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Issues About Environmental Soundness of Campus Before Senate

Two issues that would give the university a stronger role as protector of the environment will come before the university Senate at a special meeting on April 30.

The resolutions concern preserving wooded and open lands on campus, and encouraging purchasing agents to buy "Earth friendly" products.

The Senate's Committee on Campus Development

recommended both resolutions at the Senate's April 12 meeting. If they are adopted by the full Senate, they would be sent to the university Board of Trustees for final action.

Concerns about land preservation focused on the use of campus acreage as teaching and research resources. Associate Professor George Gamboa, biological sciences, said some faculty members want to ensure that areas labeled for

future development in the campus master plan do not threaten natural areas. Wooded areas contain trees that approach 200 years old, he said, and undeveloped grassy areas are important to the ecological balance.

The land defined by the committee includes areas along the south central and southwest sections.

"It's a mistake to think of these grassy fields as old, empty spaces," he said. Gamboa himself is one of the faculty members who conducts outdoor research. He studies the social nature of wasps. He noted that other departments, including art and art history, use the natural areas regularly.

Gamboa told senators that "we should jealously guard this property."

Provost Keith Kleckner said there are no plans to develop campus land, or to sell it for development. "But that's not to say that someone won't think of something 20-30 years down the line," he added. He also noted that future

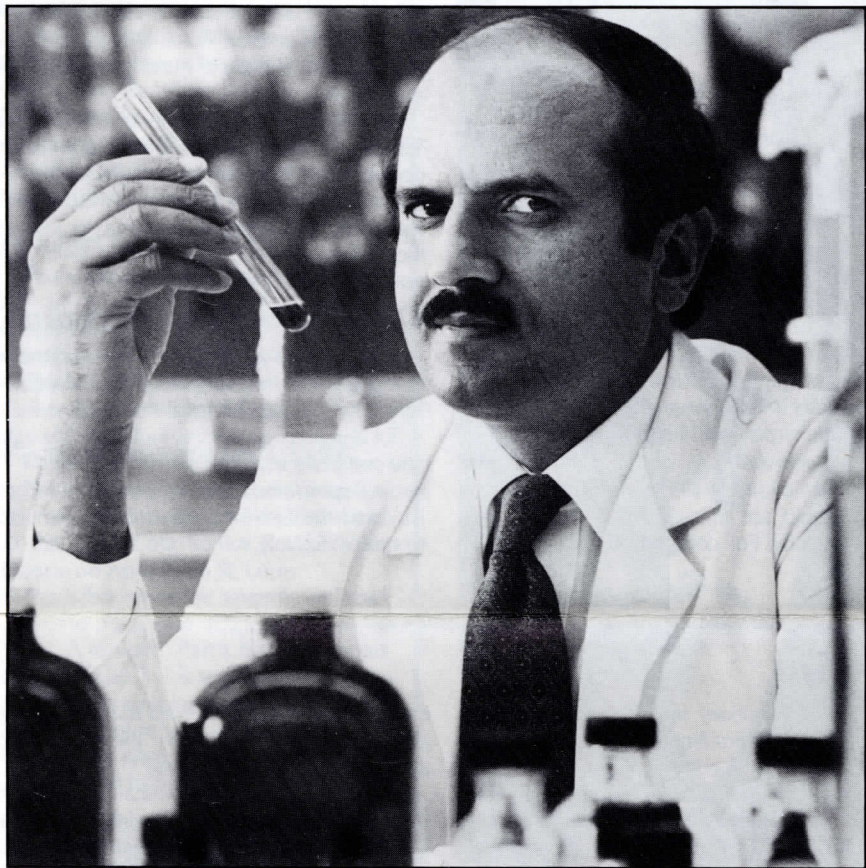
boards of trustees would not be bound by any resolutions urging preservation.

The only land under consideration for sale now is a narrow strip along Squirrel Road. That land will be added to the public right-of-way to allow for widening and straightening Squirrel as it winds between the university and the Oakland Technology Park.

The issue of altering university buying habits concerns "giving full consideration in all of (the university's) purchasing and contracting activities to the use of biodegradable, recyclable or otherwise environmentally sound products whenever appropriate choices are available."

Gamboa said there is growing support for a task force to ensure that purchasing policies reflect a concern for the environment. The task force probably would not have authority to order which products could or could not be bought, he added.

Student representative Lisa Stamps said the University Student Congress has already voiced support of the policy.▼



Rasul Chaudhry hopes his work with "super bugs" could lead to solutions for some environmental problems.

Super Bugs

Biologist Looks to Nature for Help in Cleaning the Environment

An Oakland biologist is helping Mother Nature develop "super bugs" to solve human-made environmental problems.

Rasul Chaudhry says his lab has already identified bacteria that degrade harmful herbicides, insecticides and some chemical waste materials.

His research is supported by more than \$100,000 in grants from the state of Florida.

Chaudhry says his goal is to "improve the capability of bugs present in the soil naturally to degrade toxic materials quickly." In addition, he is trying to "develop bugs that can degrade more than one substance, a situation most often found at industrial waste sites."

Now that these bacteria have been identified, Chaudhry is taking two approaches:

- He takes bacteria from the soil into the lab where he attempts to enhance their natural abilities to survive and multiply, then return them to their natural environment.

- He employs genetic engineering techniques to develop a super strain to be introduced in polluted land or water areas.

Chaudhry says good results can bring biological rather than chemical treatments to many contaminated areas. A way down the road, but already being investigated, are means to splice genes from bacteria that degrade toxic materials in crops. This genetic engineering could protect the crops from harmful materials and protect the people who eat the crops.

The plant research is part of Chaudhry's

work and is being investigated in collaboration with other scientists.

The OU professor and other researchers are also looking at potential problems that genetic engineering might create. They ask whether a "super bug" in some ecosystems would create more problems than it would solve.

Chaudhry has published several papers concerning the environmental impact of genetic engineering, including *A Microcosm for Assessing the Survival of Genetically Engineered Organisms in the Aquatic Environment*.

Many of the known toxic chemicals introduced for agricultural or nonagricultural use have now been banned, but they persist in the soil for long periods. "Even though most of these substances are biodegradable," Chaudhry says, "this process is slow. The same thing is true for materials introduced into the environment as components of industrial waste."

Chaudhry says there are obvious benefits to society in developing an ability to degrade these substances quickly and efficiently rather than undertaking costly or impossible removal.

In addition to his teaching and research, Chaudhry's scientific contributions have been recognized by his recent appointment to the editorial board of the prestigious journal of *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*, published by the American Society for Microbiology.

— By Jim Llewellyn▼

University Strategic Guidelines Up for Senate Reconsideration

Strategic guidelines to use in guiding development of academic programs into the next century will come up for further consideration by the university Senate on April 30.

The guidelines, reported to the Senate by the Academic Policy and Planning Committee on April 12, continue to draw both favorable and critical comments.

Senators raised numerous questions about how the guidelines would be used to strengthen the university, where financial resources to make changes would come from, and whether the traditional emphasis on undergraduate education would change significantly.

Classics Series to Resume April 24

The spring session of Classics of Western Tradition begins April 24 with a discussion of Machiavelli's *The Prince*.

Leonardas V. Gerulaitis, history, will lead the lecture-discussion series from 7-9 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Hall library. The program is offered by the Division of Continuing Education and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Faculty, staff and students may sign up for the 10-week program at a reduced rate of \$140. The literature program is designed simply for enjoyment without the burden of exams or grades. Class size is limited to encourage a free exchange of questions and interpretations.

The guidelines have been studied for more than two years now, drawing comments from faculty members throughout the development process. A stated goal of the APPC is that the guidelines should bind the university together as an institution, as opposed to having a university that is "an agglomeration of separate departments and disciplines."

With many comments directed at how resources could be redistributed to ensure the guidelines are effectively put into place, it became evident that faculty members were concerned that if the existing pie is cut again, none of the filling falls out.▼

Other lectures in the series include:

- William D. Jaymes, French, leading the class in interpreting Fyodor Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, May 8, 15 and 22.

- Laurie Grimm, English, speaking on Gustave Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*, May 29 and June 5.

- Margaret B. Pigott, rhetoric, speaking on Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, June 12, 19 and 26.

Registration details are available by calling 370-3120.▼



Harold Cousins, left, and Marvin Katke share a few stories at the kickoff breakfast for the Charlie Gehring Meadow Brook Golf Classic. The annual event will be June 4-5 on the campus golfcourse that is named for these two men.

Henry Cisneros: 'You Are the Lucky Few'

Students who want to find even minimal success in life must realize that getting an education is itself a fundamental assignment.

Henry Cisneros, former mayor of San Antonio, Texas, urged students to recognize that the days are long gone when a person could get by with only a partial education and brute strength instead of mental strength. Speaking to an evening audience that included many minority students, Cisneros called education the "competitive edge" that they need to succeed.

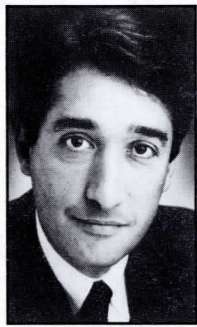
Cisneros' lecture, sponsored by the MARCS Program in conjunction with the Student Life Lecture Board, attracted about 200 persons. He told the students to be grateful for having the chance to get an education, and not to let the opportunity to improve themselves slide away.

"Over half of your age group has never spent a day in college," Cisneros said. "You think of yourself as normal, as somewhere near the middle of your peers. I would tell you that you're the elite. You are the lucky few who have the opportunity to get a good education at a good college.

"Over half of your age group tonight are working in a convenience store, flipping hamburgers at a fast-food place, working in a garage or standing on a street corner complaining about how they couldn't find a job at all."

Cisneros told the students they have a good reason to be concerned about what others their age make of their lives. "If you live to be 80 years old, you're not going to escape your peers."

Students must also be willing to think about their long-range plans, Cisneros said. "It means you have to spend your time at Oakland not just for getting all the course information you can and memorizing it, somehow, in rote fashion — information that is going to be obsolete in a few years, anyway — but what you have to do is develop the skills," he said.



Cisneros

"You've got to teach yourself to learn on your own again in the future.

You have to teach yourself the frame of mind that allows for intellectual restlessness, so that you get excitement from the idea that you're going to have to learn again. Learn to learn here, and learn to teach yourself to learn."

Education is critically important, because the economy has moved toward one dependent on

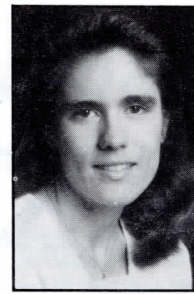
skilled labor, Cisneros said. Yet despite that, the public and the government have not recognized how essential schools are to the nation's future, he asserted.

"The danger is watching the creation of a permanent underclass in our society," the former mayor said. "In other words, those who are unfortunate enough to graduate from schools, or not to graduate from schools, where they never had access to the skills they needed to be a productive part of the new economy. The result is we're going to create a bigger gap in our society between those who are productive and those who are standing on the sidelines."

Cisneros also called on his audience to recognize cultural differences as a means of staying competitive. Domestic demographic changes point to the trends that today's students must prepare to deal with, he noted.

Cisneros cited studies which show that by 2000, 46 percent of the California population will be black, Hispanic and Asian. Also by 2000, he said, 92 percent of the California population will live in a county that is at least 30 percent black, Hispanic or Asian.

"How do we compete if we fail to come to terms with this agenda?" he asked. ▽



Sally Sanson has become the first Oakland student to win the Fuld Fellowship in nursing.

Sanson Earns Nursing Fellowship

A junior nursing student has become the first Oakland student to win the prestigious Helene Fuld Fellowship.

As a fellowship winner, Sanson will attend two cancer conferences in Europe this summer: the sixth International Conference on Cancer Nursing, to be held in Amsterdam, Holland, August 12-16, and the 15th International Union Against Cancer, slated for Hamburg, West Germany, August 18-22.

The Helene Fuld Health Trust which awards the fellowships is the largest private U.S. foundation supporting nursing education.

Sanson's academic achievement is "a reflection of her motivation, participation in school/university activities, and her desire to be the best professional nurse she can be," says Andrea Lindell, dean of nursing. Sanson's GPA is above 3.7.

Lindell notes that Sanson is a Tekla Strom Ylvisaker scholar at OU for the current academic year. Lindell says she did not hesitate to recommend Sanson for either award. Sanson, she adds, "has and will continue to represent the School of Nursing and OU with poise, confidence and professionalism." ▽

Olympics Set for Chem Students

Approximately 100 high school students will compete for awards in the eighth annual Chemistry Olympics at Oakland on May 5.

Technical competitions, including laboratory and computer activities, will be conducted. The event is sponsored by the Department of Chemistry and the Detroit Section of the American Chemical Society. ▽

Alumni Plan Trip to Chicago Gallery to See Monet Exhibit

Imagine, you and Claude Monet spending the weekend together in Chicago.

If you're an alumnus or member of the President's Club and can get away June 15-17, then an Alumni Association tour should interest you. Art aficionados will see more than 90 of Monet's series paintings that have been drawn from public and private collections worldwide. Although Monet, the master French impressionist, is long gone, his works live on and still have an impact on 20th century art.

The Alumni Association has arranged the weekend tour to the Chicago Art Institute to view the paintings, which include the famous haystacks, poplars and views of Rouen Cathedral. Some of the works on display have not been shown in a century.

Charlotte Stokes, chairperson of the Department of Art and Art History, will accompany the tour. She will give a lecture following the Saturday luncheon, plus hold informal discussions during the weekend.

The package tour includes round-trip travel on Midway Airlines, two nights deluxe accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, a private wine and hors d'oeuvres reception and other amenities.

Reservations and payment in full must be made before May 15. The rate is \$249 per person, double occupancy. For details, call Alumni Relations at 370-2158 or Mr. Q Travel at 886-0500.

For alumni thinking about joining or renewing their membership in the Alumni Associa-

tion, the association has a sweepstakes offer they may not be able to pass up.

Five vacation packages are available as prizes. Everyone who joins or renews a membership by August 1 is eligible.

The prize packages are a midweek four-day, three-night skiing package at Sugar Loaf resort, a two-night skiing or golfing package at Boyne Mountain, two nights at Mission Point resort on Mackinac Island, weekend accommodations at the Holiday Inn in Auburn Hills and a one-night stay at the Northfield Hilton in Troy.

The sweepstakes is open to alumni only. Persons who join the association or renew their membership are entered in the sweepstakes automatically. For complete details, call 370-2158. ▽

Our People

All the news that fits appears here. Include yourself by sending details of your travels to the News Service, 104 NFH.

PRESENTATIONS

• Fatma Mili, engineering and computer science, gave a seminar on her research on programming heuristics at the invitation of the University of Adelaide and the Feldon South Australia University.

• Rita Gallagher, Penny Cass and Mary Eddy, nursing, presented *Michigan Schools of Nursing: Variations in AIDS Policies* at the 94th annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Services, Arts and Letters. It was held at Albion College.

• Noël Houck, linguistics, presented a paper,

Tag Questions: A Necessary Pragmatic Context at the fourth annual Pragmatics and Language Learning Conference. It was held at the University of Illinois. She will present a revised version of *A Set of Necessary Preconditions on Tag Questions* at the International Pragmatics Conference in Barcelona, Spain, in July.

• David Herman, student life, presented *Using Internationals as a Classroom Resource* at the Michigan Association for Foreign Student Affairs Conference in Dearborn. The topic was *International Education: Networking for the Future*. Copresenters were Carol Mims-Foster of Meadowbrook School in Rochester and Dorothy Roll of Michigan State University.

• Jan Schimmelman, art and art history, lectured on *Images of Women in Art* for the American Association of University Women in Rochester.

• Paul Webster, art and art history, is exhibiting his sculpture at the Robert Kidd Gallery in Birmingham through May 5.

PUBLICATIONS

• Fatma Mili, engineering and computer science, is coauthor of *Towards Structured Specifying: Theory, Practice, Applications*, published by Ellis Horwood Series in Software Engineering. The book reports on the results of research conducted by the Research Group on Algorithmic and Heuristic Programming, based at Oakland and the University of Tunis. Theoretical results include the identification of the lattice of specifications. Practical results include a methodology for specification generation and specification validation.

• Liz Barclay, business administration, wrote *Union Commitment: An Examination of Antecedent and Outcome Factors* for the *Journal of Occupational Psychology*. It also appeared in a publication in Great Britain. Coauthors were J.W. Thacker and M.W. Fields.

• Rita Gallagher and Penny Cass, nursing, wrote *AIDS: Who Will Care at Home?* for *Education and Prevention*.

• Dan Braunstein, business administration, coauthored a paper that was presented at the Midwest Accounting Society meeting in Chicago. *Auditor's Agreement on Key Financial Ratios for Predicting Financial Failure* was co-authored by B. Goodman, A. Reinstein and G. Gregory.

• Keith Stanovich, psychology, wrote a chapter, *Changing Models of Reading and*

Reading Acquisition, for a book, *L'apprenti Lecteur: Recherches Empiriques et Implications Pedagogiques*. The edited volume is published by French publisher *Delachaux et Niestle*. The volume was designed to bring together French translations of influential work on the psychology of reading. An English version will be published by Lawrence Erlbaum later this year.

• Sid Mitra, business administration, wrote *Tax Planning: Planning Ahead* for the April issue of *Financial Planning*.

• Roberta Schwartz, journalism, wrote an article on Dr. Jeffery Band, chief epidemiologist of Beaumont Hospital, for the May issue of *Heritage* magazine. Her story and photos on Carnival Cruise Lines appeared in the April 29 issue of the *Oakland Press*. A story on Tiffany artist William Scudella appeared in the March issue of *Creative Crafters*.

• Jan Schimmelman, art and art history, has signed a contract with G.K. Hall & Co., Boston, to publish *American Imprints on Art Through 1865: Books and Pamphlets on Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Aesthetics, Art Criticism and Instruction. An Annotated Bibliography*. Her research was supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Library Company of Philadelphia, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and OU through a research fellowship and research grant.

• Andrea Eis, art and art history, has published, *What is a Best Boy, Anyway?* in the *Detroit Film Society Newsletter*, and *Stage to Screen: 'Witness for the Prosecution' and 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'* in film notes for the Detroit Film Society.

CONFERENCES

• Fatma Mili, engineering and computer science, attended the first Database Research Conference and the 13th Computer Science Conference in Melbourne, Australia. She presented

a paper on an object-oriented database model, and a paper on a model for the specification and verification of data types.

• Vincent Khapoya, political science, has been selected to participate in the summer institute of the Center for International Cooperation and Security Studies in Madison, Wis. The topic will be *Regional Conflict and Global Security in the 1990s*. Fifty political scientists from the United States and abroad are expected to attend.

• Jerry Rose, admissions, represented the Michigan ACT Council at the American College Testing Corp. spring meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. Issues reviewed included new educational initiatives at the state level, cooperative projects between ACT and the business community, and specific ACT services needed within the state. Rose is serving his second year as the Michigan representative to ACT.

• Charlotte Stokes, art and art history, will attend the annual committee meeting to formulate the Advanced Placement Test in Art History that is administered by the Educational Testing Service and the College Board. The meeting will be in Princeton, N.J. This is Stokes' second year on the committee.

Jobs

For information on position openings, call the Employee Relations Department Jobs Hotline at 370-4500.

• Assistant to the dean, AP-8, School of Nursing.
• Scientific programmer analyst, AP-5, Office of Computer Services.

Funding Opportunities

The Office of Research and Academic Development has details about sources of external funding. Stop by 370 SFH or call 370-3222. Unless noted, proposal due dates are unknown.

U.S. Information Agency
American Studies Institute, June 19.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
National Institute of Mental Health
Perinatal behavioral development, July 31.
Agency for International Development, and NIH
Behavioral research related to AIDS prevention, July 10.

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Bits & Pieces

Bombing Case Ends in Pleas

Two men who set off campus pipe bombs January 10 have pleaded guilty to charges brought against them and are now awaiting sentencing by a U.S. District Court judge.

Former student Jerry Guglielmello and Christian Cyrulewski, who never was enrolled at OU, entered their pleas on April 13. A sentencing date has not been set, but one is expected within six to eight weeks.

The former roommates were charged with damaging property with an explosive device and aiding and abetting, both violations of federal law.

Mel Gilroy, public safety senior investigator, commented that he was pleased that the case, from investigation to completion in court, was resolved quickly.

Lions Roar Elsewhere

It just won't be the same jungle around here without the Lions.

The annual rite of summer, known as training camp for the Detroit Lions, will be held in Pontiac this year. The NFL team's management has notified the university that the team will train at the Silverdome. In announcing the decision not to return to Oakland, team officials said there was no particular dissatisfaction with the university or its services.

APs Honor Art Griggs

Friends of Art Griggs may congratulate him on his being the recipient of the Outstanding Administrative-Professional Award at a reception on April 23.

Well-wishers may stop by Oakland Center Lounge II from 3-5 p.m.

Parris Makes Soccer Classic

Senior soccer player Earl Parris has been selected to play on the West squad in the Coca-Cola Senior Bowl Soccer Classic on April 21 in St. Louis.

Parris becomes the seventh Oakland player to participate in the classic since 1980. A forward, Parris had eight goals and 12 assists in his senior year to tie for the team scoring lead. In his three years at OU, all of which resulted in NCAA tournament appearances, Parris scored 28 goals and had 32 assists for 88 points.

CF&O Needs Student Aides

Students with some background in engineering or computer science are needed by Campus Facilities and Operations.

Greg Serafini says students with engineering or architectural backgrounds, experience in computer programming or MIS, or skills in computer-aided drafting should call him at 370-2162. Wages are up to \$5 an hour to start, or higher, depending on qualifications.

'Peace Begins at Home'

Practical tools needed to create peace in the home will be explored during a daylong conference in the Oakland Center on April 28.

Wise Mothers, Inc., of Auburn Hills will sponsor *Peace Begins at Home* from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Kathy McGinnis, author and national coordinator of Parenting for Peace and Justice Network, will present.

Morning sessions will focus on creating peaceful environments, and the afternoon sessions will discuss creating a peaceful world. Parents and children will have their own sessions.

Registration is required, and the fee is \$25. For a brochure or to register, call 373-2756.

Change Eyed in Policy

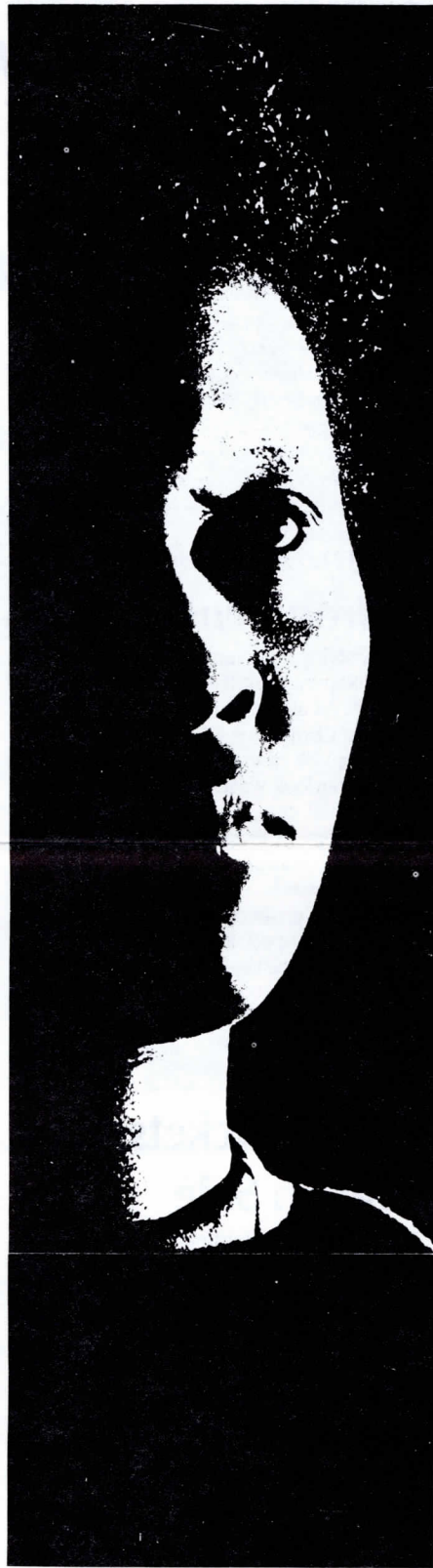
The university Senate will consider recommending a change in the equal opportunity policy to broaden anti-discrimination protection.

At a special April 30 meeting, the Senate will consider changing the word "sex" in the policy to "gender, sexual preference" or possibly "gender, sexual orientation." Senators asked the Committee on Human Relations to reconsider the wording after questions were raised.

The Board of Trustees ultimately would act on any recommendation.

Spirit of Cooperation

Student Leaders Find a Common Ground in Search for Answers on Race Relations



CHRISTINA Landry

As president of University Student Congress, Christina Landry knows her job now includes striking a balance between having the student government comply with the multicultural agreement and not impinging on the rights of all other students.

Some items, such as funding for multicultural activities, and a seat on Congress are beyond her or any other individual's control.

"It's our understanding that we cannot allocate certain funds based on cultural background, creed, race, sex, or anything like that," said Landry, Congress president since January. "Direct funding is something that Congress cannot do for the Association of Black Students, but we may be able to help out in other financial ways with some programming."

Negotiations for direct funding of ABS, one of the organization's original requests, will continue over spring and summer. "We have an *ad hoc* committee discussing the distribution pol-

MARCO CAROLYN Payne Cosner

The president of the Association of Black Students noticed something disturbing about the form racism took on campus and elsewhere.

"Racism has taken a totally new angle; that is, it's underground. In the past, I could deal with a person who I knew was racist, who did not like me. I could deal with that person from that aspect. But people who say they like me, then turn around and do things against me, that's what concerns me the most. That's what we have now."

Members of ABS thought it was time to bring racism out in the open again, in a sense, to attack it.

"I had made a promise to my membership that I wouldn't leave without taking care of these issues," said Payne, a senior graduating with a degree in industrial psychology and a minor in political science. "Every day I see students complaining about things that students are supposedly receiving. The funny thing to me is that, for me, for 20 centuries the race has started and they have held people back from even starting the race. Now, after 25 years (at Oakland), they say, 'OK, you can start the race.' They're saying, 'Well, you have enough already. We're equal.' Well, that's untrue. I can't accept that."

The racism Payne talks about is not just overt racial comments, but exclusion. He said ABS members wanted to ensure that the university community become more diverse, to include more minority students, staff and faculty. They say the promises made will help in that regard, especially if black instructors are hired, which they have not been for some time.

"That's unacceptable. I don't care how 'small the pot is,' I can't believe they couldn't find anyone. Especially with the tech center next to us, they could easily find people who like to teach on a part-time basis — engineers, biologists, business majors, all kinds. They've got such resources, they need to use them," Payne said.

Many minority students mention retention as one of their chief concerns. The dropout rate among minority students, Payne said, is misunderstood. "It's not that it's not high among minorities, it's that it's not high here. Most of the minority students are leaving Oakland University, going elsewhere to graduate, because they're not comfortable in this environment. They go either to black institutions or they go down to Wayne State. I think that's wrong. They should be comfortable wherever they go. There should be a diverse society that makes all persons welcome."

Creating a diverse society includes visibility, Payne said, in everything from hiring to cultural events. One of the ABS demands was for a culturally diverse lineup of plays at Meadow Brook Theatre.

The ABS president said he has already heard negative comments about the agreement. "The racism is coming out, there's no doubt about that. Those who have refused to understand or open their eyes to what is actually happening, in the past or now, feel that everything is equal now and there's no discrimination. That's crazy! 'I've had people come up to me and say they are 'hurt' by what has been done. They say, 'Well, you've received enough as it is, why do you want more?'"

The challenge for Oakland, Payne said, is living up to the agreement. ▼

Carolyn Cosner sees progress coming in small steps, but it is progress.

The leader of Raíces tells a story that indicates how Hispanic students must always be ready to educate the public about themselves. The name of their organization comes from the Spanish word for "roots." She has seen it printed as RAICES, R.A.I.C.E.S. and other abominations.

"It's about heritage, it's about who you are and where you come from, and how that affects where you're going," she said.

The misspellings and misinterpretations, she noted, are in keeping with the general misunderstanding of Hispanic culture. "It's annoying, but it's like what I have told people who have no Spanish background of any sort. That is, you get points just for trying. For every person who tries to say it, we're ahead of where we were last year."

As one of the student leaders who worked on the multicultural agreement, Cosner found herself talking about issues that will affect students for decades.

"I believe that we have accomplished a great deal, the fact that Hispanic issues are coming up at all at Oakland University is a major change from previous years," she said. Raíces is a relatively new organization, founded in September and now numbering 41 members.

Of concern to her group, she said, is ensuring Hispanic students leave with a degree. "I think the number one issue is guaranteeing the retention and the eventual graduation of the Hispanic students there. Second to that would be adequate representation; that is, a comparable percentage of Hispanic students at Oakland as there is in Michigan of Hispanic citizens.

"I don't think it's totally on the back of the university. I think it's a cooperative effort between us and the university and the students' families. The university can obviously do things by providing adequate academic support and recognizing the reasons why Hispanic students are leaving Oakland, and trying to counter those rather than accepting them."

Hispanic students leave, Cosner explained, because of financial aid difficulties, and a feeling of being unwanted. "There's a lack of community feeling at Oakland. It's rough being a minority anywhere, but at Oakland for a Hispanic student, it can be a major culture shock," she said.

Cosner, a graduating history major with a math minor, said the results of the negotiations were not unexpected. "There were little surprises, but I have a great loyalty toward Oakland University, and I wasn't surprised at the successful outcome. I expected that. I also have respect for the persons in the administration with whom we were talking, and that always helps."

Cosner said students should not be complacent with the signed agreement. "I've been quoted as saying this is a 'wonderful agreement, however, we have a long way to go.' That is a reference not just to the administration, and not really a reference to continued negotiations — although there will be more talks — but to my belief that every person has to become involved," Cosner said.

Cosner's own involvement has meant juggling a busy home life as well. She and her husband have three preschool-age children. Once she lets the dust settle after graduation, she said, she wants to get either a law degree or a doctorate in historical research. ▼

icy of the student activities fee, which will include funds for the multicultural programming. I don't know what kind of agreement will come from that," she said.

A representative of multicultural groups will be on the committee.

As for seating a representative of multicultural groups, Landry continued, "I have agreed to recommend that Congress have a seat for multicultural representation. This would not go into effect until the students had a chance to vote on it, because it must go to referendum in order to be put into our constitution. That cannot happen until fall."

Congress members are elected at-large, except for three voting representatives appointed on behalf of the faculty, administrative-professionals and the residence halls.

Landry, a sophomore undecided about a major, said the danger is that unless handled carefully, other student groups could also demand their own representative. "I definitely think so, that's why we are leery of agreeing to put before Congress a seat from one group. That's why we would like to have a seat for all multicultural representation," Landry said.

Multicultural status for groups represented by

such a person would depend on how they are registered with CIPO as a student group, Landry explained. "It would be the multicultural groups that decide who will represent them," she said.

The already-completed negotiations were fruitful, Landry said, in that they brought diverse groups together. "I think for the most part, they went very well. I was very impressed with the way the students came forth with all their issues thought out and the way they presented them. They were very persistent in getting their concerns answered, and I was also very impressed with the administrators, in how patient and understanding they were. Everybody worked very hard to address the concerns."

Landry sees one benefit of the process as a lessening of tension. Complaints will now be aired on a more timely basis, rather than building up and coming to a head as a list of several concerns.

"I think everyone understands that we all have to work toward understanding other people's differences, that we all have to be part of these agreements. It can't just be administrators, or certain groups. Everyone has to do it," she added. ▼

Speaking Skills Bring Two State Titles

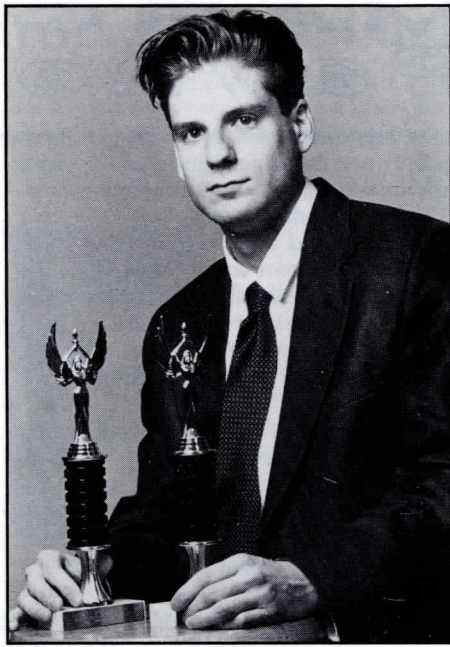
Some people just talk, others talk and win. Senior Scott Higgins is one of those who can talk and win points for doing so. He returned from the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Tournament with two state championship titles in his back pocket.

Higgins' original comedy routine won him first place in the after-dinner speaking category, and he also won the poetry interpretation event. Higgins is a member of the Oakland forensics team, which placed second in the state.

In 1988, Higgins won the after-dinner championship.

Higgins is copresident of the OU speaking squad and has been with the team three years. He has been accepted for graduate studies in cinema at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also plans to participate in forensics as an assistant coach.

The tournament was one of the final events for forensics director Kathy Rhadigan. She and her husband John, both Oakland alums and he a television sportscaster in Flint, will soon move to Texas.▼



Orator

Scott Higgins, a member of the forensics team who won two state championships.

Concerts, Play on Varner Hall Schedule

Events in Varner Hall this month will range from choral music to virtuoso piano, with some theatre tossed in to the mix.

Estate Concert Benefits Scholarship Fund

Tickets to the annual spring benefit concert for the Meadow Brook Estate show ensemble are now on sale.

The concert, which raises funds for scholarships for estate members, will be at 8 p.m. April 28 in Varner Recital Hall. Tickets are \$25, and \$15 of that is considered tax-deductible.

Musical selections will include arrangements of popular music, and medleys of Broadway and '50s music. The concert is the last for Michael Naylor, director for the past five years.

The concert is sponsored by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. For tickets, call the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013.

Piano Institute Returns

The woman *Newsweek* magazine called "the First Lady of Bach" will conduct the 29th annual Piano Teachers Institute at Oakland University on May 3.

Rosalyn Tureck, a concert artist with an international reputation, will give lecture-demonstrations and teach master classes. She is a recognized authority on Bach, and is credited with spurring interest in the composer during the past 50 years through her recordings and concerts.

The institute will include morning lecture-demonstrations from 9 a.m.-noon and an afternoon master class from 1:30-2:45 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. The registration fee is \$30 for professionals and \$5 for students.

For registration details, call the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at 370-2035.

All-Mozart in May

An all-Mozart concert to be performed in Holland by the Lafayette String Quartet will be previewed in Varner Recital Hall.

The quartet-in-residence at Oakland will perform at 8 p.m. May 6. Later in May, the quartet will play the same selections at the Mozart Week Festival in Zeist, Holland. The Lafayette was the only American quartet invited to perform at the festival.

The musical program consists of four quartets written by Mozart in 1773, '82 and '89: *K. 169 in A Major*, *K. 575 in D Major*, *K. 387 in G Major* and *K. 168 in F Major*.

Volunteers Cited for Work at Meadow Brook Hall

Twenty-six volunteers have received pins and name tags in recognition of their service to Meadow Brook Hall at a reception in their honor.

Volunteers accrue service years by working a minimum of 50 hours every 12 months. Honorees are Gladys Leland, Shirley Tolan and Sue Tafraian, 15 years; Ruth DeSantis, Frances Schmansky and Dorothy Elliott, 10 years; Ola Block, Bill Beeler, Georgia Gain, Duane Hold,

Tickets are available from the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013. They are \$10 general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and students, and \$4 for OU students.

Advance ticket holders should note that the concert time has been changed from 3 to 8 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict. No ticket exchange is necessary.

Rosie and Guildie are Dead

Tom Stoppard's comedy, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, will be presented in Varner Studio Theatre over two weekends.

The play, based on characters created by Shakespeare, is *Hamlet* turned inside out. The play follows the escapades of two of *Hamlet's* minor characters, who after waiting a few centuries, finally get their due as stars in this modern-day spoof.

The Center for the Arts production will be at 8 p.m. May 11-12 and 18-19, and at 2 p.m. May 13 and 20. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$4 for senior citizens and students, and \$3 for OU students.

If you miss the production at Varner, you can still catch it when it hits the road. The same cast will perform at 8 p.m. May 24-25 in Smith Theatre of the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus. This is the second year that OU and OCC have collaborated on a student arts production.

For details, call the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013.

Piano Thunder and Lightning

Pianist David Syme will bring *Thunder, Lightning & Passion, the Romantic Era* to Varner Recital Hall on May 20.

The 3 p.m. concert will feature selections by Chopin, Sigismond Thalberg, Schumann and Liszt. Syme is known for his expertise with the music of Chopin. At the 1975 Chopin International Piano Competition, he was asked to perform at Chopin's birthplace. He has also given recitals at Lincoln Center and Kennedy Center, and has performed with the Royal Philharmonic, the London Philharmonia and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and children, and \$4 for OU students. Call the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013.▼

Susan Lane, Mary Ann Maland, Lois Parrott, Shirley Richardson, Susan Williamson and Francoise Harrod, five years.

Permanent name tags were presented to the following persons, who completed 50 hours of service: Jennifer Champagne, Hazel DeEulis, Henry Goodwin, Edith Gregerson, Millie LaPratt, Rose Marsom, Mary Rowland, Vera Edwards, Nancy Jagosz and Virginia Kohler.▼

'Drac' is Back

The Count Swoops into Meadow Brook

The toothy count from Transylvania is coming to Meadow Brook Theatre.

Dracula, the play adapted for the stage from the Bram Stoker novel of the same name, will be at Meadow Brook from April 26-May 20. Based on the myth that vampires are neither truly alive nor dead—similar to academic types of long standing, perhaps—the Count Dracula legend has been an intriguing subject since the 15th century.

Tom Spackman returns to Meadow Brook in the title role. The New York and Hollywood actor made his professional debut at Meadow Brook 13 years ago. He was last here in *Dial M for Murder*.

The part of Mina, the female vampire, will be played by Sarah McCord Williams. She has performed extensively off-Broadway. This will be her Meadow Brook debut.

Joseph Reed will play Heinrich Van Helsing. He has appeared at Meadow Brook in *The Diary of a Scoundrel*, *A Christmas Carol* and *The Great Sebastians*.

Others in the cast are Susan Duvall as Nurse Hennessy, Paul Hopper as Renfield, Richert Easley as Dr. Arthur Seward and Laurence Overmire as Jonathan Harker.

For tickets, call the Meadow Brook box office at 370-3300.▼

Classes to Enhance Skills of Talented Youth

Two special classes in the arts will be offered to talented youngsters this summer.

The Academy for the Gifted and Talented of Michigan and the Center for the Arts will present *The Young Shakespeare* and *Creative Writing*. Enrollment is open to children ages 12-17. Applicants must be recommended by a gifted and talented coordinator or other school official familiar with the applicant's abilities. Enrollment in each class is limited to 20.

The Young Shakespeare, from July 9-27, will be taught by Brian Murphy, director of the Honors College and associate professor of English. The class will study Shakespeare's early plays. The focus will be on Shakespeare's treatment of young people and their relationships

with one another and their parents. The course will include an optional day trip to Stratford, Ontario, to see *As You Like It*.

Creative Writing will also be offered from July 9-27. Nancy Webster, English and drama teacher from Roper City and Country School in Bloomfield Hills, will teach. She will emphasize self-expression in verbal form, in poetry and in other literary forms, such as short stories.

Tuition for each course is \$125, or \$100 each if both are taken. The optional Stratford trip is \$50 additional. For registration details, call the Center for the Arts at 370-3018, no later than June 15.▼

Seminar Looks at Environmental Law

The evolving hot issue of environmental law will be examined by legal and governmental experts May 4 at a seminar cosponsored by the Division of Continuing Education.

Speakers will discuss governmental regulation of hazardous waste, investigation for the environmental case, toxic tort liability arising from exposure to hazardous substances, and managing the complex toxic tort case through the team approach.

Gloria Boddy, director of the Legal Assistant Program, developed the seminars. They are cosponsored by the Legal Assistants Association of Michigan.

Registration for the 9 a.m.-4 p.m. seminar in Meadow Brook Hall is \$95. Register by April 27 by calling 370-3120.▼

Festival Tickets Now on Sale

A summer entertainment schedule with something for all ages has been put together at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

This summer's lineup includes Ann Jillian, Harry Connick, Jr., Bob Newhart, Chubby Checker and conductor John McGlinn making their first appearance at Meadow Brook.

Returning favorites include Harry Belafonte, Johnny Mathis, Roger Whittaker, Tony Bennett, Henry Mancini and Marvin Hamlisch. Especially for children, Sharon, Lois & Bram will make two appearances. Bert Convy will star in a six-day revival of *Bye, Bye Birdie* in July.

Until April 27, only series tickets are available. Information about series tickets *only* is available at 370-2010.

Individual tickets for all concerts on the Meadow Brook series will go on sale May 11.

To alleviate ticket-order backlogs, says Managing Director Gregg Bloomfield, festival tickets will be available exclusively through Ticketmaster until the festival box office opens on June 1. Call 645-6666. After June 1, tickets will be available at both the festival box office and Ticketmaster.▼

Events

CULTURAL

April 26-May 20 — Play, *Dracula*, at Meadow Brook Theatre. Admission. Call 370-3300.

April 27 — Luncheon on the Aisle XII, noon, Meadow Brook Theatre. Call 370-3316.

April 28 — Concert, Meadow Brook Estate, 8 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Call 370-3013.

May 3 — 29th annual Piano Teachers Institute with Rosalyn Tureck, Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Professionals may save \$5 by registering before April 17. Sponsored by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. Call 370-2035.

May 6 — Concert, Lafayette String Quartet, 8 p.m. (note time change from 3 p.m.), Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Call 370-3013.

May 11-13 and 18-20 — Play, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, various times, Varner Studio Theatre. Admission. Call 370-3013.

May 14 — Concerts-for-Youth Series with Los Flamencos Dance Theatre, 10 a.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Call 370-3013.

May 20 — Pianist David Syme in concert, 3 p.m., Varner Recital Hall. Admission. Call 370-3013.

ETCETERA

April 23 — Reception for Art Griggs, recipient of Outstanding Administrative-Professional Award, 3-5 p.m., Oakland Center Lounge II. All welcome.

April 24 — Seminar, *Effective Business Writing* by Wallis May Anderson, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 129-130 Oakland Center. Call 370-3480.

April 28 — Conference, *Peace Begins at Home*, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Oakland Center. Admission. Call 373-2756.

April 30 — Senate special meeting, 1:30 p.m., Oakland Center Gold Room C. Call 370-2190.

May 1 — Academic Edge Toastmasters, noon-1:30 p.m., 171 SFH. Visitors welcome.

May 4 — Seminar on environmental law, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall. Sponsored by Division of Continuing Education. Call 370-3120.

June 4-5 — Gehring Meadow Brook Golf Classic, all day, Katke-Cousins Golf Course. Admission. Call 370-3140.

OAKLAND CENTER CONFERENCES

May 11-13, soccer camp; May 20-26, porcelain artists; June 2, parent orientation; June 5, summer admit daytime orientation; June 8-10, Black Alumni Affiliate; June 12-15, Universal Cheerleading Association; June 21-24, Jehovah's Witnesses; June 14-15, FTIAC orientation; June 17-22, journalism camp, MCLCA institute, and swimming camp; June 17-21, boys' basketball camp; June 18, summer admit evening orientation; June 19-23, boys' baseball camp; June 20-21, FTIAC orientation; June 24, Upward Bound; June 24-28, boys' basketball camp; June 24-27, journalism camp; June 24-29, swimming camp; June 26-30, boys' baseball camp; June 26-29, NCA cheerleading camp; June 28-29, FTIAC orientation; June 29-July 1, boys's basketball camp; June 30-July 7, Lute Society.

ATHLETICS

April 22 — Baseball with Grand Valley State University, 1 p.m., Pioneer Field.

April 27 — Baseball with Adrian College, 5:30 p.m., Jaycee Park, Pontiac.

April 29 — Baseball with Ferris State University, 1 p.m., Pioneer Field.

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