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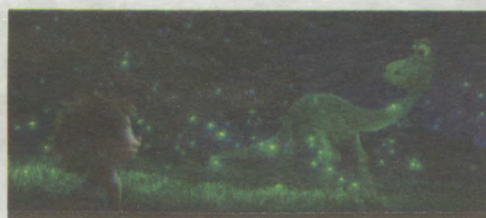
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## ontheweb

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**LET IT BE LAW** // The official law school partnership agreement signing ceremony was held on Nov. 30 in the Oakland Room to celebrate the new alliance between Oakland University and Wayne State University.

*Dongfu Han // The Oakland Post*

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## POLL OF THE WEEK

Upcoming plans for the winter break?

- A** Turn off my alarm and sleep for a week.
- B** Literal Netflix and chill.
- C** Recover from this semester; emotionally, mentally and financially.
- D** Seeing Santa at the mall and asking for a higher GPA.

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

Favorite Thanksgiving activity?

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

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

**December 8, 1993**

The Board of Trustees met to consider the possibilities of either remodeling the resident halls on campus or removing them entirely from the campus environment.

**December 4, 1991**

Over 200 Oakland students responded to a survey about their sexual habits, finding that many students didn't use condoms, as they used birth control instead. However, this doesn't protect students against STDs.

**December 6, 1995**

The proposed Adam's road expansion posed problems for the solitude of many faculty homes, the Dodge farmhouse and the Meadow Brook gatehouse. The road would expand 28 inches on each side.

— Compiled by Cheyanne Kramer, staff reporter



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### OU DAY OF SERVICE

Oakland University staff, students and volunteers gathered in the Gold Rooms to work on service projects to better nonprofits in the community.



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### CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Students gathered last week on campus to mourn the lives lost in recent terrorist attacks in a candlelit walk.



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### FLEECE AND THANKS

With OU soccer alum Nick Kristock at the helm, Fleece and Thank You moves to benefit children in need of a warm blanket.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Season's Greetings

4 million

pounds of fruitcake are produced in Claxton, Georgia

\$29.14

average amount spent per person on holiday cards each year

\$830

billion spent on presents each year in America

47%

of customers buy holiday items online

\$1.16

billion dollars spent on Christmas trees in America



## Refugee crisis enables ISIS

Shelby Tankersley  
Staff Reporter

A lot has happened in the world these past few weeks. A Russian plane was bombed, killing everyone on board, Belgium has been put on lockdown, Paris was bombed and Syrian refugees landed in New Orleans.



Shelby Tankersley  
Staff Reporter

China, Russia and France have hinted at or declared all-out war with ISIS.

Last week, I went out with some friends. On our way back home, the topic of ISIS and the refugee crisis came up.

I was shocked to hear one of the girls saying that she is not afraid of ISIS, but of the "white people" who want to do something about ISIS. She said that any ISIS members who may come over with the refugees and the refugees themselves are in far more danger than we are.

ISIS put out a list in May, which was first reported by Fox News, of seven states they are ready to attack. Guess which one was on the list? Michigan. They've also threatened large cities

in the U.S., including Atlanta and New York City.

After what happened in Paris, 31 states, including our own, declared that they will not accept refugees. I think that's a good idea.

Why?

The people running ISIS aren't stupid. If anything, they're brilliant. They've been wreaking havoc on the world for months now and have put fear into the hearts of many. If you think that ISIS members didn't come to America with the refugees, you're wrong.

If anything, the refugee crisis is a great way for ISIS members to get around the world. The refugees as a whole aren't dangerous, but ISIS members could be with them. And that makes the refugee presence in America or anywhere else dangerous. It's no coincidence that the Paris attack happened about a month after refugees landed on French soil.

In fact, two of the three suicide bombers involved in that attack got to Europe by posing as Syrian refugees. This was discovered through passports and fingerprints and confirmed by news outlets like the Wall Street Journal and ABC News. As of a few days ago, the third bomber is also suspected to have posed as a refugee.

I've seen so many pictures on Facebook compar-

ing the refugees to America's first settlers saying that the Native Americans accepted us, so we should accept the refugees.

For one, the Native Americans didn't take settlers in — it was more like an invasion. Second, those pictures always leave out the part where some of those settlers and their descendants killed thousands upon thousands of Native Americans

In comparison, ISIS has killed over 170,000 people, and that number is growing.

The refugee crisis has already put ISIS members everywhere. They've killed Russians, Japanese, Lebanese, French and Syrians. And they've claimed that the British and Americans are next in line.

We don't need to sit back and be scared — that's what they want. What we need is to do something. Right now, one of the only things we can do is not accept the refugees since our government does not want to get involved in another war.

Not accepting the refugees would keep America safe. The quicker they get here, the quicker the murderers that travel with them get here. We should do something to stop them.

We're human beings, and we need to stop these monsters.

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### Corrections Corner

In our Nov. 18 issue, we wrote a review of Oakland's Music, Theater and Dance program's performance of Equus. Although the review was positive and applauded the actors' work, some took offense to the manner in which we mentioned the nudity that occurred during the performance. We apologize to those we have offended.

The Oakland Post corrects all errors of fact. If you know of an error, please e-mail managing@oaklandpostonline.com or call 248.370.2537. You can also write us at 61 Oakland Center Rochester, MI 48309.

### Letters to the Editor

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# The President's Report: Checking up on executive promises

**Nick Walter**  
Contributor

If I can divert your attention for a brief moment from that looming horror which is finals, I have some updates for you. Recall that in the spring elections for Student Congress, when I ran for President, my platform had four main objectives: more swag, more outlets, more space, and more 4.0s. Over the summer, I settled in with VP Madison and the executive board and began work on those initiatives. Over the fall, I've kept you, the students, informed on the progress these initiatives. For the final fall edition of the President's Report, then, here is a quick summary



**NICK WALTER**  
OUSC  
President

of the progress on The Big Four. My hope is that you do not take this as me saying how awesome I am. With your votes, you hired me to be President. Here is my midterm report on whether or not you made the right choice.

## More Swag

I promised to bring more OU gear to campus. The plan was simple: buy OU stuff and give it away. The OUSC office in the basement of the OC is crammed with crewnecks, long-sleeves and drawstring bags. Trade in another shirt or hoodie from another school and pick up OU gear. Promise fulfilled? Yes.

## More Outlets

I promised to work with administration to get more outlets on campus. Unfortunately, they will not be putting any more in existing buildings, because to do so would be massively expensive (wiring issues; consult an engineering person and not

yours truly, a criminal justice major, for details). The good news is that OU plans to put more outlets in new buildings and possibly, again depending on how expensive it is, expansions on current buildings. Promise fulfilled? Yes.

## More Space

I promised to fight for an expansion of the OC. We students have been pushing for this for years; the place is simply too small. We've even run out of floor space along the walls in the food court! But our efforts to expand the OC paid off, and there is currently a request for proposals out, which is the first step in the process of expansion. Promise fulfilled? Yes.

## More 4.0s

I promised to fight to bring some semblance of order, consistency, and fairness to OU's wildly jumbled, confusing, and skewed grading scale. As I am

certain you know from painful experience, OU does not have a centralized grading scale. Indeed, within most departments there is considerable flexibility with grading. This means that there can be, say, two English 100 classes. In one, you just need a 95 percent for a 4.0; in the other, you need a 98 percent. As if that inconsistency wasn't enough, in a great number of classes, you need a 99 percent or higher for that coveted 4.0. Ninety-nine percent.

You won't find a grading system as hard anywhere in the state, which puts us students at a disadvantage compared to other schools when we graduate. To fix this, I've fought tooth and nail these past months to get OU to fix the grading scale. Over the fall, they pulled several administrators, faculty and staff to look at doing just that. Now, it may appear as though "forming a committee to look at the problem" isn't a mighty leap for-

ward, but that's how university administration works. It starts at that level, and it will only move forward if we the students continue to push for it to keep going. I am a member of that committee, and I will continue to fight to get this fix through. Promise fulfilled? Yes.

I made four promises to you students when I ran to be your President: more swag, more outlets, more space, more 4.0's. I have kept those promises. Do not, though, take those "Promise fulfilled? Yes," statements to be final. There is still a great deal of work that needs to be done on those four initiatives, and I will be doing it. As always, if you have any questions about these or any other projects OUSC is working on, shoot me an email (nwalter@oakland.edu), send me a Facebook message, or stop by my office in the basement of the OC. Until next time, then, good luck on finals, enjoy your break, and Merry Christmas!

## A better yOU: How to stay healthy over the holiday

**Katie Rose**  
Contributor

Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa are coming up and it's that time of the year when we all overeat and curl up on the couch to watch holiday movies and drink hot cocoa. It's also the time of year when sitting on the couch sounds



**KATIE ROSE**  
Environmental,  
Health and  
Wellness Director

more tempting than stepping outside in the freezing cold and slipping on the icy driveway. With all this excessive eating and sitting around, how can we stay healthy during this time of the year? And how can we stay safe out there in the snowy conditions?

### Snack wisely

Those holiday cookies always look good. I would never say skip the cookies, but eat those sugary snacks in moderation! If you feel you can't stop after just one cookie, maybe stick to eating some fruit salad or yogurt instead. Cut a smaller piece of apple pie as well! Don't skip on the desserts, just eat less of them.

### Stay hydrated

When we are cold, our blood vessels constrict as a means of maintaining body temperature. This helps our bodies conserve heat and also increases blood pressure. Our kidneys will then secrete more urine in order to lower the pressure, which means you are eliminating more fluids from your body and becoming more dehydrated. When you are dehydrated, you're more susceptible to colds or the flu. Keep those mucus membranes moist by drinking the recommended eight 8-oz glasses of water per day.

### Avoid long car rides

Or take rest stops along the way. Sitting for a long time can restrict the circulation in your legs. Long car rides (and plane rides) are notorious for causing deep vein thrombosis. DVT is the formation of a clot in one of your deep veins and it is most common in the legs. Symptoms of DVT include swelling and pain in the legs. DVT is taken seriously because it is possible for the clot to travel to your lungs and block the flow of blood (this is called a pulmonary embolism). Symptoms of a pulmonary embolism include shortness of breath, dizziness and heart palpitations. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms after traveling far for the holi-

days, it is crucial that you seek medical attention immediately.

### Just relax

We are constantly stressing out during the semester, so why not take those couple weeks after finals to relax. Watch Netflix for a whole day or sleep in. This is your break so take a break!

### Stay active

On top of relaxing, make sure you're still being active during your time off. Take advantage of the snowy weather and go skiing or snowboarding, or skip the cold weather and go bowling or clean your whole house. You'll feel a lot better when you return back to school if you've done more than sit on a couch for two weeks straight.

### Watch out for slippery surfaces

This is the time of year when a quick trip to the grocery store can put us in the hospital. We can easily slip and fall while walking on an icy surface and break a bone, or hit a patch of black ice while driving and end up in a ditch. Both of these can cause major damage to our bodies. To walk safely on the ice, walk like a penguin. If you keep your center of gravity over your front leg when you walk (like a penguin does), you will minimize

your chance of falling. Also, wear shoes that don't have a smooth plantar surface. Shoes with raised patterns help you grip the ground better. When you're driving, always wear your seatbelt and make sure you are driving at a safe speed. Yes, this means you may have to drive under the speed limit. Consider staying off the roads during major snowstorms as well. Whatever you do, stay safe out there!

### UPCOMING EVENTS: ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & WELLNESS

DEC. <b>2</b>	12 p.m.-1 p.m. Neurology Club General Meeting, Lake Michigan Room in the Oakland Center
DEC. <b>3</b>	12 p.m.-1 p.m. Future Pediatricians of America Final Meeting of the Semester, Oakland Room in the Oakland Center
DEC. <b>4</b>	10 a.m.-4 p.m. Student Congress Thrift 2 Gift, Gold Rooms ABC in the Oakland Center



## The Real Deal: The Threat of Right Wing Extremism

Ryan Fox  
Contributor

There is a threat facing the United States that many people don't realize exists. It is a vicious threat that claims the lives of innocent people, and leads to massive amounts of destruction in our country. That threat is right wing extremism. The most dangerous thing about that threat is that many media corporations do not address its existence, and some even work to propagate it. There have been more terrorist attacks launched by Right Wing extremists than any other ideology, and yet few seem to be willing to call it what it is.

entered a Planned Parenthood Clinic in Colorado Springs and killed three people, including a police officer. During the attack he is confirmed to have shouted "No more baby parts," in reference to the falsified footage a pro-life group took inside a Planned Parenthood Clinic earlier this year. Four officers were also injured in the gun battle.

On April 19th, 1995 a bomb was detonated in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. This attack caused the death of 168 people and the injury of 680 others. This attack was motivated by the attackers disliking of the Waco Siege and the Stand-off at Ruby Ridge. Both of these incidents occurred after the federal government attempted to execute search warrants and thus were fired upon. In both of these incidents multiple officers and combatants were killed.

On June 17th, 2015 a shooter entered the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church and killed nine people and injured one more. The shooter was apprehended the following day, and later confirmed that he attacked the historically black church in hopes to incite a race war. The shooter was a white man who was 21.

In 2014, rancher Cliven Bundy was charged with over \$1,000,000 in fines for grazing

his cattle on land that the federal government owned. Instead of paying the fines, Bundy and a number of militia from the surrounding area barricaded themselves and planned to kill any federal troops who attempted to enforce the law on Bundy. The federal government, wanting to avoid a deadly gun battle, declined to push for Bundy's arrest and he and his supporters remain on his Nevada ranch to this day.

These acts of violence, intimidation and destruction are acts of terrorism. Robert Lewis Dear, Timothy McVeigh, Dylan Roof and Cliven Bundy are all terrorists. They were all white American citizens. And they were all inspired by an extreme and perverted form of the conservative ideology. Dear was inspired by rhetoric that Planned Parenthood was an evil organization that sold baby parts, even though this was proven false. McVeigh was inspired by rhetoric that the second amendment trumps all other federal laws, and that the federal government has no right to enforce anything. Roof was inspired by racist rhetoric in the media. Bundy was inspired by the ideology that state laws trump all federal law, and is reported saying that in his eyes the federal government doesn't exist.

Conservative ideology doesn't always promote violence outright, but we can't keep pretending that it can't. All ideologies, be they political or religious, can inspire terrorism and radicalism. It's up to the moderates of an ideology to denounce acts of terror like this and to fight against the radicalization of their ideology. As of the writing of this article very few republican presidential candidates have come out and strongly denounced the actions of Friday night, and those that have kept reiterating the false information that inspired this attack. It is time that conservatives in America fight back for the soul of their movement.

## Letter to the editor: Good intentions gone bad

Emily Brett  
Contributor

I'm an OU student, and I was lucky enough to see the theatre program's production of "Equus" this past weekend. I've gotten to see a few of their plays before, but this was by far my favorite. I usually look forward to the Oakland Post's coverage of theatrical events on campus. However, I was very disappointed by the article regarding this performance.

As I said, I usually enjoy the Oakland Post, and was not only upset, but genuinely surprised by how this article handled the topic of nudity in the performance.

From the introduction, it was clear that the author was trying to treat a somewhat uncomfortable topic with humor in order to put readers at ease. But, while surely well-intentioned, this choice was disrespectful, and made it seem as though the nudity in the production was there for purely entertainment value.

Although I was not involved in the production, I can imagine the extreme intimidation, embarrassment and frustration the student actors must be feeling as their incredible vulnerability has been dismissed as a punchline. There is no room for this kind of disrespect in any profes-

sional setting, let alone an educational environment. While I'm sure that the intention was harmless, the consequence was anything but.

To describe their nakedness as having some sort of entertainment value is not only misguided, but also potentially harmful to the well-being of the students involved.

I cannot help but be worried about the existence of those people whom, upon reading your article, choose to go see this production with intentions for something other than an enriching theatrical experience.

Please publish, if not an apology, then at least a correction, stating that the show was misrepresented in the article, and the Post acknowledges its failure to be respectful of the show and the students involved. This would be the most helpful step towards overcoming this unfortunate incident and moving forward.

Let me reiterate, this situation was made all the more frustrating by the fact that I know the Oakland Post to be an excellent source of both information and entertainment. I hope my respect for the integrity of the paper will not be compromised by the lack of an appropriate response.

## 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](http://oakland.edu/dean_awards) or in 144 Oakland Center. The deadline for both awards is Monday, February 15, 2016.

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Marijuana possession in P11

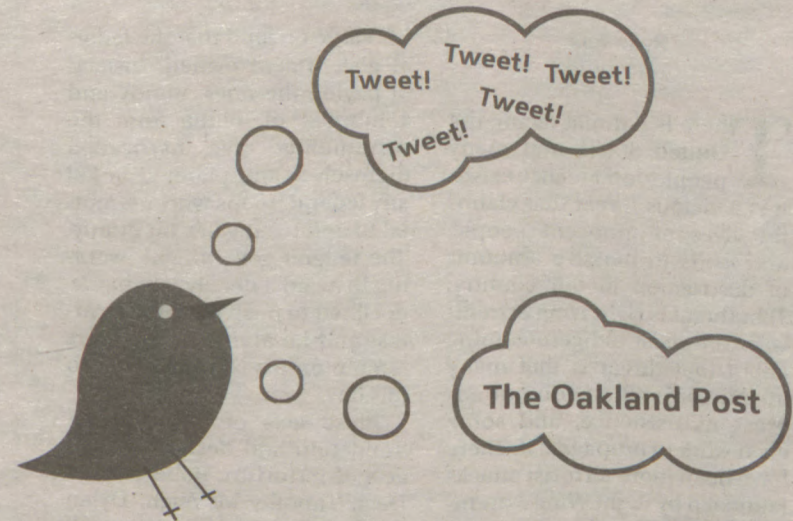
On Nov. 11, OUPD made contact with a female smoking in her car. OUPD found 12 or more cigarettes lying on the ground near the car. As the officer was leaving he saw a prescription bottle filled with bags. The woman gave it to the officer and he found marijuana inside. The woman said the marijuana was her father's and that he has a prescription for it. The officer found more marijuana and asked the woman to come with him. He requested a warrant for her arrest for having possession of an illegal substance. All evidence was confiscated from the vehicle.

### Vehicle Theft

OUPD received a call on Nov. 15 from a woman who reported that her car had been stolen. She saw someone drive her vehicle past her so two OUPD officers got into a patrol car and followed the vehicle. It stopped on Pioneer Drive and the officers were able to retrieve the keys from the man who had taken the car. He was arrested for unlawfully driving a vehicle and for driving without a license.

— Compiled by Shelby Tankersley,  
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# Grizzlies on the Prowl

*"What study habits do you use to prepare for finals?"*



**Haylie Presnall, senior, communications**

"Haha, I don't. I've never prepped for finals."



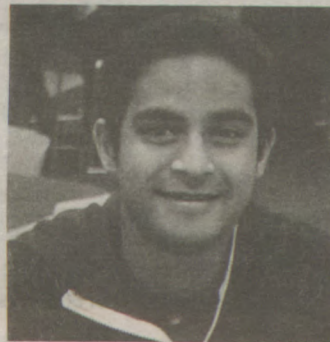
**Erin Ben-Moche, sophomore, journalism**

"I touch the book and absorb the information through osmosis."



**Amith Diwakar, senior, mechanical engineering**

"I ask my friends for notes and start figuring out what happened in class."



**Zarif Ghazi, sophomore, electrical engineering**

"I basically look up videos online to review and practice problems."

— Compiled by Rachel Williams, Staff Reporter

## Grizz Comics



— By Derek Queen, Contributing Illustrator