

OAKLAND

EXPRESSION

An A.H.C. Publication

November 27, 1974

Volume II, No. 4

Meet Purchaser Pat Nicosia

Care To

S.H.A.R.E.?

- Daniel Hyslop



Want to go to Florida, Hoboken, Ogden or LA over semester break? Want to share expenses with someone else going?

Six colleges and universities including O.U. have organized a student national ride system called S.H.A.R.E. (Students Help Arrange Rides Everywhere). The

Continued on page 4,

Senior Cynthia Williams Crowned Miss O.U.

- Jeanne Arend

Cynthia Williams, a friendly 19-year-old who loves poetry and children, was crowned Miss Oakland University at the Intrepid Ball Saturday night.

Ecstatic at being chosen Miss O.U. over nine other contestants, Cynthia said, "It was just fantastic! I really felt like Cinderella the whole night!"

Cynthia, a senior history major, will student teach in Ferndale this winter. She entered O.U. in 1972 and by attending summer sessions at O.U. and Wayne State, will graduate in April 1975.

Cynthia plans on becoming a lawyer and hopes to attend Howard University next year for further studies. "I've never been able to travel extensively", Cynthia said, "and Washington will be a real trip for me!"

She is very active in student activities and co-sponsored the "Young, Gifted, and Black Talent Show" last year. She worked with Concept: Oakland in hosting the Meadowbrook Mansion fashion show last week and she works in Student Organizations.

Her favorite hobby is reading poetry. "Poetry is just a world

Continued on page 4,

As Oakland University residents, your campus lives are affected by many different people in a large number of ways. One such person is Pat Nicosia, Business Manager of Residence Halls and Oakland Center.

What, you may ask, does a business manager have to do with me? From talking with Pat, there's more than you think. In addition to preparing financial statements and quarterly budget reports, Pat is responsible for preparing and controlling the budget of residence halls, as well as being in charge of all purchasing. Any new additions, such as the carpeting which has been added to several dorms, comes through Pat's office.

Along with the Refurbishing Committee, Pat is presently looking into ways of dressing up the community bathrooms and floor lounges. New furniture for the Hamlin lounge has already been ordered. All other purchasing requests are up to Pat also.

Aged twenty-nine, Pat is single and has been with Oakland since 1972. Before coming here he worked for a public accounting firm, but plans to stay at Oakland now. Graduating from the University of Michigan, Pat has both a BBA and MBA degree as well

Continued on page 4,

Before the

Deadline :

It is said that ours is the most advanced society that has ever existed on the face of this planet. If this is true, why can't we overcome a few slight problems. For example . . . along with the emergence of the more advanced facets of our modern society, comes the problem of bureaucracy. I don't mean the benevolent dictatorship system as witnessed at this university, no, not at all. I speak of that ever present menace to our lives that survive under the code names of 'Departments, Branches, Bureaus, and Sections'. These, of course, are lead by 'Department Heads, Branch Managers, bureauRats, and sexion Secretaries'.

. . . anyone who has had the misfortune to have missed the blessing of Pre-Registration for one semester or another has seen a prime example of the Department of Redundancy Department in action. What is the sense of having one form with your name, address, phone number and student number, and another card having listed your student number, name, address, and phone number?

This is nothing, however, compared to the assinine procedure using I.B.M. cards, one for each class, which necessitates a student standing in about five lines, becoming frustrated (invariably at the last possible moment one of the classes in your schedule shows up on the screen showing it is full), and then on top of all

Continued on page 4,

PROJECT: UNITY

At this time last year, many complaints were being lodged against AREA HALL COUNCIL for a number of reasons: The council sponsored hefty beer-bashes (which were a waste); the council was not attempting to meet the interests of the diverse student population; the council did not speak out for the rights of individual students. To a large extent, this was true - the council was a magnificent party government. In order to put AHC in correct perspective at this university, we, the new Area Hall Council, decided to spearhead a charity drive for Christmas: Instead of a Christmas party for council members only.

PROJECT: UNITY, the title

of our campaign, offers each and everyone of us a chance to make someone's holidays truly brighter. At this time we have six needy groups and organizations chosen to receive funds once the drive is complete. From mentally retarded citizens in Rochester to the urban league of Pontiac, we have cited organizations who we believe can offer the most effective assistance to these people.

We, the 1974-75 Area Hall Council, ask for your help. Now is the time to put aside our differences; now is the time to unite under the cause of people destined to a life of ignorance, poverty, and physical handicaps. . . . LETS REACH OUT

Robert Thornton James A. Cumber
AHC PROJECT: UNITY
President Chairman

Staff

Editors - in - Chief

Cory Borgoson Diane Smith

Feature Editor

Daniel Hyslop

News Editor

Linda Richter

Proof-reading Editor

Cindy Ashcraft

Distribution Editor

Bob Cunnings

Editorial Editor

Douglas Sundmacher

Typing Editor

Julia Dixel

Copy-Layout

Martha Winkel

Gary Foster

Becky Gordon

Good Food

from Saga?

The catering service at Oakland is often the butt of jokes, and at times, with good reason, although I would like to take the time to point out the good aspects of SAGA.

Not a few students would be surprised if they were to find out that Oakland is one of the few remaining institutions which hasn't gone to limited seconds, or soy-burger.

There are also few institutions which have all the ice-cream you can eat, and bi-monthly steak nights

Much can be said for needed improvements, but it should be pointed out that the managers of SAGA do as good a job as anybody can to run the cafeteria and they deserve a well - done !

- Doug Sundmacher

Editorials

The opinions expressed in this department are those of the Editorials Department only, and not necessarily of A.H.C.

Letters to the Editor are most welcome and highly encouraged.

All letters will be answered and possibly printed.

Address letters to:

Douglas Sundmacher

224B Hamlin

Oakland University

MEET YOUR RA RICK DESPARD

BOY! Did We

GOOF!!

By Cory Borgeson

Rick Despard, Resident Assistant on the 1st floor of Van Wagoner, enjoys his job as an RA and has no plans of giving it up.

Do to last minute changes in the format of the paper, there are several mistakes we would like to rectify.

Mike O'Connor did not say he is the best thing that's happened. It should read, that being an RA is the best thing that has happened to him.

Also, leaving out the continueds was purely an oversight. However, we thought it did make a nice treasure hunt issue.

In Harry Galloway's story, the correction should be that most all of the cars stolen have been new Fords, not all of them.

Thank you for bearing with us on the last issue.

-The Editors

Despard, a junior this year, is from Annapolis Maryland. He spent a year at another Michigan school before coming to Oakland two years ago. When asked why he picks Michigan schools to attend, he said, "I like the great climate here. All the cloudy days really fit my personality."

As an RA, Despard is on special assignment as a photographer, which includes publicity for the Residence Halls.

However, Rick says he is not interested in "photo journalism". He prefers working in the dark room.

Besides photography, Rick's other interests include classical guitar which he



has played for three years and two months, painting and plants. "I like all aspects of the arts."

Rick plans to graduate from O.U. with an English Major. "After graduating, I plan to attend Cranbrook Academy of Art."

Despard's room reflects what his life deals in. Plants sit in front of his window, pictures cover his walls and his guitar rests against the desk.

Laying on his bed, Despard says he doesn't drink much, but does like fine wines. "What I really like is walking, and the outdoors."

House Policy Committee

Becky Gordon

Jack Wilson, former Director of Residence Halls, and new Dean For Student Life, created the Residence Halls Policy Committee several years ago in an attempt to increase student input into decision making processes in Residence Halls. The group, made up of elected student, R.A., and Head Resident representatives, acts as a conscience for Acting Director, Mitch Livingston.

Since the committee has no formal support, the director has the power to enforce his own decisions, but tries to act on the outcome of a democratic vote of the committee members, considering their views

as well as his own.

The committee plans to publish a policy handbook, which will explain all of the residence hall policies in depth for student benefit.

Livingston hopes to see the committee working on a project soon that will build up a feeling of unity among the residence hall students, so that all will benefit from the experience of living together. He feels that it is imperative to have a cross section of all students involved in the decision-making process so that the committee can better serve all of the students.

Going Home?

There are some of us here who look forward to vacations so we can go home and visit our families and friends, yet there are also others who call O.U. home, 365 days a year. It is not that easy for them to go home - when was the last time you saw a sign that read: Ride needed to Africa for weekend - Will share expenses.

To help solve this problem and other problems that all foreign students share, the University has set up an international floor. The idea came from the foreign students themselves through the International Students Organization. The

Continued on page 4,

Deadline

Continued

of this, paying \$82 for a class in which you stand an 82% chance of failing.

. . . one thing in this university that I (and I trust most others also) have grown accustomed to is waiting in lines. Of all of the lines on campus, including registration, movies, library, buying textbooks, getting into the cafeteria, and getting out of the cafeteria, only the last seems worth the effort. Strangely, this is also the line with the most anxious faces scattered in it.

. . . if you, martyr that you must be, have ever tried to find out the answer to a very simple question from one of the many wierd and wonderful departments here on campus, it is not uncommon to become the unwilling victim of a telephonic volleyball game.

Though I have never seen it, the switchboard on the other end of the big '0' on your telephone must have between ten and twenty thousand little plugs which may be connected to twice as many little jacks on that wonderful light-board. Between work on this paper, a missing record in the Registrar's office, and the well known 'Freshman Where's?', I have been connected with (to my present count) 237 of the approximately 250 telephones connected to offices in these hallowed buildings.

. . . I offer no real suggestions to solve these problems, but I think there may be one person of very high intelligence out there some place who can come up with some other solution. There must be . . . mustn't there . . . please????!

- TAG

Pat Nicosia

Continued

as being a Certified Public Accountant. He says that coming from a large university has made Oakland a nice change. He likes the idea of everyone knowing every one, and says the smallness of Oakland makes it more fun. He does wish, however, that Oakland was

bigger on athletics, as one of his favorite pastimes is football. He enjoys U of M football particularly and also likes to travel. Much of his free time is also taken up teaching a Continuing Education class in Accounting.

Care to Share ?

Continued

schools (EMU, U of M - Flint, OCC, U of D, WSU and OU) have agreed to exchange names and destinations of students who are planning a trip and need rides or riders to share the expense.

The first SHARE exchange of information between the schools will take place for the coming semester break. Those students who have registered in SHARE will have their names sent to the different schools who then will make them available to

those students interested in finding rides or riders going to the same destination. Each school will receive each other's list of interested students during the first week of December. It will then be the responsibility of the students to match themselves.

If you are planning a trip for anytime between December 18 and January 6, come now to Commuter Services, 118 OC, or call 7-2020 for more information. You can sign up in SHARE now.

Miss O.U.

Continued

of mine", Cynthia said. As her talent in the Miss O.U. contest, Cynthia read selections by her favorite poet, Nikki Giovanni.

Cynthia loves dealing with youngsters and worked last summer with children in the Inter-City Subcenter in East Detroit, helping them demonstrate their crafts and artwork.

Cynthia, a Hamlin Hall resident, is a native Detroitter and graduated from Detroit South-eastern H.S. She is the second oldest child in her family and lives with her mother, three brothers and three sisters in the summer.

Before becoming Miss O.U., Cynthia had to submit a petition with 50 signatures, write a 50-word essay on why she wanted to become Miss O.U., have a good GPA, and compete in a talent contest.

Savannah McCollum, Paulette Hines, and Linda Houston were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd runners-up, respectively.

Going Home ?

Continued

original idea was to set up a floor on a dorm for students both outside of the country and outstate, so that when the rest of the University closed down, these students would have a place to stay. When the plans were finalized, the fifth and sixth floors of Van Wagoner were designated as international floors.

The staff members on these floors are trying to handle some of the various problems that foreign students have, helping them to adjust to O.U. -- their new home environment. One of the problems they run into is that the food in the cafeteria is prepared so much differently than the food they are used to eating that they sometimes get sick. Another problem is finding on-campus jobs. They are usually unable to get an off-campus job because of stipulations set on them when they come to this country.

The members of these floors, along with the International Students Organization, are planning an International night for December 7 in the O.C. and hope to have food from the different countries and movies about different cultures. All are invited to attend.