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

Erika Barker// The Oakland Post

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POLL OF THE WEEK

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

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

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

Halloween is creeping up now, what are your plans?

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

November 8, 1995

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

November 6, 1996

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

November 3, 1993

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

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer



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SPOOKTACULAR OU

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



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GUARDING OUR WINTERS

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



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GRIZZ GANG GROWING

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

BY THE NUMBERS HALLOWEEN

7.9 billion

estimated amount spent this year on Halloween

\$93.42

spent per consumer on Halloween

18.9%

of people will make their own costume

50,900

acres of pumpkin patches

41.2 million

estimated trick-or-treaters per year

Perspectives

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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

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

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

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

Regarding our behavior

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ryan Fox
Contributor

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



Photo contributed by Ryan Fox

threw parties trying to outdo one another. Presidential candidate Jeb Bush is the son of Reagan’s vice president. Despite how long ago he actually held office, Reagan is still relevant in today’s political debate and discussion.

However, Reagan is not the ideal conservative many portray him as today.

Sworn in as the 40th president of the United States, Reagan is often viewed as the ‘tough guy’ president. Few people are actually aware of his multiple foreign policy blunders, such as the Iran-Contra Controversy, where he openly defied Congress and broke American law. During the Reagan Administration, a deal was organized between the U.S. and Iran, where the U.S. would

sell weapons through Israel to Iran in order to guarantee the return of U.S. prisoners being held in Lebanon. The revenue generated from this deal was then sent to fund an anti-communist rebel group in Nicaragua.

Now at face value, this deal seems like a logical course of action. But upon further examination, ugly truths start to appear.

Reagan officials sold weapons to Iran while the international community had them under an embargo. Not to mention this was just after the Iranian Hostage Crisis. Furthermore, the rebel groups in which Reagan officials were supporting had committed horrible atrocities. Congress had made further support of the Contra’s illegal, so Reagan decided that he would

do it secretly. The Administration created a covert agency called “The Enterprise,” and essentially used both private funding and funding from other nations to support a murderous rebel group illegally. Considering conservatives support the ideals of small government and moral values, Reagan should already be disqualified from being the conservative hero.

This, however, only covers his foreign blunders, and not the issues he would cause back home. It was the Reagan administration that would push for the deregulation of the financial sector, and this deregulation would eventually lead to the economic crash of 2008. Even now we are still feeling the effect of Reagan’s bad economic policy, which

managed to majorly benefit elites while hurting the middle class.

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

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Grizzlies on the Prowl



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



Chablis DeBuck, freshman, marketing

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



Carlton Walker, sophomore, cinema studies

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



Ryan Antishion, junior, nursing

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



Kaitlyn Neal, freshman, undecided

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

— Compiled by Dani Cojocari,

POLICE FILES

Stolen property in the upper fields

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

Larceny in the O'rena

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

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,
Staff Reporter

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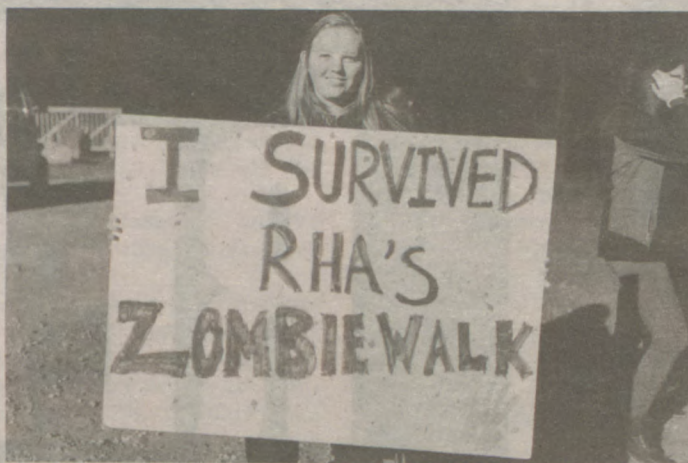
Zombie Walk to Meadow Brook Mansion turns out a success

Cheyenne Kramer
Staff Reporter

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

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

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



Dongfu Han / The Oakland Post

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

the stories behind Meadow Brook Mansion.

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

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

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

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

Ghost stories told during Zombie Walk:

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

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

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

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

From Cafe O'Bears to Au Bon Pain

Nowshin Chowdhury
Photographer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Nowshin Chowdhury / The Oakland Post

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

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

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

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

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

Board of Trustees talk running of university

Kevin Teller
Campus Editor

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

1. AAUP contract agreement reached

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

2. New faculty hires in fiscal year of 2016

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

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

3. Sexual assault awareness

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

4. Strategic Planning Progress

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

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



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

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