 75 percent. That's a seven percent increase in just three years. That same study reported that cheating in college has had a steady growth rate since it first became a problem in the 1960s.

So, are classes just too hard, or are we getting more dishonest?

That's hard to answer. We have advanced courses here that are made for the educated mind, and therefore, should be difficult. We also have classes like Spanish 114 and Writing 150 which are largely a review of what we should have learned in high school.

And that's just it: We're not in high school anymore. We're adults.

When we took our next exam this past Friday in my Spanish class, my teacher had to enforce some rules. She walked around, made sure everyone was faced



SHELBY TANKERSLEY
Staff Reporter

toward the front of the room and watched us a little closer than she normally did. There was a tension that wasn't there before.

She had told me earlier in the week that she wasn't at all looking forward to doing this. She said that we have a class full of adults and because of that she wants to trust us. My professor was genuinely regretful that she was now expected to act as if she didn't trust us anymore.

Here's my point: It's not worth it. It isn't worth it in Spanish 114 and it isn't worth it in Engineering 400. We all know that we could be expelled if we're caught cheating, and the repercussions of that will echo in the classes of our professors and peers.

Here's to the 18 percent who graduated without cheating in college this past year.

POLICE BRIEFS

Parking conflict in P-18

On Oct. 29, an OUPD officer was called to P-18 to back up another officer who had issued a ticket to an angry individual. The OUPD officer said she was giving out parking tickets to cars that had been at the parking meters for too long when an angry individual came up to her yelling that she take the ticket back. The individual continued to yell at both officers saying that since he was only in violation of the parking policy by three minutes he should not have to pay the ticket. OUPD ended contact with the individual by sending him on his way, saying that if he didn't pay the ticket on time there would be late fees.

Stolen property from Wilson Hall

OUPD received a call on Oct. 30 from a faculty member saying that an Apple TV had been stolen from a classroom in Wilson Hall. Both the TV and its remote were gone. The faculty member said it would have been taken between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. when the classrooms are open. No further information had been found out as to the whereabouts of the TV.

Drugs in West Vandenberg Hall

An anonymous source contacted OUPD on Oct. 29 to discuss possible drug usage on the seventh floor of West Vandenberg Hall. The source said he believed another student had narcotics hidden in the storage room on the floor. OUPD found a baggie with LSD blotting paper in it. When tested, the paper was found to have traces of LSD on it. The accused student denied having done any drugs, but OUPD collected his information. There has been no further incident.

Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter

2016 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 2016 or have graduated in summer or fall 2015
- 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 2016 or have graduated in summer or fall 2015
- 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 15, 2016.

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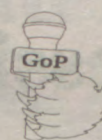


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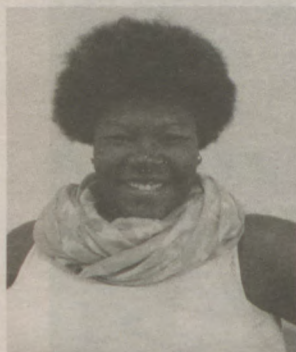
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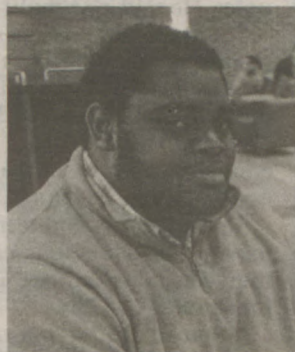


'Thanksgiving is right around the corner, what are some of your traditions?'



**Daskyra Hood,
Creative Writing,
Senior**

"We eat dessert before dinner because my mom makes too much dessert. We have pies, cheesecakes and cake."



**Noel Waterman,
Mechanical Engineering,
Freshman**

"We go to different people's houses and eat, talk, play games and crack jokes."



**Bianca White,
Mechanical Engineering,
Freshman**

"We go to my grandmother's house and have a great meal with my mom's sweet potatoes. They're the best I've ever had."



**Sana Mirza,
Art and Psychology,
Sophomore**

"We travel to be with family. This year we're going to California to my aunt's. In addition to turkey, we have Mediterranean food."



**Laina Townsend,
Psychology,
Junior**

"Alpha Sigma Tau and Alpha Sigma Phi pair up and make a turkey. The boys make the turkey and the girls bring sides and desserts."



**Madeline Murawski,
International Relations,
Freshman**

"We eat Italian. We make homemade noodles."

— Compiled by Erika Barker,
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'OU is not accessible and this is not acceptable'

OUSC members push for better accommodations for students with disabilities

Kelsey Killingbeck
Staff Intern

Student Congress member Elijah Sanders has been to the Oakland University Office of Disability Support Services (DSS) multiple times in the few short months since he has been here on campus. As a physically disabled student, he has dealt first-hand with the problems this campus has with accessibility.

"OU is not accessible and this is not acceptable," Sanders said.

Sanders cites broken bathroom stalls, automatic doors that would not open and cracks in the sidewalk that his wheelchair could not overcome among daily struggles for not only him, but for all of the disabled students on campus.

After being shut down by DSS time and again by a short list of legal obliga-

tions, Sanders decided to take matters into his own hands.

Following his election to Student Congress, Legislator Sanders began work immediately with his partner Ryan Fox on their proposal for the OUSC Accessibility Committee. Their goal is to make things easier for everyone, including not only the permanently disabled, but the temporarily handicapped as well.

First on the agenda for their proposal is the broken stalls in the bathrooms and the doors that don't open. Another very important change is the sidewalks across campus — a minor inconvenience for someone who has to step over them, but for a wheelchair, these can stop it in its tracks.

"Getting things fixed is an automatic change," Fox said.

However, there are certainly more changes required than just what is in-

cluded in this proposal, as Sanders notes. He said it's a multi-step process.

There are more changes necessary to go through to make lives a little easier on campus, such as getting automatic door openers in the older buildings, elevators that work and are spacious enough to accommodate a wheelchair or a walker, more ramps.

These are the long-term goals. They may not be something campus see in the near future, but are a definite goal for Sanders and Fox.

"Even before the committee was created, there has been a change just by talking about it," Fox said.

The OUSC Accessibility Committee is not a paid chair committee. Meetings are open to anyone who is interested.

Also, volunteers are welcome even without being officially elected into the committee.



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

Sanders aims to make getting around campus easier for students with disabilities, and not only those with permanent ones.

Counseling center working to make students more aware of support

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

It's no secret that college students are exposed to numerous stressors. Mental illnesses are also on the rise in college-aged people and it is important to understand the resources available.

Dr. David Schwartz of the Oakland University Counseling Center explained that mental illness on college campuses has been on the rise. He explained that national statistics show that close to 60 percent of students experience "significant depression" at some point in their college career. Additionally, 75 percent of students will experience severe anxiety at some point in their life.

At the counseling center in the past three years, the most frequent complaint the staff has experienced and treated

has been anxiety, with depression following close behind. Both mental illnesses steadily increased each year.

According to last year's statistics, the number of clinic emergencies concerning mental health at the center has increased by 62 percent over the previous two years and by 120 percent over the three previous years. Schwartz did not give a clear explanation for this jump.

At the counseling center, 60 percent of students come in for anxiety, 34 percent for depression, 34 percent for relationship problems and 28 percent for mood disorders. These statistics are based upon the fact that clients can come in with more than one of these issues.

With this increase in mental illnesses reported, the center has increased staff by 1.5 positions since last year.

Along with the ordinary

counseling services, the center provides substance abuse evaluations, has a specialist in eating disorders, offers diagnostic testing for ADHD or learning disabilities at a reduced cost, and hosts outreach programs such as test anxiety workshops.

The center also has a psychiatrist available one day a week on Tuesday mornings for anyone looking for medicinal treatment for their mental illness.

Schwartz encourages students to know about the services available and attempt to understand rather than stigmatize those with mental illnesses.

"The misunderstanding is that suicidal people want to die," Schwartz said. "They don't want to die, they just want the pain to stop."

He went on to explain that the center is a "support sys-



Dave Jackson / The Oakland Post

According to Dr. David Schwartz, 60 percent of students experience "significant depression" at some point during their college career.

tem" and can remedy situations that, in a worst case scenario, could be the difference between life and death.

The first six sessions at the counseling center are free and any sessions after that costs only \$12. Schwartz does warn that they have a sizable wait list, but that any emergencies will be attended to promptly.

According to activeminds.org, suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students. It's time to

educate ourselves on mental illness, remove the stigma and provide a support system for our fellow students.

Beyond the counseling center, there are student organizations focused on providing support systems for those who have mental illnesses such as To Write Love On Her Arms and Active Minds. If you are interested in learning more about the national organization for Active Minds, visit activeminds.org.

Teaming up to create a better community

OU & Pontiac form 'dynamic partnership' to nurture involvement between the two

**Paige Brockway &
Anthony Spak**
Contributors

Representatives from Oakland University and the City of Pontiac held a town hall meeting Saturday, Nov. 15, to discuss the successes and strategies of the city-university initiative.

This partnership between the publicly funded university and its neighboring city has been in action for a year, focusing on growing community involvement and student experiential learning.

"Oakland University is claiming Pontiac, and Pontiac is certainly claiming Oakland University," Mayor Deirdre Waterman said.

Along with Mayor Waterman, Oakland President George Hynd, members of the Pontiac City Council and State Rep. Tim Greimel attended the event at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church on Oneida Street.

More than 170 people interested in the development of the initiative joined the discussion. This included OU faculty and students who were commended for their involvement in the partnership through political science, public administration and journalism internship programs.

Topics of conversation included identifying the city's resources through asset mapping, the importance of growing the partnership and the Pontiac Moving Forward economic recovery plan.

Bret Rasegan, planning supervisor of Oakland County Economic Development, spoke about the six main pillars of Pontiac Moving Forward:

1. Educating and developing the workforce
2. Advancing strategic growth areas
3. Enhancing the local brand and image
4. Improving the local quality of life
5. Promoting priority areas
6. Aligning and empowering the implementers

Also discussed was the recent completion of the Diverging Diamond Interchange Project, which now connects Pontiac to OU across

the University Drive bridge over Interstate 75.

The bridge is used as a metaphor for the partnership throughout the morning as the new span once again connects these two communities.

President Hynd, who has held his position at the university for 14 months, has made the OU's involvement in Pontiac a priority since the beginning of his tenure.

"Friends, funds and freshmen are the key to this dynamic partnership."

Tom Kimble
Co-chair of the Partnership Coordinating Committee

Hynd said that OU should partner more with its neighbors "and that's Pontiac."

According to Tom Kimble, co-chair of the Partnership Coordinating Committee, OU and Pontiac share three common needs.

"Friends, funds and freshmen are the key to this dynamic partnership," Kimble said.

This year, there are 23 Pontiac High School graduates in OU's freshman class, according to Bob Maxfield, co-chair of the Partnership Coordinating Committee. The OU/Pontiac Initiative aims to increase that number in the coming years.

The meeting broke up into focus groups based on different areas of community needs, such as developing the workforce, promoting student engagement in Pontiac and reaching adults with educational deficits. These small groups of community members discussed ways to improve upon these areas through the partnership.

The meeting concluded with the opportunity for participants to share their thoughts with the committee via suggestion boxes.

The next OU/Pontiac Initiative town hall meeting will be held Saturday, March 5.



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Attendees discussed several topics during the event, including the Pontiac Moving Forward economic recovery plan and student engagement issues.

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LEFT: President Hynd discusses the new chief operating officer position during his report. **RIGHT:** Kunselman will be aiding in the strategic plan and be a part of the new Strategic Action Committee.

Hynd's Presidential Report

Hynd breaks his silence on creation of chief operating officer position

Kevin Teller
Campus Editor

Last Wednesday, Nov. 11, President Hynd spoke to students and faculty in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center. Among the progress that Oakland University has made in the past few months, Hynd also spoke about the recent creation of a COO position and hire of former board of trustees member Scott Kunselman.

"I think that many people understand that presidents today — and I'm no exception — need to be out the door representing the university to alumni, to supporters, to opinion leaders," Hynd said before the address, "And certainly, with our new mission statement, that is part of my job."

More specifically, the hope for the day-to-day work once Kunselman begins as COO on Dec. 1 is identified by Hynd as aiding the activity level on campus, assisting with the facilities committee and graduating successful students.

As part of his duties as COO, Kunselman is also being placed into a Strategic Action Committee by Hynd.

This is done in order to bridge the gap between the Strategic Planning Committee and the actualization of the recommendations that they make.

"Mr. Kunselman has some good ideas that I think will mature in ways that we can maybe address some things

that faculty and staff feel are slowing us down," Hynd said.

Originally identified as a need for a "chief of staff" position, Hynd said that the process has been developing since January 2015. The exact position of COO came to mind when he learned of the way in which that is utilized at the University of Virginia.

According to Hynd, he and Board of Trustees chair Mark Schlusel, along with other unspecified board members, have been communicating about the idea of a COO for OU since earlier this past summer.

When asked by an audience member after his address why the role of COO has been created instead of a secretary, Hynd responded that more seniority and involvement is required than that which a secretary would provide.

In terms of the unorthodox nature of Kunselman's hire into the position, Hynd recognizes that it is an "atypical" process not to create a public search for such an administrative role. He said that Kunselman was merely the right person for the role at the right time and for the right reason.

"I will acknowledge, because I understand their concerns, that there was not a national for this position," Hynd said in his address. "Had Mr. Kunselman not been available, we would have done a national search."

Kunselman said that his time serving on the board of trustees will benefit OU when he takes on his new role as

well. He said that since he began his time on the board, he gained a basic knowledge of the operations at OU.

In addition to assisting with Hynd's work, Kunselman's duties will also include representing the OU community to the board itself.

Because of Kunselman's membership from 2012 until October 2015, the Board's conflict of interest policy is also a factor to consider.

Article II of the policy, as approved by the Board in May of 2014, states that conflicts of interest are those that "(a) compromise or lose their own independence, impartiality or judgment in connection with an arrangement with the university; (b) propose or support an arrangement with the university that is not in the university's best interest; (c) results in personal or financial gain to that person; (d) involves preferential treatment to the person's family or business associates; or (e) would damage the university's reputation or erode the public's confidence in the university."

According to Kunselman, the policy was not violated because of the fact that he resigned two days before he was chosen as COO. He said it would have been "inappropriate" if he had been serving as an active board member at the time of his hire.

As mentioned above, Kunselman will begin as COO on Dec. 1. The Oakland Post plans to continue to update on the happenings and duties of this position as developments occur.

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'Equus' reins in audience members

OU's MTD performance pulls at every emotion, leaves crowd wanting more

Rachel Williams
Staff Reporter

If you're looking for drama, passion, psychological intrigue, mental unraveling and full-frontal nudity, then "Equus" is the play for you. Oakland University's Music, Theatre and Dance production did not disappoint and kept audience members thinking until the final scene.

The play follows Dr. Martin Dysart of the Rokeby Psychiatric Hospital as he accepts a new patient, Alan Strang. Strang came to the hospital following a violent outburst in which he blinded six horses at the stable at which he worked.

The story digs deep into Strang's reverent and unhealthy obsession with horses and examines Dysart's own psychological pain. The entire crew gave such a convincing performance that audience members could not help but be swept up into the emotional and psychological turmoil of the two main characters.

Brandon Santana, who played two separate characters, the Horseman and Nugget - one of the stable's horses - in the production, commented on the show's complexity as well as the need for physical and emotional strength.

"Going into this, I didn't expect how much strength was involved, and it was a great shock," Santana said. "Equus" was definitely one of the most challenging shows for me because it's demanding in all types of ways. There's a height of vulnerability, strength, passion and high stakes at play here."

Physical strength came into play for the cast members who played the horses. They wore raised, steel sandals which weighed a few pounds and metal horse heads. Santana even carried around Ian Turnwald, who played Alan Strang, on his shoulders in several scenes when Strang rode Nugget.

Turnwald strips down completely for the climactic scene in which Alan Strang comes to face his horse idol, Equus, and ultimately blinds six horses.

Cast and crew expended all their energy into creating an all-encompassing world for the audience members to rest in for a couple hours. Chris O'Meara, scenic designer, explained that the turntable set was designed to incite ideas of both a barn and boxing ring where viewers could watch the two

separate minds, Dysart and Strang, metaphorically battle.

The set was moved between scenes to signify a change in scenery for audience members and was incorporated at times to add energy to the actors' already climactic performances.

"We really delved deep into the script and into the characters, particularly Alan and Dysart, to pick apart their worlds and this energy," O'Meara said.

Beyond the two main characters, the entire cast was committed to their respective roles. Incredible makeup transformed 20-year-old students into middle-aged men, and the emotional performances catapulted viewers into Rokeby Psychiatric Hospital.

Following the production, audience members left with many questions and not so many answers concerning mental stability, religion and the concept of pain.

"The play deals with suppression of spiritual beliefs, its consequences and sanity versus insanity and how society perceives it," Santana explained. "I hope that audience members leave with an understanding of how important it is to listen to each other and to try to understand each other."

The production runs from Nov. 12 through the 22 in the Varner Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$8 for students. Visit OU's MTD web page for more information.



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The Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance put on "Equus" from Nov. 12-22 in the Varner Studio Theatre. Pictured is the dedicated cast and crew.



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The play includes full-frontal nudity in some scenes and is intended for mature audiences only, and delves deep into the mind of Strang.

OU English professor retires after 27 years of teaching

Dani Cojocari
Photo Editor

After nearly three decades of working at Oakland University, English Professor Edward Haworth Hoeppner is retiring. On Tuesday, Nov. 10, he had a farewell reading in Dodge Hall, where nearly 100 students and faculty — both past and present — came to listen to his poetry and to bid him farewell.

Hoeppner's early life

The 64-year-old Hoeppner grew up in Winona, Minn. on the Mississippi River and studied for a year to become a priest at St. Mary's University. When he decided that wasn't the right path for him, he started to focus on English and Creative Writing.

"My high school English teacher first got me really interested in writing. It was illegal. We used to go to his house and drink beer and talk literature and that continued through college," Hoeppner said.

His teacher also got him interested in hitch-hiking. Hoeppner hoped on freight trains and traveled across the country, stretching from Maine to California. During this time, he also did volunteer work teaching grade school and driving the school bus in southeastern Colorado.

After graduating college, Hoeppner decided to apply to graduate school at the University of Iowa. He took the Ph.D. program instead of the workshops.

"My stuff wasn't up to speed," he explained. "I didn't know a lot of what was going on in contemporary writing. I had a lot to learn. Most of which I had to learn by reading and doing."

While in Iowa, he taught as a Teacher Assistant in addition to working on his own poetry. Then, a colleague of his told him of a job opportunity in Tuscaloosa, Ala. teaching creative writing to schizophrenic teenagers and hearing and speech impaired seniors at Bryce Hospital. He jumped at the offer and moved there.



Ed Hayworth Hoeppner reads select poems from his books during his Farewell Reading in Dodge Hall on Nov. 10.
Dani Cojocari / The Oakland Post

During his time in Alabama, he met his wife.

Finding a second home

By the late-1980s, Hoeppner was anxious to head back to the Midwest where he grew up. He still remembers the day he was interviewed by Oakland University at the Modern Language Association Conference in San Francisco.

"It was raining and I had gotten lost. So, I was late to the Oakland interview and I was wet," he started. "They asked me how the convention was going and I sat down and blurted out 'I just gave the worst interview a human being could possibly give.' I told them to story of the interview, which was funny in a sad kind of way." Apparently, that story was what made him stand out.

"I was a recovering alcoholic finding my feet, who needed a chance. Oakland offered me that chance," he said.

He started working at OU in 1988, but in 1991 his wife accepted a job offer at Aquinas College and they moved to Grand Rapids, Mich. The move didn't stop Hoeppner from teaching at Oakland University. Instead, he started commuting back and forth from his home to the college.

"I've been renting a room for the last ten to twelve years," Hoeppner explained. "I stay

over Tuesday and Wednesday night, and then go back home."

The end of an era

If he didn't have the long commute, he figures it would stay for another year or two. However, his age plays another key role in his retirement.

"When you're a teacher — at least the way I teach — a lot of it requires my mind to be quick on its feet. I don't feel as dynamic in front of the classroom as I used to," he said.

OU has been a unique place for Hoeppner to work. He greatly appreciated and valued the English department, praising its supportive environment and the wonderful colleagues he was able to work with.

"I'll walk out of a class and think 'that's the last time I'll teach Hemingway.' Sometimes it's a relief: 'it's the last time I'll teach Ezra Pound,' who has always been over my head," he joked.

However, it is the students he will miss the most.

"It's a real privilege for me to be able to teach the students at Oakland," he said humbly. "By and large the students appreciate education. They don't have a sense of entitlement. People are earnest. They seem straightforward and intent upon getting an education and appreciate the chance to get to do that."

Fight the Night brings homelessness awareness

Sarah Lawrence
Staff Intern

In recognition of November as National Homelessness Awareness Month, members of professor Charlie Rinehart's Persuasion/Marketing in Health class partnered together with The Baldwin Center to create the first-annual Fight the Night Event on Saturday.

Beginning at 7 p.m., volunteers, students and community members gathered in Parking Lot 2, equipped with extra blankets and dressed in layers, to combat the night's weather and gain perspective regarding the challenges homeless individuals experience each day.

"My students have been working on this project all year," Rinehart said. "When I first introduced this project after working with Elizabeth Longley of the Baldwin Center at the beginning of the semester, they immediately began developing the event. Their goal was to create a brand that would bring much-needed attention to the struggles which homeless individuals and homeless veterans in the area experience especially in the winter months."

As the night progressed, speakers from The Baldwin Center, OU William Beaumont School of Medicine, School of Health Sciences and President Hynd addressed the issues of homelessness, housing first initiatives and the importance of social programs in America.

"I want to thank Professor Rinehart's students for working so

hard to make this event a success," President Hynd said. "In 2013 there were approximately 600,000 homeless individuals in America, and about ¼ of those were young adults. It's a disturbing statistic that is very important to consider when thinking about the relevance of social programs in our country. My goal tonight is to plant the seed and challenge each of you to ask yourself how you can help as you continue on your path. Make sure that whatever your involvement entails, make sure to keep social programs alive."

Following the speaker's addresses, boxed meals were provided by The Baldwin Center as a way to provide a clear idea of what individuals receive each day.

"As I was getting ready to come here today, putting on my layers and brewing my coffee to help stay warm, I couldn't help but think about how grateful I am to have these things," Elizabeth Longley, executive director of the Baldwin Center said. "We have been providing services for 35 years now, which amounts to about 60,000 meals each year."

At the conclusion of the presentations, those who planned to sleep out for the night placed the finishing touches on their cardboard shelters, switched off their electronics, and entered into a period of reflection.

The efforts of all those involved created an event to help enrich the perspective of many regarding the issue of homelessness in America.



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Dr. Rinehart's Persuasion/Marketing in Health class partnered together with The Baldwin Center to create the first-annual Fight the Night Event.

New contracts, new year

Salaries hammered out, professors don't like new answers

Grace Turner
Life Editor

Oakland University put a controversial issue to rest at the Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 22.

The board approved the contract agreement between the faculty, represented by OU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), and OU's administrators.

Bargaining to renew the contract began June 1, and a tentative agreement was reached Aug. 29.

The contract is finalized, but not everyone is happy with the changes.

"It's a contract that is somewhat disappointing," Karen Miller said, associate professor of history. She is a previous OU AAUP president.

The bargaining teams discussed three major points - a new pay system, tuition remission for faculty dependents and spouses and pay and benefits for special lecturers.

New Merit Pay

The contract gave faculty a raise, but it's just enough to keep the pay ahead of inflation.

"OU's faculty is paid substantially below our peers," Miller said, comparing OU to other universities in Michigan of similar size.

The most significant change that this contract will bring about is that faculty will be given raises through a merit system, in which professors will receive more money based on how much they contribute to OU. The merit system will be the only way faculty will get raises during the last two years of the contract.

"The core of faculty work is teaching, research or creative work if you're in the arts ... and service," Catherine Rush said, assistant vice president for the De-

partment of Academic Human Resources.

A merit pay system recognizes and motivates strong performance, Rush said.

Kenneth Mitton, associate professor of biomedical sciences and OU's current AAUP president, disagreed.

"Merit systems don't work. They fail miserably," he said.

Mitton said he looked into merit pay systems and said companies try to use them and then decide not to.

"There's a misunderstanding of what motivates faculty," Mitton said. Faculty teach and research a subject because they love to. Small raises through a merit pay system won't change that.

Each academic unit, or department or school, has to come up with guidelines of how to measure faculty contribution. This takes away from research time.

"We're trying to come up with an equitable system," Miller said. But a lot of faculty work is hard to measure.

"So much of what we do is intangible," she said.

Tuition Remission

The negotiations also brought up the fact that faculty, their dependents and their spouses can take classes at OU for 10 percent of the in-state undergraduate tuition cost. OU's administration wanted to raise this to 50 percent, but the policy didn't change in the end.

"It was disheartening for our faculty," Mitton said.

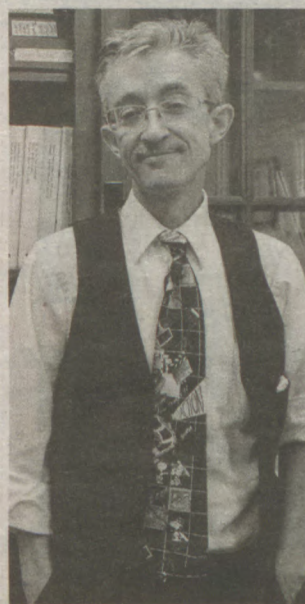
"We find it really kind of offensive, frankly," Miller said. "It does not cost the university in any substantive way."

Special Lecturers

Miller said pay and benefits for special lecturers are especially low. The faculty tried to fix this but couldn't.

Bargaining Mechanics

Most faculty, which in-



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Kenneth Mitton is the associate professor of biomedical sciences and OU's current AAUP president.

cludes anyone who teaches, are members of OU's AAUP. They were asked to fill out a survey in February 2015 of things they wanted to see changed. There were regular AAUP meetings from October 2014 until negotiations started in June.

For negotiation years, bargaining teams are formed on each side. Typically each team has four to six members.

While it seems like Aug. 29 is cutting it close to the beginning of the school year for a tentative agreement, Rush said that's typical.

If an agreement wasn't reached, faculty could have picketed. However, according to the Michigan Legislature website, public employees, including faculty at public universities, aren't allowed to strike. A judge can order faculty back to work if OU's administration complains.

This contract will be in place until 2020 with a possible re-opener in 2018. This is the first time a contract will be in place for five years. Usually there are negotiations every three.

Dark room sees bright future

Renovations lead to more positive work space in Wilson

Dani Cojocari
Photo Editor

Located in the basement of Wilson Hall is a special room where students spend several hours working with chemicals under red safety lights to produce prints of their film photography.

On Oct. 22, the Art and Art History Department revealed the new dark room renovations.

"They're not so much newer capabilities, but more functional," Lecturer in Art and Photo/Media Lab Manager David Lambert explained. "The dark room is now split into two. One side is film only and one side is print only."

The rooms are connected by a single black revolving door. In addition to the divided workspace, all of the rusted stainless steel sinks were replaced.

Kailey Johnson, a senior studying photography and cinema studies, has worked in the dark room both before and after renovations. She believes that the dark room has improved tremendously, especially the workflow.

"Previously people would have to maneuver their way around others, creating some dilemmas," she explained.

However, with the digital age rushing forward at full speed, what is the importance of having traditional printing processes? Why continue to teach students how to work with film in a dark room?

According to Lambert, the advances in technology have sparked a re-

birth of older processes.

"The digital age has made what we're doing today relevant," Lambert said. "The dark room lays a foundation for digital media. Basic photography principles such as depth of field, levels, and contrast are laid out in the dark room and we can see how that is reiterated in Photoshop. Photo-shop played off of original dark room knowledge when developing its functions and features."

"I own only film cameras," Johnson said. "I prefer using film photography because digital can't compete to the truest form of colors or blacks & whites."

When asked what she thinks the importance of film photography is, Johnson believes that film is the root of photography.

"If Oakland didn't have a dark room, or didn't teach film photography, we wouldn't be able to consider ourselves photographers," she said. "You have to know the history and experience developing your own artwork before stepping into the digital age."

He firmly believes that working in the dark room is essential for those who are interested in learning photography. It lays a foundation of how to properly work a camera by teaching students to slow down and focus. With film, students are limited to 24 or 36 frames per roll.

"Patience is something that you learn throughout this process, but once you see the final results you feel so proud of yourself that you created this work of art," Johnson added.

Students have the chance to experience the new darkroom. Photography courses are available for both majors and non-majors.



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Professor David Lambert help his students with their cyanotype prints in the redesigned dark room on Nov. 11.



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Students enjoy a tour of the Michigan Capitol Building in Lansing on a trip the College of Arts and Sciences hosted.

Students take road trip to State Capitol

College of Arts and Sciences gives opportunity to learn about Lansing

Alexus Bomar
Staff Reporter

Every year, the College of Arts and Sciences features a theme that provides opportunities for the OU community to learn more about topics of interest. The college offers events that highlight the different parts of a single concept through the perspectives of art, literature, science, humanities and social science.

As a part of the College of Arts and Sciences "Cracking Codes: Literary Now" 2015-16 theme, students had the opportunity to take a trip to the State Capitol on Saturday, Nov. 14.

"This trip is another way to learn more about the State's Capitol," Jean Ann Miller, director for the Center for Student Activities and Development, said.

Students had the chance to tour The Library of Michigan, which is a library of Michigan government publications, journals, books and newspaper clippings.

Miller selected The Library of Michigan as one place to tour because she thought it was a good

place to go to learn about different Michigan artifacts and history.

"I actually didn't know about The Library of Michigan until I did some research about it," she said.

Sheryl Reed, a senior journalism major, went on this trip because of its variety of offerings. After the trip, Reed really understood the meaning behind literacy and learned more about The Library of Michigan.

"I learned that The Library of Michigan holds all sorts of newspaper clippings and federal documents," she said.

Students also had their choice of visiting the Capitol Building, the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame or the Michigan Historical Museum.

All of the students decided to tour the Capitol Building. A tour guide took the students through each level of the Capitol and explained the legislative and executive branches of the government, the House of Representatives and Senate, along with historical knowledge about the building.

After spending the morning in Lansing, the students got to enjoy some free time at Bronner's

Christmas Wonderland and in Frankenmuth.

Frankenmuth is one of the more popular travel destinations because of the different restaurants, stores and family activities available.

According to their website, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland is the "world's largest Christmas store," which offers many styles of Christmas ornaments, trees, lights, nativity scenes and collectibles. For more information about Bronner's, visit bronnens.com.

The students all agreed that it was a great experience to learn more about the State Capitol and they all enjoyed free time at Frankenmuth and Bronner's Christmas Wonderland.

More events are to come in the winter semester, including LeVar Burton of "Star Trek" and "Reading Rainbow" talking about literacy at the Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, Jan. 18.

For more information about the College of Arts and Sciences 2015-16 theme, visit the College of Arts and Sciences page of Oakland's website and select "College Theme."

Using media to teach Shakespeare

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Reporter

Niels Herold, associate professor in the English department, presented a lecture as part of this year's College of Arts and Sciences themed lectures. This year's theme, "Cracking the Code," originally came with the lecture titled "Teaching Shakespeare Through Media."

Herold, however, felt as if he could narrow down the theme of the lecture much more. His new idea, "Teaching Through Slings and Arrows" was presented on Nov. 11. It centers around educating others on the modernization of Shakespeare and how one show in particular shows the ways that Shakespeare should be portrayed.

About 40 minutes of clips from the Canadian television drama "Slings and Arrows" were shown. The show follows a failed actor as he took over as artistic director for a small theatre.

The lecture followed three seasons of the show, touching on the various ways in which the characters within the show portrayed different Shakespearean characters.

The point of this lecture was not just to watch episodes of a television show, however. Herold talked extensively on how changing Shakespeare's language in the contexts of his own works wasn't a good thing, according to some scholars.

"How much alteration can be done until it's no longer Shakespeare?" he asked the audience.

His biggest critique was that it "was a waste of money and talent" to put Shakespeare's words into more modernized ones because the heart of the problem wasn't the difficulty of the texts at hand, but that the actors needed to understand the reasons why they were so complex.

Herold said that according to some scholars, "[Shakespeare's] language presented difficulties in its apprehension — by a public that was not interested, apparently, in having these difficulties removed or explicated out of existence."

For example, one clip shown to the audience was about the singing scene with Ophelia in Hamlet. The performer was struggling with understanding what Shakespeare meant by her madness, and only by having the main character explain it to her did she understand.

"In the classrooms that once used feature length films to make Shakespeare understandable, like Mel Gibson's 'Hamlet,' now use film clips from a sampling of different films and videos," Herold said. "Popular culture now adapts or spins Shakespeare's works into films and performance pieces that clip, slice, or quote from what once was a performance text realized upon the stage, and a stage that didn't look anything like our theaters today."

Herold added the "the series is about putting on a play. A Shakespeare play."

Anthony Guest, director of "As You Like It," was in attendance at the performance.

"For actors, this was candy, to see how storyline moves with Shakespeare pieces," Guest said.

For Herold, however, the lecture was "only the tip of the iceberg" when it came to talking about the ways in which Shakespeare should be taught.

Herold offered some advice for students studying Shakespeare as well.

"Accept the challenge, intellectual and emotional, of not being able to understand everything that's going on in Shakespeare, especially on first reading, beholding or viewing," Herold said.

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ALTERNATIVES TO SHOPPING ON THANKSGIVING

- 1. WORK:** Unfortunately, not everybody gets to go home and relax for the break, those who are employed in retail will be getting ready for the long night of sales that will happen. Sorry mom, but I gotta take this turkey to go.
- 2. SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY:** If you are lucky enough to avoid being a sales associate on this day, then take the time to be with your family.
- 3. SLEEP:** Break is the time to catch up on all that sleep that you've been missing thanks to the all nighters, plus the turkey and wine really do knock you out.
- 4. VOLUNTEER:** Go out into your community and volunteer at the local soup kitchen, some people are extremely less fortunate than others, so taking some time out of your day to volunteer would make their holiday.
- 5. SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS:** Get back together with the old high school gang as you all head home from college, catch up on who's in relationships and how many times you've changed your major.
- 6. ABC FAMILY HARRY POTTER MOVIE MARATHON:** Break out the sweatpants and grab some popcorn, this tradition is what some people look most forward to.
- 7. BRING FOOD TO YOUR FRIENDS WHO ARE WORKING:** Think about your poor friends, suffering under boxes in fitting rooms and drop by to give them some mashed potatoes, it'll make their night.
- 8. READ A BOOK:** I mean, the Native American genocide is something we shouldn't forget.
- 9. ACTUALLY BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE:** Take stock of your life, and be grateful.
- 10. DON'T DO HOMEWORK:** IT'S TIME TO RELAX, that paper will still be there when you get back.

— Compiled by Nick Kim, copy editor

YAKS of the WEEK

Yik Yak:
The voice of the people



1. "No money November is going well so far."

2. "Screw school I'm going to become a pot dealer and offer many types of pots and other kitchen utensils."

3. "Can I change my major to overthinking because I can see myself doing that for the rest of my life."

4. "Why did I join the Honors College? Same reason as anyone. Free printing."

5. "You don't need a license to drive a sandwich."

6. "Shout out to all the Nintendo dogs that haven't been fed since 2007."

7. "Parents: 'Got any A's this semester?' Me: 'Go fish.'"

8. "It's Friday the 13th Grizzlies. May the clock tower favor you today."

9. "If you don't know how to deal with stress clap your hands."

10. "High winds and chill?"

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter

TOP TUNES

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of the week

1. Protomartyr – "The Agent Intellect"
2. Jr Jr – "Jr Jr"
3. Sports – "All of Something"
4. Martin Courtney – "Many Moons"
5. Vulfpeck – "Thrill of the Arts"
6. Gun Outfit – "Dream All Over"
7. Son Little – "Son Little"
8. Kurt Vile – "B'lieve I'm Going Down..."
9. Alex Bleeker and the Freaks – "Country Agenda"
10. Big Grams – "Big Grams EP"



Big Grams — "Big Grams EP"

Big Grams is a new collaboration between rapper Big Boi of Outkast and electro-pop masters, Phantogram. The two parties have worked together on songs in the past but

Big Grams, both the project and the album, is their first proper work as a unit.

The EP is divided into three strong tracks including "Lights On," "Fell In the Sun," and "Born To Shine," a track featuring Run The Jewels, one of the most exciting acts in hip hop right now. The remaining four tracks aren't as exciting, though Skrillex makes an appearance on the last track, "Drum Machine."

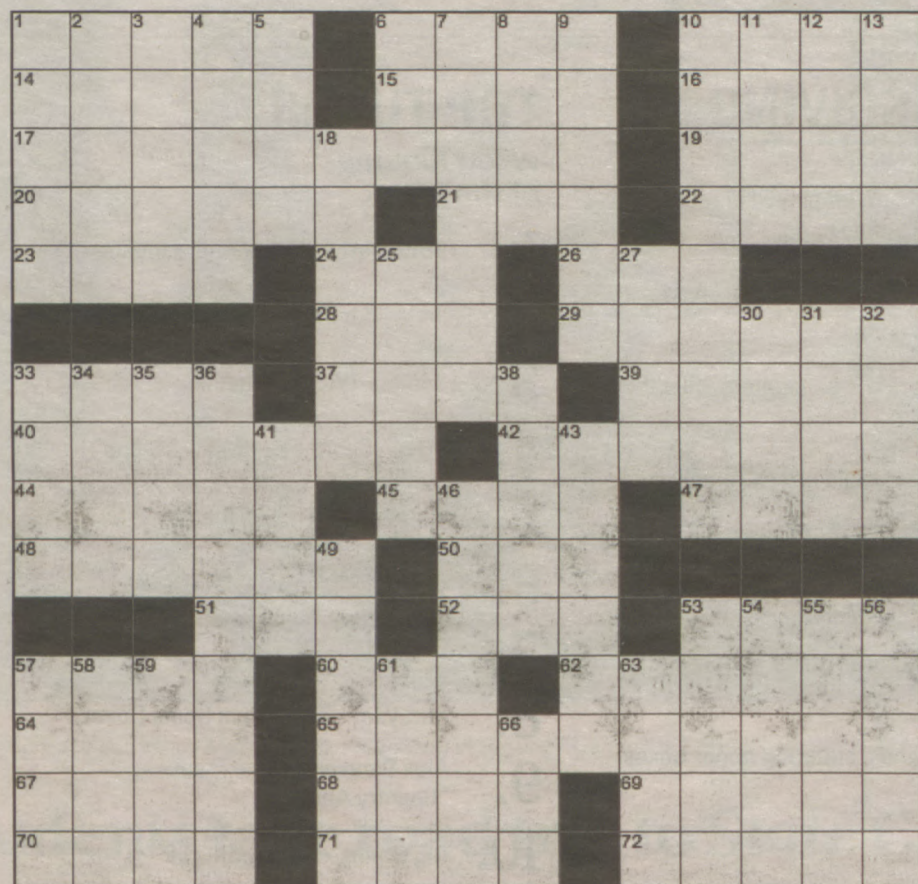
Whether you're on the way to the club or the grocery store, "Big Grams" makes for a perfect Friday night driving album with its lush production, huge horn parts and Big Boi's trademark southern flow.

Recommended if you like: Outkast, Phantogram, Run The Jewels

Start with: "Fell In the Sun," "Lights On," "Born to Shine"

— Anthony Spak, WXOU Music Director

Puzzles



Across

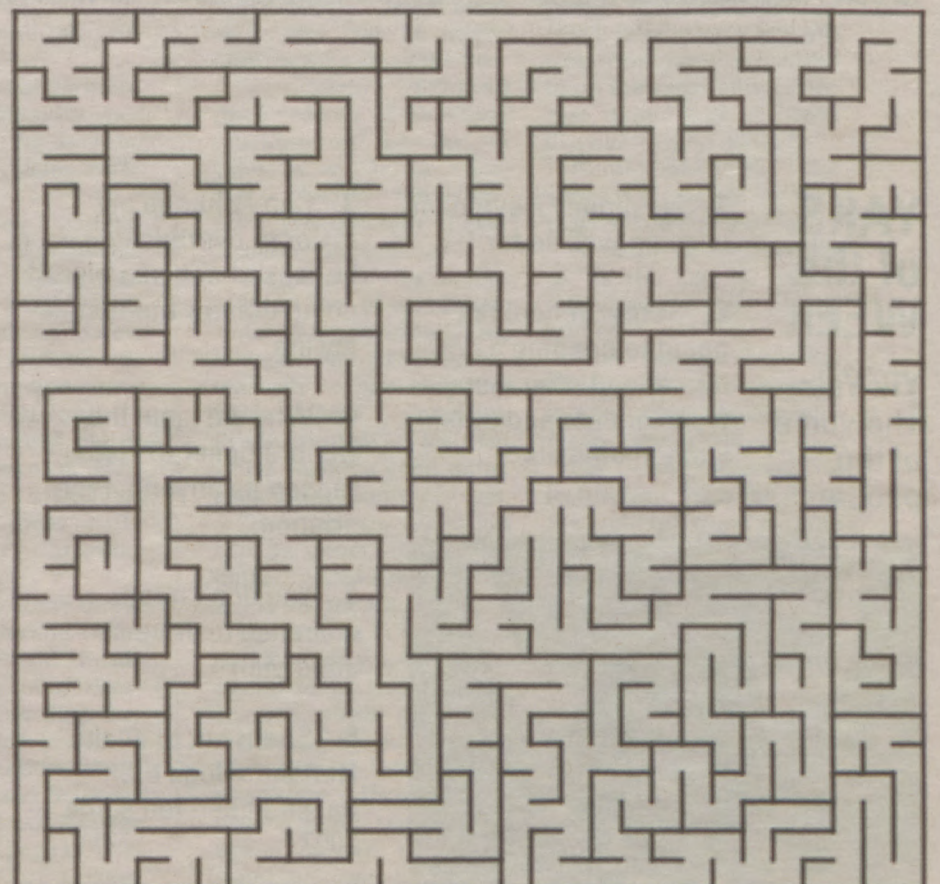
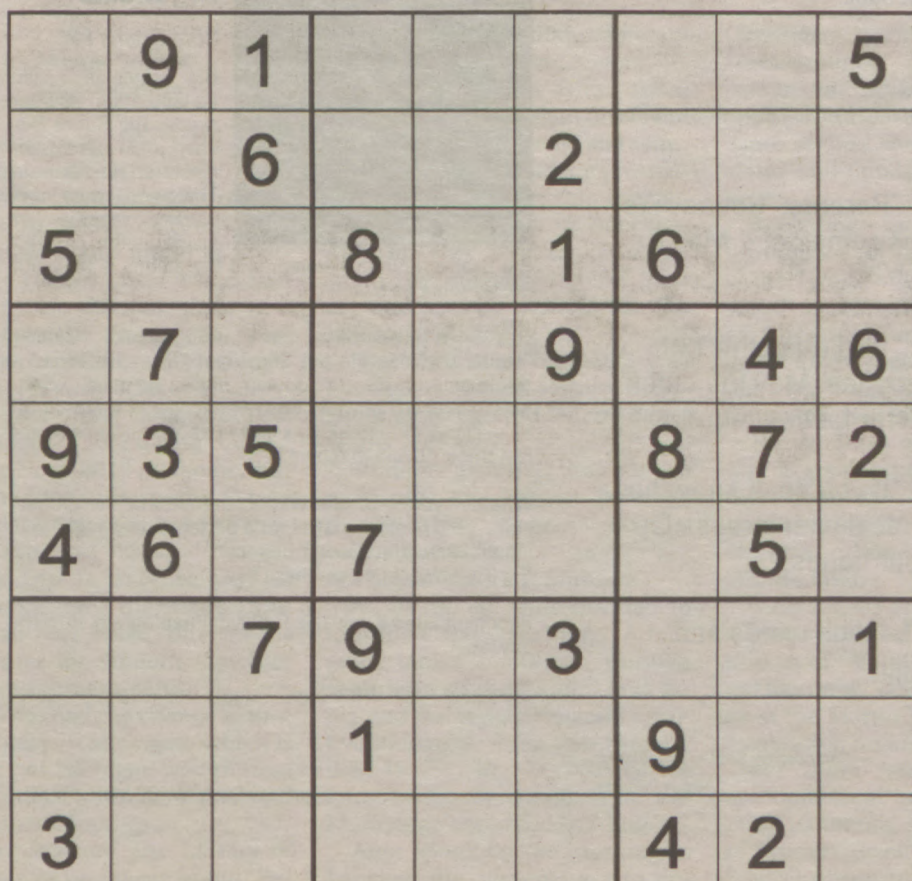
- 1: Junior, often
6: Provides weapons to
10: Hot tubs
14: Time being
15: Tiniest protest
16: Select
17: Frequently traveled highway
19: Jai ____
20: Outburst
21: Remote room?
22: SAT part
23: Read quickly
24: Historical period
26: Morse code component
28: Easter preceder?
29: Incantations
33: Film crew member
37: Break-even amount
39: It could be dominant
40: Found
42: Sum and substance
44: La Scala offering
45: On cloud nine
47: Judge
48: Occult figure
50: It's heard in a herd
51: Hardly hale
52: First zoo?

Down

- 53: Incite
57: Fishing gear
60: Have stuff
62: Manor
64: 'Cessa di più resistere,' for one
65: Strong emotions
67: Mountain lake
68: Really dislike
69: Not yet firm
70: Microbrewery offerings
71: Do a spit take
72: Garment workers

Down

- 1: Peevish states
2: Shaped like a dunce cap
3: IV part
4: Dolphins' home
5: Geek's cousin
6: Liable
7: Magazine buyers
8: Dole (out)
9: Pays out
10: Dispersed
11: Be a whiner
12: Word of woe
13: Cat's eye, sometimes
18: Rap session?
25: Merchandise
27: Goes for
30: Bowling alley
31: Head hunters?
32: Tobacco pipe part
33: ____ onto (grab)
34: Adjective for some vines
35: Keeps cold
36: They take sides
38: Opera hero, usually
41: Follow
43: Feeds a fire
46: Flow forth
49: Fabrics
53: Like a blank face
54: Analyze in English class
55: Absolute, as nonsense
56: Musical symbols
57: ____-tat
58: Spoken
59: Like some straits
61: Envelop
63: Common tater
66: Just released



Sports

Zweng is a keeper

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Reporter

Freshman goalkeeper Emily Zweng received a red card and was disqualified from her first collegiate soccer game. Two months later, she is ranked as the top keeper in the NCAA.

With a 0.539 goals against average, Zweng is ranked 10th in the country and is tied for 23rd with a 0.857 save rate. Before the Norte Dame game, Zweng was ranked first in both categories and was statistically the best goalkeeper at any division one college in the nation.

Women's head coach Margaret Saurin says Zweng is only going to improve.

"She could excel even more," Saurin said.

"I know she has great stats this year already and I really think she could be better. I really don't think her development is going to stop here. She has a great attitude for wanting to get better."

Zweng worked hard during the preseason and throughout the regular season. Saurin says she also put in a large amount of extra time when nobody was watching. Zweng practiced for six to eight weeks before getting a single minute of real competition.

"Coming in I knew if I worked all season, all of preseason, I just knew if my time was going to come it was going to be now," Zweng said.

"I knew I had to go out there and perform my best and do what I have been training two months to do."

However, when the season started, Zweng was actually the backup goalkeeper. The team had let some goals in and going into conference play wanted a change, Saurin explained.

So, they put the freshman in.

"She took the opportunity with both hands and did not look back," Saurin said.

Zweng's communication with the

backline is also a crucial part of the game. The backline helps limit the shots Zweng has saved and she takes care of anything that happens to break through the backline.

"I'm going to save the ball, I'm not going to let a single ball in," Zweng said. "I'm going to make my teammates proud, make my coaches proud, make my family proud, make my friends proud. It is more of a mental 'you have to be the best' because anything less isn't acceptable."

Zweng's talents don't end just on the defensive side. She can handle the ball both on the offensive and defensive side of the field.

Zweng has a powerful punt, kicking the ball up to 60 to 70 yards each time. It helps the team out tremendously on the offensive end of the game.

"She also has an assist this year which she has to be proud of, not a lot of goalkeepers get an assist in their career," Saurin said.

"So the fact she can punt the ball that far allows us to be a threat offensively too. Her feet can release any pressure if we are under any pressure."

Having Zweng on the field for Oakland will give the Golden Grizzlies a huge advantage. As a freshman, someone who is that young that can manage the game as well as Zweng is rare, explained Saurin.

"You would like to see an athlete like Emily be a four year starter," Saurin said.

Notre Dame posed a tough matchup for the Golden Grizzlies defense.

The final score was not indicative of Zweng's performance on the field. She allowed five goals, but she also saved eight shots.

"I don't really like to think about games that much, I just like to go in and perform the best I can," Zweng said. "So going into the game, I'm just going to go in and do what I've been training three months to do. Just be lights out."



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

Emily Zweng is statistically the best goalkeeper in any Division I college in the nation.

THE SPORTING BLITZ

Women's Soccer

The Oakland women's soccer team lost their 11 game unbeaten streak to Notre Dame by a score of 5-0 in the first round of the 2015 NCAA Tournament Friday night at Alumni Field.

"This gave all of our underclassmen a taste of what it's like when you get to this level," head coach Mags Saurin said.

Player of the game, Joan Sieja, led the team with two shots on goal. Emily Zweng made a career-high eight saves.

Saurin finished her second season with eight wins, which was an Oakland career-high. The team finished the season with an 8-6-7 record.

"I'm disappointed with the result but happy that we're playing at this level," Saurin added.

Swimming & Diving

The Oakland men's and women's swimming and diving teams earned themselves a win after defeating Wright State and UIC Saturday Nov. 14 at the Oakland Aquatic Center. The team remains undefeated in the Horizon League competition.

The men's side defeated the Raiders 176-122 and the Flames 208-91, while the women had a victory of 211-76 over Wright State and 183-113 against UIC. Oakland won 19 out of 32 events.

"I think we are really coming together as a group, they really like each other, they're having a lot of fun, they're training extremely hard and today was kind of a culmination of all of that and it was nice to see," head coach Pete Hovland said.

Nikki Flynn won four events extending her consecutive meet wins streak to six. Joe Smith earned his first-career win on the 3-meter boards. Patricia Aschan recorded a time of 2:05.71 in the 200 fly, 2:03.72 in the 200 back, 2:04.84 in the 200 individual medley and 1:46.07 in the 200-medley relay, which put her in first place in each event.

"It's always easy to swim at home in front of your family and friends and I'm sure that made it a little bit easier for us than it did for Chicago and for Wright State traveling here on a bus," Hovland said.

Rachel Waite, Takara Martin, and Holly Morren also added to the 200-medley relay win. Tuomas Kiviluoma recorded first place times

of 46.24 in the 100 free, 1:40.03 in the 200 free and 1:31.12 in the 200-medley relay. Aleksander Danielewski, Devon Nowicki, and Jeremiah Morren each added to the 200-medley relay win.

Other event wins came from Jacob Pearson in the men's 1000 free with a 9:37.91 time, Talia Sola-Galindo in the women's 100 back with a time of 58.37, Martin also won the women's 200 fly with a 1:04.03 time and 200 breast in 2:20.15. Nowicki also won the men's 500 free at 4:38.25. Smith earned himself another win in the men's 3-meter diving at 293.05. Holly Morren, Aryn de Leeuw, Amber Lefler, and Flynn combined to win the 400 free relay. Paul Huch, Nowicki, Pearson, and Jeremiah Morren combined to win the 400 free relay for the men.

"All signs are pointing in the right direction," Hovland said.

Volleyball

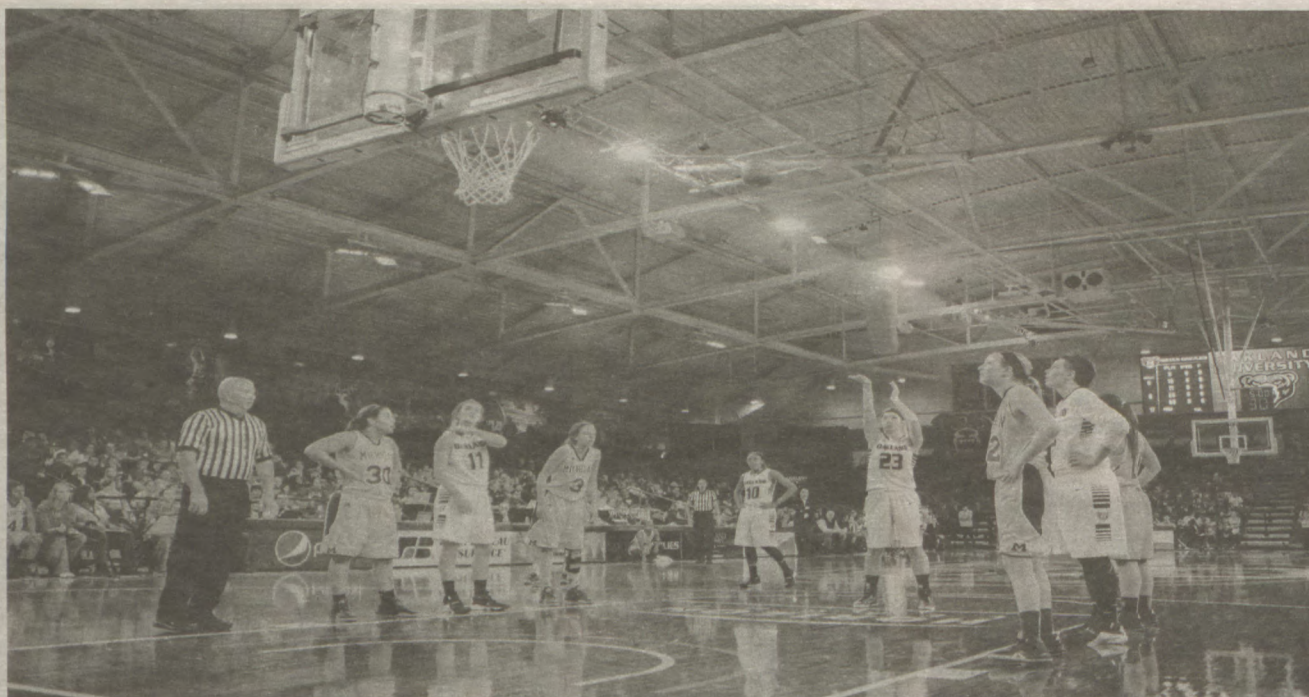
The Oakland volleyball team finished the Horizon League season with a 12-4 record and second place in the standings. The team defeated Northern Kentucky with a 5-set thriller and 3-2 win over the weekend in the regular season finale. Player of the game, Cassie Pelloni, recorded 19 kills on a .405 hitting percentage.

"Cassie Pelloni really stepped up on Senior Night, delivered one of the best performances of her career - really proud of her," head coach Rob Beam said.

Melissa Deatsch tallied 19 kills and 17 digs, which was her 13th double-double of the season. Alli Gutschow recorded 25 digs adding to the win. The team celebrated Senior Day as Ciara Schultz, Allia Knight, Mary Grasso, Amanda Baker and Pelloni were honored before the match in their final home game of the season.

"I thought all of our seniors really contributed to this win and meant so much to our program and I think this was a good momentum builder as we move on to the Horizon League Tournament," Beam said.

The team earned the No. 2 seed in next week's Horizon League Championship. Oakland will have a bye to the semifinals on Saturday hosted by Cleveland State with the Golden Grizzlies taking on the highest remaining seed from Friday's quarterfinal matches at 5:30p.m.



Setting the bar high

Women's basketball begins with record-breaking game

Ally Racey
Staff Reporter

Despite the bad luck that comes on Friday the 13th, the Oakland University women's basketball team had nothing but luck on their side, topping UM-Dearborn 123-38.

The Golden Grizzlies set a school record for most points scored in a single game as they played in front of the third-largest crowd in program history.

"There's been a lot of different teams that have come in this gym and to be able to break that record by 11 points, I think it says something," head coach Jeff Tungate said.

Freshman guard and player of the game Taylor Jones, scored a game-high 23 points in her first collegiate competition.

Junior Nola Anderson and senior Beth Mahurin added to the victory, each scoring 16 points while senior Elena Popkey tallied 12 assists.

Senior Olivia Nash led the way on the boards for Oakland, tallying nine rebounds along with nine points.

On Friday, she became the 27th player in school history to surpass 1,000 career points.

"I'm really happy for Olivia Nash to get her 1,000th point," Tungate said.

Tungate said it was great to see Sidney Santos back after being out with her injury.

He mentioned that he was pleased with the point guard play between Popkey and Korrin Taylor.

The duo combined for 19 assists and just four turnovers.

The team finished with six different players scoring double-digit points.

"I thought everybody played really well. I love the way our veterans played. I thought our new kids after their first shift were a little nervous, but when they got in the second time I thought they played much better," Tungate said.

The team went on to host Central Michigan Sunday, Nov. 15.

The Golden Grizzlies dropped a high-scoring game to the Chippewa's. The team lost 110-87 in what turned out to be a shootout in the O'rena.

Jones was named player of the game again after leading the team with 23 points on 8-of-9 shooting, which included four 3-pointers.

"She's fearless, she's not afraid to attack the basket, she's not afraid to take it to the rim. She'll get bumped, she'll get knocked down, she'll get back up," Tungate said.

Nash and Anderson added 13 points each, while Nicole Dodd hit four triples and Popkey recorded seven assists.

Both teams shot over 50 percent from behind the arc and combined for 30 3-pointers. Oakland hit 15 of the 30.

"48 percent from the floor with 22



Erika Barker / The Oakland Post

TOP: Oakland University played against UM-Dearborn on Friday, Nov. 13. Despite the bad luck associated with that day, Oakland won 123-38.

BOTTOM: Elementary school kids from 13 schools cheer on the Golden Grizzlies in honor of Education Day.

assists and 87 points. We'll take that. And I think a week or two from now, those turnovers will come down as we get more comfortable with this new offense we're running," Tungate said.

Five Golden Grizzlies scored in double-double figures.

Following a rule change made by the NCAA this summer, women's games are now played in four 10-minute quarters opposed to two 20-minute halves. The change was made in hopes of speeding up the game.

Oakland was picked fifth in the Horizon League preseason poll for the 2015-16 season.

The team will begin a two-game road trip on Nov. 21 at Niagara before returning home on Nov. 28 to begin Horizon League play with a game against Youngstown State.

Cross country wraps up season on positive note

Katlynn Emaus
Staff Reporter

After winning the conference in Ohio just two weeks ago, Oakland University's cross country team hopped on the bus to Madison, Wis. to compete in the NCAA Great Lakes Regionals on Friday, Nov. 13.

The Zimmer championship course was home to all of the Division I cross country programs from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Oakland's men's cross country team finished in a program-best 11th place. Their previous best place was 16th.

Junior Bryce Stroede had the fastest finish for the Golden Grizzlies in 36th out of 208 runners. Stroede ran a personal best of 31:36.2 for a 10K.

Junior Andrew Bowman finished 47th with a time 31:52.6 and senior George O'Connor finished in 69th with a time of 32:28.2.

"The guys today, it was just an incredible day. We surprised a lot of people," cross country head coach Paul Rice said.

"Unbelievable job by these guys, their bodies were still feeling really good today."

On the women's side, Oakland finished 19th overall. School record holder freshman Rachel Levy finished the fastest for Oakland in 48th place with a time of 21:37.8 in the 6K. Senior Miranda Haas followed in 78th place at 22:10.9 and the redshirt sophomore Ashley Burr finished 108th with 22:53.7.

"Well, I think we kind of ran out of gas, it's been a long season. We had a lot of success this year," Rice said.

The majority of the athletes that competed at regionals will be returning next year, including all of the top-five women.

The team will now turn its attention to indoor track season and begin gearing up for the spring.

Heidelberg proves no challenge for Oakland

Men's basketball finishes 5-0 in exhibition season, including trip to Spain in August



Jackson Gilbert
Sports Editor

The Oakland University men's basketball team buried Division III Heidelberg College 130-72 last Wednesday, Nov. 11 in its final exhibition game of the season.

Heidelberg presented an opportunity for a tune up of Oakland's offense.

"It is just exhibition games," Oakland head coach Greg Kampe said. "But usually they're pretty sloppy and we're getting mad at people ... We've played five exhibition games now where we didn't lose focus once."

Oakland won all five of those games and averaged more than 100 points.

The Golden Grizzlies shot 54 percent from the floor on the night and 38 percent from beyond the arc. They made 34 of 44 from the free throw line, shooting over 70 percent from the line for the exhibition season.

Oakland's two centers, Percy Gibson and Brad Brechting combined for 12 of

15 from the floor for 32 points.

The two players were four inches taller than anybody Heidelberg could put on the floor.

It was hard for Kampe and the players to not look ahead to what is shaping up to be the most promising season for the Golden Grizzlies since the Keith Benson era.

"I feel good about the eye test. We're big, we're long, we're athletic, we play hard, we care about each other. Going into it, we feel pretty good about it," Kampe said.

Max Hooper made eight of 11 from beyond the three-point line. He said it's always his goal to get in the zone.

"We can't wait to get the real thing rolling here in a week," Hooper said.

Oakland will play Eastern Michigan on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Oakland will be conducting its \$15 jersey sale worn by former players. Glow sticks will be handed out to the student section.

As always, a valid student i.d. earns free admission to the game.



Bohdanna Cherstylo / The Oakland Post

Forward Jalen Hayes (4) attempts a shot. Oakland University's point guard Kahlil Felder (20) dribbles down the court in the first half of the victory on Heidelberg of 130-72.

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MEN'S SOCCER BRINGS HARDWARE BACK HOME

OU defeats WSU 1-0 to become first Horizon League team to win back-to-back tournaments

Kristen Davis
Editor-in-Chief

"All teams go through adversity. Are we going to use that as an excuse or are we going to use that as an opportunity to unify ourselves and come out stronger?"

That's the question head coach Eric Pogue said has shaped the Oakland men's soccer team this season.

When the 2015 campaign began in August, expectations were high for the returning regular season and tournament champions.

Oakland was unanimously picked to finish first in the Horizon League pre-season poll after not only appearing in the NCAA tournament in 2014, but also advancing to the second round after an upset victory over No. 24 Kentucky.

On top of that, 20 players from that team were returning to this year's roster.

"It's always tougher because people just assume that it's going to be easy and it's not. It's hard," Pogue said.

"Guys go from being goal players to being leaders and sometimes that takes time."

The pressure from the high expectations makes up just a portion of the adversity the Golden Grizzlies had to overcome this season. Fighting through ups and downs throughout the season, recovering from games they should've won and battling injuries are among other things on the list, according to Pogue.

But on Nov. 14, under the lights at Flames Field in Chicago during a below 50-degree fall night, the team showed that its resiliency outshined the adversity it faced in the recent months as the players hoisted the Horizon League championship trophy for the second year in a row with a 1-0 victory over No. 6 Wright State.

In Pogue's words, the adversity became an opportunity, not an excuse.

A thrilling victory

The championship game was a defensive battle by both teams. The scoreboard remained blank through

the first half and the beginning of the second until senior captain and tournament MVP Matt Dudley scored off a free kick in the 65th minute.

After the goal, Oakland never looked back on its way to claiming back-to-back tournament titles for the first time in Horizon League history. The victory was also the fourth tournament championship for the Golden Grizzlies this fall.

Goalkeeper Elliot Tarney, who was also named to the All-Tournament Team, recorded his third straight shutout and seventh shutout of the year.

"Breaking records, that's been our year this year. Navy first off, Green Bay and today, back-to-back Horizon League champions so, onwards and upwards from there," Tarney said after the victory.

"We got another record to break — NCAA that is — so I think we're happy as a team overall."

"The players play the game, I don't kick one soccer ball. It's their goals and it's our job to work with them and prepare them as best as we can to achieve those goals."

Eric Pogue
Men's soccer head coach

Dudley also had the game-winning assist off a corner kick to senior Matt Rickard in Oakland's semifinal overtime victory against Cleveland State on Nov. 12.

Rickard and Derek Nowak rounded out the list of Oakland players to make the All-Tournament Team.

The season's turning point

With the win, Pogue tabs his 60th victory at Oakland and earns his third NCAA tournament bid.

"Our seniors are going to leave having won three of four championships ... Talk about leaving a legacy and seizing the opportunity and the moment," Pogue said.

"I think we're excited, but it's not unexpected. Although we kind of had an up and down year, the expectation is always for us to compete for championships."

Pogue reflected on what he believed to be this season's turning point —



Photo courtesy of Golden Grizzlies

The Oakland men's soccer team celebrated its second consecutive Horizon League tournament championship with a 1-0 victory over Wright State on Nov. 14.

when he received a red card during the Michigan State game on Oct. 28.

He said in that moment, he was frustrated with how the season was going and he let it get the best of him.

But after the defeat, Pogue said he learned a valuable lesson from what he called a display of his own lack of discipline and accountability.

"We all make mistakes and at the end of the day, we still have all these goals in front of us," Pogue said.

"Although we aren't happy with where we're at, all our goals are in front of us to accomplish. The players play the game, I don't kick one soccer ball. It's their goals and it's our job to work with them and prepare them as best as we can to achieve those goals."

He added that he "changed his approach," and now, the team is on a four-game win streak and preparing for its seventh trip to the NCAA tournament since joining Division I.

What's next?

Oakland (10-8-1) will play in the first round of the NCAA tournament on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in Dayton, Ohio against the Flyers (13-5-3).

Oakland defeated Dayton 2-0 earlier this season on Sept. 12.

"We're not done. We expected to be here, we expected to be back in the NCAA tournament and we're not going to be happy just being there," Pogue said.

"We want to compete and win more."

FAST FACTS

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Matt Dudley, Matt Rickard, Elliott Tarney and Derek Nowak were named to the All-Tournament Team after the 1-0 victory over Wright State. Dudley was also named tournament MVP.

SCOUTING THE FLYERS

Austin Ricci and Matt Rickard each netted a goal in the second half of Oakland's game against Dayton earlier this season. Dayton plays in the Atlantic 10 conference and faced two other Horizon League opponents this season — Cleveland State and Northern Kentucky. The Flyers beat both teams, 4-1 and 4-0, respectively.

SOLID DEFENSIVE EFFORTS

The Golden Grizzlies are currently on a four-game win streak, in which the team has only given up one goal. Oakland has also recorded nine shut outs this season.