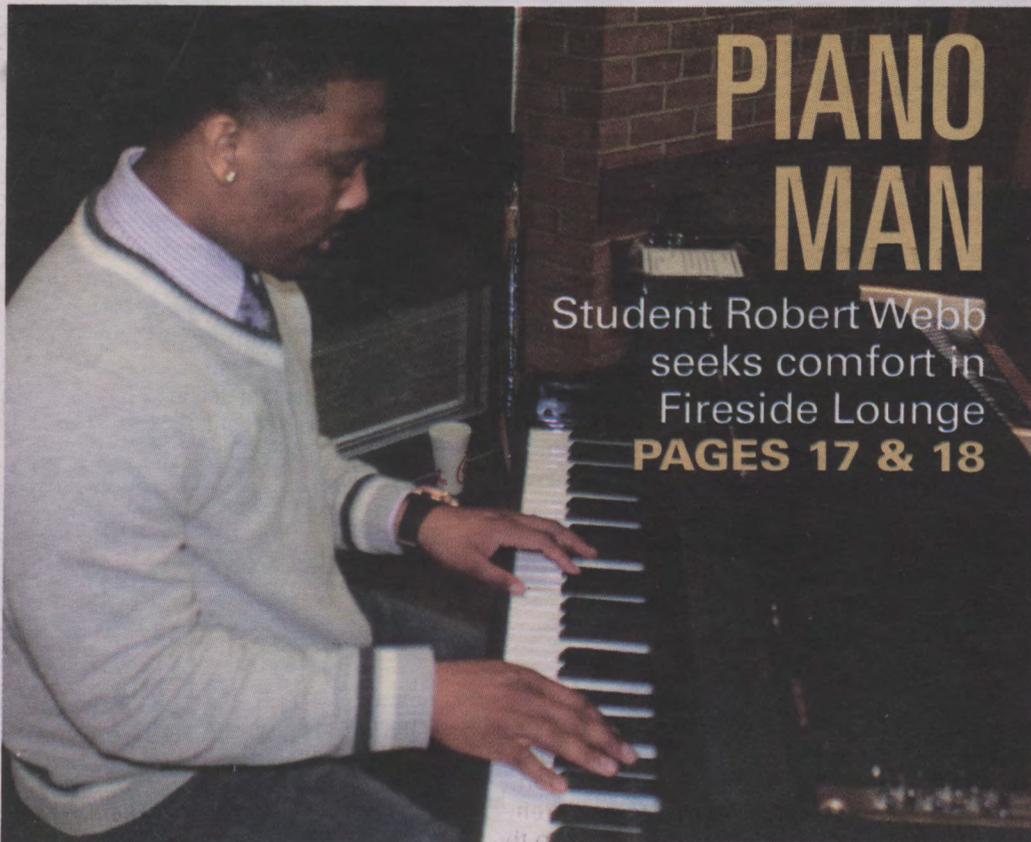


# Four MORE

Obama takes office for  
four more years  
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## PIANO MAN

Student Robert Webb  
seeks comfort in  
Fireside Lounge  
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## STEP BY STEP

Paralyzed athlete  
climbs largest building  
in the United States  
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# this week

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## ontheweb

A story and photo slide show from the men's basketball game last night against Defiance College  
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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**TRICK OR CHEER**// The men's soccer team dressed up on Nov. 2 to show their support for the women's volleyball team on senior night. The volleyball team honored its five seniors and capped the celebratory night off with a straight set win against Omaha. Golden Grizzlies Senior Brittany Holbrook gathered five kills, moving her closer to becoming the fourth Oakland Player to gather 1,000 kills.

DYLAN DULBERG// *The Oakland Post*



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## POLL OF THE WEEK

What was the most important part of the ballot for you?

- A Presidential race
- B The six Michigan proposals
- C Michigan Congressional races
- D Local ballot issues

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## LAST WEEK'S POLL

Which presidential candidate will you vote for in the Nov. 6 election?

- A) Barack Obama  
71 votes | 48%
- B) Mitt Romney  
58 votes | 39%
- C) Jill Stein  
7 votes | 5%
- D) I am still undecided  
2 votes | 1%
- E) I'm not voting  
11 votes | 7%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### NOVEMBER 11, 1966

Oakland University announced a five-year plan to invest \$46 million on new construction for the campus. At the time, the university consisted of 18 buildings and there were 3,142 students enrolled.

### NOVEMBER 13, 1978

The Oakland University Student Congress president was impeached for issues related to spending and failing to file financial records. Immediately after, the president's executive assistant was forced to resign.

### NOVEMBER 12, 1979

450 OU Veterans organized the university's first veteran's club.



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### 9 // REMEMBERING THOSE LOST

Students held their own Day of the Dead festival in the Oakland Center. The holiday is celebrated in many Hispanic countries to remember deceased friends and family members.



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### 20 // TO HOT TO HANDLE

Senior Reporter Katie Williams reflects on her difficulty separating political issues and sex appeal when voting in this year's election — collect yourself, ladies.

### 14 // READY FOR NEXT STEP

After a 0-0 draw at home against Eastern Illinois, the men's soccer team finished in the top spot of the Summit League. With their finish the team will advance to the league championship.

### 15 // LIGHTS, CAMERA, FOOD

Hepburn's blends classic Hollywood imagery with homemade food. The eatery incorporates coffee and a variety of deserts. The restaurant is known for their crêpes.

## BY THE NUMBERS Elections

1988

last time a Republican presidential candidate won Michigan's electoral college vote

14

number of Michigan congressional districts

148

total number of representatives in the Michigan state legislatures

192

final electoral college gap in the 2008 presidential election

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# A call to action: Help us figure out what's next

During the weekend, 11 Oakland Post staff members traveled to Chicago for the National College Media Convention, hosted by the Associated Collegiate Press and the College Media Association.

While there, we accepted a Pacemaker Finalist award, won fifth place for Design of the Year for an illustration and placed 10th in Best of Show for web design.

The recognition was nice, but what we learned during the convention has stuck with us most.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to implement quite a few changes in The Oakland Post. It may be unrealistic to come back from the convention and promise an entirely new publication, but we're ambitious to improve as much as possible, as quickly as possible.

We're going to move our focus to web content, ensuring news is reported as it happens. The consumption of news changing, and we're going to change, too. We're going to mold our coverage based on that of web-first media outlets. Rather than printing a story once a week, we want to break the news online and update it in — print and online — accordingly. The Internet provides

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endless space and opportunity, and The Post plans on better utilizing it.

In addition to an increased Web presence, we want to improve our multimedia reporting through stronger photographs, more meaningful infographs and diverse video coverage. A visual should enhance a story and intrigue the reader — not just sit there for the sake of having a photo. In place of posed mug shots and photos of buildings, we plan on capturing action. Many of us are "word" people, but we're going to work on thinking more visually.

The staff is also eager to pursue more in-depth, meaningful content. We want to hold the university and ourselves accountable for the truth—regardless of the subject. When things

don't add up, we're going to investigate. If there's a question, we hope to answer it as best as possible because it is our responsibility as journalists to do so. The Post will continue producing features, news and sports coverage—but we want to take it a step further.

These changes are exciting, and the possibilities are almost overwhelming. We know it won't always be easy, and we know it won't happen overnight. We also know that these changes will be useless unless they serve you. The Post appreciates your readership, and we're asking for more. We want you to help us improve—tell us what you want to see in the paper, let us know where we could be better. A campus newspaper should be an extension of the student body, and we want to ensure that our publication is a reflection of the issues that affect and matter to you.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to bringing you a stronger Oakland Post.

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## EDITORIAL

### The right to bear bus

*New shuttle buses, ill-equipped for off-campus travel, hinders handicap accessibility*

As someone with a disability, I don't think I speak out of turn when I say that most of my disabled peers just want a fair shot at inclusion in as many activities as possible.

In my short time on this planet, I've been skiing, played baseball in an organized league and I write on midnight deadlines routinely for the school newspaper.

I can do most anything I put my mind to. I just do it a little differently. If you give me a shot, chances are I will figure out some way to participate. Scratch that. Not just participate contribute in a meaningful way.

Being someone who believes strongly in the spirit of inclusion, I was probably as excited as anyone when I found out that Student

"I FIND MYSELF SHAKING MY HEAD WHEN I HEAR THAT THESE VEHICLES DO NOT YET HAVE THE SAME CAPABILITY TO GO OFF CAMPUS AS THEIR SMALLER, AND ACCESSIBLE VAN COMPANIONS."

ity to go off campus as their smaller, inaccessible van companions.

Nick Desrochers, the Bear Bus Coordinator in the university housing department, said he is working with university risk management in order to make sure they are 100 percent in compliance with Michigan law before letting them off campus.

"In speaking with the risk management department on campus, as well as the driving school that was used to train our drivers, there are additional steps that we, as the employer of the Bear Bus, need to take to ensure we are in compliance with Michigan law when our shuttles leave campus," Desrochers said.



**KEVIN GRAHAM**  
senior reporter

The issue appears to be temporary and hindsight is 20/20. Still, they should have been able to look into this to determine exactly what the parameters were before ever getting the shuttles.

This may not seem like a huge deal. I'm sure most students think of the Bear

Bus as that all too seldom-used short ride to get them from the Vandenberg Hall to the O'rena on short notice. No need to go off campus for that.

However, the Bear Bus is made available for student organizations to rent for day trips. I know, had this been available to my Society of Professional Journalists group last fall, it might have been an attractive option.

Now that the university has such things, it's a shame to see them bound up in red tape.

It isn't just student organizations, either. The buses are being used for weekly escapades to the local fast food joints. Don't get me wrong, Chartwells is fine, but occasionally it's nice to have the option of something different.

Ask anyone in my situation and they will tell you there's a difference between living and living. The former involves the mere act of drawing a breath on this planet.

The latter is much more exciting. It involves making friends, experiencing new things, forgetting all the obstacles and just doing something because at any given moment we might want to.

These buses, in their own small way, could help someone like me do a little more living. I'm sure I wouldn't be the first student to think about going to Taco Bell for "Fourth Meal" after their Thursday night class.

I applaud all the players involved for their efforts, but half inclusion does not equal inclusion. Let's take the next step. Let's live.

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## 2013 Wilson and Human Relations Awards

Nominations are now being accepted.

The Alfred G. and Matilda R. Wilson Awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders and responsible citizens to the OU community. **Nominees must:**

- be graduating seniors in winter 2013 or have graduated in summer or fall 2012
- 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 2013 or have graduated in summer or fall 2012
- 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 4, 2013.

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EDITORIAL

# Has campaigning gone too far?

*Constant phone calls, divisive television ads, rampant social media - enough is enough.*

I've been very popular the last few months. Every day, I receive multiple calls, emails and mail from very prominent people. Just this afternoon, I answered the phone to hear Clint Eastwood's voice, informing me that "my vote matters."

Despite their current urgency to capture my attention, these people seem to "care" about me now, but in a week, they'll forget I even exist.

Political campaigning has been a vital part of election season for a long time. The first political convention occurred in 1832 as an effort to show voters the nomination process, according to The First Conventions and Continuing Practices on Northeastern University's campaign information site.

With a variety of new media, campaigning has come a long way since its humble beginning.

Despite growing use of online commercials and Facebook for campaigning, however, cable television remains the top choice for citizens following the campaign, gaining 24 percent of the vote, according to an article from the Pew Research Center Publications. But that doesn't mean I can get away with watching a kitten video on Youtube without 30 seconds of political talk beforehand.

"The Campaign," released last summer, featured Will Ferrell running against Zach Galifianakis in an election to be North Carolina's next governor and satirized election traditions.

The film mocked the fact that people cannot go a meal without being interrupted by a phone call. It brought out candidates' desperation for good PR, featuring a fight to be the first to kiss a baby ends in harm to the child, in addition to analyzing the impact of privatized power behind the campaigning. The movie was meant to give the audience a laugh but was it really that far from reality?

With political messages delivered on a variety of outlets, including everything from the classic television commercial, to a solicitation over



**STEPHANIE SOKOL**  
multimedia reporter

the phone or even the newest political medium of the Internet, which played a big role in the 2008 campaign, this year's election will go down in history for being most costly to date, according to the Washington Post.

While campaigning is not limited to two presidential candidates, they have spent an unprecedented amount of

money promoting themselves, often by being critical of one another.

The Washington Post's Campaign Finance Explorer's calculations show that campaign money raised and spent between President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney totals around \$1.6 billion.

It's hard to grasp the concept of such a large number. This money could be used in so many other ways.

America has issues. The country's growing deficit, currently just over \$1 trillion, is on the minds of many voters. What if some campaign money was put towards that debt?

America's homeless population in 2011 was 636,017 people, according to an executive summary from the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Money spent trying to buy votes could be put towards food and shelter for them.

Campaigning is important. It provides information about candidates and proposals, though from perspectives that are often a bit biased.

Americans would be better off assessing the facts for themselves rather than relying on millions of dollars worth of talking to make their voting decisions.

Now that the election's over, however, I won't get my daily message from Bill Clinton, just calling to say 'hello' and attempting to persuade me to vote Democrat. No more lengthy Facebook rants or sponsored ads for candidates and policies. No more calls from Romney explaining his plans to stop ObamaCare. I just hope I don't get too lonely after the hype dies down.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Obama: Unfit for the Presidential Office

Nick Walter  
Liberal Studies, Freshman

Do you remember the election of 2008? Do you remember how we thought that Obama was this miracle man who would sweep the country off its feet and bring us together in a common bond of American fervor and unity? Do you remember? Yet, here we are. The economy is in the absolute tank. Twenty-four million of us are out of work.

We have a new national healthcare plan that the vast majority of Americans didn't want and that is already making healthcare costs skyrocket. Gas is twice as expensive as it was four years ago. We have accumulated almost more debt than every other President combined. And all this while for his first two years in office, Democrats controlled the White House and both branches of Congress.

Obama could have done anything

he wanted, and he couldn't even pass a budget.

And Romney? He saved the 2002 Olympics from utter collapse, bringing them from a \$300 million-plus deficit to a \$120 million-plus surplus. When the head of Bain Capital, he rescued business after business from meltdown. While governor of Massachusetts, he made their schools foremost in the nation and balanced the budget every year. (Pssst-he did that with an 87 percent Democratic Congress.)

Romney wins in every comparison. That people would even consider entrusting the presidency to Obama again is an indication of the racism and blind party loyalty that is so often exhibited by the radical Left.

The choice is clear: extremist liberal policies like we have suffered under for the past four years, or wiser, more moderate ideas that will yank us out of this hole we put ourselves in when we elected Barack Obama.

# WHAT'S YOUR PERSPECTIVE?

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## Beyond the college classroom

*University provides help for youth through charter schools*

By Kevin Graham  
Senior Reporter

The Office of Public School Academies and Urban Partnerships has a mission to support charter schools through effective leadership and ensure accountability through performance testing, according to its website.

According to the National Education Association, a charter school may operate outside certain rules defined for other local public schools and instead operate according to the terms of a specific contract.

Mildred Taylor, director of the PSA office, said Oakland University has contracts with 10 charter schools in Oakland and Wayne counties, with the authority to work with schools in Macomb if the Board of Trustees were to deem them a good fit.

### How it works

Taylor said when evaluating a school for potential partnership, there are a number of factors to consider.

"Those factors include having people who are qualified to lead the school, the financial situation is one that they can carry out the operation of the school," she said.

Once a school has been evaluated and deemed a good fit for possible partnership, it must be approved by the Dean of the School of Education and Human Services, and then it must go to the university provost. The school's charter must also be approved by the Board of Trustees. Following approval, OU's role becomes one of oversight to make sure teachers are highly-qualified, according to Taylor.

### Caniff case study

One of OU's newest charters, Caniff Liberty Academy in Hamtramck, opened its doors in September and is run by Education Management and Networks.

EMAN was recently under scrutiny by the Detroit News for running schools that fall below the 33rd percentile for proficiency.

This ranking is considered passing for schools with a low-income base, according to advocacy group Education Trust-Midwest.

Ahmed Saber, president of EMAN said the study fails to account for the special circumstances of the students they serve.

Saber said 100 percent of students at Oakland International Academy in Detroit, which is the school referenced in the article, qualify for the free school

"We did not charter them (Caniff Liberty Academy) anticipating any potential problems."

Mildred Taylor,  
Director of the Office of Public School Academies and Urban Partnerships

lunch program coming from an impoverished area. In addition, more than 75 percent of OIA students are English language learners.

Caniff is similar in that it has a high population of students who are learning the English language.

"We did not charter them anticipating any potential problems," Taylor said. "We felt this was a situation serving potentially underserved students that are largely English language learners."

In order to combat the population where English is a second language, about 90 percent at Caniff, EMAN Chief Academic Officer Jefferson Hamlin said the school is keeping class sizes small, employing teachers and aides who are bilingual and applying an approach where teachers follow the students as they progress through grade levels.

## Student waives preliminary exam

*Former Lake Orion  
Lacrosse coach's case to  
be handled in Pontiac*

By Natalie Popovski and Nichole Seguin  
Assistant Campus Editor,  
Editor-in-Chief

Reanna Douglas, an Oakland University student who was charged with criminal sexual conduct of the third degree, waived her right to a preliminary exam at her hearing at the 52-3 Oakland County District Court in front of Judge Julie Nicholson Tuesday.

Douglas, who is represented by lawyer John Freeman, asked Nicholson to lift her order that

refrains her from drinking or using controlled substances.

Nicholson disagreed, explaining the ban was necessary for this case, and the ban stayed intact.

Douglas is also required to submit to and pay for preliminary breath tests and/or urinalysis at the court's discretion and pay for all medications if deemed necessary, according to court documents.

She is also prohibited from possessing firearms, from assaultive behavior and must continue to work and attend school, according to court documents.

Douglas is accused of having a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old female, according to reports obtained from the court office.

According to court documents, Douglas, 21, was the coach of the Lake Orion High School girl's lacrosse team when the offense allegedly occurred.

She was terminated from her position at the high school after the allegations

were reported to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Orion Township Substation by the 15-year-old's family in August.

Criminal sexual conduct in the third degree is a felony charge, and is punishable to up to 15 years if found guilty.

In cases of CSC III, the victim is between the ages of 13 and 15, according to the Sex Offender Registration Act.

Douglas' next court date has not yet been determined.

The Oakland Post will continue to update this story as more information becomes available.

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## POLICE FILES

### Attempted drug deal in Hamlin Hall caught on camera

On Oct. 31 at approximately 6:27 p.m., OUPD met with the director of Hamlin Hall who said a resident assistant showed her a video of an attempted drug deal in a dorm room.

The video was taken by the suspect's roommate from his computer camera. The video shows the suspect and two unknown individuals enter the room and begin asking the suspect to give them a pill in exchange for marijuana.

After eight minutes of trying to convince the suspect to give them the pill, the unknown individuals left.

At approximately 10:08 p.m. the same day, OUPD received a report of the suspect acting abnormally which was perceived as drug use by roommate.

Police made contact with the suspect, who said he did not need medical attention.

The suspect voluntarily told police he was in possession of prescribed medication and hallucinogenic "research" pills which he purchased online. Upon searching the room, police found marijuana and two smoking pipes. Police also found two straws that were cut down that the student said he used to snort "research" drugs.

The suspect received a citation for marijuana and paraphernalia possession.

### Drug overdose in Hamlin Hall

On Nov. 3 at approximately 4:15 p.m., OUPD was dispatched to Hamlin Hall in response to a female student who was reportedly experiencing a drug overdose.

The student's suitemate told police she had received a text message from the student stating she was overdosing.

Police arrived at Hamlin Hall and found the student sitting on a bench. She was shaking and did not want to talk to police.

According to the student's mother, an incident like this one has occurred in the past.

The student was transported to Crittenton Hospital and the housing hall director was notified.

Compiled by Natalie Popovski,  
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Photo illustration by DYLAN DULBERG

On Nov. 8 from 12:30-2:30 p.m., OU will host a Campaign Roundup. The event will include a panel discussion and is a worthwhile experience for students to hear from people outside of faculty, according to professor and political science chair, John Klemanski.

# Campaign Roundup event to discuss election results, impact

By Stephanie Sokol  
Senior Reporter

Following this year's election, Oakland University will host its sixth Campaign Roundup Nov. 8 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. to break down the results.

"It's worthwhile for students to gain experience and hear from people outside of faculty," said John Klemanski, professor and chair of political science. "It's nice to have them lend their expertise."

Klemanski and Dave Dulio, chair and associate professor in the political science department, co-organized the event in 2002 when Dulio came to OU.

Dulio modeled it after an experience he had in graduate school at his mentor's forums.

Panels have taken place following several elections since then, including the 2008 presidential election.

"Candidates campaign for so long, there's a need to discuss what happened."

Terri Towner,  
Assistant Professor of Political Science

"I saw how important it was to discuss election issues and wanted to bring that to OU," Dulio said.

A panel consisting of Chuck Stokes from WXYZ-TV, Christy McDonald of Detroit Public Television, Rich Robinson of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, Bernie Porn of the polling firm EPIC-MRA and moderator Terri Towner, assistant professor of political science, will discuss the results of the election to attendees from the OU community and beyond.

"There's such a buildup to election day," Towner said. "Candidates campaign for so long, there's a need to discuss what happened."

In addition to examining results of elected officials, the event will look at the state races, as well as proposals, discussing what they mean for students and the community, according to Towner.

Hosted in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center, the Campaign Roundup will include a lunch, the panel's discussion and an opportunity for questions from the audience.

The event was coordinated by the Political Science department and is sponsored by Oakland University Student Council, College Republicans and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society.

Guests can register online at [www.grizzlink.oualumni.com](http://www.grizzlink.oualumni.com)

## THIS WEEK AROUND CAMPUS

NOV 07

1-2 p.m. Impromptu Writing Sessions

Students will be giving short fiction and poetry prompts to write about in the Lake Michigan room in the Oakland Center.

NOV 08

12-12:50 p.m. Starting Off Strong: First Year Strategies for Pre-Med and Pre-Health students

This is a professional workshop hosted by the First Year Advising Center in the Lake Michigan Room of the Oakland Center.

NOV 09

6-10 p.m. Indian Students - DIWALI 2012!

The Indian Students Association will be hosting DAWALI in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center. This event will feature live performances, dancing and dinner.

NOV 10

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fall Graduation Fair

Students graduating in the fall semester can use this fair to get all supplies needed for graduation. The fair will be held in the lower level of the Oakland Center.

NOV 11

1:30-2:30 p.m. Social Work Club - Bowling Fundraiser

The cost is \$20 per person. This event takes place at Avon North Hill Lane in Rochester Hills.

NOV 12

1:30-2:30 p.m. NBNA - Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held in Gold Rooms B&C in the Oakland Center.

Nov 13

7-8 p.m. From First-Year to Career: Exploring the Career Cycle

Advisers will discuss career cycles in Hamlin Hall.

# Academic Advising Award nominations come to an end

*Nominees were selected based on mentoring, students, leadership*

By Kevin Graham  
Senior Reporter

The nominations for the 2012 Outstanding Professional Academic Advising Award ended Oct. 26.

Nominees were selected based on building strong mentoring relationships with students, their leadership skills and creation and support of advising programs, among other criteria.

Winners are given a plaque and a \$1,000 stipend courtesy of the Provost's Office.

Last year's winner Lorin Wright, an academic adviser in the School of Education and Human Services and chair of this year's selection committee, said a good academic adviser is one who creates a personal connection with their students.

"One common theme for every recipient of this award is that the students feel a personal connection with their adviser," Wright said. "Students believe the adviser knows them as an individual and takes a true interest in their problems, as well as, their successes."

Most advisers are eligible for the award, with the only stipulations being they have to have been employed at OU for at least three years. Winners of the last five years are ineligible.

Nichole Moninger, chair of the professional advisers council and director of teacher education advising services at OU, said nominees are not disclosed publicly in order to protect the integrity of the process.

**"ONE COMMON THEME FOR EVERY RECIPIENT OF THIS AWARD IS THAT THE STUDENTS FEEL A PERSONAL CONNECTION WITH THEIR ADVISER."**

LORIN WRIGHT, ACADEMIC ADVISER FOR SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

She said at least one adviser from each academic area has been nominated this year.

Of the initial 30 nominations, 11 are finalists considered for the award.

The winner will be announced in mid-December, and will be nominated for a National Academic Advising

Association award.

According to the award criteria, a good academic adviser should encourage students to explore the many options available to them, guide students toward attaining their academic and career goals and refer them to the right place when more information is needed.

Wright said a good adviser serves as a guide to the students.

"As an adviser, I am committed to assisting students in discovering their talents, skills and interests, and guiding them on a career path that will most fully utilize these attributes," Wright said.

According to Wright, advisers play an important role in student retention and future success.

"To the students, they are the face of the university. That is, advisers are the ones that every student will interact with throughout their college experience," Wright said.

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# Remembering the dead

By Dylan Dulberg  
Multimedia Editor

Day of the Dead, or “Día de los Muertos”, is a holiday celebrated in Mexico and many other Hispanic countries around the world. It focuses on the remembrance of deceased friends and family, and unity for the living.

While most cultures view death and funerals as sad, bleak affairs, celebrants of Day of the Dead approach death with a smile and think about their fond memories of the departed.

At the Fireside Lounge, a brief lecture and demonstration were held in honor of Day of the Dead, to celebrate the holiday and teach others about its meaning and traditions.

**1.** President of the Hispanic American Leadership Organization, Oscar Sanchez Vazquez, welcomes everyone and explains Day of the Dead.

**2.** Before the beginning of the presentations, the students in attendance were given a lecture on the history of Day of the Dead by Henri Gooren, associate professor of anthropology.

**3.** Traditional Mexican beaded necklaces were laid out.

**4.** The memorials were adorned with many different decorations, from personal pictures and messages to this Golden Grizzly homage.

— Compiled by Dylan Dulberg



DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post

Freshmen students Jenna Varosi-Garvaglia, Jordan Wallace, Michael Oberstadt, and Janelle Bever, (left to right), celebrate and embrace in Hamlin circle early Tuesday morning upon hearing the news of President Obama's reelection. They all live in the dorms on campus, and had been celebrating since they heard the election results. "We found out through TV and the Internet," said Wallace. "WOO! OBAMA!"

# ON TO THE NEXT FOUR

*Obama declared presidential elect*

Written by Katie Williams // Senior Reporter  
 Designed by Nichole Seguin // Editor-in-Chief  
 Photographed by Dylan Dulberg // Multimedia Editor

President Barack Obama has been elected to a second term, according to early projections from CNN, ABC, CBS News, The New York Times and the Associated Press.

Obama surpassed the 270-vote requirement in the Electoral College with victories in Ohio, Virginia and five other battleground states, according to CNN projections.

After securing Ohio and Virginia, Obama had 303 electoral votes compared to Gov. Mitt Romney's 203.

"This happened because of you. Thank you," Obama tweeted around 11:30 p.m.

when major television networks began projecting him the winner.

The popular vote is still undetermined, and is expected to be close soon. Florida is the only state not yet projecting a victor.

Romney reportedly called the president around 12:45 a.m. to congratulate him. He officially conceded around 1 a.m., delivering a speech in Boston.

"I wish them all well, particularly the president, the first lady and their daughters," Romney said.

He continued, expressing gratitude for his supporters.

"I ran for office because I'm concerned

for America," he said. "Like so many of you, Paul (Ryan) and I have left everything on the field. We have given our all to this campaign."

Obama has been projected the victor in Michigan, Romney's birth state, and Massachusetts, where the Republican challenger served as governor and currently lives.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm expressed her support for the president and his reelection.

"Yes! So very happy I can say that Michigan has voted for Obama. Detroit doesn't forget. I think he sealed the deal

with those Jeep ads — hope that's true in Ohio too," Granholm posted on Facebook in response to the results.

The GOP is projected to maintain control of the House of Representatives, while a Democratic majority is expected to persist in the Senate.

Obama thanked his supporters during his victory speech and said he believes we can build on the progress America has made.

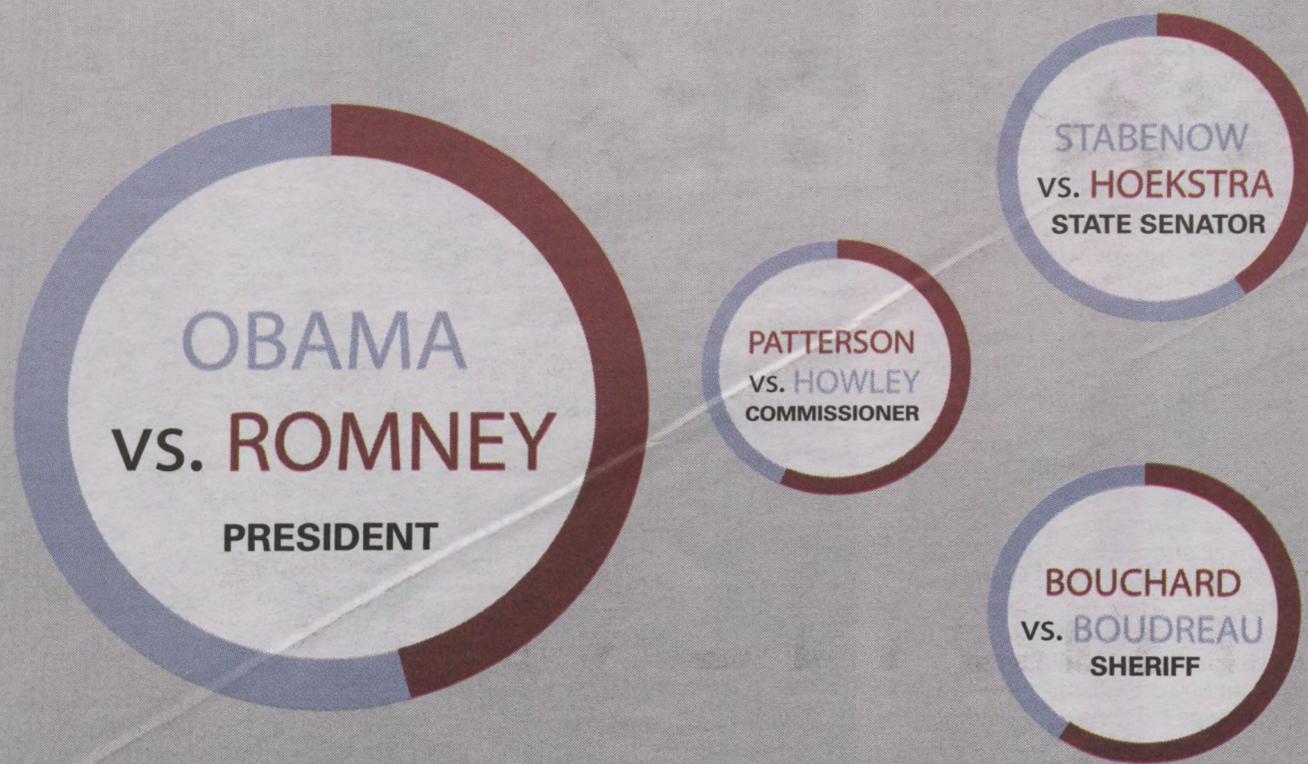
"Together with your help and God's grace, we will continue our journey together," Obama said during the speech. "Thank you America and God bless us."



# 303

## ELECTORAL VOTES

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— Compiled by  
Natalie Popovski  
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# Overcoming step-by-step

*Formerly paralyzed student-athlete climbs Chicago's Willis Tower*

By Damien Dennis  
Sports Editor

It was a day that took a year to accomplish. It was a moment that will forever last in the memories of those closely involved. Through sweat and tears, a student athlete's goal was met with smiles and strength.

Senior Kylie Schalz climbed 103 flights of stairs Sunday morning as she participated in the SkyRise Chicago event at the Willis Tower in downtown Chicago. The Oakland University softball athlete made the climb in about an hour and a half, accompanied by her parents and high school friends.

For Schalz, the climb meant more to her than just raising money for the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, who organized the SkyRise event. In 2011, she was paralyzed following scoliosis surgery.

## Paralyzing story

Schalz's career as a softball player began at Oakland in 2009. The mechanical engineering major wasted no time making an impact with the Golden Grizzlies, recording two homeruns and driving in 13 runs during her first season. She played in all 41 games, starting in 34 of those.

Schalz continued her success over the next two seasons, playing her last in 2011. She recorded four homeruns and 13 runs, drove in a team high of 26 runs and had a .275 batting average. She also tied for fourth on Oakland's all-time homeruns list.

After the season ended, Schalz had a wrench thrown into the works.

In June 2011, Schalz went in for surgery for scoliosis. Surgeons were going to fuse rods to her spine. During the surgery, she suffered a spinal cord stroke which left Schalz paralyzed from the chest down.

*"What Oakland did for (Kylie) is equally amazing and we have a great deal of gratitude for not only the RIC but for Oakland and all they've done for her."*

Bill Schalz,  
Father

Schalz was told she would never walk again following the surgery. The scoliosis surgery was to correct a curvature in her spine before it became inoperable. The surgery took place at the T5 vertebra and below, but the stroke happened at the T4 vertebra in Schalz's spine. There was no damage done by the surgeons to that area of her spine, but swelling had occurred, leaving Schalz paralyzed.

"After 10 weeks at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago I was able to walk out their doors with just forearm crutches and able to work hard enough to be able to run and climb the Willis Tower a year later," Schalz said.

A few weeks ago, Schalz suffered another setback as she lost feeling and strength in her legs. She spent two weeks back at the RIC, where she was released 10 days before the Willis Tower climb.

"I was very emotionally down after achieving my goal of running and hitting again for softball and then having that happen, I needed something to push me to keep going," Schalz said. "I think completing this has pushed me to get my senior season in."

## Support network

Schalz's parents and close friends aided her in her climb. Her father, Bill Schalz, is highly supportive of the RIC.

"When she was first paralyzed and she was in the hospital, it took four people to move her from the bed to the chair," Bill said. "We get to the RIC, one woman about 5'5, Martha, helps her by herself in like two seconds. At that moment we knew we were in the major leagues."

While trying to fight back tears in the SkyDeck of the Willis Tower, Bill said it was an amazing and inspiring sight to see his daughter go from paralyzed a year ago to climbing the Willis.



DAMIEN DENNIS / The Oakland Post

Oakland softball player Kylie Schalz was paralyzed in June 2011 following scoliosis surgery. Sunday, she climbed 103 floors – 2,109 steps in Chicago's Willis Tower.

"We did this last year to support her and to support the RIC and then to see her do it this year," Bill said. "Her legs were locking up (on the climb), so we helped to get those moving again."

Neither Schalz nor her father discredited the help she received from Oakland in addition to the RIC.

"Also at Oakland, to have a physical therapist on staff to work with Kylie every day, she never could have gotten that therapy and we never could have done that on our own through outpatient," Bill said. "What Oakland did for her is equally amazing and we have a

great deal of gratitude not only for the RIC but for Oakland and all they've done for her."

Despite his own pain, Bill fought alongside Schalz and her team to reach the top.

"She was going to finish this thing come hell or high water," Bill said.

## One last outing

Schalz said she completed one goal by climbing the tower Sunday, but she has another one she wants to accomplish before her graduation.

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**SKYRISE**

*continued from page 12*

"It's everything I have been working for the last year and a half," she said. "It would mean, literally, the world to just get out there again and get one more at-bat. I don't want to end it by getting hit by a pitch. My last at-bat ended with me getting hit by a pitch and breaking my hand, so I don't want that happening again."

Schlaz has received a lot of support from classmates and other Oakland athletes have told her she inspires them when they see her in the weight room. Because the SkyRise Chicago event is a fundraiser for the RIC, Schlaz's team raised an estimated \$2,800 - some of which came from classmates and peers.

Despite being told she may never walk again, Schlaz decided she would never want to spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair. Through determination and faith, she fought to be able to walk again.

Schlaz expressed the same sentiment to others who may find themselves in a similar situation.

"Don't give up, nothings impossible," she said. "If you stay positive, you'll get better and if you don't you, won't get better."

**Rehab Institute of Chicago**

This year's SkyRise Chicago event was the fourth held by the RIC.

Zac Vawter displayed the world's first neural-controlled bionic leg in its first public test, using it to climb the 103 floors and 2,109 steps of the Willis Tower. U.S. Senator Mark Kirk of Illinois also participated in the event, following Schlaz and her team out of the stairwell, though only climbing from the 66th floor up.

Kirk suffered a stroke in January, and gave his first public interview to media in

attendance Sunday morning.

Chicago firefighters also participated, climbing the tower in full uniform and equipment, arriving at the top to cheers and applause.

"SkyRise Chicago is the planet's tallest stair climb event," said Mike Carr, director of the event. "In addition to that, we can find nowhere else that does a hand-cycle competition alongside a stair-climbing competition."

For those who may be unable to walk, the RIC and event organizers had hand-cycles setup, with participants using these bikes to mimic the distance the climbers face in the stair wells.

"There is only one Willis Tower," said Jude Reyes, chairman on the RIC board. "And it is the tallest building in Chicago and one of the tallest in the world. People who walk up the stairs in this event never look at the Willis Tower the same."

Over 2,700 climbers participated in Sunday's event, while 40 took advantage of the hand cycles. Many of those participating in the events, like Kylie and Kirk, are former patients to the RIC and their families and friends.

Every year, SkyRise Chicago raises nearly \$1 million to support their rehabilitation services and research. According to U.S. News & World Report, the RIC is the top-ranked rehabilitation hospital in the nation and provides care to patients from around the world. It has held the top position for 22 years straight.

The RIC itself was originally founded 60 years ago to replicate the rehabilitation care World War II veterans received. Today, the RIC treats over 50,000 patients with ailments ranging from strokes, spinal cord and brain injuries as well as amputations and cerebral palsy.

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Those who couldn't climb the tower Sunday used hand cycles to mimic the distance of the climb. Many of the participants at SkyRise Chicago were former patients and their families.

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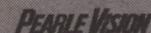
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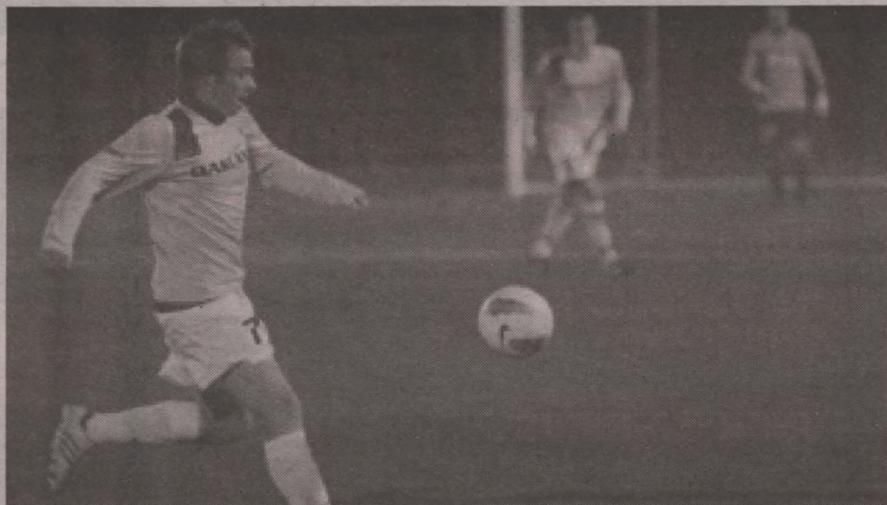
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Sophomore Joey Tinnion was one of many factors leading Oakland through the season.

# Capturing Gold

*Grizzlies ready for league championships*

By Allen Jordan  
Staff Intern

The Oakland University men's soccer team faced Eastern Illinois in their final game of the season Friday afternoon, ending in a double-overtime draw.

Oakland (10-6-1, 5-1-1) finished the season with 16 points to beat out Kansas City by a single point. It is the ninth regular season league title for the Golden Grizzlies and the second under head coach Eric Pogue, who is in his fourth year.

OU entered the contest against Eastern Illinois needing either a win or tie to lock up the title due to Kansas City losing 2-1 to Western Illinois earlier in the afternoon.

The Panthers gave Oakland issues early on, making scoring opportunities difficult to come by. Oakland had several blocked shots and close opportunities they could not capitalize on.

"They did a great job getting numbers behind the ball to make it extremely difficult for us," said Pogue. "Defensively they did an excellent job protecting the net and bottling up some of our key guys, making it tough to adjust."

Eastern Illinois came out and almost saw a chance to ruin the opportunity for Oakland during the 3rd minute of play when forward Tayron Martin attempted a shot on goal that

hit the right post.

Oakland outshot the Panthers 9-5 in the first half but could not close the deal on several opportunities.

Freshman midfielder Shawn Claud Lawson had the best shot during the 13th minute. He redirected a cross from junior midfielder Michel'le Lipari that hit the left post.

Senior forward Kyle Bethel, who saw limited opportunities in the first half to score, hurting Oakland's chances of winning the game.

Bethel has been a key player for Oakland this season, with the senior recording six goals and 11 assists as well as 23 shots on goal.

"Coach told me at halftime that I was holding on to the ball too long," Bethel said. "He told me when they put multiple guys on me I needed to just get it, give it off and find another way to get the ball back."

Junior goalkeeper Scott Messer finished the game with a clean sheet, tallying six saves for Oakland.

The top-ranked Golden Grizzlies will face fourth seed Fort Wayne on Friday at 3 p.m.

"Going into the tournament we just need to work on beating up the opposing defense and being sharper on offense with our set pieces," Pogue said.

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# Hepburn's recreates old Hollywood

*Local business blends classic Hollywood images with delicacies*

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter

Photos from classic Audrey Hepburn films line the walls. old Hollywood soundtrack fill the air along with the scent of coffee and desserts. Hepburn's Crêpe and Coffee at the Village of Rochester Hills provides a casual dining experience with an old Hollywood feel.

With a background in business, banking and sales, General Manager Deanna Birg always wanted to open her own coffee shop. Her fiancé, Joe Vaglica, owner of Gateway Engineering, suggested a crêpe shop instead.

Birg took the idea as well as her love for old Hollywood films and together they built Hepburn's.

"We want people to come and have an experience," Birg said.

"Crêpes aren't just fast food. It's more of an experience. It always makes my heart jump to hear Frank Sinatra or watch classic films, I knew others would appreciate it too."

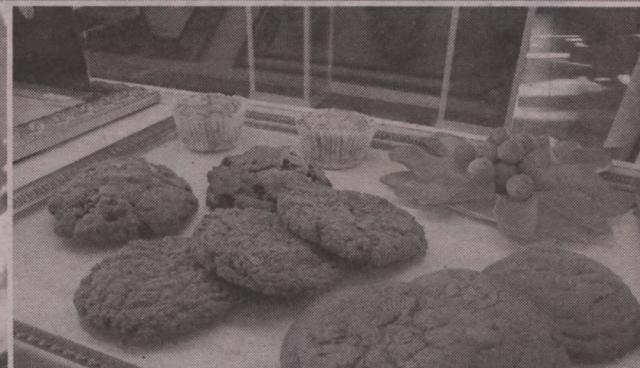
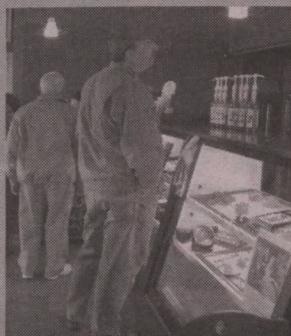
While it was originally located at 24 Mile and Van Dyke in Shelby Township, the move to the Village has brought more people, which was Birg's goal and part of the overall experience.

In addition to the old Hollywood theme, all of the products sold at Hepburn's are homemade. Pastry Chef Jennifer Botimer, a student at the Art Institute of Michigan, bakes all the desserts. She appreciates that Birg provides her with a creative outlet for her craft of cooking.

"She gives me leeway to bake what I want," Botimer said. "I also really like the atmosphere. I get to meet tons of people at Hepburn's, and most are very nice."

According to Birg, however, what really sets Hepburn's apart is the care put into each detail, from live music to ceramic mugs and plates.

"At Hepburn's we put art into everything we do," Birg said. "It's a great place to go before a trip to the theater, or for an afternoon spent with friends. You really get quality here."



STEPHANIE SOKOL / The Oakland Post

**TOP** Crêpes are one of the most popular items on the "stage style" menu at Hepburn's, according to Birg. The choices range from dessert flavors to meat and veggie-filled lunch crêpes, and all are named after old Hollywood actors..

**ABOVE** In addition to crêpes and coffee, many other desserts are sold at Hepburn's, including cookies and muffins. All foods served at Hepburn's Crêpe and Coffee are homemade on-site.

**FAR LEFT** The walls of Hepburn's are adorned with photos of Audrey Hepburn. Birg appreciated Hepburn's giving soul, citing her quote, "I was born with an enormous need for affection and a terrible need to give it," as inspiration for the service of Hepburn's.

**LEFT** Chef and co-manager Jennifer Botimer prepares homemade sauce for the crêpes.



STEPHANIE SOKOL / The Oakland Post

Sheriff Michael Bouchard (center) and members of the Oakland County Pet Adoption Center pose together, beginning this year's charity drive.

## 'Coats for the Cold' kicks off in Oakland

*Oakland County police and animal shelter combine to give pets homes and warm coats to the needy*

By Stephanie Sokol  
Multimedia Reporter

Public officials, puppies and kittens joined together to kick off the 26th annual "Coats for the Cold" winter coat drive Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Oakland County Animal Shelter. The drive and shelter announced their partnership at the kickoff.

"We are really pleased about the partnership," Larry Obrecht, Animal Shelter division manager said. "We've participated in the coat drive and it's been a great success in the last several years. We hope everyone brings coats to help clothe people and give these pets a home."

### The origin of the drive

When County Sheriff Michael Bouchard was a police officer and councilman outside of Oakland County, he witnessed people struggling to stay warm by huddling around a steam vent on a cold night. He went home and decided some-

thing needed to change.

"I knew everyone probably has two or three nice coats that they don't always wear," Bouchard said. "So we started collecting coats - with the rules that those donated had to go to a church or charitable organization, not sold for profit."

### The season of giving

The drive collects gently used coats throughout the month of November, in addition to other winter items including scarves and mittens.

There are 58 drop-off locations around Oakland County. Last year, the program gathered 3,000 coats, according to Bouchard. PODS (Portable On-Demand Storage) and 800-MINI-STORAGE are sponsors, donating their units for the coat collection.

Collecting at the Animal Shelter has been a successful endeavor, both for gaining donations and helping the animals, which is why they partnered up this year, according to Mike Zehnder, Direc-

tor of Public Services in Oakland County. County inmates volunteer at the shelter as well, so he said the partnership was a good choice.

### Spreading the warmth

In addition to clothing the cold, the drive benefits the homeless pets. In the bad economy, many people cannot afford to take care of their pets and the shelter is becoming increasingly crowded, according to Bouchard.

For every coat donated, \$10 is given to be used towards an animal adoption, up to a maximum of \$50 to be earned.

Pet Supplies Plus is also involved, donating supplies as the drive continues finding the animals homes by bringing people to shelter, while gathering coats for local residents. The store will also honor pet adoption coupons at their local rescue shelters known as 'Kitty Cities.'

"The partnership is great," shelter worker Alexis Shull said. "Nobody should be cold this winter. It helps people stay warm, as well as finding homes for the animals."

### For more information...

For a list of all 58 donation locations throughout Oakland County visit <http://bit.ly/Remic1>

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Abduction, robbery in Pontiac

On Nov. 4 at 1:30 a.m., an 88-year-old Bloomfield Hills man, was leaving the Democrat Campaign Office in downtown Pontiac when an unknown subject entered his car. At knife point, the suspect demanded the victim's money and forced him to drive to Detroit. On the way there, the victim was cut on his hand when he swerved to attract the attention of a marked police vehicle in Detroit. The suspect got out of the car at 7 Mile and Woodward. The suspect is described as a male, approximately 40 years old, wearing a Michigan jacket and stocking cap. Police are checking nearby businesses for a possible surveillance video.

### Suspicious incident in Troy

On Nov. 1 around 3:30 pm, a 14-year-old girl was walking with her friend on John R. near Wattles when a vehicle pulled up, blocking the sidewalk. The driver asked the girls what their names were and how their day was going. Neither girl answered. Eventually, one of the girls told him it was none of his business. The man said, "that's how girls get hurt these days," then drove away. Police searched the area but could not locate the man. He is described as a black male in his mid to late 40s, bald with a heavy build. The vehicle is described as a newer model gray Dodge Ram pickup truck.

### Assault, battery inside vehicle

On Oct. 31 at 9:20 pm, police responded to an assault in progress. After interviewing both parties and a witness, police issued an 18-year-old Sterling Heights man a citation for "Assault and Battery." The men were in a car together when one took offense to something said about his mother, and assaulted the offender in the vehicle. The victim suffered minor injuries.

### Death investigation in Pontiac

Police were dispatched to the 10 block of Edna St. for a deceased man on Nov. 2 around 9:30 pm. Police found the man, a 54-year-old Pontiac resident, lying on the floor in his bedroom with evidence of the use of heroin and crack cocaine. The Medical Examiner's Office has custody of the body and will perform an autopsy.

Compiled by Lauren Kroetsch,  
Staff Reporter

**Keys to success** Department of Music, Theatre and Dance student keeps his cool in Fireside Lounge

By Misha Mayhand  
Multimedia Reporter

At some point every day, Robert Webb ends up at the piano in Fireside Lounge.

"It's a routine — my day isn't complete unless I touch the keys," Webb said.

Webb is a pianist, songwriter and vocalist with an interest in theater musicals and plays.

Right now, Webb lives in Shelby Township with his wife and studies at Oakland University. He is working toward his second bachelor's degree in music education.

"As I get older, I'd like to teach music in both public schools and at collegiate levels," he said.

On certain days there may be an audience. Other days students are scarce — either way, Webb always makes sure to check with his fellow students before breaking into song.

"Sometimes I don't play. I may just go and touch the keys," Webb said.

"IF I'M GOING THROUGH A ROUGH PATCH IN LIFE, I KNOW I CAN GO TO THE PIANO. (IT) DOESN'T JUDGE ME — IT JUST TAKES WHAT I'M FEELING AND EXPRESSES IT IN A SONG."

Robert Webb,  
Music Education major

**Changing tempo**

Webb was born in the southern town of Texakana, Texas and later moved to Arkansas, where he spent the majority of his life.

He graduated from the University of Arkansas at Monticello earlier this year. He also holds an associate degree in vocal music.

While in grade school, Webb learned how to play the trumpet, French horn, baritone, tuba and piano — due to his father's advisement. He said learning to play guitar is next on his list.

"My dad told me something a long time ago," Webb said. "He said, 'Son, if you don't use it, you will lose it.' If you really want to master your craft, you will do it every day."

Webb has many different areas of interest aside from music.

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Robert Webb, student in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, gravitates to the piano in Fireside Lounge to relax.

MISHA MAYHAND/The Oakland Post

PIANO

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Although he married last year, Webb remained in Arkansas to finish his degree.

"I've been here (Michigan) about six months. Being from Arkansas, where the weather is always warm, Michigan was definitely an adjustment for me."

Despite the transition, Webb said his adjustment to Oakland has been smooth.

He calls Deborah Blair, associate professor of music education, his "OU mother."

Currently Webb is studying Jazz Theory and Improvisation with Blair.

"Robert has a wonderful voice and the potential for a promising music career," Blair said.

Webb auditioned for Blair and other faculty members for the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance.

"After I finished they said, 'we would love to have you here,'" Webb

"ROBERT HAS A WONDERFUL VOICE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR A PROMISING MUSIC CAREER."

Deborah Blair,  
Associate Professor of Music

said. "They were so welcoming, so I decided right then that I wanted to be a student at OU."

Heritier Ndele, mechanical engineering sophomore, occasionally collaborates with Webb on songs.

"Every time I am with him (Webb), I learn a lot," Ndele said. "He's very giving."

Although they just met this semester, Ndele said that in the short time they have known each other, he has enjoyed collaborating with Webb.

Webb said he hopes to affect people emotionally with his music.

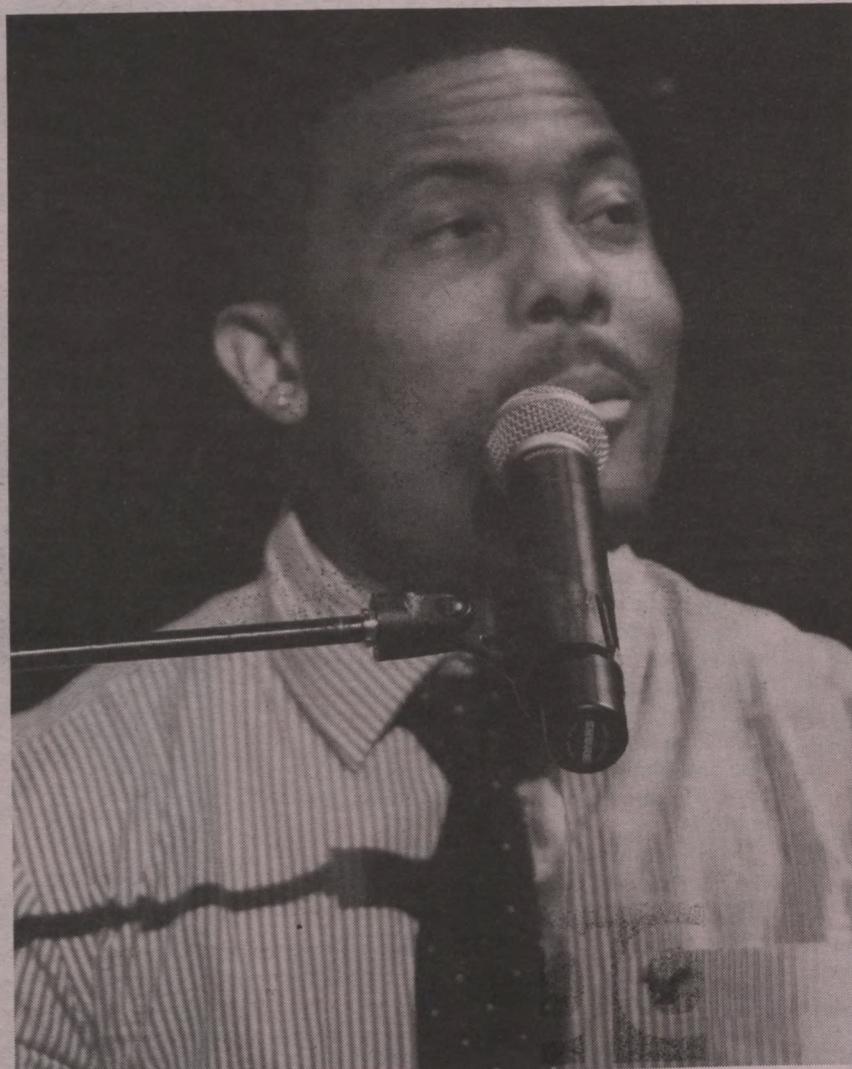
"If I'm going through a rough

patch in life, I know I can go to the piano," he said. "(It) doesn't judge me — it just takes what I'm feeling and expresses it in a song."

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BELOW Robert Webb performed for OU's Got Talent last month on Oct. 9.



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MAN ON THE STREET

How could the voting experience be made easier for students?

JIMMY HALMBUBER  
Freshman, Journalism



"We can help people get involved in the election by playing some news channels on the TVs in the OC to help people get involved. So you can just stop by and see what's going on."

NATHAM REIBER  
Junior, English



"I think part of that responsibility lies on the shoulders of The Oakland Post. It is very much their job to inform people what's going on politically as well as what's going on in campus. Last year, we had the Republican debates, so I feel like the school actually is actively trying to get students involved with what's going on in the elections, but what else could they do? I think encouraging The Oakland Post to cover the campaigns is one thing, but I don't know if they do — cause honestly I don't read it. Maybe I should. I'm not sure how involved the university can be in influencing their students political opinions. That might be why they don't do much. But definitely The Oakland Post has to talk about different politicians, their campaigns — more than just Democratic and Republican candidates for president, but also local candidates and third party and independent candidates are important as well."

MORGAN MUROM  
Sophomore,  
Communications



"We could definitely put some voting booths on campus."

IAN MARK  
Junior, Biology



"They could put up fliers about the election encouraging people to vote."

— Compiled by Dylan Dulberg and Jordan Reed, Multimedia Editor and Multimedia Reporter

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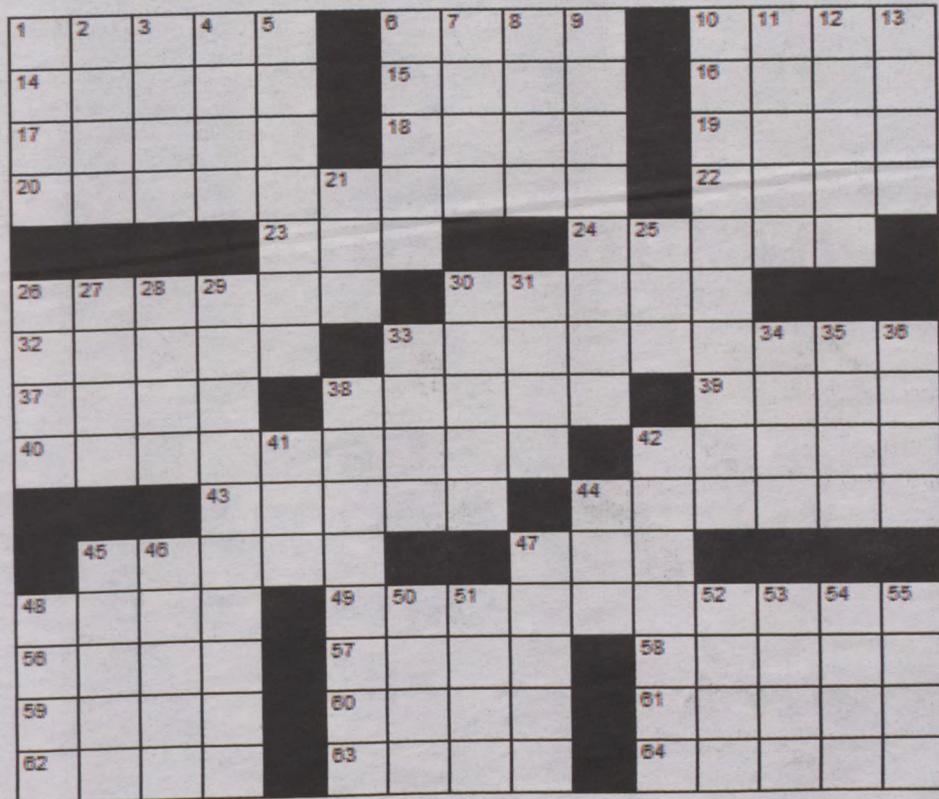
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# Puzzles

## WEEKLY PUZZLES

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### ACROSS

1. A type of small mammal
6. Container weight
10. Thin strip
14. Colonic
15. By mouth
16. Barbershop emblem
17. Loft
18. Skin disease
19. Anger
20. The audience of a newspaper
22. Weightlifters pump this
23. A parcel of land
24. Product of bees
26. Palace
30. Follow stealthily
32. Indian monetary unit
33. Silent
37. Historical periods
38. Woo
39. Bright thought
40. Barren
42. Supernatural being
43. Honor
44. Imperative
45. Formula 1 driver

47. Mistake
48. Calamitous
49. Unhygienic
56. Pearly-shelled mussel
57. Close
58. Hard to pin down
59. Brother of Jacob
60. At one time (archaic)
61. Sporting venue
62. Not more
63. Nonsense (British)
64. Unsuccessful person

### DOWN

1. Beloved
2. Initial wager
3. Anagram of "Meat"
4. Among
5. Aircraft engine enclosure
6. Browned bread
7. Eyebrow shape
8. Hindu princess
9. Pachyderm
10. A light shower
11. France's longest river
12. A mixture of metals
13. Adolescent
21. Caviar
25. Not young
26. Team
27. Emanation
28. Resorts
29. Possessing a hard shell
30. Noise
31. Feces
33. Fly high
34. Border
35. Observed
36. Sodium chloride
38. A single-reed instrument
41. Female sheep
42. Not departure
44. A large vase
45. Washing machine cycle
46. Operatic solos
47. Our planet
48. Affaire d'honneur
50. Roman emperor
51. Back talk
52. Tropical tuber
53. How old we are
54. Graphic symbol
55. 365 days

Know someone newsworthy?

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SATIRE



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"In this issue of Cosmo: What your president's fitness routine says about you — how your commander-in-chief's deltoids might determine your foreign policy."

## Bringing sexy back to the White House

By Katie Williams  
Senior Reporter

**A**s an informed woman, this year's election proved to be difficult. I've followed the media coverage, and by all accounts, "Hail to the Chief" should be replaced with Rod Stewart's "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?"

I ought to have cared about health care, the national deficit, Social Security, economic reform and silly things like student loans and military spending — but I just didn't.

This election was overwhelming. There were distinguished hairlines, ironed khakis and more suits than any girl can be expected to handle. I felt so, like, flustered. How could I focus on the issues while deciding whether a blue or red necktie looked more presidential?

Upon his election, Cosmopolitan magazine made a list of things its readers hoped President Obama would do. We wanted a telecommunications tax against men who don't text back. We wanted Dr. McDreamy appointed surgeon general. It was expected that he would work a shirtless run along the Potomac into his schedule as a part of healthy lifestyle initiative.

Apparently the leader of the free world was too busy to address the concerns of women in America.

There were important things to

consider before hitting the polls.

Should I forgive Obama for wearing dad jeans? His passive aggressive debate tendencies suggested he'd let me get the last word in a fight.

I'm also drawn to older, wiser men. Joe Biden is no spring chicken, and he could explain to this whip-persnapper exactly what "malarkey" means. Let's not get started on the snowy white combover ...

I also considered Romney's bold assertion of masculinity during the debates. The way he cut everyone else off to repeat himself—now that's a man I'd like to (quietly) make a sandwich for. I could easily see myself as a woman in one of his binders.

Part of me said to hell with the state of the nation, show me the state of Paul Ryan's abs post P90X. A rock-hard rebound after so much change these last four years could be just what I needed. I can't explain his policies, but I know he's just so totally dreamy. That could be platform enough for me.

When the time to examine the real issues at hand presented itself yesterday, I considered many things—hairstyles, charisma, fashion sense, the ability to kiss babies and look important. It was all too much to comprehend — I brought a cootie-catcher to the polls.

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