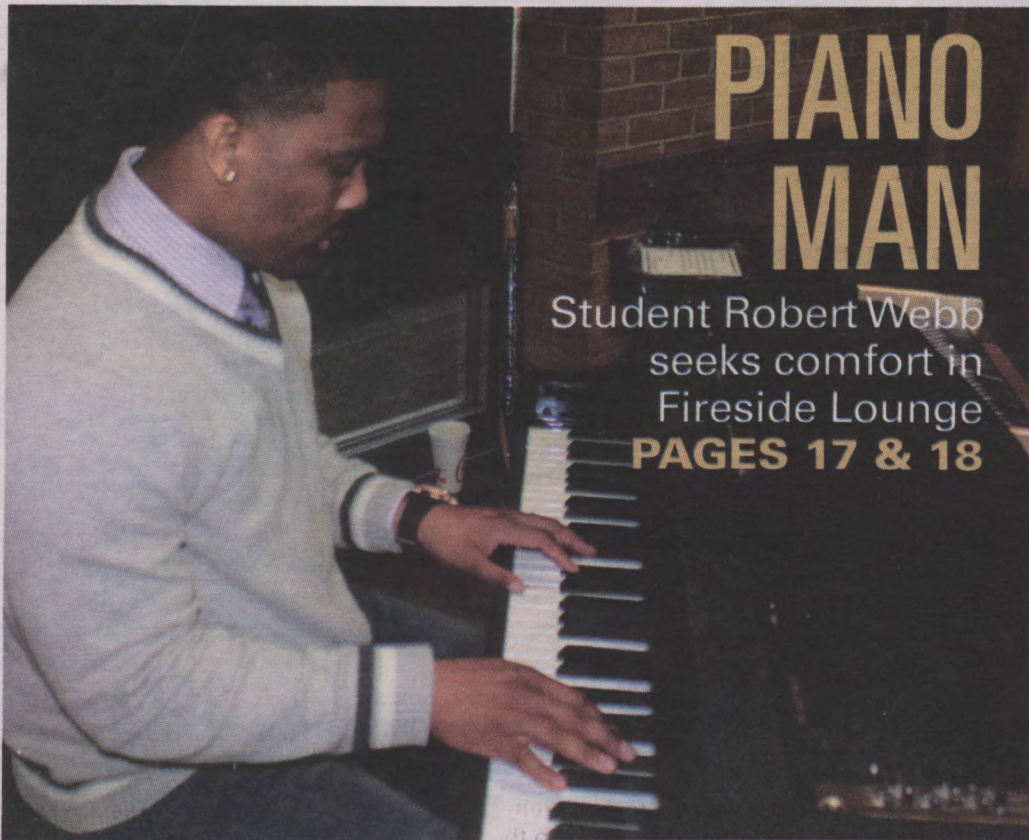


Four MORE

Obama takes office for
four more years
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PIANO MAN

Student Robert Webb
seeks comfort in
Fireside Lounge
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STEP BY STEP

Paralyzed athlete
climbs largest building
in the United States
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this week

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ontheweb

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

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

DYLAN DULBERG// *The Oakland Post*



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POLL OF THE WEEK

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

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

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LAST WEEK'S POLL

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

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

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

NOVEMBER 11, 1966

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

NOVEMBER 13, 1978

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

NOVEMBER 12, 1979

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



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9 // REMEMBERING THOSE LOST

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



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20 // TO HOT TO HANDLE

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

14 // READY FOR NEXT STEP

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

15 // LIGHTS, CAMERA, FOOD

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

BY THE NUMBERS Elections

1988

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

14

number of Michigan congressional districts

148

total number of representatives in the Michigan state legislatures

192

final electoral college gap in the 2008 presidential election

STAFF EDITORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The staff editorial is written weekly by members of The Oakland Post's editorial board.

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EDITORIAL

The right to bear bus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



KEVIN GRAHAM
senior reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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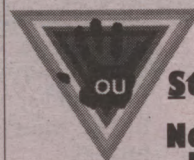


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2013 Wilson and Human Relations Awards

Nominations are now being accepted.

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

- be graduating seniors in winter 2013 or have graduated in summer or fall 2012
- have a strong academic record of 3.5 or higher GPA

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

- be graduating seniors in winter 2013 or have graduated in summer or fall 2012
- demonstrate service to the community
- have a minimum 2.5 GPA

Nomination forms are available at oakland.edu/dean_awards
or in 144 Oakland Center.

The deadline for both awards is Monday, February 4, 2013.

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