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Late frost means higher prices  
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## on the web

See videos of The Oakland Post's tour of Blakes Apple Orchard and Yates Cider Mill.  
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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK

**SCRAPING BOTTOM** // The new speed bump, located next to the Human Health Building, requires drivers to slow down significantly before driving over it. The pavement has been scraped by the front end of cars as they have gone over the bump. According to the Director of Student Activities Jean Ann Miller, the speed bump was added to the side of the Human Health Building to slow down traffic at the new crosswalk.

DYLAN DULBERG // *The Oakland Post*



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## POLL OF THE WEEK

Are you registered to vote in this November's election.

- A** Yes
- B** No
- C** Not yet
- D** There is an election?

Vote at [www.oaklandpostonline.com](http://www.oaklandpostonline.com)

## LAST WEEK'S POLL

How long does it take for you to find parking on campus?

- A) 0 - 10 minutes**  
35 votes | 35%
- B) 11 - 20 minutes**  
27 votes | 25%
- C) 21 - 30 minutes**  
18 votes | 17%
- D) I arrive early, so parking isn't a problem**  
27 votes | 25%

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### SEPTEMBER 25, 1964

Michigan State University's Board of Trustees approved a \$2.7 million increase in Oakland University's operating budget.



### SEPTEMBER 29, 1980

In an effort to improve OU's image, university officials approve a new logo. For the first time the university's logo began appearing on Meadow Brook literature.

### SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

After a station wagon was pulled from Beer Lake, a former OU student admitted to OUPD they put the car in the lake. The car had been in the lake since 1993.



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### 5 // HHB FINISHED ◀

After two years of construction, the Human Health Building held its grand opening Sept. 21. The event featured an open house and several guest speakers.



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### 13 // NO MORE ACRONYMS ◀

The Summit League changed the official title of three of its member's sports programs. The change was made to showcase the larger markets within the conference.

### 14 // ALL HAIL ▲

The Michigan Renaissance festival returns to Holly, Mich. for its 33rd year. The festival features performers dressed in period costumes, jousting, comedy, music, food and shopping.

### 15 // HEAD OF THE CLASS ▲

Oakland University alum and former 'Days of Our Lives' star Steve Blackwood, is teaching his first full-semester class at the Honors College. The class counts toward the art requirement.

## BY THE NUMBERS

110

Michigan state house districts

14

national congressional districts

18

required age to legally vote

30

minimum number of days you need to register prior to the election

\$2.4 billion

amount spent on the presidential race in 2008

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Get involved with all elections, not just one

In 42 days, the next President of the United States will be elected.

How are you going to make a difference this November?

If you're like most of the students on our staff — and the majority of the millennial generation — this year will be the first time you will be old enough to vote in the presidential elections. Be sure to make it count.

Voter turnout among the millennials — those born between 1982-2000 — was 51 percent in 2008 and only 40 percent were even old enough to vote, according to research conducted by the Pew Research Center. Now, in 2012, more than half of us will be able to cast our ballots and everyone who can, should.

As college students, this election period is especially important to us. With a 14.5 percent unemployment rate for 20 to 24-year-olds and a national average student loan debt of \$24,000 among college students, we need to make sure we're electing the right representatives.

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This year, in addition to electing a U.S. President, the State of Michigan will also elect a new State Senator, 15 members for the national House of Representatives, Michigan House of Representatives as well as a Circuit, District, Probate and Probate District judge.

There are 653 candidates on the ballot, according to the Secretary of State website. How many of them are you familiar with? Do you know who represents you and your interests in Lansing and Washington D.C.?

While it is important to be educated on the presidential candidates, it is equally important to be educated on local candidates.

The local representatives elected Nov. 6 will directly represent you and your interests.

These people will be the most in tune with issues in your community and will

look to represent you.

Only 20.4 percent of registered voters participated in the Aug. 7 Michigan primary elections this year — a total of only 1,503,662 people. Were you one of them?

During the next month, we challenge you to get involved. Read up on the candidates and do some research.

Learn about which issues they stand for, and which ones they oppose. The candidates that are elected will impact the policy decisions made.

Devote some of your free time (though we know it's limited) to a political party. Keep yourself well-informed.

Use nonpartisan websites like [www.rockthevote.com](http://www.rockthevote.com) and [www.ontheissues.org](http://www.ontheissues.org) to find out the basics. And when Nov. 6 rolls around, be ready to make a difference.

After all, whomever we elect will be in charge of making important decisions during the next two to four years.

Make sure you're educated on all of the issues and are voting for the right people.

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

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• The Women's Leadership Luncheon was sponsored by Hennessey Capital.

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