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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

HARE KRISHNA // Monks Deva Madhava and Chris Landon visited Oakland University Thursday, Oct. 25 to bring Bhakti Yoga to students. The yoga has been practiced for more than 5,000 years in India and the monks want to creating a club at OU soon. While focusing on their minds, the monks meditate on instruments and sound vibrations. *DAMIEN DENNIS// The Oakland Post*

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POLL OF THE WEEK

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

- A** Barack Obama
- B** Mitt Romney
- C** Jill Stein
- D** I am still undecided
- E** I'm not voting

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

What are your plans for Halloween this year?

- A) Go trick-or-treating**
2 votes | 4%
- B) Attend a Halloween party**
13 votes | 26%
- C) I'm working/doing homework**
26 votes | 52%
- D) I don't celebrate Halloween**
9 votes | 18%

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

NOVEMBER 6, 1964

A faculty committee formed to approve plans for the university's first graduate study program.

NOVEMBER 3, 1976

Oakland University Congress considered a tuition rebate as a result of the three-day faculty strike earlier in the fall. There was a surplus of \$30,000 resulting from withheld faculty payroll.

NOVEMBER 5, 1979

Students debated a proposed increased student activity fee, from the existing \$5 a year to \$7.50. It did not pass.



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SPEAKING OUT

Women's basketball coach Beckie Francis talks about her decision to talk about her childhood sexual abuse and how that decision has changed her life for the better.



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CHALLENGED

For the first time in 20 years, the five Oakland County Circuit Court judges are being challenged. The two challengers will attempt to take two of the current justice's seats.



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MR. MICHIGAN

Alumni Pato Magertic was selected as Michigan's Most Eligible Bachelor by Cosmopolitan magazine. He finished in the Top ten of the competition and was featured on VH1.

BY THE NUMBERS

16

electoral college votes in Michigan

1.08

billion dollars raised by the Democratic party

1.13

billion dollars raised by the Republican party

23

million dollars spent on TV election ads in Michigan

2,402

political ads run on TV in the Detroit market

STAFF EDITORIAL

Make your vote count in the presidential elections

Maybe you're like some of our staff. You've spent months getting ready for this year's election — watching every debate, following both presidential candidates closely and learning everything there is to know about all six proposals. You've also been gathering information on your local leaders.

For those of you who don't fit the above description, you're in luck. We've done some of the work for you.

This issue of The Oakland Post contains an eight-page bi-partisan election guide, created with you in mind.

In it, you will find information on all of the candidates, the six proposals, a description of what elected officials do, an election term glossary, a how-to guide for voting, statistics on young voters and more.

We're hoping this guide will make you fully prepared for the 2012 Presidential Elections.

There is a large segment of our population that doesn't vote, regardless of how informed they may be.

They're making a terrible decision.

We don't need a recap of the 2000 presidential elections, where former President George W. Bush beat Democratic Candidate Al Gore by a mere five electoral votes.

This year's election is already turning out to be close — current President Barack Obama and Republican Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney are neck and neck, making your votes even more crucial.

We don't need a replay of the 2000 election, where former President George W. Bush beat Democratic Candidate Al Gore by a mere five electoral votes.

But we might be close to it if you don't head out to the polls and make your vote count.

In 2008, 48 million millennials — those born between 1978 and 2000 — were old enough to vote and 25 million of them actually did so, according to research conducted by the Pew Research Center.

At Oakland University, 65.6 percent of undergradu-

ate students are between the ages of 17-22 years old, according to the Office of Institute Research and Assessment. That means a very small percentage of us were eligible to vote in the 2008 presidential elections. It's now our time to make our voices heard and stand up for what we believe in.

Furthermore, it is important to note, many people in other countries lack the ability to make their voice heard, even if they wanted to.

Only slightly above 45 percent of countries were considered to be free democracies and were able to vote in 2010, according to Freedom in the World Reports.

We are fortunate to be a part of that 45 percent and should capitalize on the fact we are.

If you don't vote, don't complain if the elected candidate does something you don't agree with. If you're not part of the process, then you lose the right to criticize.

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In response to confusion in the editorial titled "Arming yourself with knowledge," there were 4-5 sexual assault cases reported in 2011 at Oakland University. Find out more about the OU Police Department's Rape Aggression Defense Systems self defense classes for women at www.oupolice.com/rad

Letters to the Editor

Writers must provide full name, class rank, phone number and field of study. Please limit letters to 250 words or less. Letters may be edited for content, length and grammar.



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COLUMN

Your voice valued

OUSC provides 'Voting for Dummies' workshop for students, first-time voters

Being involved in a student organization has given me a unique opportunity to gain experience in many different areas, including legislative affairs.

One of the things that your Oakland University Student Congress has been doing to inform the students on important issues revolves around our Legislative Affairs section of our organization.

Michelle Alwardt, who is the director of Legislative Affairs, has been working very hard to get people registered to vote as well as put on events that will help people understand the importance politics and activism.

Some of those events include bringing in state representatives to

have coffee chats, enhancing the opportunity for students to let their voice be heard, and fostering the idea of standing up for what you believe in.

But what does it mean to vote? Why is it important? The answer is simple, really.

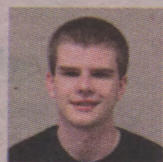
Voting in this year's election is important because whoever is the

President for the next four years will greatly shape this country's future.

More specifically, that person will most likely greatly shape your next four years as well.

As a student, you have to be aware of the views and opinions of the leaders of this country. Your education is on the line. The post-graduation job search will also be affected. The basic building blocks to your future are really on the line here.

As a student leader on campus, I take it as one of my duties to push people to be informed of all of the



ROBBIE WILLIFORD
columnist

candidates, their platforms, their opinions, and so on.

But why does it matter?

Because you matter. Your vote counts. Your voice deserves to be heard. Period.

If you feel like Barack Obama and Joe Biden are the best fit for the country, you should vote for them.

If you feel like Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan are the best fit for the country, you should vote for them.

If you feel like neither of them are fit, you should look into some alternatives, including Gary Johnson who represents the Libertarian party.

Whatever you do, make sure that you research the person that you want to vote for.

Don't go to the voting booth on Nov. 6th and make an educated "guess," mostly because guessing means you don't know who you support.

Don't vote for someone because their name looks cool or because their smile is wider than everyone else's. Vote for someone because you feel like they can fully represent you and lead this country.

Another reason to vote is because if you don't, you have no right to complain about the powers in office. Your voice is taken away through your own inaction. Do you really want that? I know I don't, and that's why I'll be at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Oh and by the way, OUSC will be holding an event called "Voting for Dummies" (which means we want to teach you basic voting skills and candidate stances, not literally, in the sense that you're voting for a dummy).

The event is on Nov. 1 in the Lake Michigan Room of the Oakland Center. Come on out so that you can learn about the different views of the people who want to lead this country. You can email OUSC at ousc@oakland.edu if you have any questions.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Romney doesn't deserve the presidential seat

Allyn Ravitz
Wolverine Lake Resident

How can so many voters be undecided at this point?

How can you out there be even considering voting for Romney when you don't even know what he stands for?

Romney has revealed that he is a person that plays loose with the truth. The now historic 47 percent video tape caught and exposed him saying callous, condemning, elitist and ignorant things while writing off 47 percent of Americans when he was relaxed and among his friends and supporters. Now, oddly, he expects us to ignore his remarks and pretend with him that he does care about all 100 percent of us.

As a prep school senior, he sat atop a classmate he thought to be gay and with his buddies holding the classmate down, cut the classmate's long hair. He neither admitted nor denied the occurrence when the event was brought up early in his campaign. He wants us to buy his answer that he "doesn't remember" the incident. What an insult to our intelligence!

He refuses to say from where the revenues will come to pay for the extension of the Bush tax cuts and the continued oil company subsidies. He won't reveal whose tax loopholes will be closed. The most wealthy or the middle class? And what loop holes does he have in mind. Does his plan eliminate the Mortgage interest deduction? Health care premiums and deductions? Who knows?

He says our country can't afford ObamaCare, but it can afford Bush tax cuts and continued oil subsidies?

Whose back do you think he has?

Romney is consistently changing his mind about what he says he believes — which is his right. However when, he is called out on his inconsistency and denies it is a different position — one that is dishonest. Character should count. That he thinks he can get away with revising his history in this day of spell checkers, phone videos and Romney's own website is, quite frankly, bizarre. It also says something else about his character.

That people would even consider entrusting the presidency to this man is irrational — as irrational as racism and blind party loyalty.

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Keeping them for good

Oakland to participate in student retention conference

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

Student retention will be discussed by representatives of each of the state's 15 universities as they come to Oakland University to participate in a two-day conference called "Completing College: What It Takes... What's at Stake."

The event is slated for March 14 and 15 of next year at The Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac Hotel at Centerpoint.

Vincent Tinto, distinguished University of Syracuse professor, will be the keynote speaker of the event. Tinto is a leading researcher on retention issues in higher education.

"He's (Tinto) done some of the foreground work in understanding what leads to students' departure," said Scott Crabill, interim vice provost for undergraduate education. "He's also looked at what schools do to keep students at the university. He's advocated an integrated academic, student life focus that really focuses upon student engagement and not just within the classroom but within the college experience."

The problem

According to OU's most recent six-year graduation rate, excluding transfer students, only 43 percent of full-time students complete their undergraduate degree within six years.

The university's retention figures show the school loses anywhere between 26 and 30 percent of a class after their freshman year.

Oakland officials would like to improve both of these numbers, according to Crabill.

Laura Schartman, director of the office of institutional research and assessment, put the numbers into context.

"If we look at other Michigan public universities, OU is in the low/middle range, while compared to other schools in the Carnegie doctoral/research classification, OU is a bit higher," she said.

Schartman said it is important to compare the university to other similar campuses rather than bigger campuses with large residential populations.

She also said OU's graduation rate is trending upward. The rate for the 2005 class was 40.3 percent, while the class in 2004 checked in at 39.7 percent.

Crabill said his hope is to have gradu-

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Scott Crabill,
Interim Vice Provost for
Undergraduate Education

ation rates increase by 10 percent within four years.

Retention efforts

According to Crabill, the university has had a standing committee on retention for two years.

The committee has started following recent presentations to OU Student Congress.

University-backed initiatives to help with retention efforts include the First Year Advising Center and the "Celebrate 28" campaign, which is a push for students to reach sophomore status.

Sara Webb, director of the First Year Advising Center, said the center helps freshmen stay on track.

"What we're able to do in the office is assign every freshman to a specific adviser who works with him throughout their first year to decide on their best fit major and create a plan after their first year for how they're going to be successful," she said.

Webb said assigning each freshman and sophomore who hasn't yet selected a major an adviser presents advantages.

"What we've been able to do is do some specific outreach when students hit roadblocks that we're aware of as a university," she said.

She said they could work with the students who have received unsatisfactory grades — which is less than a 2.0 — at the mid-semester mark to diagnose any issues and get them back on track.

Piecing it together

Crabill said there is no quick fix for this issue.

"These tend to be numbers that there's no magic dust that you can sprinkle over our campus and all of a sudden things get miraculously better," he said. "It tends to

be a more complicated, multidimensional task that requires people from across the university doing various things."

Crabill said the goal of the event is for representatives to learn what has worked at other universities.

Whatever the answer is, Crabill thinks it will involve multiple angles.

"Students feeling connected to the university is an important piece of that puzzle, feeling engaged in the classroom is another piece of that puzzle, involvement in student life is another piece of that puzzle (and) finding ways to make the university an exciting place to be ... an academic venture that students get excited about," he said.

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RETENTION RATES

43%

Percentage of full-time, non-transfer students who graduate in six years.

40.3%

The graduation rate for the class of 2005.

39.7%

The graduation rate for the class of 2004.

26-30%

The percentage of students the school loses after their freshman year.

POLICE FILES

False fire alarm at Ann V. Nicholson Apartments

On Oct. 27 at approximately 1:30 a.m., OU police officers noticed a fire alarm activate in the Ann V. Nicholson Apartment Complex while on patrol. Police dispatch discovered that the alarm was set off from a pull station on the second floor of the complex.

Police arrived on scene and noticed the window next to the pull station was cracked, and appeared to have been struck in two places.

Officers made contact with a male student who said he ended a party just before the alarm was activated.

Police attempted to review camera footage but it was not accessible.

There are no suspects at this time and the scene was cleared with no further incidents.

Smartphone stolen from restroom in Pawley Hall

On Oct. 19 at approximately 3:38 p.m., police met with a female student at OUPD.

The student reported that she was using the women's restroom on the third floor of Pawley Hall when her iPhone was stolen.

The student said she had left her purse hanging on the hook of the stall door.

When the student left the stall, she said an unknown woman entered the stall after her.

The student said she could see the woman moving her purse through the cracks of the stall.

Once the woman was finished in the stall, she gave the purse back to the student. The student looked through her purse and noticed her iPhone was missing. The student asked the unknown female if she took it and the female said she didn't.

The student said she will contact her phone service provider and Apple for assistance.

— Compiled by Natalie Popovski,
Assistant Campus Editor



OLIVIA KUCHLBAUER/The Oakland Post

With classes moving from Hannah Hall to the Human Health Building, renovations to the second and third floors of Hannah Hall can now begin, according to associate vice president of facilities management, Terry Stollsteimer.

Hannah Hall rooms receive renovations

By Misha Mayhand
Multimedia Reporter

Renovations are under way on the second and third floors of Hannah Hall.

The space, which was vacated by the School of Nursing and the School of Health Sciences last month because of the move to the Human Health Building, is being renovated to assist both the William Beaumont School of Medicine as well as the biology, physics and chemistry academic disciplines.

"The vacated space from the Schools of Health Sciences and Nursing has allowed us to renovate in Hannah Hall," said Terry Stollsteimer, associate vice president of facilities management. "We are renovating and installing a new chemistry lab, physics lab and a biology lab on the second floor of Hannah Hall."

What will change

Brad Roth, physics professor and acting department chair, said the second floor will contain labs for natural sciences and physics.

"We are getting a new introductory physics laboratory

which will change the way we teach introductory labs," Roth said.

He said many of the 100-level physics classes will become five-credit classes with labs built into the classrooms.

Kathleen Moore, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and biochemistry professor, said the physics students will be conducting labs within the second semester of general physics classes.

She said she's also looking forward to seeing the pre-medical center, which is being built on the second floor.

"There will be workshops held in the office to help students gain interviewing skills and we also hope to have a pre-med adviser on location," Moore said.

The pre-med office will be a big breakthrough for the university, according to Moore.

"We've never had anything like this before," she said. "It's not just an advising center, but an advising center with interactive activities."

After renovations, the third floor will include a gross anatomy lab, a set of locker rooms

and a storage room.

The biology labs will be taken to a higher level with more equipment, according to Moore. New biology lab courses will also be created upon completion of the renovations, in association with the biomedical sciences program.

About three years ago, renovations of other teaching labs in Hannah Hall were completed and this group of renovations makes the labs more cohesive, according to Moore.

"It gives our undergraduate science students a very high-quality space, for almost all of their laboratory experiences here," Moore said.

Larger lab space, less student limitations

In the past, the program has had to turn students away because of space limitations, according to Moore.

"Space is very tight at the university so we are very pleased about the renovations especially to the laboratory spaces," Moore said.

The entire project is expected to be completed by August 2013, according to Stollsteimer.

Reservation for one University Libraries conducting survey, giving away parking spot

By Allen Jordan
Staff Intern

The Oakland University Libraries are giving one member of the OU community a chance to choose their own parking spot on campus.

Now through Nov. 21 at 5 p.m., those who have a valid university account ending in oakland.edu and are 18 years of age or older will be eligible for the grand prize of a reserved parking space anywhere on campus from Dec. 1 until Jan. 31, according to the official rules that can be found at bit.ly/parkingspace

What's up for grabs

Those who meet the requirements will also be eligible to win the first prize of an Oakland University hooded sweatshirt given away to 10 winners selected by the sponsor in a random drawing.

There will be 25 second prize winners who will win a library café travel mug in a random drawing by OU Libraries.

"We are looking to get student input on the services of the Kresge Library and fill them in on things that they don't know."

Colton Lewis,
Marketing Intern at the
Kresge Library

The drawing dates for the 36 potential winners are selected at random from a list of eligible names Nov. 26.

The winners will be notified by email on or around the drawing date, which will require a response within 72 hours or a new winner will be drawn randomly from another list of eligible names.

The grand prize winner will select a general-use parking spot that is not currently reserved.

Within seven days of the winner's response, the speci-

fied space will be posted with a reserved sign.

"It's a great opportunity for this time of year with the weather here and helps with the lack of parking we have, but I would much rather have the hoodie or mug because that can never be taken away," said Dan Grenzicki, a sophomore studying psychology.

The survey

Colton Lewis, a senior marketing major and a marketing intern at the Kresge Library in charge of promotion for the giveaway, said it's the driving force behind an initiative to fill students in on several services at the Kresge Library and the library's website.

"We are looking to get student input on the services of the Kresge Library and fill them in on things that they don't know," Lewis said.

The survey will be broken down into three parts that include questions about specific services, how students view the services and how useful these services are to the student.

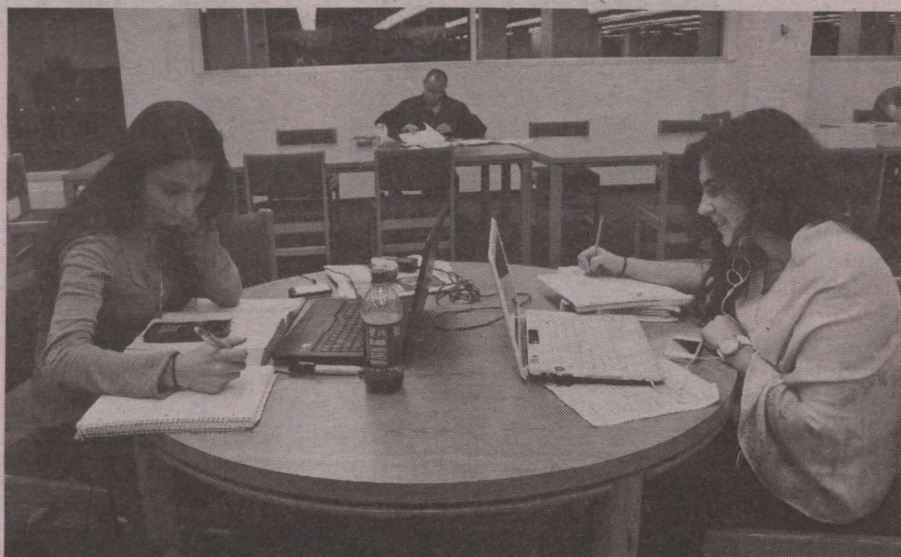
"I love going to Kresge because they have an abundance of textbooks and a lot of the time I'm not able to order them online along with it not being your typical quiet library," said Brian MacDougall, a sophomore pre-business major.

Participants will be automatically entered after filling out the University Libraries User Survey that was issued to all students with a valid OU email address Oct. 29.

Gaining input

"Our main goal with student input is to help build on the services of the library," Lewis said. "There are so many that our students don't know about and we want to fill that informational gap."

Students are only allowed to enter once. All winners must present a current Oakland University I.D. in order to claim their prize.



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Aurora Tome (LEFT) and Marisa Kote use their weekend to do homework at Kresge Library.

Kresge: 24/7 access is success

Dean of Kresge pleased with student utilization

By Sarah Blanchette
Staff Reporter

At the beginning of the fall semester, Kresge Library announced its new 24-hour, seven-day-a-week awhile.

According to University Libraries Dean Adriene Lim, the idea of expanding library hours has been in the works for quite some time.

She said the original idea for the extended hours came from several sources, but students were the most vocal and important advocates for the expansion.

"Last year, the library's 24/5 expanded hours were considered part of a one-year 'pilot project' to test the service model and to gauge how often the hours would be used by students," Lim said. "The results were significant enough to warrant another round of temporary funding for this year and for us to increase the hours fully to 24/7."

With the extended hours, students are studying and hanging out at Kresge Library at all hours.

Andrew Mandley, a senior majoring in human resource development, said he uses the library on an average of six hours a week.

"The extended library hours have been a huge benefit for me because it can be difficult to find a quiet, conducive study environment late at night if that's when you study best," Mandley said.

Keeping the library open all day, every day, does not mean the university is spending a large amount of money to do so, according to Lim.

"The costs are relatively low and cover the addition of two part-time librarians

and student assistants to work during the night hours, although there are also associated costs involved with heating and lighting the building during those hours," Lim said. "Many of the start-up costs, covering security enhancements for example, were one-time expenditures for the pilot project."

As far as student participation among students in the program, Lim is pleased that the new library hours are utilized.

"Last year, the statistics demonstrated that our library's expanded hours were well used by students, with door counts during overnight hours totalling 24,826 from August 2011 through March 2012," she said. "We believe there has been a positive side effect of the program too, in that the use of the Library's during regular hours has increased substantially, such as, the library's overall door counts increased by 15 percent in October 2011 and by 45 percent during February 2012."

Rebecca Cetnar, a junior majoring in elementary education, uses the library more than 10 hours a week.

"I am a commuter and I often use these hours to study during my classes," she said. "I use the library because I feel like I focus a lot better there than I do at home or in the OC. I usually attend the library to do homework even though it is a 20-minute drive (from home). All of the other libraries near me close too early for me to even bother making an attempt to go there."

Students are required to show school identification from midnight to 7 a.m.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Workshop aimed to recognize signs of depression and anxiety

There will be a depression and anxiety workshop Nov. 6 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Oakland Center. The interactive workshop will teach the signs of depression and anxiety, as well as a ways to cope. This event is free and open to all students.

For more information, contact David Schwartz at 248-370-3465 or send an email to schwartz3@oakland.edu.

Career Services hosts social media etiquette dinner

Career Services will host an etiquette dinner Nov. 1 from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Rooms of the Oakland Center. The dinner gives students a chance to network with others and learn social media etiquette. Tammy Turner, a professional speaker, author and entrepreneur will be speaking about social etiquette and networking.

There is a chance to win her book, "How To Talk to Strangers — A Step-by-Step Guide to Professional Networking,"

by mentioning @OUCareers or #EtiquetteDinner on Twitter.

If you would like to attend, visit www.OUCareerLink.com and sign into your student account to register. New users will need to create an account. For more information call 248-370-3250.

Veterans Support Services is holding a toys for tots drive

Veteran Support Services will collect toys for Toys for Tots from Oct. 17 through Nov. 14.

The toys collected will be donated to a charity for young children this Christmas.

To donate, drop off a new unwrapped toy into one of the collection bins in the Oakland Center outside the Heritage Room, Pioneer Food Court and the Veteran Support Services office in North Foundation.

For more information, email Brad Reichelt at breichel@oakland.edu.

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Energy-efficient water heaters earn Consumers Energy rebate

*Ann V. Nicholson
Apartments install
130 water heaters*

By Stephanie Sokol
Multimedia Reporter

The installation of 130 new, more energy-efficient water heaters in the Ann V. Nicholson Student Apartments earned Oakland University a rebate of \$163,750 from Consumers Energy incentives in October.

"This was a very successful project for housing," said Siraj Khan, director of engineering and facilities business management. "Working with Consumers Energy to boost efficiency and improve the plumbing system was a good thing to do. It saved gas for them and money for us,

so it was a win-win for everyone."

The original heaters, installed when the apartments were built in 2002, required frequent repairs, resulting in more cost and labor, according to Frank Moss, maintenance manager of university housing.

So far, the heaters, which were installed the last week in August, have increased efficiency by seven percent. He said the design of the previous heaters was better suited for warmer climates, working to provide hot water in addition to fueling indoor heating.

"The old system was wearing out and leaked faster," Moss said. "We got to the point where we were replacing the water heaters on a regular basis and spending a lot of money and labor to keep the system up."

When the staff considered installation of new heaters last

May, Consumers Energy Business Solutions informed them of the rebates available for eco-friendly updates.

Michael Alberts, project manager and engineer, planned and found the replacement water heaters in addition to filing paperwork to apply for the rebate through the Consumers Energy incentives program. A team of consultants worked to plan the process.

"The rebate helped the cash flow of university housing to allow us to change all the water heaters in one year instead of the planned two-year cycle," Alberts said. "The result was earlier energy savings and minimizing increases in student apartment rents."

The results will be more apparent after winter, but there have not been any problems, according to Alberts.

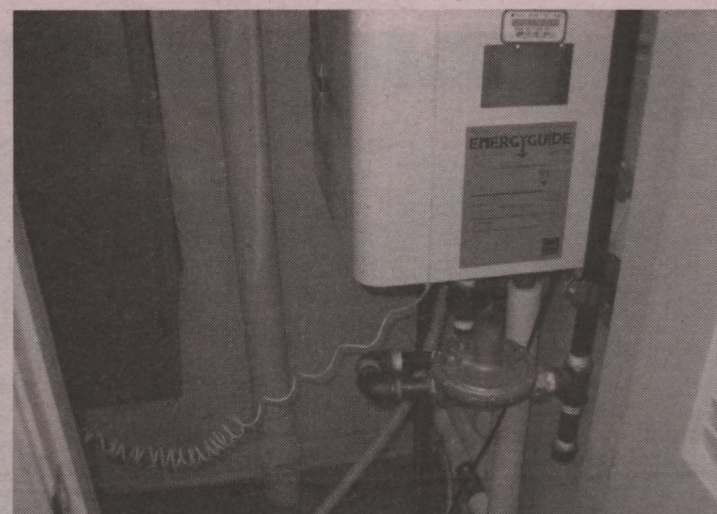


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Consumers Energy gave OU a rebate of \$163,750 for 130 water heaters.

More initiatives to reduce usage are planned, including programmable thermostats, low-flow shower-heads and faucet aerators. With these additions, OU can apply for more rebates in an effort to keep costs down and productivity up, according to Moss.

Getting students involved

The Sustaining Our Planet Earth program is getting in-

involved to teach on-campus students the right way to run appliances and home services like heating, according to Albert.

Albert said members of SOPE will provide training to students for the new programmable thermostats to make them run most efficiently.

Students' work, in addition to facility updates, adds to the efficiency and overall impact of updates around campus.

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

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- 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 or in 144 Oakland Center.

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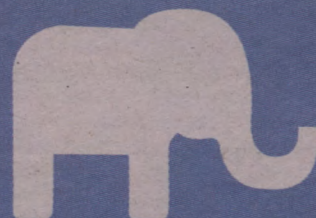
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**A BI-
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BELIEFS:

Religion: United Church of Christ

Same-Sex Marriage: Supports same-sex marriage

Abortion: Pro-Choice

Death Penalty: No stance

Marijuana: Legalize Medical Marijuana nationally.

Stem Cell Research: Supports stem cell research



Born in Honolulu, Hawaii on Aug. 4, 1961, current president Barack Hussein Obama is 51-years-old. He and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters, Malia and Sasha. Obama earned his bachelor's degree in international relations from Columbia University in 1983. He then earned a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1991. Prior to being elected president in 2008, Obama served as a community organizer, civil rights attorney in Chicago and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School. He represented the 13th District in the Illinois Senate from 1997 to 2004. He won a seat in the national Senate in 2004 representing Illinois and served in that office until his presidential election victory in 2008.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

OIL: Obama would apply stricter standards for domestic oil exploration to avoid future oil spills in addition to exploring domestic oil as an option for energy resources. He also favors the elimination of fossil fuel subsidies.

MILITARY: Obama has announced a full troop withdraw from Afghanistan in 2014, ending our operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. He will continue to try and prevent Iranian and North Korean nuclear programs. He wants to further our diplomatic relations with Israel. Through the modernization of the military, Obama want to better utilize defense spending.

DOMESTIC ISSUES

HEALTHCARE: Obama supports and would uphold the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and strengthen the Medicare program through the process.

IMMIGRATION: Obama wants to focus on enforcing efforts to take action on illegal aliens who endanger American citizens and would de-emphasize the exportation of students, veterans, seniors and military families. He said he would also like to continue to support the DREAM act.

ENVIRONMENT: Obama has stated he is committed to clean energy. He would like to invest \$150 billion in clean energy research and development over the next 10 years. He has enacted the first national safeguards to cut down on toxic air emissions from power plants.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

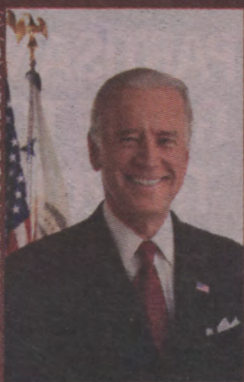
UNEMPLOYMENT: He plans on focusing on rural communities to help businesses access capital and to expand job search and training in rural sectors. He also wants to increase exports to create jobs.

SOCIAL SECURITY: Obama wants to protect and strengthen Social Security. He apposes the privatization of the program.

Tax Reform: Under Obama's plan families would see lower tax rates on the first \$250,000 of income. He plans to cut tax breaks which are inefficient or unfair so people and businesses can spend less time and less money each year filling taxes. Would let tax cuts for single taxpayers making over \$200,000 and couples making over \$250,000 expire.

National Budget Plan: Obama supports a plan which would cut government spending and is projected to cut the deficit by about \$4 trillion over the next decade.

VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN (D, I)



Vice President Joe Biden was born on November 20, 1942 in Scranton, Penn. He is 69-years-old. Biden has two sons Beau and Hunter with his late wife Neilia and a daughter, Ashley, with his current wife Jill. Biden has five grandchildren. In 1965, he graduated with a bachelor's degree from University of Delaware after double majoring in history and political science. Biden then earned a juris doctorate from Syracuse University's College of Law in 1968. Biden worked as an attorney and served on the New Castle County Council. In 1972, he entered the U.S. Senate where he was elected for six additional terms. He served on both the Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Foreign Relations, and is recognized for his work on the 1994 Crime Bill and the Violence Against Women Act. Biden ran for president in 1988 and again in 2008, when he was eventually selected as Barack Obama's running mate.

FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA



First lady Michelle Obama was born on Jan. 17, 1964, in Chicago. She earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton University with a major in sociology and a minor in African American studies in 1985. She then earned a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1988. She met her husband while they were both employed at the law firm Sidley Austin. They married in October 1992. Their first daughter, Malia, was born in 1998, and their second daughter, Sasha, was born in 2001. Prior to her role as first lady, Obama served as an assistant to the mayor of Chicago, assistant commissioner of planning and development, and the Executive Director for the Chicago office of Public Allies, a nonprofit social work group. She was also the Dean of Student Services at the University of Chicago and also as the Vice President for Community and External Affairs at the University of Chicago Hospital. As first lady, Obama has advocated public service, military families, and implemented the "Let's Move!" initiative to end childhood obesity.

Election Terms

BAIN CAPITAL: A private investment and asset management firm which Mitt Romney co-founded in 1984. The firm currently manages approximately \$66 billion of investor capital. In order to turn a profit for their investors the company buys start-up or struggling businesses in hopes of building the company's equity and selling the company for a profit. Romney left the firm in 1999.

BATTLEGROUND STATE Also known as a swing state, this term is used to define a state in which neither candidate has a vast majority of popularity and the outcome of the vote is uncertain. According to the New York Times there are approximately eight battleground states

in this years presidential election cycle — Colorado, Florida, Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin.

CONSERVATIVE: Someone who has a more conventional or traditional views on economic and social issues. Often people with these views agree more with the Republican Party.

DREAM ACT: The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors act provides permanent residency to illegal aliens who arrive in the United States as minors, show "good moral character," and graduate from a high school in the U.S. The bill also allows for illegal aliens who have

served in the military or have completed two years at a four year institution a six-year period in which they can apply for legal citizenship.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE: Consisting of 538 electors, the Electoral College was created by the founding fathers to act as the citizen's representatives in the election. Citizens don't vote for candidates, they instead vote for their states parties electors. The electors in a given state are supposed to vote for the candidate who receives the most votes in that state, however they are not required to. Each state has a set number of electors based on the size of their population. Michigan has 16 electoral

college votes. In order to win the presidency a candidate needs to obtain 270 electoral college votes.

ESTATE TAX: Known as the Death tax, it is a federal tax which upon someone's death all taxable assets are taxed before being transferred to the descents name.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION: Created by Congress in 1975 to administer and enforce the Federal Election Campaign Act, which regulates campaign financing for federal elections, the FEC is an independent regulatory agency which discloses campaign finance information, oversees public funding of Presidential elections and enforces laws limiting campaign contributions.

Governor Mitt Romney, Republican

BELIEFS:

RELIGION: Mormon

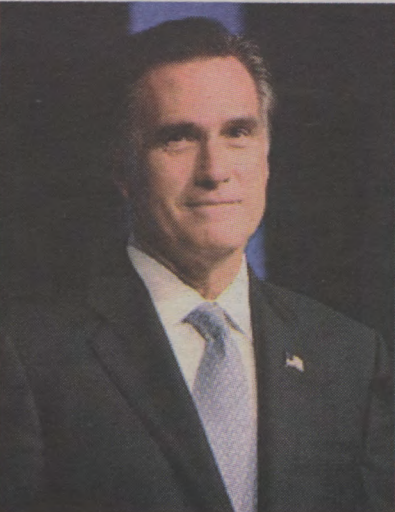
SAME-SEX MARRIAGE: Will try to enact a Federal Marriage Amendment to the Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

ABORTION: Pro-life platform.

DEATH PENALTY: Believes death penalty sentences should be allowed.

MARIJUANA: He would outlaw medical marijuana.

STEM CELL RESEARCH: Supports adult stem cell and alternative methods of stem cell research.



Born in Detroit on March 12, 1947, Governor Willard Mitt Romney is 65. He and his wife, Ann, have five sons Tagg, Matt, Craig, Josh and Ben. The Romneys have 18 grandchildren. Before attending college, Romney spent 30 months in France as a Mormon missionary. He earned his bachelor's degree in English from Brigham Young University in 1971 and a juris doctorate from Harvard Law School in 1975. He then earned a Master's of Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1975. In 1977, Romney entered the management consulting industry with a job at Bain & Company and eventually became the CEO. In 1984, he co-founded Bain Capital, a spin-off company that was a private equity investment firm. Romney also served as President and CEO of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Winter Olympics. He was elected governor of Massachusetts in 2002 and served until 2006.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

OIL: Romney supports energy independence through oil drilling, biofuel and nuclear power. He also supports domestic production of energy through subsidies for corn-based ethanol. If elected, Romney would support the building of the keystone pipeline, which transports oil from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

NATIONAL DEFENSE: Romney supports having a full troop withdraw from Afghanistan by the end of 2014. He wants to stop efforts to cut the military's budget and to modernize the armed forces and weapons systems. He would bring a complete halt in American trade with Iran in an effort to stop them from having nuclear weapons capabilities.

DOMESTIC ISSUES

HEALTHCARE: Romney would repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and start market-based reforms which enable states and individuals to reduce the cost of health care. To enable individuals to purchase their own health insurance, Romney wants to expand the tax deduction to include those who do so.

IMMIGRATION: He opposes resident college tuition and driver's licenses for illegal immigrants. Romney also wants to stop the chain reaction that occurs when families immigrate illegally to join a relative who is a citizen. He wants to institute a temporary VISA system for agricultural and seasonal workers.

ENVIRONMENT: Romney opposes EPA regulation of greenhouse gases.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

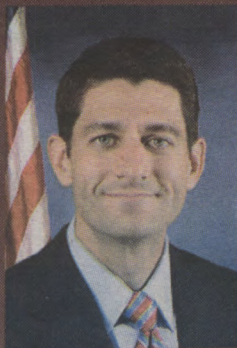
UNEMPLOYMENT: He wants to encourage competition on the global level by opening markets abroad.

SOCIAL SECURITY: Romney encourages individuals to create private accounts and plans on ensuring the long-term success of Social Security without raising taxes.

TAX REFORM: Romney would maintain the current tax rates on interest, dividends and capital gains. He would eliminate the Estate Tax. Cut the current Corporate Tax rate to 25 percent from 39.3 percent, which is highest in the world. Romney would also enact an across-the-board 20 percent individual marginal income tax rate cut.

NATIONAL BUDGET PLAN: Romney plans on cutting federal spending and reforming government-funded programs. He wants to reduce the size of the federal government by returning fiscal power to the states.

CONGRESSMAN PAUL RYAN



Born on Jan. 29, 1970 in Janesville, Wisc., Congressman Paul Ryan is 42-years-old. He and his wife, Janna, have three children, Charles, Samuel and Elizabeth. In 1992, he graduated earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University with a double major in political science and economics. After graduating, Ryan accepted a congressional position as a staff economist and also worked as a speechwriter for Empower America. Ryan was first elected to the House in 1998, and has been re-elected six times. He serves as chairman of the House Budget Committee and was also a member of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. He also serves on the Committee on Ways and Means and the Health Subcommittee. He has been named as Mitt Romney's running mate for the 2012 presidential election.

ANN ROMNEY



Ann Romney was born on April 16, 1949 in Bloomfield Hills. She began dating Mitt Romney while she was enrolled at Kingswood, a private all-girls high school and he was enrolled at the Cranbrook Institute, the all-boys counterpart. Ann converted to the Mormon religion and upon graduating high school, enrolled at Brigham Young University in 1967. She married Mitt in 1969, and the couple had their first son, Taggart, in 1970. The Romneys had four more sons; Matthew (1971), Joshua (1975), Benjamin (1978) and Craig (1981). Ann earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in French from Brigham Young University in 1975. As first lady of Massachusetts, she was involved in children's charities and served as a liaison for faith-based initiatives. Ann was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1998. Since then, she has been an advocate for finding the cure. Ann enjoys riding horses and co-owned a horse in the 2012 Summer Olympics.

Election Terms

LIBERAL: Someone who has a more progressive view on economic and social issues. Often people with these views agree more with the Democratic Party.

MEDICARE: Created in 1965 and signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, Medicare is a government run social insurance program which guarantees health insurance for citizens 65 and older. The program also covers people of any age who are disabled.

NATIONAL DEFICIT: The amount of money borrowed by the federal government, to cover expenditures in a given year. They are able to borrow money through the selling of Treasury securities to individuals, businesses or

country's. The largest foreign holder of US debt is China with over \$1 trillion in holdings. The current national deficit is over \$16 trillion.

OBAMACARE: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama in 2010, provides a number of mandates, subsidies and tax cuts to individuals and business owners which are aimed at reducing the number of uninsured Americans. The bill requires insurance companies to offer coverage and the same rate to every person regardless of pre-existing conditions. The bill has been widely criticized and was challenged as being unconstitutional. In 2012 the Supreme

Court upheld the constitutionality of most of the bill.

POPULAR VOTE: The percentage of people who vote for a given slate of electors. Popular vote alone can not win the Presidency. In order to win a candidate needs to obtain 270 electoral college votes. Four times in history the candidate which has won the popular vote has lost the electoral college vote and the election.

SOCIAL SECURITY: Originally formed in 1935 as part of FDR's new deal, Social Security is the largest government program in the world and accounts for 20.8 percent of the U.S. budget. The program is funded through Federal Insurance Contributions Act tax and encompasses several

government aid programs including Unemployment benefits and Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance.

ESTATE TAX: Known as the Death Tax, it is a federal tax which upon someone's death all taxable assets are taxed before being transferred to the decedent's name. Only estates totaling \$5,000,000 are eligible for the tax.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER: A person who, often under the umbrella of a non-profit organization, organizes like minded people to show their support for a given topic and influence decision makers in order to further their social or political agenda.

KNOW YOUR VOTE: MICHIGAN BALLOT PROPOSALS

By Misha Mayhand and Jennifer Holychuk

This Nov. 6, millions of Michiganders will rush to the polls. Not only will citizens vote for candidates in local, state and national elections, they will also vote on possible laws that have the potential to impact Michigan's state constitution. One of the most confusing things local voters encounter is whether to vote 'yes' or 'no' on each of the six Michigan proposals. This proposal guide will help you (the voter) understand what a 'yes' or 'no' vote will mean on each proposal — after all, an educated vote is the best vote.

PROPOSAL 1

A referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011 — The Emergency Manager Law

IF YES: The governor may appoint emergency managers to act in place of governing officials to aid local governments in the case of a financial emergency; this proposal would also require the establishment of "financial emergency" criteria. An appointed EM would be required to develop "financial and operating plans" (as detailed in the proposal) until the emergency is resolved. Recent examples in the news: Detroit and Pontiac.

IF NO: The governor would not reserve the right to establish an EM, and any incidents of financial emergency would be dealt with by respective local governments.

PROPOSAL 2

Amend the state constitution regarding collective bargaining

IF YES: The proposal will grant employees the constitutional right to participate in labor unions as a method of negotiating with employers. Both existing and future state laws that limited and prevented employees from joining unions to collectively bargain will be nullified. This will continue to allow for laws that prohibit public employees from striking.

IF NO: Employees will not have a constitutional right to form/join a labor union and may not be able to collectively bargain with employers. Existing state laws that regulate hours and working conditions of employees would remain intact.

PROPOSAL 3

Amend the state constitution to establish a standard

IF YES: Electric companies would be required by state constitution to generate a certain percentage of their sales through renewable energy sources — wind, solar, biomass and hydro — and utility companies will be allowed to raise rates more than 1 percent per year. New laws would also be enacted to encourage the "use of Michigan-made equipment" for the creation of renewable energy.

IF NO: Utility companies would not be required by the constitution to generate a certain percentage of their sales through renewable energy sources and would not be prohibited from raising utility rates more than 1 percent per year.

HOW DO YOU VOTE?

By Nichole Seguin
Editor-in-Chief

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Step 1: Register

The most important process of all is registering to vote. Though, the deadline to register in Michigan was on Oct. 9.

Step 2: Find your polling station

If you haven't already received your voter's registration card, don't panic. There are still a few more days for it to come in the mail. Once it does, check the card for your polling station. The location, which is usually a state-funded building like a school or a library, should be the same place you cast your ballots in the primary elections.

Step 3: Arrive to the polls

Equipped with your voter's registration card, head to your polling station. Polling stations are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Do not wear any political clothing or display any election-related materials at the polling place or within 100 feet of the polling place. Remove or cover it up.

PROPOSAL 4

Amend the state constitution to establish Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for in-home care workers

IF YES: In-home health care workers have the constitutional right to bargain collectively with the MQHCC, which would be required to these worker and create a registry of those who pass background checks. The MQHCC would be required to help patients manage in-home care costs as well as preserve patients' rights to hire workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry. The MQHCC would be allowed to determine compensation and employment conditions for workers.

IF NO: The MQHCC would not be established by law. Therefore, in-home care workers would not have the constitutional right to collectively bargain with the MQHCC.

PROPOSAL 5

Amend the state constitution to limit the enactment of new taxes by state government

IF YES: A two-thirds majority vote of the State House and State Senate or a statewide vote of citizens at a November election would be required by the constitution for the State of Michigan to impose new/additional taxes or increase tax rates/tax base for taxpayers. An important note: this proposal does not, in any way, limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in the state constitution.

IF NO: Neither a majority vote in the legislature nor a vote by citizens would be required to pass new or additional taxes, increase existing tax rates or increase the base of taxation.

PROPOSAL 6

Amend the state constitution regarding the construction of international bridges and tunnels

IF YES: A majority vote of approval by citizens at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" will be located is required before the state can use state money or resources toward the creation of a new international bridge or tunnel (detailed definition in proposal). The definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" would be defined as "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of Jan. 1."

IF NO: The state of Michigan may use its funds and resources to begin the creation of a new international bridge/tunnel without either statewide or municipality voter approval.

standard for renewable energy

te constitution to provide at least 25 percent of their annual electricity biomass and hydropower — by 2025. Utility rates may not be raised by e allowed to extend deadlines annually to meet the 25 percent standard. of Michigan-made equipment and employment of Michigan residents"

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For more information and to see the Michigan proposals as they will appear on the ballot, visit www.michigan.gov/vote

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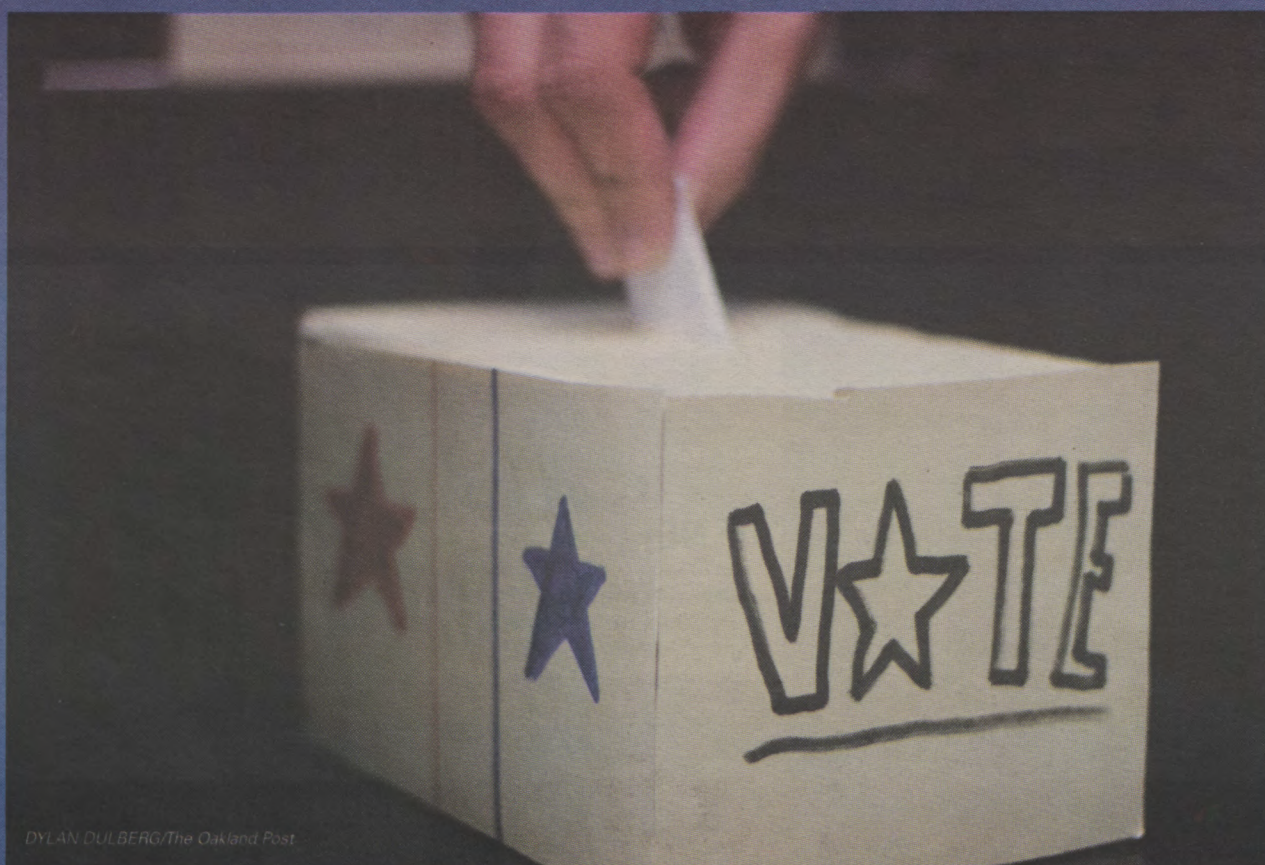
voter's registration card and state-issued head to your polling station on Nov. 6. Polls m. until 8 p.m. at every location. Make sure to al clothing, however. Michigan law prohibits i materials (buttons, shirts, stickers, etc.) in within 100 feet of it. You will be asked to up.

Step 4: Gather your materials and vote!

Once in the building, you'll walk up to a table of volunteers. Hand them your voter's identification card and ID and they'll hand you a writing utensil, ballot and ballot envelope. Once you get your materials, proceed to a booth. While voting, you have options. You can vote straight ticket, which will vote for every Democratic or Republican candidate on the ballot or you can fill out the ballot bubble by bubble. Remember to fully fill in the circle on your ballot with your writing utensil to ensure your vote is counted. Also note that you if you vote with a one-party ticket, you cannot vote separately for each position in different parties. It will make your ballot invalid.

Step 5: Submit your ballot

Once you're finished voting, put your ballot into the sleeve and proceed to the ballot box and insert your ballot. Someone should be there to help you with the process. Once your v xote has been received, you're done.



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POLL STATES YOUTH COULD HAVE IMPACT ON RESULTS

By Kevin Graham
Senior Reporter

It remains to be seen how much impact the youth will have on this election cycle.

A poll released in late September by Pew Research Center, an independent and nonpartisan organization that studies opinions on politics and public policy, showed sharp declines in voter engagement for those 18-29-years-old.

According to Pew, the number of voters in this age group that have given a lot of thought to the election dropped from 65

drop in those that definitely plan to vote.

In addition, just 50 percent of those 18-29 are absolutely certain they are registered to vote, down from 61 percent in 2008.

David Dulio, chair of OU's political science department said the level of youth voter participation has the potential to have a big impact on this year's election.

"The uptick in young persons' voting rates in 2008 certainly helped Barack Obama win the presidency," Dulio said. "There were millions more young people that voted in 2008 compared to other election cycles. Certain constituencies — young people among

Dulio said that he feels young people share many of the same feelings as the rest of the voter populous.

"I think that the youth today are like (many) of the other folks in the country a little disappointed in where the country's going, where it's at," he said.

Social media

One area campaigns are trying to get their message out to voters, particularly youth, is through the use of social networks.

Facebook has a feature that tracks how many people are talking about specific

pages on its site. As of the time of this writing, 3,083,734 people were talking about Pres. Barack Obama's campaign Facebook page and 2,835,712 people were discussing his Republican counterpart Mitt Romney.

While users of social media are certainly talking to each other, Terri Towner, an assistant professor of political science said the campaigns aren't necessarily talking to voters.

"In recent elections, candidates continue to focus on top-down strategies for delivering information (e.g., press releases, offline paraphernalia, and information about the candidates) while interaction and two-way communication (e.g., micro-blogs, chats,

wikis, and meet ups) between candidate and citizen are rather scarce," she said.

Where social media has been effective for the campaigns is in mobilizing volunteer efforts.

"Social media usage is an essential recruitment and organizing tool for campaigns," Towner said. "Social media allow groups to form without formal institutions and organizations. Online organizations are no longer limited by geographic boundaries or the need for face-to-face interaction."

Controlling the message

Just as the tactics for increasing engagement have changed, so has the way the message is delivered.

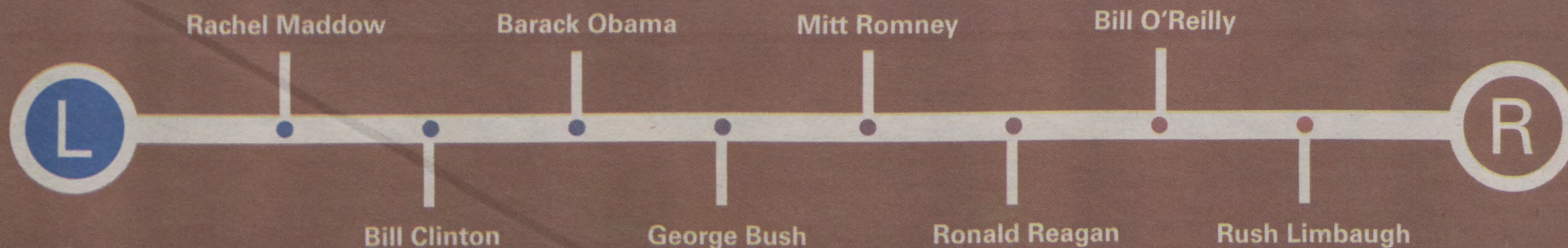
"Social media helps bring the candidate's message directly to voters without the filter of the mainstream media," Towner said.

New levels of information about voters are also contributing to a change in messaging.

Dulio said campaigns used to rely on information collected by going door-to-door and asking people about their interests and the issues they cared about as well as public information about how often someone voted.

With recent developments opening up so much more information about the American voter, Dulio said campaign managers are able to sell the candidate as if they were a product.

"They're starting to append political data to more commercial consumer data, marketing data," he said. "That's allowing them to perform what some call micro-targeting, which is where they go after certain voters and certain messages in a very targeted way."



SOCIAL MEDIA



NEARLY 4 IN 10 AMERICANS USE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR SOME SORT OF POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

LIKES ON FACEBOOK

OBAMA:
31,048,068



ROMNEY:
10,012,904



PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT CANDIDATE ON FACEBOOK

OBAMA:
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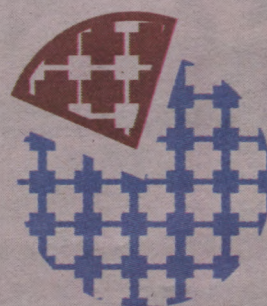
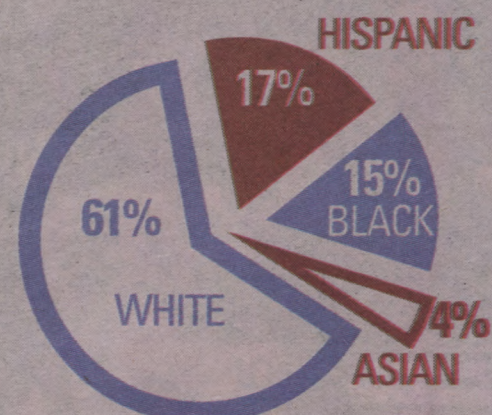
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LIBERAL: A liberal is someone who advocates change and new ideas. They typically support individual rights, but also more government involvement. A liberal tends to support equal rights for all, often supporting the legalization of gay marriage and tax programs that help the middle and lower classes. They are usually pro-choice, but believe the death penalty should be

banned. Liberals think that government should protect people from themselves, favoring stricter gun control and mandatory unionization. They also prefer to decrease military spending.

MODERATE: A moderate, also known as an independent, does not identify strictly with one party's ideals. Often referred to

as "fence-sitters," moderates' ideas tend to balance the beliefs of both liberalism and conservatism.

CONSERVATIVE: A conservative is someone who avoids change, preferring to stick to the standard. They typically support a strong military, and oppose granting amnesty to illegal aliens. Conservatives favor

a more faith-based government. They tend to oppose the legalization of gay marriage, abortion, and assisted suicide. In terms of business, conservatives prefer to keep the government out of business and favor more capitalistic policies. Generally, they also support gun ownership rights and the death penalty.



OAKLAND STARTS STRONG

Davenport Panthers visit for an exhibition game

By Damien Dennis
Sports Editor

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The Oakland University men's basketball team defeated the Davenport Panthers Tuesday night, 80-56.

The game was the first of two before the beginning of their regular season, which starts Nov. 9.

Guard Travis Bader led the Golden Grizzlies with 24 points, including going eight for 11 field goals and scoring six of eight three-pointers.

The final preseason exhibition game will be Tuesday, Nov. 6 against Defiance College at home.

1. Redshirt Junior Duke Mondy sat out the 2011-12 season after transferring to Oakland. In his first showing for the Golden Grizzlies, Mondy scored 13 points, making six of eight free throws.

2. Recent transfer, Forward Raphael Carter made his debut for Oakland Tuesday night. Carter saw 18 minutes of play and scored just four points.

3. Sophomore Center Corey Petros scored just four points and five rebounds in the game against Davenport.

4. Petros saw 23 minutes of action in the 80-56 victory over the Panthers. He went 1-2 in the paint and recorded two of three free throws. Oakland's next game is Tuesday against Defiance College at 7 p.m. at the O'rena.

5. Senior Drew Valentine leads the 2012-13 Golden Grizzlies squad in the pregame huddle with Ghost Grizz's assistance.



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Francis: 'I want others to know'

Abused as a child, coach shares story to help others heal

By Katie Williams
Senior Reporter

For Beckie Francis, sharing her experience as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse was a way to encourage others and raise awareness about a topic that is often dismissed as taboo.

"It's horrifying. It's hard to say sometimes," she said. "I remember the first couple of times I tried to say it, I'd just get this lump and start crying. It was the hardest thing I have ever done, but since breaking my silence, I am so happy. I have never been happier in my life."

Until recently, Francis, who coaches Oakland University's women's basketball team, had not publically disclosed that she was sexually abused by her father from age four to 13. She had previously told her team and her church. On Oct. 18, Francis told the world through an interview with the Associated Press.

The decision

Francis was inspired to speak out by others who had done the same, including Sen. Scott Brown and advocate Erin Merryn. She was also prompted to come forward after increasing media reports of abuse at churches and schools, including the Jerry Sandusky scandal at Penn State.

"The very first time I decided to go public was when I was watching TV one night and Sen. Scott Brown was on, saying that he was abused by a camp counselor," she said. "I said to my husband (University President Gary Russi), 'Oh my gosh — he just won Ted Kennedy's seat and he's not afraid of what people think.' It was a breaking moment for me. I had thought because I was the president's wife and the basketball coach that I could never say anything because people would judge me."

Inspiring others

Since breaking her silence, Francis said she has been supported and humbled by emails from people across the country who were inspired to share their own experiences with abuse.

Francis has won 184 Division I games over 10 seasons and led the team in its 2002 and 2006 NCAA tournament ap-



LEX LEE/The Oakland Post

Women's basketball head coach Beckie Francis decided to share her personal story of childhood abuse with the intent to raise awareness on campus and in the community.

pearances, wants victims to know that they are not alone.

With the help of Center for Student Activities Director Jean Ann Miller, Francis coordinated an open dialogue event featuring Merryn earlier this month. Approximately 200 people attended, according to Miller.

Merryn, a survivor of abuse, is responsible for Erin's Law, which was passed in the Michigan Senate in July and is pending approval from the House. The legislation requires age-appropriate curriculum to help children understand and discuss sexual abuse.

"It's one of those topics that is shoved under the carpet—it's not discussed,"

"It was the hardest thing I have ever done, but since breaking my silence, I am so happy. I have never been happier in my life."

Beckie Francis,
Women's Basketball Head Coach

Miller said. "We were looking for a proactive way to bring it to the forefront and allow our students to know what resources are available."

The CSA hopes to host more awareness events about physical and mental health.

"People see it (abuse) on the news and in the movies," Miller said. "It happens in real life, too. When you humanize such a touchy subject, it breaks down some barriers — it makes people think, 'If this person can do it, maybe I can do it.' Beckie is a perfect example of that, she's absolutely a role model."

Support on campus

Oakland has also taken a proactive approach within its administration. After the Sandusky scandal broke last year, a child protection committee was formed to assess campus safety.

"Oakland University has an obligation to protect everyone who comes onto our campus, whether they are children or adults," Russi said. "The committee was established to make sure we have every possible safeguard in place, and that there are no gaps in our reporting and enforcement measures. The committee will continue to assess our procedures to ensure that we provide a safe environment."

The OU Counseling Center, located in the Graham Health Center, also offers services to students in need. In addition to diagnostic testing, campus outreach programs and substance abuse awareness and evaluations, the Counseling Center offers up to six free therapy sessions to OU students. The services are completely confidential and students can set up an appointment by phone or in person.

"What a student talks about in here, stays in here," said Dr. David Schwartz, the director of the OU Counseling Center. "We take confidentiality very seriously — without trust, the therapy process doesn't work."

Unaddressed issues can affect an individual's life professionally, personally and academically, according to Schwartz.

"If you notice that emotions, thoughts or memories are starting to really be a problem, that's your mind and body telling you to talk to somebody," he said. "Everyone's different, there's no one way to deal with an issue."

Schwartz also stressed the unbiased perspective a therapist offers.

"A lot of people think they can handle things on their own," Schwartz said. "As human beings, we're social creatures, we need to get other people's perspectives."

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"We can get caught up in our own patterns of thinking and it's difficult to be able to step outside of ourselves and see how things might be affecting us," Schwartz said. "That's where a therapist comes in."

He said an advocate helps someone in a similar situation feel more comfortable disclosing their own experiences.

"By talking about their own stories, Beckie and Erin are giving courage to people to talk about it, too," Schwartz said. "One of the big hindrances for something like abuse is there can be shame that goes along with it. A person might feel like they're alone or they feel ashamed about the abuse. People are very good about blaming themselves even when it's clear from everyone else's perspective that they're not at fault."

The cost of silence

For Francis, who was honored as a 2010 Esteemed Woman of Michigan, speaking out was a part of her personal healing process. Denying abuse can lead to mental and physical stresses, according to Francis.

"If you don't break your silence, it goes to other things," Francis said. "People get sick, they drink, they become promiscuous, they do all kinds of harmful things. They (victims) think, 'Oh, I'll just get over it,' and they don't know why they're stressed out. They don't know why they have panic attacks and anxiety. They

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Jean Ann Miller,
Center for Student Activities Director

don't know why they're not happy. They don't realize it, but they're in pain."

The coach resigned after the 2002 basketball season because of ulcerative colitis she later attributed to stress from the abuse and denial; she was rehired in 2005. During her sabbatical, Francis said she found solace in therapy and religion.

"I've had so much spiritual healing. That's the reason I can be so comfortable in my own skin and I was able to release the pain and deal with it — I have a faith," she said. "I do not believe that you can totally recover from something like this without having a higher power that you can lean on."

Since breaking her silence, Francis said she has been happier and healthier. She encourages others to allow themselves the same.

"I'm so healed through my faith and through my therapy that it is not embarrassing," she said. "I'm not ashamed, I don't feel guilty anymore. I want others to know that they can seek help and that there are resources for them."

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Stop It, Now! and other abuse help

Stop It Now!

An organization devoted to the prevention of the sexual abuse of children, cites that as many as one in three girls and one in seven boys will become victims before reaching age 18. Ninety-three percent of victims know their abusers, and 88 percent of cases remain unreported

Hotline: (888) 773-8368

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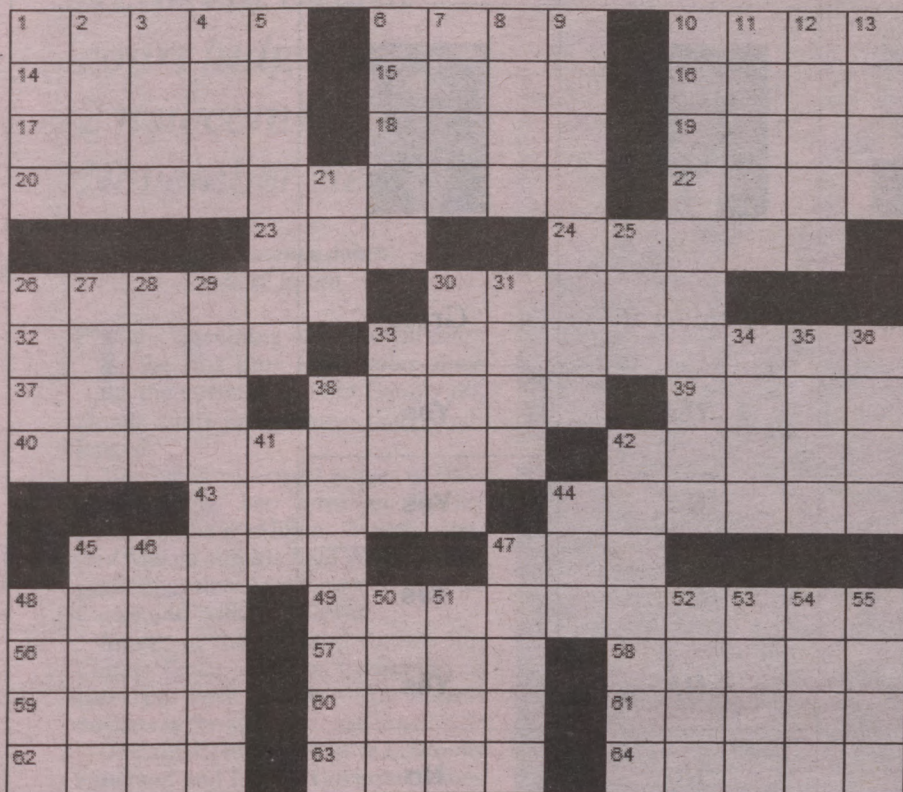


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ACROSS

1. Value
6. Prospector's find
10. What a person is called
14. 3-banded armadillo
15. Colored part of an eye
16. Is indebted to
17. Discourage
18. Air force heroes
19. Mountain pool
20. Sow
22. Small island
23. Egg cells
24. Specialty
26. Full of complexities
30. Parental brother
32. Product of bees
33. Self-employed person
37. Rectum
38. Operatic solos
39. Tiny sphere
40. Part of the Bible
42. African antelope
43. Mountain crest
44. Record player
45. Reject
47. Comes after Mi and Fah

48. Box
49. Loyalty
56. Bluefin
57. Rude person
58. Transparent
59. Portent
60. Not short
61. Ancient Greek market-place
62. Whip mark
63. Type of sword
64. Territories

DOWN

1. Dry riverbed
2. Not closed
3. Rodents
4. Tall woody plant
5. Congruity
6. Tropical vine
7. Killer whale
8. Weight loss plan
9. Colognes
10. Pronounced
11. Flooded
12. European blackbird
13. Feudal worker
21. Old World vine
25. Sick
26. Not this
27. Sharpen
28. Burden
29. Diner
30. Pee
31. Tidy
33. Fuss
34. Close
35. Walking stick
36. Cocoyam
38. Willing to comply
41. Arrive (abbrev.)
42. Honorable
44. Soak
45. Foam
46. Discussion group
47. Twilled fabric
48. Put away
50. Coil
51. Solitary
52. Aquatic plant
53. A noble gas
54. Credit or playing
55. Historical periods

Know someone newsworthy?

If you know someone who would make an excellent student or faculty profile, email life@oaklandpostonline.com with your ideas.



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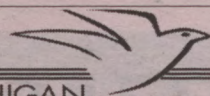
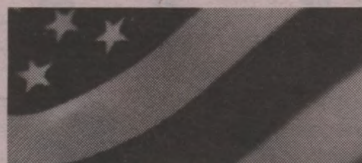
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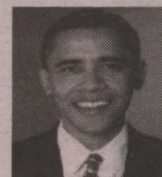
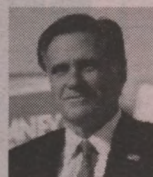
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Green

Pledges to bring U.S. troops home from
Afghanistan by 2014

No

Yes

Yes

End the US military presence in
Afghanistan before 2024

No

No

Yes

Has committed to direct negotiations
with Iran

No

Yes

Yes

Rules out a preemptive military attack
on Iran

No

No

Yes

Supports major increases in
military spending

Yes

No

No

Proposes to cut military spending by
25%

No

No

Yes

Advocates the worldwide, verifiable
abolition of nuclear weapons

No

Yes

Yes

Opposes the New START treaty

Yes

No

No

Supports the use of Nuclear Power

Yes

Yes

No

Opposed retaining US troops
in Iraq for the indefinite future

No

Yes

Yes

Opposes drone attacks, which
frequently kill innocent civilians

No

No

Yes

Favors creation of a Palestinian state
based upon 1967 borders

No

Yes

Yes

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Oakland Circuit Court judge seats challenged

5 current circuit court judges face 2 newcomers in November election

By Constance Jabro
Staff Intern

The upcoming election will mark the first time in 20 years since the current Oakland County 6th circuit court judges have been challenged.

The five circuit court judges of Oakland County, Leo Bowman, Wendy Potts, Phyllis McMillen, Denise Langford Morris and Michael Warren, have unified against challengers Deborah Carley and William Rollstin.

Judges of the Oakland County 6th Circuit Court manage thousands of cases per year in one of the busiest dockets in the state.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and former Governor James Blanchard are the co-chairs of the amalgamated campaign of the five judges.

Challenge accepted

Jennifer Murray, the campaign spokesperson for all of the judges, believes there is a tremendous amount of responsibility placed upon them.

Murray, who the five current judges prefer to have speak for them, said to be successful, those who serve on the bench need both the experience and the temperament to remain impartial and uphold the Constitution and the laws as dictated by the state Legislature.

"Ultimately, voters will decide if the challengers, Deborah Carley and William Rollstin, possess this experience and temperament," Murray said. "Anonymous, out-of-state donors do not just sink millions of dollars into a Circuit Court race for two challengers without expecting something in return. However, the manner in which they have campaigned for office has raised serious questions from the media, community leaders and Oakland County residents about their motivations, their ability to remain impartial and whether they would bring a par-



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Murray

Current Oakland County judges Leo Bowman, Wendy Potts, Phyllis McMillen, Denise Langford Morris and Michael Warren have held their positions for 20 years. Challengers Deborah Carley and William Rollstin boast both successful careers and heavy outside backing.

tisan bias or personal agenda to the court."

Murray said Oakland County boasts one of the most efficient, well-run and successful Circuit Courts in the state due to the work of the circuit court judges.

"In addition, the work of the judges does not stop in the courtroom," Murray said. "All members of the slate volunteer for numerous community-outreach projects ranging from mentoring our youth to assisting victims of domestic violence."

Newcomers boast experience

Challenger William Rollstin is a first assistant attorney general in the criminal division for the state of Michigan, where he handles public corruption and cold case homicides. Deborah Carley worked in the Oakland County prosecutor's office for 18 1/2 years, where she served as division chief of the juvenile justice division and chief deputy prosecutor.

Rollstin said he has worked his way

around a courtroom for the past 15 years. During this time, he said he has seen good judges and bad judges. He also said he understands what it takes to be a circuit court judge.

"The incumbents enjoy a natural advantage over the challenger," Rollstin said. "Some of these circuit court judges have never even tried a case. Carley and I have over a thousand trials apiece."

Rollstin said throughout the course of history, people that generally win these appointments through the governor are part of a political elite of the county.

"I feel that I'm challenging the establishment," Rollstin said.

Carley said many people spend their career in a courtroom, but will not challenge the judges because they are afraid to do so.

"I'm very comfortable in a courtroom and know how to manage daily operations in the prosecutor's office and how to handle budgets and cases," Carley said. "I have the right tempera-

ment and experience and the desire to work there every day."

Heavy out-of-state funding

The three out-of-state organizations that have funded the Rollstin and Carley campaign are Citizen's Action Fund, Americans for Job Security, and Judicial Crisis Network. These groups combined have endorsed and spent close to \$2 million in ads and campaigns for the challengers.

Rollstin and Carley said they do not know nor have any affiliation with these groups, but are grateful to have people recognize they are qualified to take the position of circuit court judge.

All three organizations have yet to respond on where they are receiving the significant funds to contribute toward the Carley and Rollstin campaign.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Check fraud in Troy

Police were called to the Bank of America on 14 Mile around 3 p.m. on Oct. 31 for a woman attempting to cash a fraudulent check. The bank teller said he was suspicious of the check and contacted the account holder who confirmed his company did not issue the check. The woman, a 23-year-old Detroit resident, admitted that she knew the check was fraudulent. She said she was given the check and was told she would receive some of the money if she cashed it. She had two warrants out for her arrest and police arrested her for "Uttering and Publishing a Fraudulent Check."

Crack cocaine bust

Police saw a vehicle with an expired license plate on I-75 and Long Lake at 1 a.m. Oct. 23 and attempted to pull the vehicle over. The driver did not stop for two miles, and when it did stop, officers noticed a bag of what appeared to be crack cocaine on the driver's seat. Narcotic paraphernalia was also reportedly found in his backpack. The driver, a 37-year-old Pickford man with an extensive criminal history, had a suspended license, a Friend of Court arrest warrant and two additional warrants for narcotic-related misdemeanors. He was arrested for "Fleeing and Eluding a Police Officer," "Possession of Crack Cocaine," "Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia," "Driving While License Suspended" and the three arrest warrants. The passenger of the vehicle, a 28-year-old woman, was arrested for "Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia."

Intoxicated drivers in Troy

Police on I-75 and Long Lake observed a vehicle pull over onto the shoulder and stop at 1:20 a.m. Oct. 25. The officer activated his emergency lights and stopped behind the vehicle to see if the motorist needed help. The driver, a 52-year-old Bloomfield Hills man, said he felt like his tire was low. He reportedly smelled of intoxicants and had slurred speech. He failed sobriety tests and the officer found a crack pipe in the vehicle. The man was arrested for "Operating While

Intoxicated" and "Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia."

Southeast MI vehicle shootings

There have been more than 20 shootings in Southeast Michigan, most involving cars on I-96 in Oakland, Livingston, Ingham and Shiawassee counties. Ten of the shootings occurred in the city of Wixom. The shootings took place from Oct. 16 to Oct. 18. All evidence points to the same gun.



Suspect

Additional tests will be made to determine the gun's caliber. The gunman is suspected to be a man in his 30s with short hair and stubble on his face. As of Oct. 23, the task force has received over 250 tips. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is offering at \$10,000 reward and Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1000 reward for tips leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible.

Pontiac homicide update

Oct. 23, a home on Inglewood near Caesar Chavez in Pontiac was broken into and the homeowner was fatally shot while his wife and 6-month-old child escaped to a nearby home. One suspect, a 17-year-old from Pontiac, was shot by the victim's brother who was in the home at the time. Two other subjects were taken into custody. The two subjects were cleared and released the next day after it was determined they were not involved in the incident. Detectives developed information that led to the arrest of a 16-year-old Orion Township suspect Oct. 25. Both suspects have been charged with felony murder, assault with intent to murder, home invasion first degree and three counts of possession of a firearm in commission of a felony. The 16-year-old suspect is currently lodged at Children's Village and is being charged as an adult. The 17-year-old suspect is still in the hospital in serious condition and is being guarded by police.

— Compiled by
Lauren Kroetsch,
Staff Reporter

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THE MITTEN IS SMITTEN

Alumni named Michigan's most Eligible Bachelor of the Year

By Lauren Kroetsch
Staff Reporter

The videos on his website show every side of him — from bleeding-heart romantic, folksy singer/guitarist, to a hard edged rock 'n' roller.

The pages of Cosmopolitan show him as a jaw-dropping stud.

Pato Margetic, an Oakland University alumni and local musician, was named Cosmopolitan Magazine's Michigan Eligible Bachelor of the Year.

"I feel honored that an international magazine selected me to represent my state of Michigan," Margetic said.

Margetic said once he was at the Cosmopolitan headquarters in Manhattan, he had the opportunity to appear on three national TV shows and take etiquette classes.

From there, Margetic competed against finalists from other states to win Cosmopolitan's national contest, which included a \$10,000 prize and a center spread in the magazine.

Once Margetic found out he was selected to represent Michigan, he encouraged his followers on Twitter and Facebook to vote for him. Although he did not win the national contest, he was a top 10 finalist and was featured on VH1's "Morning Buzz."

"I think I became a finalist because I have a pretty good network of people from the music (business) already and I think a lot of guys didn't have that (side of things)," Margetic said.

He said his music is comparable to artists such as John Mayer, Jason Mraz and Jack Johnson.

Margetic said his music reflects his passions and values from his upbringing in a multicultural Argentinean-American family.

Golden Grizzly roots

Margetic graduated from Oakland in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in communication. Looking back, he spoke fondly of his professor, Kellie Hay.

"She helped me so much through college and not only through classes ... as a friend too. She was a great mentor," he said.

Margetic was also involved in Student Program Board and Student Video Productions.

"The way I met him was interesting," said Hay, associate professor of communication. "I just took him aside one day and was like, 'I can tell you're so bright, but you're not doing anything, so what's going on?' And he said, 'I'm struggling and I'm not getting the concepts.'"

Hay encouraged him to create music around the topics learned in class, which helped him learn the material and develop his talent.

Many of Margetic's music videos have Detroit in them, according to Hay.

"Being from Detroit is huge for him," Hay said. "His music videos show a lot about people struggling in Detroit, and he's got a lot of the kinds of things in Detroit that people don't know to love."

Margetic said exposure in Cosmopolitan has helped him get more publicity and promote his music, including his newest album he released earlier this year — The Pato Collection — which is available for download through iTunes, www.bandcamp.com and www.patomusic.com.

"I've gotten a crazy amount of Twitter and Facebook friends and followers," Margetic said. "It's been really effective, social media — I can always use this on a résumé now."

Although Margetic's first passion

is music, he is also interested in video production, especially music videos.

"In five years, I see myself producing original music and helping other people produce music as well, and possibly still doing shows and performing live," Margetic said. "But I really do see myself in a studio working with maybe jingles and commercials and movie soundtracks."

For more information about Pato Margetic, including upcoming shows, visit www.patomusic.com



DYLAN DULBERG/The Oakland Post
Oakland University alumni and local musician Pato Margetic was named Cosmopolitan's Michigan's Most Eligible Bachelor of the Year. A communications graduate, Margetic has a passion for music and video production, which he hopes to merge together in his career.

Awakening the taboo

Department of Music, Theatre and Dance performs 'Spring Awakening: teenage struggle musical'

By Misha Mayhand
Multimedia Reporter

The rock musical "Spring Awakening" is making its debut on Oakland University's campus — thanks to the de-

partment of music, theatre and dance.

The play — based on Frank Wedekind's 1891 play of the same name — will run, Nov. 8 to Nov. 18.

A musical, the play takes place in late 19th century Germany, focusing on the

consequences of living in a repressive society, circling around teenage characters and the relationships they have with their parents and each other.

"Rock musicals are on Broadway and have been for the last 20 years," said Fred Love, associate professor and director. "Rock is such a significant apart of Broadway right now and students need to be able to get a feel for that genre."

The play, performed by MTD students, covers many taboo subjects, including teen sex, abortion, drug use, incest, homosexuality, masturbation

and self mutilation to name a few.

"It's a lot of taboo subjects that parents may not want to talk about," Love said. "Just as these were issues in 1896, we are faced with the same issues today."

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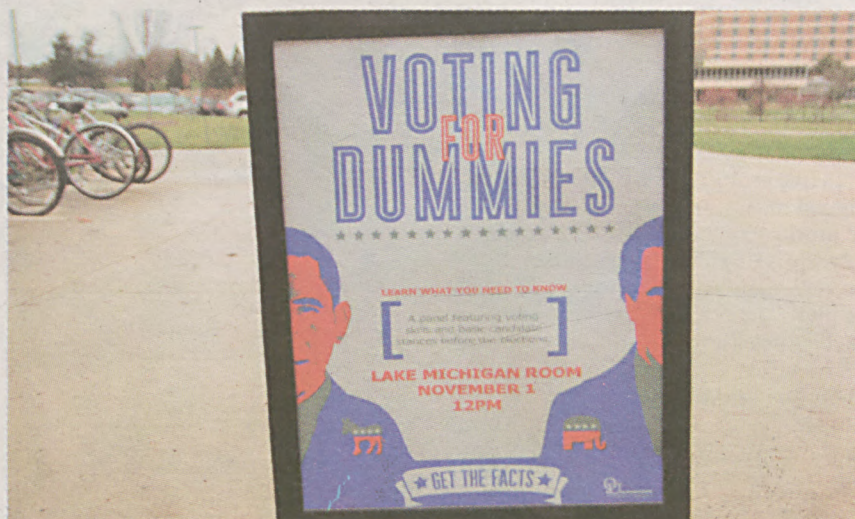


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In a wonderfully ironic advertisement for an event informing voters on why to vote, the university has summed up both of the presidential candidates that are running this year.

Vote Tweedle-Dee/ Dumb for President!

By Dylan Dulberg
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Your parents are hypocrites. They always told you, "Don't give in to peer pressure. Do your own thing. Be a trailblazer, not a trail taker. Stop throwing soup water balloons."

They always told you to be your own individual, but then they also said, "When you are an adult, you need to sign up to vote."

Well, to the parent I never had because I was raised by my butler Alfred and a ton of bats, I call shenanigans. You can't tell me one day that wearing my Transformers T-shirt and technicolor dream coat with my khaki shorts in a great way to be unique, and tell me the next that I have to sign up to vote the next year when I turned 18.

I empower all of you who have yet to absentee vote for Ron Paul because they haven't been paying attention to Saturday Night Live lately — don't vote.

Now, I am not saying we should abandon our civil liberties. I am saying voting doesn't really make sense when both options suck.

I am going to quote Abraham Lincoln's last declaration, as he was carried off into the distance by the gigantic bald eagle of lore, "By the power vested in me by this giant bald bird, the leader of this nation shall not be the shiniest of two turds."

I think what this great bearded man and this great beardless bird were trying to convey is that if both candidates are unlikeable, we shouldn't be forced to choose between them.

What we have to do in this situation is find someone else to vote for. Once you have accepted this, you will have a few options.

Like always, you can vote for the third party candidates, such as prominent figures of the Green Party, the Libertarian Party or whatever joke of a party Roseanne Barr is the candidate for. Or, you can vote for the super-ridiculous candidates like the ticket of Jimmy McMillan and Vermin Supreme or the clowns of the Modern Whig Party.

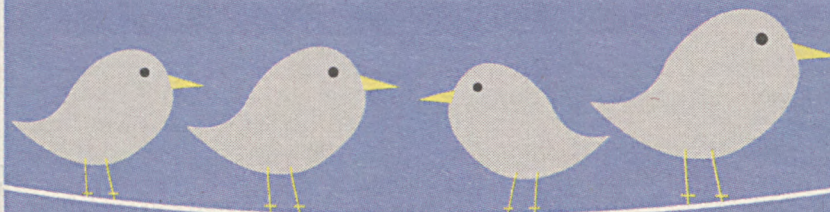
Also, you can write in a candidate. For example, I am still totally on board with Newt Gingrich's Moon Base 2012 platform (Also, his wife looks like the yellow Angry Bird and that makes me giggle.) Or finally, you can just make your ballot up. I'd be down with either Adam West/Gary Busey or Clint Eastwood/Chair. Either one works.

But no matter what, it is vital that we not vote for a candidate that is just going to disappoint us in the end.

So, as you prepare for the years ahead, think — if the president is going to suck no matter what, wouldn't you rather be entertained as well?

Vote ridiculous in 2012. It's what the Mayans want.

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