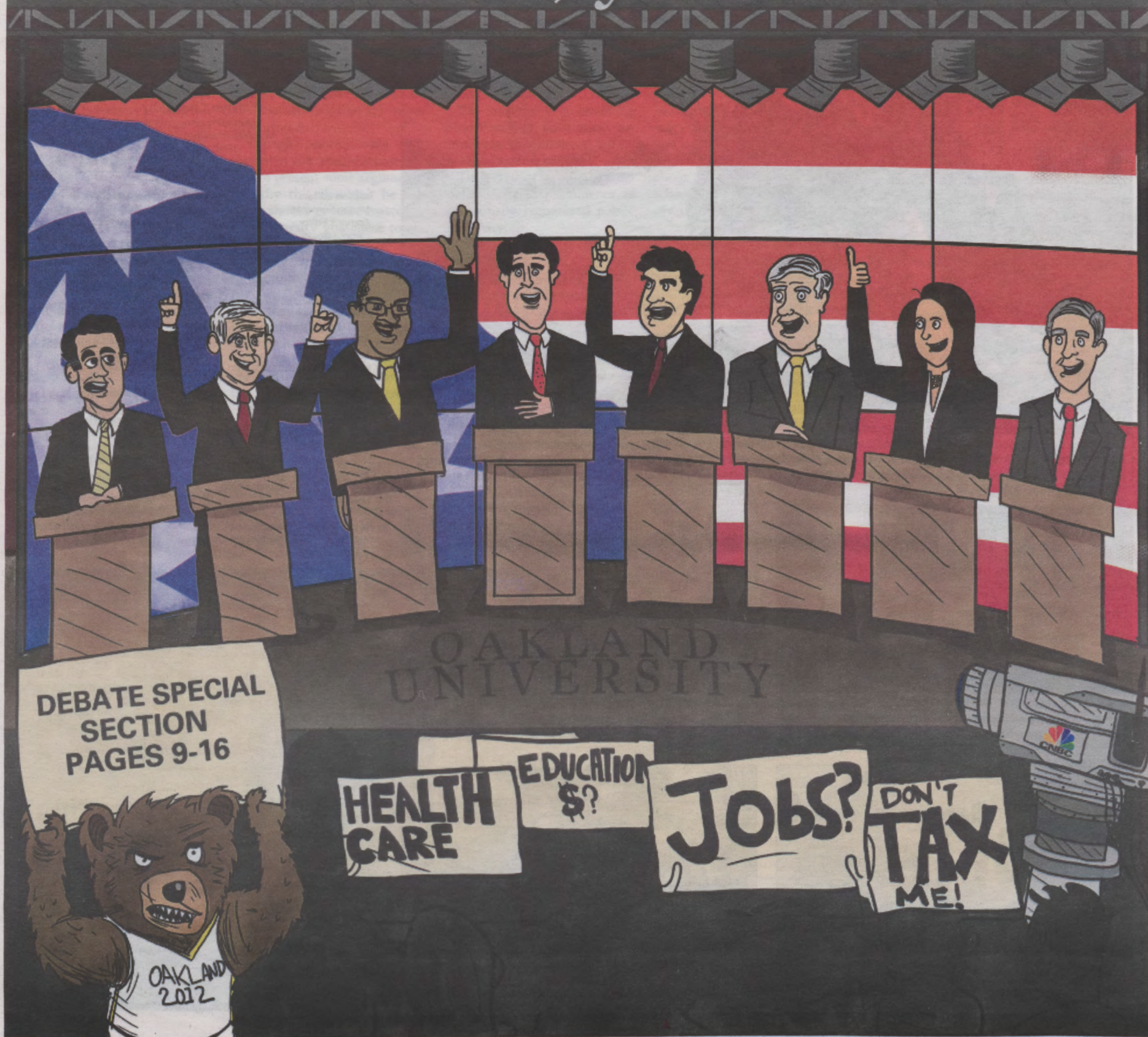


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## Waiting for tickets // Nov. 4, outside the O'Rena

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Freshmen Kyle Mansour, Mathew Slabik and Zach Holtquist, members of the Grizz Gang, wait in line for tickets to the men's basketball game against Tennessee that will air on ESPN at 9 p.m. on Nov. 28. Free tickets were given to the first 400 students. Additional tickets can be purchased at a discounted price of \$20 for students at the athletics ticket window at the O'Rena.



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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Grizzlies: Stop complaining

Only a few dozen tickets to the Republican presidential debate in the O'Rena were made available to students.

And while it seems unfair, students must remember that Oakland University is simply a venue for the event — the debate is being hosted by CNBC and the Michigan Republican Party, not OU.

A lot of misconceptions have abounded regarding the planning of this event, something we've reported multiple times and have been reminded of.

We've been witnessing floods of social media entries complaining about the paucity of tickets available and how difficult it was to obtain one.

The fact of the matter is, it's not up to OU.

Learn the facts and be informed, even if it isn't about politics or the upcoming election.

The guest list is up to the discretion of the Michigan GOP and the school was fortunate to have access to the amount of tickets received.

This event should be treated

like any other outside event being held on campus.

Just because a wedding is being held at Meadow Brook Hall or in the Oakland Center doesn't mean that all 19,000-plus Golden Grizzlies are invited to attend.

Though politics may not matter to you (the professors on page 4 present some arguments on why this shouldn't be so), what should at least matter is the university you chose to attend and pay tuition to.

It may seem strange that a public university is holding a partisan event, but students must once again remember that Oakland is simply playing the role of a host in this event.

These debates play an integral role in elections and, by extension, the democratic system.

Another misconception being circulated is yet another perceived lack of parking being available this week.

The university has responded to this accordingly by creating an additional 410 parking spots to offset the occupation of various parking lots from Tuesday

night to Thursday morning.

Yet again, parking may pose a problem, as we reported in last week's edition of The Oakland Post. But think about the trade-off in this situation.

The university is receiving what President Gary Russi estimates to be millions of dollars worth of television time.

That kind of exposure lends to OU's rise to prominence as a nationally recognized public university.

**Just because a wedding is being held at Meadow Brook Hall or in the Oakland Center doesn't mean that all 19,000-plus Golden Grizzlies are invited to attend.**

This isn't the be-all-end-all route to becoming renown, but it certainly is a huge stepping stone that has presented itself to the university, especially now as we try to redefine ourselves and our image.

This event represents the

first time in which a large-scale national event has been held on campus.

That's why you should not only care about the debate, but welcome both the event and the inconveniences it may pose.

It's not a matter of whether you hold an interest in the politics or the Republican Party, it's about creating a future for the school that will boost the value of an education attained at OU.

In exchange, we'll have to make room for the hundreds of media organizations for a day or two.

Other universities that have held similar events have reaped the benefits of this type of exposure, according to Russi and there's no reason we shouldn't take advantage of it and embrace the hosting of this event.

CNBC producer Samantha Wright said at a panel Friday that OU was chosen as the venue for the debate because of the administration's willingness to cooperate with the debate's host.

That attitude should carry through to students as well.

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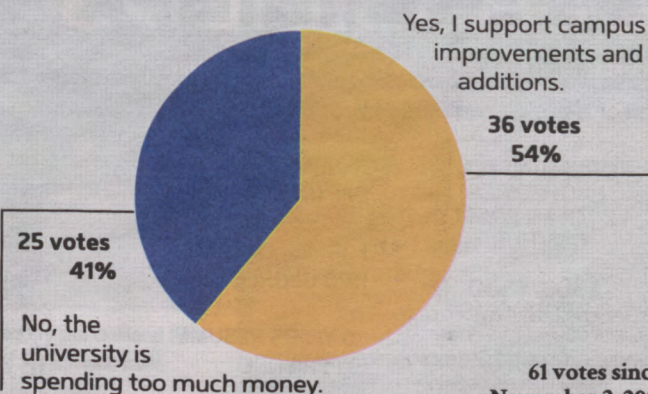
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Which major campus event are you most excited about?

- The ESPN basketball game vs. Tennessee
- The GOP Debate

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# Perspectives from political scientists

## Oakland professors give their views on the Nov. 9 GOP debate



**David Dulio**  
Department Chair

**WHY IT MATTERS:** It's still our democracy. It's still the system that we all live in and this is a big component of the most important thing in my view in our democratic process, which is an election. We're in the middle of this election cycle, whether we like it or not.

The cycle is getting longer and longer because the stakes are high and candidates have to start raising money so they are able to compete. The reason we can't do anything about it is called the first amendment.

### PREDICTIONS:

Mitt Romney's going to keep doing what he's doing, which is play defense and not let any one pound away at him and make games.

Those who aren't front-runners will go after Romney and Cain to try and knock those guys down.

You want to watch how much time each candidate gets or how much time they can carve out for

themselves.

A lot of times the moderators get blamed for not permitting every candidate the same amount of time, but the candidates drive that to some extent themselves by trying to jump in or talking longer when they were supposed to.

You really can't determine a winner, it's all subjective. It's total feel. You just sort of get a sense of it. Everybody that watches will be able to see he did really well or she did great. That's all you can do.

Herman Cain stands out as someone to watch, given the allegations flying around right now.

Gingrich's poll numbers have started to creep up. He's gained a spot where he could do some damage when the voting starts.

This might be the most meaningful (debate) for those two guys. You never know what's going to happen with these things.

### IMPLICATIONS:

I think all of the debates matter. It may be at the margins, but they matter.

Where this one could really make a difference is if somebody screws up if there's a gaffe or a big mistake. If everybody does what they've been doing, there might not be any movement.



**John Klemanski**  
Professor

### WHY IT MATTERS:

More time is good for voters because there's more time to find out about a candidate and what they think and what their positions are.

One of the cardinal rules is that people don't care that much about politics. Most voters do pay attention a month before the election, but early on, less so.

I like what they're doing with this debate because it's in Michigan and they're going to focus on the economy and jobs.

Having presidential candidates, one of whom might very well be the next president, having those folks think and talk about these issues is important to us.

It's important to the entire country, but more to Michigan because we've suffered the longest.

### WHAT TO WATCH:

Romney, Perry, Cain; the top tier candidates get the

most media attention in stories following debates. You don't hear about Huntsman or Santorum.

This early on, you think everybody's got a chance.

There's going to be a wider gap between the frontrunners and second, third tier candidates pretty soon because they won't be able to sustain their campaign.

It's confusing to voters to have that many people. It's more difficult for people.

### PREDICTIONS:

Trips in previous debates contributed to his popularity ratings (Rick Perry) so people are looking at some of his policies, but voters want to see someone who is confident, looks good, is likeable, and is trustworthy.

You can learn about those things in a way by watching the debate.

Perry is going to focus on his track record as a job creator. Romney is the native born son of Michigan. His connection to the state will help him.

I hope Herman Cain goes as far as he can; there's lots of interesting things about him and maybe some of the stuff he's been talking about will resonate with Michigan voters.

He's got a compelling story.



**Terry Towner**  
Assistant Professor

**WHY IT MATTERS:** It shows not only the state, but the rest of the nation how OU feels about the democratic system, debate and cultural affairs.

The No. 1 thing is that this is going to bring a lot of interest among OU students.

We have a once in a lifetime political event coming to our university. This shows students that GOP candidates care about the state of Michigan, what our concerns are and where we want to see our country kind of go.

What we see in political science is that the higher interest among the community and American citizens, those who are interested will be much more likely to participate.

### IMPLICATIONS:

This gets young and new voters interested in politics and getting them to the polls in 2012.

Another thing we've seen in political science is

that young voters are much less likely to turn out on election day and participate in politics.

This can stir students 18-30 to excite them and get them to the polls to participate. Those demographic groups turned out in historic numbers in 2008.

We could see the same if the Republican nominee targeted people.

Because they are coming to a higher education institution, it shows they care about this demographic and want to start pandering to this group and talk to issues we care about.

### PREDICTIONS:

I strongly predict that Mitt Romney is going to do well. It's sort of his home state.

He's going to say things that are really going to appeal to Michiganders. He's really going to do well.

He's clearly a polished, practiced debater. Rick Perry has struggled. And isn't quite as polished as Romney.

A lot of attention is on Herman Cain, who's coming up in the polls, and neck-to-neck with Romney.

There will be a lot of cuts, harsh words and attacks between the top three candidates.

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## Model U.N. claims 2nd place

By KAY NGUYEN  
Editor-in-Chief

This past weekend, the Oakland University's Model United Nations team of 15 students took home a second-place finish and six individual awards at the Lake Erie International Model United Nations College Conference.

In its fourth year of existence, the team has finished in the top two for the past three years at the conference. This year, Miami of Ohio, a perennial rival, edged out OU's delegation for first place.

During competitions, students represent a country on a United Nations committee and interact and debate the issues with other participants from that country's perspective.

"You have to learn about the issues and be able to represent it as accurately as you can," said club adviser and political science professor Paul Kubicek. "You're assessed on a few things: How accurately you represent a point of view, your presentation and debate skills and your knowledge of parliamentary procedure."

Rose Luttenberger, the club's president, is in her third year of involvement with the organization and took home an individual award at LEIMUN.

"The team is successful because of our adviser, who is very knowledgeable, and it's complete teamwork," Luttenberger, a senior political science major, said. "It takes the entire group to do well to win a school award."

Research is an integral component, but students must also negotiate with one another and write recommendations or resolutions, which is what U.N. committees do.

"It's collaborative and giving your input into what the U.N. body should do," Kubicek said.

In addition to Luttenberger, Alex Green, Darias Thompson, Mike Gazdik, Michelle Lopez and Samantha Hyrns each garnered either individual awards or gavels, which are honorable mention awards given to top



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Oakland University's Model United Nations team of 15 students finished second-place at the Lake Erie International Model U.N. College Conference. The team has existed at OU for four years.

delegates at a conference.

Model United Nations is both a student organization and a political science course. The two-credit class, PS 362, is open to any and all majors.

Experience is not a requirement to take the class. Kubicek noted that a majority of the team that went to the LEIMUN conference had never been involved with Model U.N.

The class is being offered during the winter semester, as the team heads to Toronto, Canada in late February for the North American Model United Nations conference.

The organization also hosts various campus events throughout the year.

"The goal is to educate students about international issues, research and communication skills," Kubicek said. "We do it in an interactive dynamic way that's more than just something you learn in the classroom — in a more participatory setting."

Luttenberger joined the club because of her interest in politics, but she also sees the experience as a steppingstone.

"I hope to further my education and one day (want) to be a member of the U.N.," Luttenberger said.



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In addition to taking second place to Miami of Ohio. Six individual awards were also presented to the Oakland team.

## Campus Briefs

### Veteran's Day celebration

Student Veterans of OU is hosting a Veteran's Day celebration on Nov. 11. The celebration will be held in Banquet Room B of the Oakland Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Scott Adams will discuss his experience in Operation Iraqi Freedom and his participation in the Wounded Warrior Program.

The event is open to students and staff. Light refreshments will be provided. To learn more visit [oakland.edu/veterans](http://oakland.edu/veterans) or call 248-370-2010.

### Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf Speaking Engagement

OUSC, along with the office of the resident, will be hosting a speaking engagement with Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf on Nov. 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. in 207 Wilson Hall.

Imam Feisal is the chairperson of Cordoba Initiative, founder of the American Society for Muslim Advancement and 2012 Times Top 100 People. He is also the Imam of Masjid al-Farah, a mosque located 12 blocks from Ground Zero.

Tickets are free and can be picked up at the CSA ticket window.

### 11-11-11 "Make a Wish" concert

OU's a cappella group The Gold Vibrations is putting on a concert Friday, Nov. 11. The concert is free and open to all students. Gold Vibrations will be accepting donations to the Make a Wish Foundation.

The concert is at 7 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall and will also feature Central Michigan University's a cappella group Central Harmony.

— Compiled by Madeline Loshaw, Staff Intern



# INCubator propels businesses

By **CHRISTOPHER LAURITSEN**  
Staff Intern

Oakland University is home to a little known resource students and faculty do not know much about — the OU INCubator.

"OU INC is an organization that is directly tied to the school of engineering and computer science. It includes the smartzone business incubator, or accelerator and the Clean Energy Research Center," Amy Butler, executive director of the OU INCubator, said.

The INCubator is partnered with the school of engineering and computer science.

Louay Chamra, dean of the school of engineering and computer science said the partnership between OU INC and the school of engineering was a very natural relationship because they both do applied research and try to establish a technological transfer avenue for creative ideas.

Incubators are able to reduce the cost of running a business by providing reduced cost office space.

They are also able to provide businesses with advice from professionals who have experience in the business world.

All of this is designed to help get businesses off the ground and running.

"It gives them a third party looking at the technology and generating data on the performance of it. It also provides resources at



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The OU INCubator mentors and helps students and faculty to launch their businesses. OU INC provides mentoring, cheaper office space and connections to the community.

a reduced rate and gives them an opportunity to work with talent," Butler said.

Aside from helping businesses that are newly starting up, the OU INC also gives their aid to existing businesses.

Butler said, the OU INCubator allows them the chance to focus on building technology and the business framework together with mentors and coaches along the way.

The Clean Energy Research Center is currently working on achieving a 40 percent energy reduction in existing industrial, commercial and institutional buildings in the Southeast Michigan's tri-county region.

A major feature at the OU INCubator is the Integrated Resource Center.

The Integrated Resource Center allows for a business team to meet and plan more efficiently.

It has a three-step process to guide a complete business meeting.

OU INC was also involved in the recent creation of the I2B program on Nov. 3.

The I2B program allows for students and staff from OU and Cooley Law School to get a hands-on experience in owning a business.

For more information on the OU INCubator visit [oakland.edu/ouinc](http://oakland.edu/ouinc)

## Police Files

### Kresge Library vandalized

On Nov. 4, officers were dispatched to Kresge Library for a report of graffiti on the walls of the men's first and third floor bathroom. Police reports detail racist phrases in stalls. The graffiti has since been covered up.

### Student worried about threat

On Oct. 26, officers were called to Van Wagoner Hall to meet with housing personnel who reported a threat about an occupant of a dorm. A female student went to the housing director feeling concerned that her roommate had been "acting strangely lately." She had said the roommate had been crying a lot. The female student felt threatened when she saw the roommate type "I'm going to rip her head off." After speaking with officers, the roommate said she was just feeling stressed about her classes.

— Compiled by Kevin Romanchik,  
Sports Editor

# Memorial service held for car crash victims

By **KEVIN GRAHAM**  
Staff Reporter

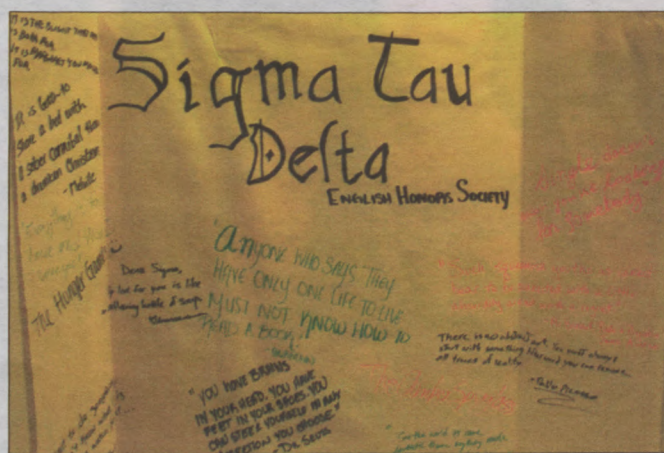
A memorial service was held in honor of Oakland University student Jenna Balabuch and former OU student Rachel Ring, who were both killed in the I-75 car crash Oct. 22. OU student Shannon Waite was critically injured in the crash.

The event doubled as a support rally for junior Shannon Waite, an English major, also a victim of the accident, who is still recovering in the hospital.

Sigma Tau Delta advisor and English professor Bailey McDaniel shared with attendees that Waite is awake and coherent. Waite's parents hope that she will begin a physical therapy program soon.

Jeff Ring, Rachel's father, spoke of his daughter as an individual and as a student.

"If you didn't know her, she



SIERRA SOLEIMANI/The Oakland Post

Members of the OU community wrote messages to the crash victims Jenna Balabuch, Rachel Ring and survivor Shannon Waite.

was a loving, kind, passionate little girl — well, woman I should say," Jeff said. "It's good to know that our daughter had an impact, and that Jenna had an impact, in the lives of the people

she met."

Linda McCloskey, a special instructor in the English department described Jenna as a "sponge," that is, eager to learn.

"The thing I remember the

most is looking at her and seeing that beautiful infectious smile, and the look that I think all teachers hope to see on the first day of their classes," she said. "The look that says: 'I am here, I am excited to be here and I want to learn everything I can from you.'"

Kaitlin Huff, Sigma Tau Delta vice president, described Waite as a passionate English major and a fan of the hula-hoop.

"Shannon is a free spirit, a genuinely caring and loving individual," she said, "artistic and fully driven academically."

At the close of the event, guests were given tulip bulbs to plant in memory of Ring and Balabuch.

The Graham Health Center is helping students and families mourn the loss of the students. To make an appointment with Graham Counseling Center, call 248-370-3465.

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# OUWB accepting applications for 2015

By **BRITTANY HANEY**  
Staff Intern

With a selective admissions process, extensive course curriculum and only 50 applicants per graduating class, it's no surprise that the William Beaumont School of Medicine is gaining acknowledgement from even the most prestigious medical schools in the area.

Not only is the school dedicated to producing future physicians that are inquisitive and well rounded, it serves to instill the importance of kindness and compassion into every student.

"Our hope is that the OUWB students have a positive effect on the neighboring communities through service and eventually as physicians caring for the people of southeast Michigan," said associate dean of student affairs, Dr. Angela Nuzzarello.

The admissions process for the class of 2016 has already begun and initial offers have already been sent out to students.

The interviewing will continue through February with requirements ranging from an MCAT (Medical College Admission Test) score of 26 or higher, to a showing evidence of intellectual curiosity and a commitment



BRITTANY HANEY/The Oakland Post

The William Beaumont School of Medicine had 3,237 applicants for the class of 2015. Out of those applicants, 321 will be interviewed 50 students will be granted admission.

to life-long learning.

When considering applicants to OUWB, the admissions team also looks for personal traits that make a student a valuable asset to the medical community.

According to the admissions team, per-

sonal and professional integrity, open-mindedness and ability to deliver compassionate care are a few of the traits that are examined in the interviewing process.

Out of the 3,237 students who applied, 321 were interviewed, and only 50 were

recently accepted.

According to Nuzzarello, the class is quickly adapting to the new curriculum and forming interest groups in the school. She said the students seem to be embracing the medical school experience fully.

"The class of 2015 is a very enthusiastic class, and (they) understand the culture of the medical school very well," said dean of the William Beaumont School of Medicine, Robert Folberg. "They really embrace and understand it as a class and individually. We're really proud to have such a positive charter class at the Medical School."

The culture of the William Beaumont School of Medicine is unlike many other medical schools because of its strong focus on training physicians to implement kindness into every aspect of their career.

This idea of kindness in the workplace is a trait that the faculty tries to instill in each and every student at OUWB.

As graduating classes cycle through the OUWB, the culture will be preserved by those exiting its doors as physicians of the future.

For more information about the William Beaumont School of Medicine visit [oakland.edu/medicine](http://oakland.edu/medicine)



## 2012 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 2012 or have graduated in summer or fall 2011
- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

The Human Relations Award recognizes a senior student who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the OU community. **Nominees must:**

- be graduating seniors in winter 2012 or have graduated in summer or fall 2011
- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

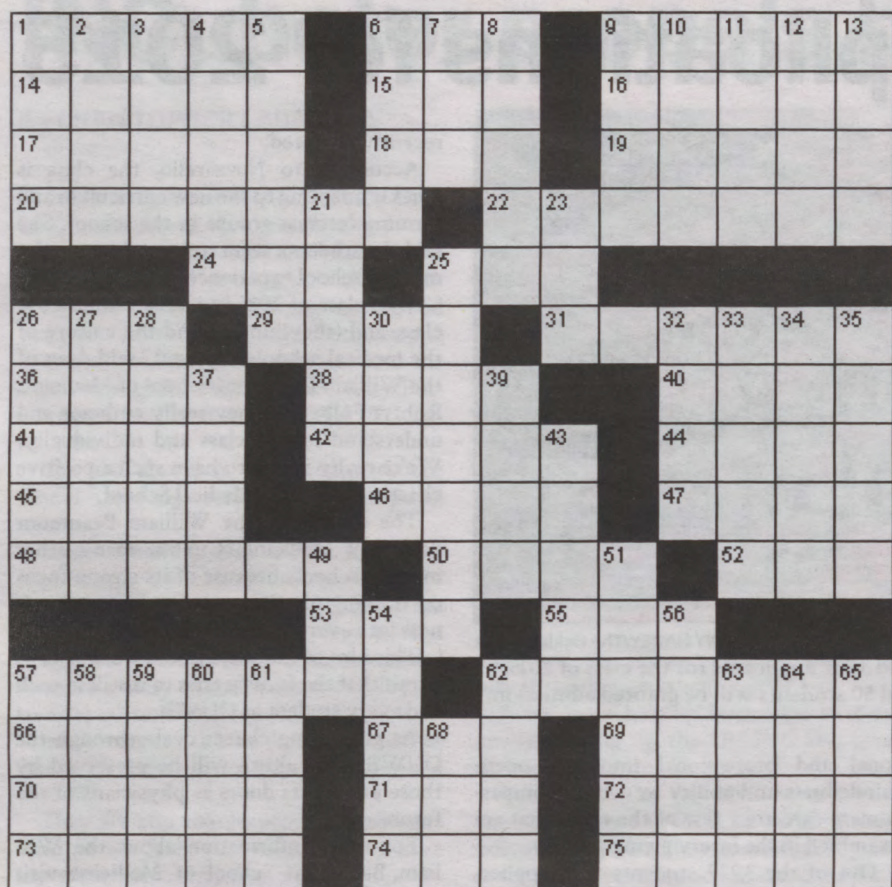
Nomination forms are available at [oakland.edu/dean\\_awards](http://oakland.edu/dean_awards) or in 144 Oakland Center.

The deadline for both awards is Monday, February 6, 2012.

For questions, contact:

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31. Ingenious  
36. Troublesome child  
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43. No longer new  
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51. Go over once again  
54. Crustacean  
56. Repeat  
57. Smack  
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59. Malevolent  
60. Smaller in amount  
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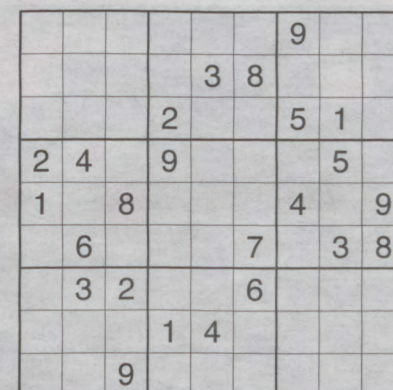
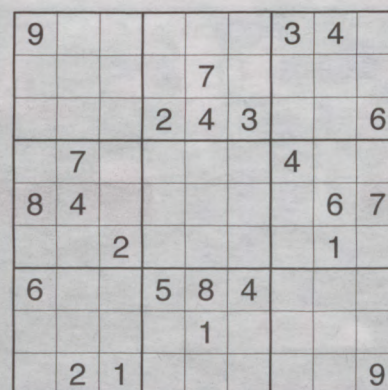
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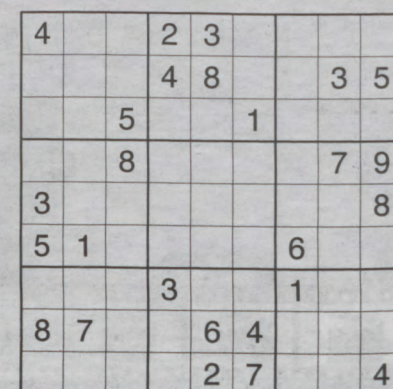
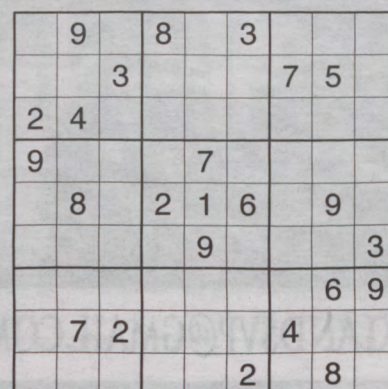
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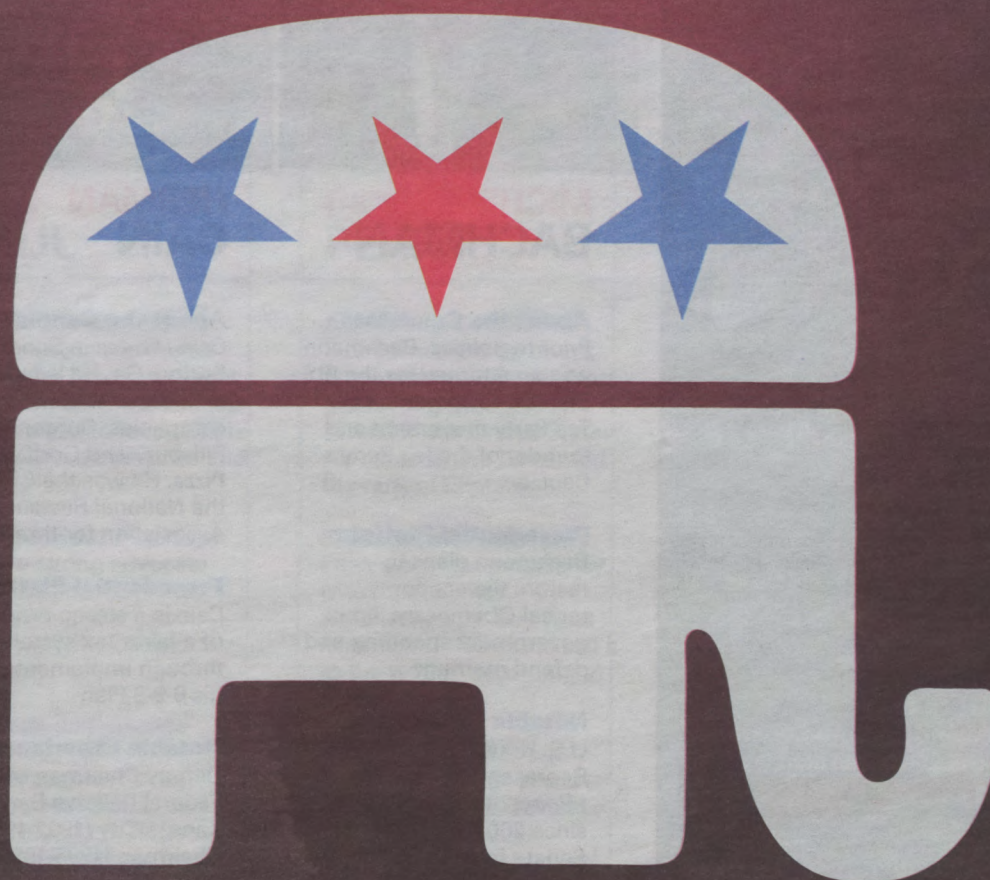
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SPECIAL SECTION

November 9, 2011



**T**HE "YOUR MONEY, YOUR VOTE" DEBATE BEING HOSTED BY CNBC AND THE MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN PARTY ON NOV. 9, MARKS THE FIRST TIME AN EVENT OF ITS MAGNITUDE HAS BEEN HELD ON THE GROUNDS OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY. THE DEBATE WILL CENTER AROUND JOBS AND THE ECONOMY, A LIKELY FOCUS OF NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL RACE.

THE OAKLAND POST PRESENTS THIS SPECIAL REPORT ON THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF OAKLAND UNIVERSITY.

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by Cayce Karpinski // Staff Intern

## YOUR 2012 REPUBLICAN



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**MICHELLE BACHMANN**

### About the Candidate

Prior to politics, Bachmann was an attorney for the IRS. She is a supporter of the Tea Party movement and founder of the Tea Party Caucus.

### Presidential Platform

Bachmann plans to restore the economy, repeal Obamacare, limit government spending and defend marriage.

### Notable Experience

U.S. House of Representatives from Minnesota's 6th District since 2007; Minnesota Senate from the 56th district (2001-2003) and the 52nd District (2003-2007)



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**HERMAN CAIN**

### About the Candidate

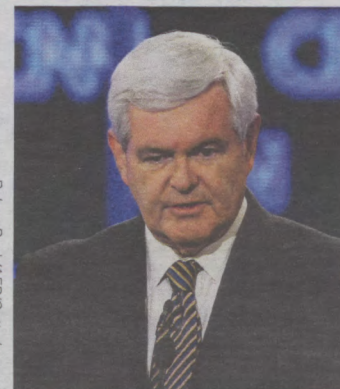
Cain resides in Sandy Spring, Ga. He is attributed with the success of major companies: Burger King, Pillsbury and Godfather Pizza. He was the CEO of the National Restaurant Association for three years.

### Presidential Platform

Cain is a strong proponent of a fairer tax system through implementation of his 9-9-9 Plan.

### Notable Experience

Deputy Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (1992-1994) and Chairman (1995-1996)



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**NEWT GINGRICH**

### About the Candidate

Newt Gingrich grew up in a military family. He co-authored the 1994 Contact with America helping Republicans gain house majority for the first time since 1954.

### Presidential Platform

Gingrich plans to create jobs, transform the executive branch and increase citizen involvement.

### Notable Experience

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives (1995-1999); House Minority Whip (1989-1995) U.S. Representative from Georgia's 6th district (1979-1999)

## Debate Dictionary

### 21st Century Contract with America

Newt Gingrich's plan for presidency to solve the jobs crisis and meet 21st century challenges.

### 999

Herman Cain's plan to replace the tax code with a 9 percent tax for business transactions, personal income and federal sales.

### Deficit

When spending exceeds revenue.

### Debt

The amount of deficits accrued.

### Labor Force

Number of employed + Number of unemployed

### Unemployment Rate

Number of unemployed/ labor force x 100

### Medicare

Provides health insurance to people 65 and older, or people under 65 who meet special criteria.

### Medicaid

A health program for U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents with low income or certain disabilities.

### "Obamacare"

Refers to a U.S. federal statute, signed into law by President Obama, to reform healthcare.



# PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE VOTING GUIDE



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## JON HUNTSMAN

### About the Candidate

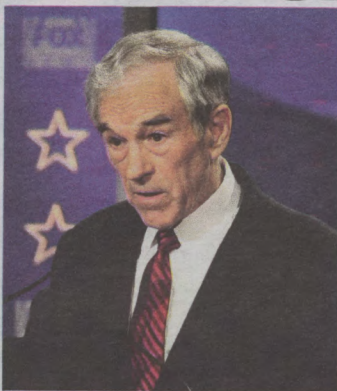
Jon Huntsman grew up in a large family, the son of billionaire businessman Jon Huntsman, Sr. Prior to politics, Huntsman served as a business executive and CEO for some of the Huntsman family organizations.

### Presidential Platform

His presidential priorities rely on tax reform, regulatory reform, energy independence and free trade.

### Notable Experience

United States Ambassador to China 2009-2011; Governor of Utah 2005-2009; United States Ambassador to Singapore 1992-1993.



Emmanuel Durand/AFP/Getty Images

## RON PAUL

### About the Candidate

After serving the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon, Ron Paul and his wife moved to Texas where he practiced obstetrics and gynecology.

### Presidential Platform

He is a strong advocate of limited government, low taxes and a return to commodity-backed currency.

### Notable Experience

U.S. House of Representatives from Texas's 14th district since 1997; U.S. House of Representatives from Texas's 22nd district (1976-1977), (1979-1985)



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## RICK PERRY

### About the Candidate

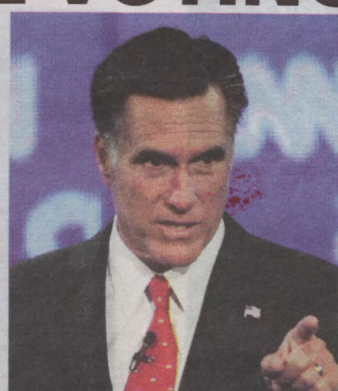
Rick Perry grew up on his family's farm in Texas. After graduating college, Perry served in the United States Air Force where he earned the rank of Captain.

### Presidential Platform

Perry's plan for presidency is to "Make what Americans buy. Buy what Americans make. And sell it to the world," according to [rickperry.org](http://rickperry.org)

### Notable Experience

Governor of Texas since 2000; Lieutenant Governor of Texas (1999-2000)



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## MITT ROMNEY

### About the Candidate

Mitt Romney resides in Belmont, Mass. He is a successful businessman, known for his ability to revive a company, as he did with Bain & Company and the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Games.

### Presidential Platform

His goal for presidency is to restore economic growth necessary to create jobs, according to Believe in America, a 156-page booklet describing his plans for presidency.

### Notable Experience

70th Governor of Mass. (2003-2007)



Robyn Beck/AFP/Getty Images

## RICK SANTORUM

### About the Candidate

Rick Santorum is a lawyer who also holds an M.B.A. He became the then-youngest Senator when he joined the U.S. Senate in 1995.

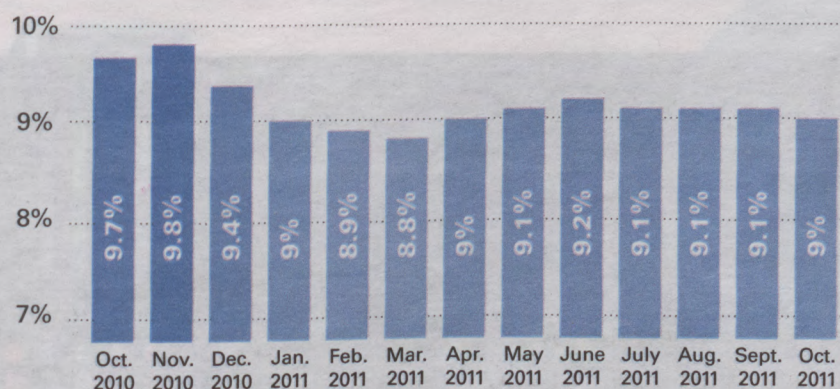
### Presidential Platform

He is a proponent of ending legal abortion and supports heterosexual marriage and aggressive enforcement of immigration laws.

### Notable Experience

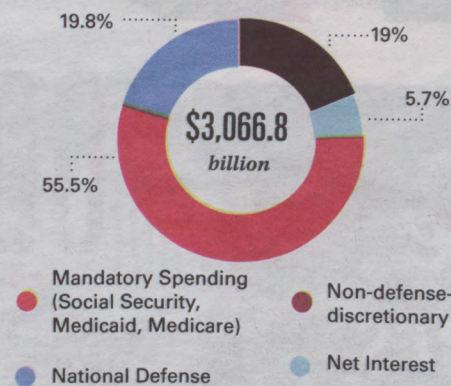
U.S. representative from Pennsylvania (1991-1994); U.S. senator (1995-2007)

## 2010-11 United States Unemployment Rate



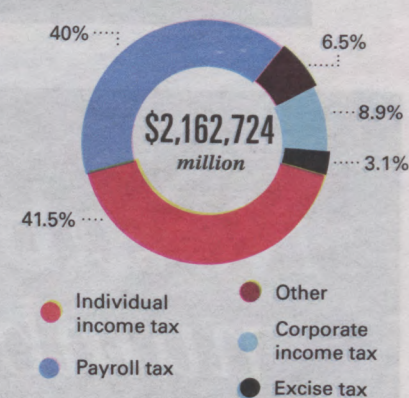
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## 2010 Spending by Category



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## 2010 Taxes & Revenue





## Watching *the* debate

### 7 p.m. Tonight

Debate coverage begins on CNBC

### 8 p.m. Tonight

Republican Presidential debate begins in the O'rena on CNBC

### Debate Moderators

CNBC's Maria Bartiromo and  
CNBC Chief Washington  
Correspondent John Harwood

### Debate Panelists

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## Notable numbers

**600**

students applied for  
the ticket lottery



**60**

tickets  
given to  
students

**180**

student volunteers







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# Your Voice Heard Live!

Student talent showcased at event

by Sarah Hunton // Staff Reporter

On Nov. 8, the Oakland University Student Congress hosted 'Your Voice Heard Live!' The event began with a letter writing campaign in which several student organizations wrote to members of OU administration and local, state and national leaders to have their voices and opinions heard. Over 200 people attended.

Although the first portion of the event was dedicated to all OU students, the second half was devoted to 12 different acts that seized the opportunity to have their voices heard. These are three of their stories.

## Gold Vibrations

Started by four students in the Fall of 2009, Gold Vibrations is an a cappella singing organization at OU.

Now a group of 18, the members of Gold Vibrations consider themselves a family of sorts.

The organization enjoys performing, so auditioning for Your Voice Heard Live! seemed natural, said founder of the

group, Elyse Foster.

Gold Vibrations is also hoping to increase their presence at OU. Many larger colleges have a cappella groups and the ensemble hopes to become a large part of OU.

"We'd really like (Gold Vibrations) to be a thing that everybody knows about around campus, and everybody's excited about, so that we're a source of pride for the university," Foster said.

The group performed the song "Mr. Brightside" by The Killers.

On Nov. 11, Gold Vibrations will be performing a free concert in the Varner recital hall at 7 p.m. The theme is "Make-A-

Wish" and the ensemble hopes to take donations for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

## Rob Jozefiak

Pianist, vocalist and physics major Rob Jozefiak has been making music since he started

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ROB JOZEFIK,  
PHYSICS MAJOR

piano lessons at age five.

Due to his involvement with OUSC's "Rock for Rights" earlier this semester, Jozefiak was

asked to audition for Your Voice Heard Live!

Jozefiak performed Bill Withers' "Ain't No Sunshine" at Tuesday's event.

Although there is no overt political meaning to the song, Jozefiak said that if he had to tie one to it, the message would be to start thinking about what's best for the country instead of dwelling on partisan politics.

Jozefiak has also started an open-mic night event called Word of Mouth, which takes place Thursdays at 10 p.m. in the Vandenberg Lounge.

He said he enjoys having this opportunity to hear people express themselves.

"I feel like people don't express themselves in an artful way," Jozefiak said. "I want people of our generation to revive the arts and find a way to bring something new to it."

## Robbie Williford

Poet and English major Robbie Williford has been perform-

ing poetry since his junior year in high school when he was the runner-up in a poetry slam competition.

Williford decided to audition for Your Voice Heard Live! because the title of the event and the opportunity it brought for him was appealing.

"I was like 'oh well here's a chance to let people hear what I have to say, to let people feel how I'm feeling or let people relate to me,'" Williford said.

Williford chose his piece "A Penny For Your Thoughts" because it allowed him to express his thoughts on respect and human rights.

He enjoys poetry because it is an outlet to express himself. Before performing poetry, Williford considered himself a shy person.

In addition to writing, Williford enjoys attending sporting events, spending time with his family and becoming involved with organizations that make a difference in the community.

[FAR LEFT] The a cappella group The Gold Vibrations performs the song 'Mr. Brightside' by The Killers.

[LEFT] Lauren Podell, an Oakland University alumna and local TV personality at WDIV, emceed the event.

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CNBC banners  
hung around  
campus



256

media personnel  
expected at OU

410

temporary parking spots  
created due to event

400

students expected  
at the debate  
watch party

1400

attendees expected at the  
debate in the O'Rena



## OU Republicans gear up for the GOP debate

by Jordan Gonzalez // Staff Intern

The College Republicans at Oakland University are gearing up for the upcoming Republican debate at OU and have been active promoting the group.

On Nov. 9, from 3 to 5 in the Oakland Room in the Oakland Center, the group will host a reception dinner.

Free and open to all students, the dinner will feature a message from former U.S. representative Pete Hoekstra and possibly presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

"It's a great chance to meet elected officials," said Joshua Cline, president of College Republicans at OU.

The dinner will also be a chance to discuss topics related to the GOP debate and meet other republican officials who were invited.

Cline noted the enormity of the GOP debate at OU and its significance to Oakland.

"It's enormous in the fact that we are going to get national coverage and for the schools economy," Cline said. "For students, it is a chance to get involved and maybe express their opinions to journalists and candidates."

Adam Manngold, a member of College Republicans at OU, said it is a privilege it that OU is hosting the event.

"It's the magnitude of the event," he said. "OU got it, not Michigan, Michigan State, Eastern Michigan or Ohio State — we got it."

College Republicans at OU do not endorse any one candidate, but instead are advocates for conservative principles and the Republican Party. They encourage their members to volunteer in campaigns with candidates.

College Republicans at OU meet on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Their meetings discuss the status of the Republican Party and political issues and if there are any volunteering opportunities with campaigns.

## Student group educates peers

by Haley Jonna // Staff Reporter



Writing and rhetoric students worked to provide students with resources on political issues.

Republican presidential candidates will set base on campus to discuss the current economy and lack of jobs on Nov. 9, and Cathy Rorai hopes it will encourage students to embrace politics.

Rorai, a professor in the department of writing and rhetoric, said she found that most of her students do

hold interest in political affairs. She also observed that many students are uninformed about the issues during a class discussion.

"When I talked to my students about the upcoming debates, the one thing that became clear is that they care, but they aren't quite certain of what to do," Rorai said.

Max Elliot, a freshman, facilitated a survey gauging student reaction to political questions and the debate coming to campus.

"The most surprising thing I found in my survey is that students actually can recognize political figures," Elliot said. "Also, most of the students were Democrats."

Ashley Makebonsky, a freshman, sees this as a unique opportunity to educate herself about politics.

"I am not educated myself, but now that I am of age to vote, it is my responsibility to get educated," she said.

The survey determined three political topics that students at Oakland University believe should be priorities.

The economy, unemployment and tuition deferment for college students rated most important.

"We are going to create links identifying the three issues, and we will publish these links to those that answered the survey," Rorai said. "By creating our own community, we are sure that students will have access to this information."

## Working with CNBC: Students volunteer for debate

by Nichole Seguin // Managing Content Editor

When senior Daniel Poole decided to come to Oakland University, volunteering for a GOP presidential debate was the last thing he ever expected.

However, when David Dulio, director of the political science department, sent out an email informing majors of the opportunity, Poole was quick to respond.

"I knew at the time that the debate was coming up in just over a month, but I didn't know about volunteer opportunities," he said.

According to Garry Gilbert, director of the journalism department, the

volunteering opportunity arose after Piskulich, senior vice president for academic affairs, asked the political science and communication and journalism department directors to get involved.

Gilbert said that around 180 students have been selected to be involved with myriad opportunities, including directing traffic, working on the main floor during the debate, personally helping candidates and even working as technical interns for CNBC.

"The university has become pretty well-known for sports, but this op-

portunity reaches an entirely different audience," Gilbert said. "It also fits perfectly into our branding goal, at the exactly the time we're trying to show the opportunities OU has ... this has opportunity written all over it."

Dually majoring in political science and history, Poole said he hopes to use this experience, along with his interest in politics, as a starting off point for his future.

"I'm hoping that by being a volunteer on the day of the debate, I will be able to rub elbows with like-minded people who are famous," he said.

Creating  
the  
debate

Spring 2011

Talks begin regarding planning for the debate

May 5

First Republican debate of this presidential election cycle is held at the Peace Center in Greenville, SC

August 1

OU President Gary Russi announces news of OU's involvement in the debate via a campus-wide email



# Students making a statement

by Ray Andre // Senior Reporter

On Oct. 10 Mike created a Facebook group, Occupy Oakland University, and a Twitter account, OccupyOaklandU, to more effectively communicate information. Mike contacted other Michigan Occupations through Facebook and OccupyTogether.org, an unofficial hub of the movement, to bolster support for Oakland demonstrations.

A walk out was planned and publicized on Facebook days before an organized effort at Oakland came about. Because it was only planned a day in advance, only six people committed to the walk out.

Mike, a freshman, said the Oakland walk out was not successful in part because of the speed of the movement and lack of promotion. Mike spoke on the condition of anonymity, fearing university retaliation for protesting.

He said that future demonstrations would be planned earlier and with better-dispersed information.

"The next walk out and protest will be huge and very much promoted," he said.

It all began with the Canadian anti-commercial-propaganda magazine, Ad-busters, challenge for Internet users in their July 13 issue, asking the question: "Are you ready for a Tahrir movement?"

The cry was for a mass demonstration and occupation of an institution synonymous with corporate greed: Wall Street.

Protests began Sept. 17, expanding across the nation and world.

U.S. colleges became involved in early October, when students from a collective group of 150 universities, fed up with student debt and a stagnant job market, walked out of classes and organized demonstrations online via OccupyColleges.org, which is in solidarity with Occupy Wall Street.

Occupy OU's next event is a protest outside of the Nov. 9 Republican



University officials have all said that the purpose of the free speech zone is not to stifle it, but to allow for minimal disruption of everyday campus activities.

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presidential debate at OU, set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

For Mike, the GOP debate is the next logical step in assuring that the Occupy movement is represented positively to the media and to the American public. This is why he created the Facebook event "Occupy the Debate."

"I want people to know that this isn't a pro-Obama rally, it's not an anti-republican kind of a thing. It's more of an anti-corruption, anti-money in politics kind of a thing," he said.

The OU debate hosting committee established a free-speech for demonstrations like the one Mike has promoted (see sidebar for more info).

Demonstrations are to take place in an area directly across from the O'rena where eight Republican presidential hopefuls will exchange talking points.

Mike's main grievance is campaign-financing legislation.

"Mostly, I just want to see money out of politics," he said.

Mike does not want to be a leader or a spokesperson.

"There are not leaders. We are a group of leaders," he said, echoing the groups philosophy.

He is comfortable, he said, helping spread information regarding social inequality to OU students.

Mike was motivated to join the protest because of growing indifference to the plight of a diminishing middle class, he said.

"Governments haven't been acting for us, or what the Occupy movement calls the 99 percent," Mike said.

This is evident in business-biased policies such as the auto-industry bailouts and the Trouble Asset Relief Program, he continued. Individuals should come to the protest and draw their own conclusions, with critical thinking, of the issues and their meanings, he added.

## Free speech area gives way to opinions

by Misha Mayhand // Staff Intern

Oakland University administrators ask that all assemblies stay in a designated area, located east of Kresge Library and west of Pioneer Drive, with hopes of classes and campus business not being disturbed.

All other areas on campus are off limits.

The OU Police Department will be enforcing rules that limit the amount of activity taking place on campus.

Currently, two groups have been confirmed for attendance.

A Ron Paul rally, which will be held in front of the Kresge Library, facing traffic between 5 and 6 p.m., will be the only group that was approved for that area. All others must stay inside of the designated FOS area.

The second group that has been confirmed, called 'What Ever It Takes For Progress,' is part of the UAW local 174 and will protest against the Free Trade Agreement. They will protest from 6 to 8 p.m.

**August**

The date of the debate is finalized

**September 28**

Opportunities for students to volunteer for the debate are fielded through the opening of an application

**November 2**

CNBC announces which candidates have confirmed their appearance in the debate

**November 3**

CNBC crews arrive on campus for a weeklong stint

**November 9**

The day of the debate





KAY NGUYEN/The Oakland Post

Sisters Chelsey and Ronnie Booth both work multiple jobs and go to school full time. They use each other for support.

## Sisters work to make ends meet

by Isabella Shaya // Staff Intern

The current economy has forced many students to undergo a different type of college experience, one with more work and less play. Sisters Chelsey and Ronnie Booth both work multiple jobs, attend Oakland as full-time students, and still manage to find time for themselves in their busy schedules.

During the school year, Chelsey, a junior psychology major, works two jobs, totaling around 40 hours per week — which is nothing compared to her busy summer.

Taking classes and maintaining multiple jobs, Chelsey was working around 60 hours per week. Ronnie, an undecided freshman, also spends 20-30 hours per week at two jobs during the school year.

"I didn't even realize how much I work. I wish I had the money to show it," Chelsey said.

The money Ronnie and Chelsey make goes towards school, living expenses and bills.

Chelsey is on student loans, which only allows her \$4,000 per year. Ronnie was awarded a \$3,000 academic scholarship per year, but will soon be joining her sister on a loan plan. Luckily, their parents have helped pay the difference for the time being.

"I have realized that school isn't

free anymore, so I really have to work and try to maintain a good GPA to keep my scholarship," Ronnie said.

With hardly any extra paychecks for themselves, saving money is a must in their situation.

"We hardly ever eat out. We buy all generic brand groceries, and the bare minimum of what we need. We have been saving a lot of coupons lately also," Chelsey said. "I had a bridge card at one point when I first moved out, and that helped a lot."

Chelsey and Ronnie try to be smart when it comes to making and dealing with money in this tough economy.

Both girls have limited access to savings accounts to use if they ever find themselves without enough money.

"This was something that our parents helped us set up because they knew that there would be a time where we would feel like we don't

have any money," Ronnie said.

Both sisters agree that balancing school and work is a difficult task, but playing on OU's women's lacrosse team is their way of finding some relief.

"Lacrosse is a way to get away from everything for a couple of hours. If I didn't play lacrosse, I would be so much more stressed out," Ronnie said.

They're in the process of moving into a townhouse together and the situation has forced both girls to make some sacrifices. Chelsey has found another job, and Ronnie has taken extra hours at her workplace in order to pay all the bills.

"Moving is so expensive ... it is a lot of payments all at once," Chelsey said.

They exemplify the story of many others who face struggles in this economy, but friends say their success is earned by their ability to put work first and play later.

"Chelsey and Ronnie both have tremendous work ethic. They maintain jobs while also balancing lacrosse and school, and still manage to be full time friends too," said junior public administration major Reanna Douglas. "They work hard and have fun. They are great girls."

## U.S. bond rating, unemployment rates decrease

by Chris Lauritsen // Staff Intern

On August of this year, the agency Standard & Poor downgraded the United States bond rating from AAA, to AA+.

According to the U.S. Treasury Department's website, the current U.S. debt has climbed close to \$15 trillion, nearly \$10 trillion since the year 2000, when the U.S. debt hovered around \$5.5 trillion. The \$15 trillion U.S. debt is also the largest in American's history dating back to 1791.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the current unemployment rate in the U.S. is at 9 percent. Comparatively the U.S. unemployment rate in January of 2000 was at 4 percent.

Current president Barack Obama has passed legislation to try to create jobs and bolster the economy. This legislation includes the 2009 stimulus package.

"The government can do two things to try and help the economy," said Nivedita Mukherji, an economics professor at OU. "The first is to spend

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money directly into the economy through the use of a stimulus package, for example. The second is to cut taxes."

When this stimulus package was first introduced, the idea was for most of the money to go towards infrastructure.

According to The New York Times, \$32.1

NIVEDITA MUKHERJI  
ECONOMICS PROFESSOR

billion went toward infrastructure, out of the \$787 billion stimulus package.

"Every dime of that money should have been spent on infrastructure," Mukherji said.

Mukherji said that once the circulation of money begins, it starts to snowball effect that spurs growth.

During the 1982 recession the private savings rate peaked at 11.9 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce: Bureau of Economic Analysis. During the 1991 economic recession the private saving rate peaked at 7.7 percent.

During this last year of this economic down time, the private saving's rate in the U.S. peaked at 5 percent. The rate in 2000 was 2.1 percent.

If people went out right now and started to spend money again, and had faith that the economy was going to be ok, there would be a definite boost in the U.S. economy, according to Mukherji.



## Next stop: NCAA tournament

### Fourth seeded women's soccer knocks off top 2 teams

By **JORDAN REED**  
Staff Intern

Oakland University's women's soccer team won the Summit League championship title this past weekend, beating the No. 1 seeded South Dakota State on Friday and No. 2 seeded North Dakota State on Sunday.

The Summit League tournament was hosted by OU in the upper fields.

The Golden Grizzlies started the game off with a strong lead and never looked back in the first game against South Dakota State.

Within the first six minutes of the game, senior forward Meghan Reynolds provided the first — and only — goal of the game with an assist from midfielder Shannon Doyle.

"We really needed that first goal," Reynolds said. "It put us in the lead and our teamwork helped us keep South Dakota from scoring in the rest of the game."

The Grizzlies attempted 10 different shots on the goal within the first half. Most of them were blocked by SDSU's goalie Kat Donovan.

But South Dakota wasn't able to respond to the Grizzlies' goal and spent most of their time on defense.

The Jackrabbits made a total of 4 shots in the first half, but they all came up short or were blocked by Oakland's goalie Anne Berschbach.

Oakland added five more shots toward the Jackrabbits goal, but none of them were able to glide past Donovan.

"We had some chances to get some more goals," said coach Nick O'Shea. "But we hung on a lot in the second half."

With that, the Grizzlies won the first game of the tournament with an upset over South Dakota State with a score of 1-0.

"Everyone was really focused and trying their hardest and you could tell that we wanted the win," Reynolds said. "Doyle and



The women's soccer team beat South Dakota State University 1-0, and North Dakota State University 2-1 to send OU to their sixth trip to the NCAA tournament. On Friday, Nov. 11, the Golden Grizzlies will face No. 1 seeded Wake Forest. They have a record of 14-3-4 overall.

Berschbach really added to the game with great plays and great blocks."

On Sunday, Oakland faced the North Dakota State Bison for the Summit league championships.

The Bison defeated the No. 3 seeded University of Missouri - Kansas City Kangaroos 2-1 in the first round of the tournament.

With two minutes left in the game, NDSU midfielder Danielle Boldenow scored the winning goal forcing the Kangaroos to end their season.

Oakland allowed NDSU six different shots on the goal within the first 35 minutes.

At the 39:28 mark, the Bison were charged a foul and Oakland received a free kick.

Sophomore midfielder Julianne

Boyle received the free kick and managed to score the first goal of the game. The ball soared over four different North Dakota State players and the outstretched arms of goalie Kalani Bertsch for the lead of 1-0.

"It was a really key goal," Kara Webber said. "With the five minutes left it really help move us confidently into the second half."

In the first six minutes of the second half, Megan Reynolds came through again with another goal with an assist from freshman forward Kyla Kellermann to move the lead even further away from NDSU.

The Bison put six more shot attempts on the board before they finally scored their first goal of the game with eight minutes left on

the clock and came up short.

The Golden Grizzlies won the final game of the tournament with a score of 2-1.

"It's a great feeling to be back in the NCAA tournament," O'Shea said "It was defiantly a hard fought game and both teams didn't give up. [South Dakota State] fought hard but we didn't let that stop us."

Anne Berschbach, defensive player Kara Webber, and Juillian Boyle earned a place on the All-Tournament Team.

Megan Reynolds not only was awarded a spot on the all tournament team, but was honored as the tournament MVP.

"Megan Reynolds never stops working," O'Shea said. "Sometimes forwards only work when

they have the ball. She is nonstop with and without the ball and she deserves it."

This is the seventh Summit League Championship for the Oakland women's soccer team and it will be their sixth trip to the NCAA tournament, which starts this Friday against Wake Forest.



No. 1 Wake Forest Demon Deacons

Record: (Overall, 14-3-4)

Game: Friday, Nov. 11, at 7:00 p.m.



# Men's basketball team crushes Windsor in exhibition

By JORDAN REED  
Staff Intern

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Oakland's men's basketball team defeated the University of Windsor Lancers. The game was moved to Rochester Adams High School in preparation of the GOP Debate.

Even though the game was down the road at Rochester Adams, fans still managed to make it out and support their team.

"Our Grizz family did a great job supporting us," said senior guard Reggie Hamilton. "We owe it to them and it we do it for them."

The Grizzlies started the game with a lead of 5-0 before the Lancers came back with a three pointer to score their first points of the game.

Windsor then managed to grab the lead and prevented Oakland from scoring again in the first 5 minutes.

Oakland later caught up after a layup from Hamilton and a foul from Windsor. He then sunk the free throw he received from the penalty to tie the game.

Guard Laval Lucas-Perry then brought the team back into the lead with an offensive rebound followed by a three pointer. Oakland gave up the lead for a few plays

but slowly regained it with a couple of defensive plays that prevented Windsor from controlling the ball and forced turnovers.

The Grizzlies separated their score with back-to-back three pointers from guards Blake Cushingberry and Lucas-Perry.

Later in the first half, with 4 minutes left to spare, Windsor started to come back with a couple of strong field goals and a huge three from Windsor's Josh Collins bring the game to 37-26 with Oakland still in the lead.

A hard personal foul and a technical foul from Windsor's Henock Araia helped add another four points to the Grizzlies lead after Hamilton and guard Travis Bader breaking the lead away even more.

Windsor gave up a total of nine turnovers in the first half, causing Oakland to breakaway and get 10 points from them. Oakland only gave up four turnovers in the first half, but Windsor was able to get six points from the breakaways.

In the second half, Oakland managed to gain a consistent 26 point lead over the Lancers, preventing them to come back and earn a better score. Windsor gave up even more turnovers in the second half, giving away another ten points for the Grizzlies.

Oakland scored 50 points total in the sec-



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Senior guard Laval Lucas-Perry helped the Grizzlies toward a win against Windsor.

ond half, making the final score 98-67.

"This was just practice for us," said head coach Greg Kampe. "They originally beat us two months ago, and now we can say that we have beat them."

Hamilton had the most points of the

game and scored at total of 24 points. He also managed to get 6 rebounds, the third highest of the game.

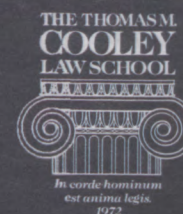
Oakland's next home game against Utah Valley University is on Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. in the O'Rena.

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# Men's soccer team earns tournament berth

By **SETH WALKER**  
Staff Reporter

The Oakland University men's soccer team won their game 2-0 against IUPUI on Saturday, earning them a spot in the Summit League tournament last weekend.

The Golden Grizzlies needed the win to continue the season.

The Grizzlies finished the regular season 6-11-1 (3-3 Summit League). More importantly, they earned the fourth and final seed in the tournament.

Both teams competed evenly through most of the first half until OU took momentum.

The team maintained energy through the second half with John Timm and Miche'le Lipari both scoring goals to give the Grizzlies the victory.

Goalkeeper Mitch Hildebrandt recorded a shutout, but he received plenty of help from the OU defenders in keeping the ball out of the net as they combined to limit IUPUI's scoring chances.

"Defensively, we were solid, calm and everybody just did their job," Hildebrandt said. "There weren't any gaps, everybody covered for each other, and our back four with Jeff Cheslik really worked well to-



SIERRA SOLEIMANI/The Oakland Post  
The men's soccer team earned the final spot in the Summit League Tournament this weekend in Kansas City, Mo. They face No. 1 Western Illinois on Friday, Nov. 11.

gether."

This was the final home game for Hildebrandt and fellow seniors Josh Bennett, Winston Henderson, Jon Evans and Jake

Przybycien.

The senior class has helped the Grizzlies reach the NCAA tournament twice, once in 2008 and again 2011.

"Our seniors have meant a lot to this program," head coach Eric Pogue said, "They've invested a lot of blood, sweat and tears for this program."

Pogue gave praise for all five seniors on the roster.

He called Hildebrandt "the backbone of the team," and someone he could "always rely on."

Pogue described Bennett as a tireless worker who was a solid two-way player who can play in multiple spots.

The coach commended Evans and Henderson on their talent and versatility on the soccer field.

Pogue referred Przybycien as a player that "optimizes the word 'team,'" and gives every ounce that he has."

They will face No. 1 seed Western Illinois in the semifinals Friday in Kansas City, Mo. on Friday, Nov. 11.

Despite being the fourth seed, Pogue received inspiration the night before with the Oakland women's soccer team upsetting No. 2 North Dakota State in its semifinal game.

"I think the women's soccer team last night proved it best," Pogue said. "They came in here as a fourth seed and knocked off the number one seed."

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# A new communication

## AHPD begins using social media to alert community members

**DAMIEN DENNIS**  
Staff Intern

The Auburn Hills Police Department has begun using social media to reach out to the community with a variety of topics from local events to crime alerts.

The Auburn Hills police department now uses Facebook, Twitter and Nixle, a publishing system used by police departments and other municipal offices, as a way to release news and alerts to the local community about the Auburn Hills area.

"As far as Facebook, we kind of have a schedule we follow Monday through Friday," said Officer Jeremy Stubbs of the AHPD. "Each day we gear at different topics."

Mondays, the department focuses in on crime watches and keeps the community up to date on crimes solved. On Tuesdays, they release general information about the department, such as employee profiles.

Wednesdays are dedicated to news about community events, such as the fire departments hunger drive last weekend and on Thursdays the department gives out safety tips about things such as traffic laws and credit

cards.

"Wedogoutside(ofthoseareas)ifwe have something coming up like a road closure, or something going on, maybe we'll post it on Monday along with what we normally do," Stubbs said.

The police department has already taken to their Facebook page to post community events, wanted subjects on outstanding warrants, safe driving tips and department personnel profiles.

"Officer Stubbs is the point person," Lieutenant Thomas Hardesty of the AHPD said. "He is the one doing most of the updating, staying up with it all the time."

With Nixle, locals can register for the program free of charge and sign up to receive text message alerts and e-mails from local police departments. Users can personalize an account and follow local agencies and police departments throughout the state.

The police department said it is always trying to find new ways to connect with the community.

"A lot of people are on Facebook and Twitter, so it is a way to reach out," Stubbs said. "I checked this morning and we're around 136 or 137 people. My goal is to get a lot more than we have now, so it's just about coming up

with ways to promote and get it out there."

The AHPD has had a Facebook page for over a year now, but it wasn't up to date until recently. Officer Stubbs took control over the social media aspect of the department and has been working with it since early August.

"As far as the crime stuff goes, it's too early to tell if it's been successful," Stubbs said.

The department has also put traffic laws up on their pages that may not be known by everyone. They have received a lot of positive feedback since beginning the program, especially surrounding some of these unknown traffic laws.

"If we can reach a few hundred people with each one, then we're getting somewhere," Hardesty said.

The Oakland University Police Department and AHPD work closely together to ensure the safety of students and residents of the area.

Earlier this month, OUPD teamed up with the AHPD to conduct S.A.F.E. Streets Program on local streets near campus.

So far, the program has contributed to a 20 percent reduction in crashes in the area.

## Local Briefs

### Family campfire at Dinosaur Nature Preserve

On Nov. 11 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. families can enjoy a turkey-themed campfire at the Dinosaur Nature Preserve in Rochester Hills.

Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$4 for members. Call Dinosaur Hill to reserve your spot of visit [www.dinsoaurhill.org](http://www.dinsoaurhill.org) or call 248-656-0999 for more information.

### Holiday decorating class

On Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. Pottery Barn of Rochester Hills will be hosting a decorating class for the holidays. Mantels and tables will be on display. The event is open to all and is free of charge.

### Technique cooking class

On Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. and Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. William Sonoma of Rochester Hills will be hosting a Thanksgiving cooking class. The class will focus on how to make side dishes for a Thanksgiving dinner. The event is free of charge and open to everyone.

### Parent, child holiday ornament making workshop

Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. families can enjoy a holiday ornament making workshop at Firebrick Gallery & Pottery Studio in Rochester Hills.

Visitors will make four glazed fire ornaments. To register visit the gallery's website at [www.firebrickgalleryandpotterystudio.com](http://www.firebrickgalleryandpotterystudio.com). Tickets are \$35.

— Compiled by Ali Armstrong,  
Local Editor

## 7 candidates in the general election for Rochester Hills were associated with OU. How did grizzlies fare at the polls?



**Bryan Barnett**

— Alumni: —  
Marketing

Ran for: City Mayor

**WON**

77.29 percent



**Laurie Puskas**

— Alumni: —  
Journalism

Ran for: City Council

**LOST**

45.4 percent



**Adam Kochenderfer**

— Alumni: —  
Political Science

Ran for: City Council

**WON**

54.6 percent



**Beth Talbert**

— Faculty: —  
Communication

Ran for: School Board

**WON**

28.54 percent



**Pat Piskulich**

— Faculty: —  
Political Science

Ran for: RCS School Board

**WON**

21.5 percent



**Jane Pierobon**

— Alumni: —  
Nursing

Ran for: RCS School Board

**WON**

23.23 percent



**Tom Malysz**

— Alumni: —  
Biology

Ran for: RCS School Board

**LOST**

10.62 percent



## Bear blasts into spotlight

### Woody scouts campus as a lovable admissions ambassador

By ALI ARMSTRONG  
Local Editor

Chances are you've probably seen him around campus. He's made appearances everywhere, from the Vandenberg cafeteria to the recreation center to WXOU studios. He is the bear who is melting everyone's hearts and just might give the Grizz a run for his money.

His name is Woody and he is the mascot for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

"He is kind of like the spirit of this office," D.J. Bond, an admissions programming assistant, said. "He keeps us all motivated and happy."

Woody came to Oakland University seven years ago when he was given as a gift from admissions office employee Ronda Ferguson to fellow employee Dawn Aubry.

A collector of stuffed bears and elephants, with more than 50 bears, Aubry received Woody as a birthday present decked out with balloons and OU attire.

"I think he really stole everyone's hearts, so we started putting him out at different events," Aubry said. "I decided not to take him home and just keep him here so everyone could enjoy him and I think everyone felt like he needed to be a part of our programming and they just started taking him places."

Woody has been a part of the admissions office as their mascot for seven years now, but has recently been making more appearances including on the OU Facebook page, where photos showcase Woody and his adventures around OU with students.

Photos show Woody with students in Café O'Bears, bumpers game room, sitting in the Grizzlies racing car, working out in the recreation center and getting help at the writing center in Kresge Library.

"I would say the last post that



Photo courtesy of Ronda Ferguson

Woody the undergraduate admissions office's mascot makes appearances all over campus. He and the Grizz get cozy.

was done after we took Woody to the mansion with us, some students just saw a few of those pictures and started sending them to their friends," Aubry said. "Some people want to take Woody home with them."

As the admissions mascot, Woody greets new and prospective students at different on and off-campus admissions and recruiting events.

Woody makes appearances at OU events like welcome receptions, Go For The Gold, Discover OU, transfer open houses, presidential scholar receptions and councilor connection events.

"I think he does a great job (as our mascot)" Aubry said. "I think Woody kind of reminds everyone to be a kid and to have fun and enjoy life. I think he's helping folks remember that Oakland is fun

place, a home away from home, and you can have fun here."

Woody has also been to admissions and recruiting events in places such as Grand Rapids, Traverse City, Toledo and Canada.

"He's kind of like a wanderer," Jason Dunn, admissions programming assistant, said. "You'll see him one day and he will there and the next day he'll be gone."

Woody is typically dressed in OU gear, with the occasional pair of sunglasses or even a sombrero on Cinco de Mayo.

"We are always dressing him up ... he always has new shirts," Alexis Hosey, acting communications coordinator for the office of undergraduate admissions, said. "It's an honor to dress Woody. We take turns, but usually Ronda dresses him up."

Woody is usually kept in the



ALI ARMSTRONG/The Oakland Post

He poses with co-workers D.J. Bond (left), Jason Dunn and Dawn Aubry.



Photo courtesy of Ronda Ferguson

He also makes speeches and has left the country on admissions and recruiting events.

admissions programming office, located in North Foundation Hall, but makes appearances at admissions events on campus.

"I think he is going to want to stay with the office. I think the

students have made it clear that they don't want him to leave," Aubry said.

Ferguson encourages students to meet Woody. That is, if they can find him.



# Jobs increasing source of anxiety for grads

By SARAH WOJCIK  
Features Editor

Apprehension among college seniors and graduates is on the rise, according to USA Today.

"What I find most fearsome is finding a job in my field," Eugene Shin, a senior studying communication, said. "I am more relying on loans than anything else to get by ... and school loans are notorious for being rather high."

Shin said he might be pushed to work out of state or even internationally, which scares him because he said he would prefer to stay in Michigan where his friends are.

Adding to the pressure of an ailing economy, Shin will not receive his diploma until April, although he will walk in December. Oakland University cited the reason as a "computer error," according to Shin.

"Now any place I apply to for a job, they have to go consult OU just to verify if I can be hired as a B.A. student," he said.

Shin is currently working as an intern at Community Christian Church in Sterling Heights. His job duties, which include scheduling people, making resources for learning songs available and administrative work, fall under the realm of communication, but Shin said he still worries.

Despite living at his mother's house in



SIERRA SOLEIMANI/The Oakland Post

Eugene Shin, a communication major who will walk in December, stands next to his Rochester Hills house. Shin pays for food and gas with student loans.

Rochester Hills rent- and bill-free, Shin relies on his student loans not just for his education, but also for food, gas and taking care of the house.

"Almost every moment I think about it," Shin said. "It's really more of a concern of how with this economy will I be able to pay back these loans and live debt-free for the most part."

He is dubious about the tuition increase.

"What I see are seemingly useless additions," he said, referencing the TV wall in the food court and the construction on the entrance of the Oakland Center.

With the debate coming, he said he wants the GOP candidates to focus on instilling a sense of entrepreneurship in students.

Another student, Andrew Olexa, graduated from OU's journalism department

over a year ago. He had been unsuccessful in his job search until a few months ago in an unrelated field: tech support.

"I wish I would have tried to establish better relationship with my professors," Olexa said. "I definitely wish that I had gotten a few email addresses and established a few friendships."

Olexa expressed the need for experience beyond the semester-long internship required of all journalism majors at OU. He said he wishes he had written for The Oakland Post or completed a second internship.

"The companies are saying that they want graduates who can do a little bit of everything," said Garry Gilbert, the director of the journalism department. "It's no longer enough to just be a really good writer. They want people who can write a good story, but can also tell a good story through a microphone and then shoot and edit digital video."

After a year of receiving no phone calls from journalism job leads, Olexa took a position at H&R Block.

"I'm just going to focus on my new job right now, but when work slows down, I'll be looking at other journalism jobs," he said. "I had to take what I can get, but I don't want to give up on my dream just yet."

## Student's business flourishes in barren economy

By KEVIN GRAHAM  
Staff Reporter

Despite job anxiety, Cameron Schea, a junior majoring in finance at Oakland University has his own moving company that is rapidly expanding.

His business, Silverback Moving, has been around a year, but already has three locations in Southeastern Michigan.

Schea has his eyes set on expanding his business' services to the western side of Michigan and Illinois within the next year.

Crediting his success to a combination of hard work and favorable consumer policies, Schea says he is living his dream.

"I've always been passionate about business," he said. "As soon as I could actually read a good book, I would just read about entrepreneurs and guys who really changed the face of the world we know it now through business."

The economy will be the primary subject of discussion at Wednesday's Republican Presidential Debate that is being hosted at Oakland. However, Schea is not necessarily an atypical case.

According to the most recent Gallup poll, 50 percent of Americans believe they are thriving despite the country's current economic troubles.

The primary concern for most college students is finding a job once they leave school.

Wayne Thibodeau, director of career services, said although Michigan usually takes longer to come back, there is reason for optimism.

"The segments of the market we have witnessed a rebound include engineering, information technology, computer science, accounting and health care including nursing and health sciences," Thibodeau said.

Thibodeau referenced a September event held in conjunction with Lawrence Tech to show that employers are hiring.

"We reached capacity with 90 top engineering and IT employers," he said. "This was an increase of 74 percent from last year's expo. We had a total of 294 students in attendance from OU and LTU which was an increase of 15 percent from a year ago. We also offered on-site interviews in the afternoon after the expo and 17 employers took advantage of interviewing 86 students on-site."

Part of the growth in engineering jobs may be due to the fact that the auto industry is pushing for higher quality and needs skilled talent, Thibodeau said.

Although engineering and technology are growing industries, he laid out some keys to success for students to get a job in any profession.

Thibodeau said businesses are



KEVIN GRAHAM/The Oakland Post

Junior Cameron Schea, a finance major, launched his moving business around a year ago. Now, Silverback Moving has three locations.

looking for students that can come up with creative solutions to problems and adapt quickly to an ever-changing market.

Employers are looking for people that can work in a variety of environments and have high levels of entrepreneurship.

Schea said that the key to success is meeting one's own expectations.

"I don't consider the time or the climate," he said. "It's all about how you execute your goals and how organized you are and how efficient you are."



## Students relive history

### Theatre department's latest production opens this week

By STEPHANIE PREWEDA  
Staff Intern

Oakland University's theatre department will be performing "The Women of Lockerbie," based on true events, written by Deborah Brevoort.

Directed by theatre professor, Karen Sheridan, the performance runs from Nov. 10 through 20 at the Varner Studio Theatre.

The performance is a straight play about the Lockerbie bombing, a terrorist attack, in 1988. The women of Lockerbie are led by Olive Allison, played by Alexandra McCaw, a senior majoring in musical theatre, plan to help by creating a Laundry Project.

This project takes clothes from victims and washes them to send to families of the victim.

"Olive makes a big journey in the show and we see a lot of different sides to her," McCaw said.

On the seventh anniversary of the attack on Lockerbie, a couple from America come to visit the place where their son died.

Bill Livingston, played by Nick Gnagi, a sophomore majoring in acting, comes to terms with his son's death and helps his wife overcome their loss.

"It's a challenge to play someone that is thirty some years older than I am," Gnagi said. "I've never had a lead role before. It's a challenge and it has made me improve a lot."

Gnagi is the youngest cast member among mostly juniors and seniors.

Along with the production, students are having three special events that tie into play.

Following the theme of the play, the cast is spearheading 'Clothing from Lockerbie,' a winter clothing drive. Donations will be accepted in the bin in front of the Studio Theatre until Nov. 20.

The proceeds go towards Grace Centers of Hope.

On Nov. 18, the performance will be shadow-signed by Terptheatre. They have been working with Oakland University for thirteen years.

A third special event will be held on Nov. 19 at noon. Deborah Brevoort will come in to talk about her writing process of the play and also have a question and answer session with students and the audience. This event is free and takes place at Varner Studio Theatre.

Tickets are on sale now for "The Women of Lockerbie" at the Varner box office, online at startickets.com or can be purchased at the door.



Photo courtesy of Rachel Hull

Alexandra McCaw, Lauren Knox, Lauren Wainwright and Amanda Ryskamp are the women of Lockerbie who assist Abigail Alexander (background) in her search for her lost son.



## A case for class cancellation

By JESSICA McLEAN  
Contributing Reporter

Depending on who you talk to, classes may or may not be cancelled for the debate on Wednesday.

The latest word on the street, according to Glenn MacIntosh, dean and assistant vice president of student affairs, is that classes are not cancelled. Unless your professor feels like it.

I object!

Given the circumstances, classes really should be cancelled.

When a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness a presidential debate comes to campus, I say it's more of an inconvenience to the education of students and faculty alike NOT to cancel classes.

First of all, we are citizens of a democracy. Many of us, both students and professors, are beyond the age of 18 and may vote.

Even if we don't want to vote, we, as Americans, really have a moral obligation to. This country was founded on the partic-

ipation of citizens like us, and debates like this one help us to make an informed decision, and help us to better participate.

Heck, I consider myself a Democrat and I still care about this debate.

**For democracy's sake, for our sakes, and for our education's sake, I say it's time to grovel.**

It would be silly of me to ignore it, agree or disagree as I may with many of the candidates' political views. After all, one of these candidates may well end up president next year, so it is worth my time to respect what they have to say.

Second, the opportunity to proudly host another debate on our campus may not come around again — at least, not for a long time — so let's consider ourselves lucky, cancel classes, and savor the experience.

It occurred to me as I was commuting to campus on Monday to pick up my debate watch party tickets how I could be

40-years-old by the time another debate comes to Oakland University.

I don't know about you, but I'm not waiting that long. This is our chance.

And, finally, contrary to popular opinion, I think this debate is educational, not just recreational. Because the reality is — unless your major is political science, whether you've dutifully read the "Politics" section in a newspaper lately, or you're currently groping through American government class — any political information you may have has probably fallen into disuse.

OK, so maybe you pull this information out every once and a while when you need it, but despite your best intentions, you still might need to Google the majority of it.

Besides, it's one thing to learn about politics in class, it's another thing to learn about politics in person.

It's that sensation a beginning Spanish student gets when he or she walks out of Spanish class and is confronted with the language in real life.

While this student suddenly realizes his

or her true incompetency in fluently speaking the language, they also have an opportunity to, with patience, attempt to speak fluently.

Similarly, this debate is an opportunity for us students, even if we must watch it from a television in our dorm, at home or in the Oakland Center, to apply what we have learned.

So students, for democracy's sake, for our sakes and for our education's sake, I say it's time to grovel.

Yes, you heard me correctly. I said "grovel."

Bat your eyes. Talk sweetly. Bring your professor some Starbucks. Haggle with them like an old lady bargaining with a salesperson at a flea market.

Beg like you just missed your final exam.

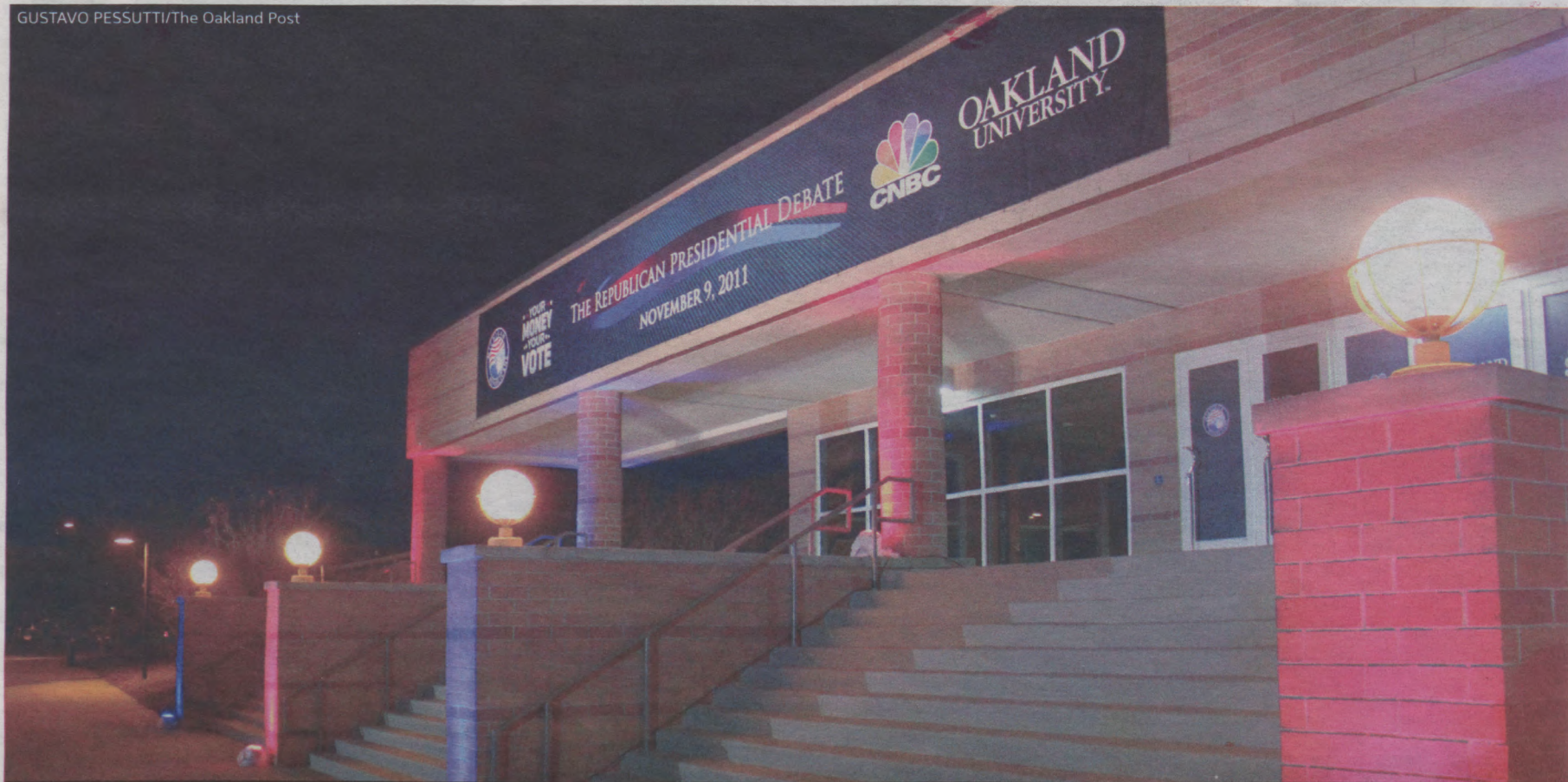
Plead like your mother grounded you.

Cry like a small, disturbed child having a temper tantrum at the mall.

Perhaps then our professors will let us go to the debate.

Or, at least, just allow us turn on the TV.

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