

# The Oakland Sail

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2,000 pack Oakland Center

### Margaret Mead speaks on food crisis



Speaking before the largest audience ever assembled in the OC, America's grand lady of anthropology Margaret Mead attacked the use of food as a weapon of U.S. foreign policy. (Photos by Dave Ross)

By Brian Williams

On Monday afternoon, the "grand lady of anthropology" Margaret Mead, made her second visit to OU to lecture to a packed house of over 1400 people at the Oakland Center, 600 more lined the halls, listening to her over a live radio broadcast. Her

topic was "The World Food Crisis."

The Crockery filled a full hour before the lecture as people scrambled for seats and a better view of one of the most influential anthropologists of this century.

The 75-year-old Mead arrived bearing a tall wooden

English walking stick. She had the air of a gentle grandmother as she strode to the podium amid a round of applause.

The illusion her soft features presented was broken by her fiery and dynamic presentation. "At the present time there is enough food available to feed the world," Mead said, "yet 2 billion people are on the edge of starvation."

Mead said that during the 60's two books--The Limits of Growth and Mankind at the Turning Point, made an effort to view the entire planet in regards to the distribution of resources for the first time.

"We found out that if we were to survive we must curb expansion," Mead said. She stressed the fact that man must take a worldwide perspective when dealing with problems such as hunger, population and pollution.

"Farmers have been encouraged to grow cash crops instead of food," Mead said, "Out of this, competition arises. Millions starve while fields which could yield grain produce other things. Here in the U.S. we

have been competing with animals for food. Instead of letting cattle eat grass, we give them grain which could feed the hungry," she added.

"Food has become a money making industry in which the grain markets deal in dollars not in need," Mead said. Population was regulated in the past according to the availability of food. In times of plenty families had many children and in times of need they reduced the amount.

"How are people to regulate family size when they don't know when or where their next meal is coming from?" she asked, "They lose hope and have many children hoping a few will survive."

According to Mead, "Food is also being used as a weapon and an extension of foreign policy. The United States complains about the way the Arabs deal in oil, yet we have been doing exactly the same thing with grain for the past 20 years."

Mead also said that farms-- "agricultural factories"-- are also prime polluters, use harmful pesticides, ex- (continued on page three)

### Panel defends affirmative action 4-1 at Hamlin

By Phillip T.A. Foley

According to Project Unity's Oct. 31 press release, it was supposed to be a debate: "Affirmative Action vs. Allan Bakke." But according to Project Unity Chairperson Phil Martin, they could not find anyone to debate the pro-Bakke side of the issue because, "Certain professors were afraid that students wouldn't take their courses," if they did, Martin refused, though, to name any of the professors who declined, saying only that he had contacted more

than 10.

OU Assistant Professor of Political Science, Pete Rowland was reduced from moderator of a debate to emcee of a presentation that seemed to deal with the Bakke case only in passing.

While Wilma Bledsoe, director of the OU Department of Urban Affairs, pointed out towards the end of the presentation that Bakke is a 37-year-old engineer who had been turned down by 10 other medical schools besides the Davis branch of (continued on page three)

## Editor's Opinion

(We had considerable trouble endorsing a candidate for this presidential election. Candidates this year are better than any in recent memory. We finally decided to support Gary Foster for president of University Congress, and Dave Ross will present our position--Ed.)

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Gary Foster is the best choice for President of the University Congress. The senior editorial of the Sail supports him in the elections November 21-23.

First impressions of Foster are not always good. His appearance and manners do not always match his opponent's. But sit and talk with him well past midnight; and he'll convince you he is a student leader who knows where student government needs to go and knows how to get it there.

Foster's biggest asset is his experience on powerful Senate committees. He served on the Academic Conduct Committee for five terms, three of which as Student Delegation Chairperson. He was also Student Delegation Chairperson of the Academic Policy Committee.

The Foster Plan, as he outlines it, involves three things: communication, responsiveness and priorities. Both candidates have talked about these concepts; it's become part of the campaign rhetoric, but Foster has the ability and understanding to make it work.

Communication in the Foster plan means sitting down with people who have questions, talking to them on a personal level and developing a thorough understanding.

Students need a responsive advocate; someone who can go to bat for them when they come in conflict with powerful University staff. Administrators and faculty know Foster is a man to be reckoned with; not because of his power as a student leader, but because of the power of his clear, well-thought-out ideas.

Foster's priorities are student priorities. Real issues like the athletics fee, plastic ID's and closing of the road in front of the OC need to be dealt with. The current administration is working on them, but Foster would set deadlines for their completion and make sure they get done.

Foster can't really be appreciated until you've seen him work. He's determined to do a good job if he is elected President. He has the brains and experience to make Congress work, something which hasn't been done for a long time. Give him a chance to do the job.

## feed-back

Dear Editor,

The person who wrote the letter about the creation of an arboretum in the Hamlin ravine, and its destruction of natural habitat, brought up a valid concern. I personally feel the destruction of any natural area is a crime, and for a simple reason: I love living things.

However, there is a question I wish to pose in your reader's minds. Does the creation of an arboretum mean the destruction of natural habitat and a natural area? In my opinion the answer is no, it merely allows another participant in this natural scene, man. So with this in mind, I feel the destruction of a natural habitat is not the issue at hand. The real issue is: why should anything be done to the Hamlin ravine at all?

To answer that question let us first examine just what kind of area the ravine is. It is a natural watershed. Because a road was built across this watershed the tiny stream that passes through it has to go into a drainpipe. This drainpipe is prone to clogging, this did happen a few years back, and subsequently, water backed up 23 feet. Not only did this destroy habitat and wildlife, it also endangered the lives of the workers who had to unclog the pipe. The chief culprit in the clogging of the drain was dead brush which abounds in this ravine.

The purpose of the Area Hall Environmental Committee's efforts in the ravine was to clear off the dead brush and allow the land to perform its natural function and at the same time to beautify the area so students could have a place nearby where they could be with nature.

Although this kind of work in the ravine will alter some natural habitat, it surely will not destroy it. The Area Hall Environmental Committee welcomes constructive criticism, and I am certain it will welcome the viewpoint of any person who

agreed with the first letter to the editor about the Hamlin ravine cleanup.

Sincerely,

Larry Stebbins

Student Delegation Chairperson of the University Senate Committee for Campus Development and Environmental Concerns

Dear Editor:

The Tautological Society is conducting a petition drive to reinstate the plastic I.D., instead of the paper ones now used.

The new I.D. will have the student's picture and will be good for 4 years, with no increase in cost to the student.

Students have found that the paper I.D.'s self-destruct before the end of the semester. Non-students are buying I.D. cards and using University facilities paid for by students.

The petition drive will last through December 2. A show of student support will greatly enhance the possibility of reinstating the plastic I.D. If you agree with us please sign a petition. Only with the unified support of the O.U. students can we get real identification back to the students.

-The Tautological Society

## Students talk action

A governmental action workshop sponsored by Repolitik, held on Nov. 16 gave the OU students an opportunity to talk with people from the political arena.

The speakers included Norm LaPatin, a senior aide to Senator Reigle; Tim McCarthy, coordinator of the Oakland County Republicans; and Donna Stien, one of Speaker Crimm's staff people.

LaPatin and McCarthy told the students about how they got into politics and suggested several ways for the students to become active citizens. Ms. Stien gave a brief run down on all of the opportunities for students to become involved in government on the state level.

All signed letters to the editor of appropriate content and length will be considered for publication by the Oakland Sail. However, the Sail reserves the right to deny publication of any letter submitted.

## Panel continued

the University of California. No one seriously argued that his suit should not be founded on a discrimination charge.

Bledsoe maintained that the issue was not Bakke as an individual but rather a centuries old grievance. She also wondered if the case doesn't have 13th amendment implications and if the nation has the capacity to wipe out racism.

Pete Linzer, a professor of constitutional law at the University of Detroit, outlined the history of the Bakke case and predicted that the U.S. Supreme Court would not rule in his favor. But he added that the high court might not approve of rigid quota systems for affirmative action programs.

Rodney Watts, a Southfield attorney and former special council to the state senate said the "Bakke case is small but important hurdle to be overcome." Watts sees the Bakke case as an economic issue saying "If you don't get in (to professional school) you don't make it." He added that "Too many times affirmative action is a bandaid on a cancer." Watts said the reason there's a need for more black professionals is that white professionals tend to practice in the white community and that black professionals practice in the black community. He seemed to be painting a picture of a country that is not moving towards multi-racial tolerance and understanding but instead some sort of an American apartheid. Watts cautioned black students to make sure they were, "taking care of business" because, "It's a cold cruel world out there."

Saying that he was, "Not really concerned about the legal arguments," Forrestt Holman attacked the Bakke case on a personal level. A professor of social science at both Shaw College and Wayne State University, Holman called it "the ultimate in absurdities." He also said that, "no matter what, (the Bakke case) will give whites an open license on blacks."

Holman maintains that white America is racist although it doesn't believe it. He added that

it might be "something in their genes." He told the audience not to worry about Bakke but to deal with "incipient racism" in this country. He added that blacks have been in this country for over 400 years and that they were just as cultured as whites and they didn't have to prove anything.

The last speaker on the program, OU professor of anthropology Philip Singer, opened by saying, "Since the name of the game is numbers, professors aren't professing, they're counting." He added that he was not counting. Singer then recounted what the previous speakers had said and then stated, "You (black students) are not as aculturated as whites." He called for the black student population to change culturally and get in step with the majority.

Singer said that black and other minority students have to "eliminate ethnic boundary maintenance," in order to gain acceptance. In answer to Holman's earlier comment that "if you're black long enough someone will ask you if you have a tail or if there's something unusual about your sexual organs," Singer responded that "if you're Jewish long enough someone will ask you if you have horns."

Singer concluded by saying that "affirmative action will only keep you (black students) from reading the books you should."

The debate-turned-presentation ended roughly three hours after beginning.

## Repolitik sponsors energy workshop

By Toni Simonetti

An energy workshop sponsored by Repolitik, held on November 15 provided an opportunity for the OU community to discuss the energy problem.

The panel of speakers included Dick Prossner of the Shell Oil Co.; Dudley Buffa, a senatorial candidate; and John Muldoon of Detroit Edison.

Prossner began the workshop discussion by stating that there is enough energy and gasoline to fill our needs today, but that it is (continued on page eight)

## Faces in the crowd



Deborah Moore, 22, is Miss Oakland University 1977-78. Moore is a transfer student from Wayne Community College. She is a sophomore and plans a career in either medical technology or physical therapy.

## Mead continued

aust oil reserves, and are "as productive as a Mexican peasant with a steel hoe."

"The first step in solving the problem of world hunger is to place women in decision making positions," Mead stated. "Men only think of food as something to sell or fight with. Do you think any woman would let  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the world's food supply be eaten by rats?"

Mead said we must develop alternative sources of energy such as solar energy. "If we move to this we will spread out and decentralize.

"Nuclear power is no good. We must stop the proliferation of breeder reactors. All it takes is one country to become insensitive and we won't have to worry about food because we won't be around to eat it."

Mead said that unless every country becomes involved and cooperates, the world will die. "Our world is a network to defend all at once or not at all."

"I would like to see the human race survive," she added, "We have possibilities that we have not yet begun to develop." Mead

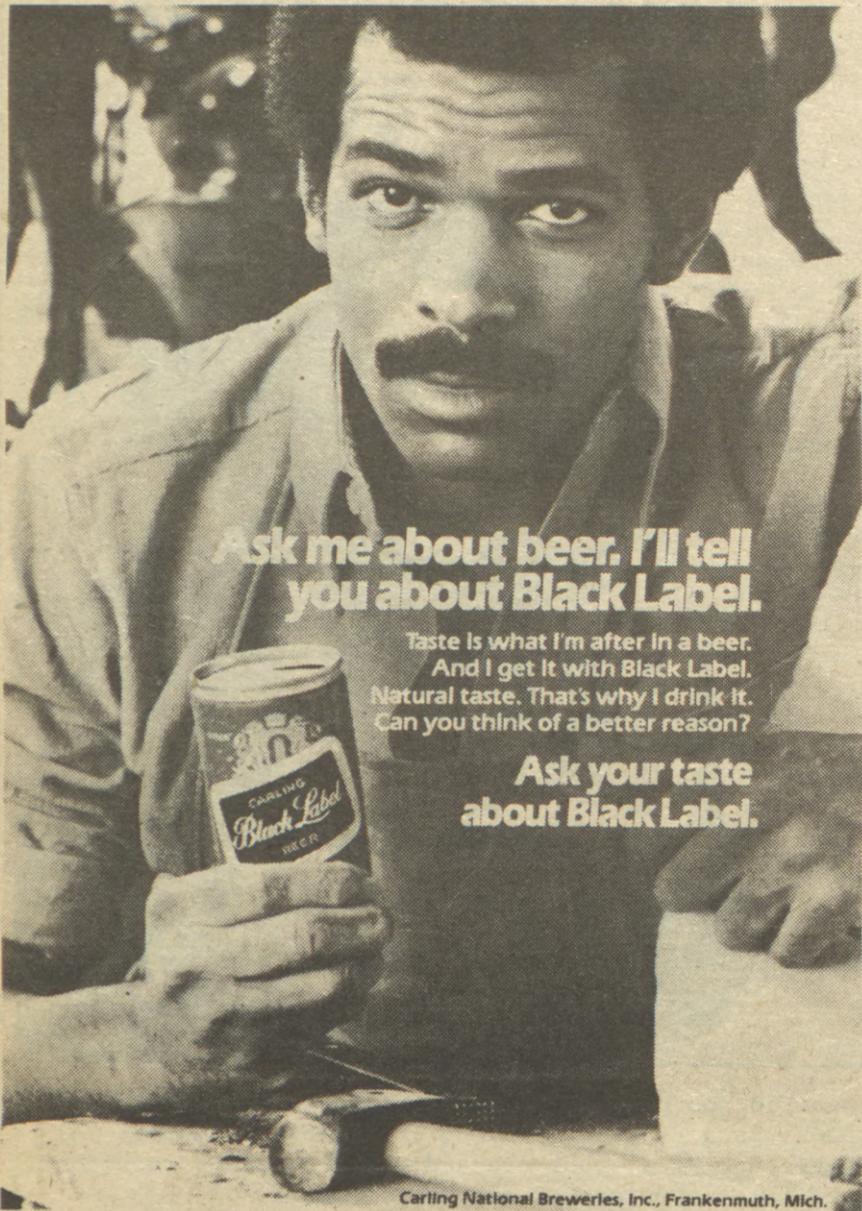
received a standing ovation at the end of her lecture; a question and answer period followed. She also held an informal seminar at 3:30 p.m.

Ms. Mead is presently adjunct professor of anthropology at Columbia University. She has co-authored or authored 33 publications and writes a monthly column for Redbook magazine.

Her studies have taken her to Samoa, New Guinea, the Admiralty Islands, Australia, Manus, and Bali. She has spent many years living with South Seas peoples and speaks seven primitive languages.

Mead received her bachelor's degree from Barnard College in 1923 and her Ph.D. from Columbia in 1929. She has been given 24 honorary degrees from schools throughout the world.

The lecture was sponsored by UNICON and the university Concert Lecture Board. It was presented free of charge to the university community. The event was open to the general public at a cost of \$1.00.



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# Jazz Ensemble -- Dance Theatre salutes Ellington

by Diane Kowalski

Dark tuxedos and bright orange dance costumes shared center stage Monday and Tuesday evenings to present "A Tribute to Duke Ellington." The performance was the first collaboration between Oakland University's music and dance programs.

The Afram Jazz Ensemble and The Oakland Dance Theatre drew full-capacity audiences to the Studio Theatre in Verner Hall. Because people were turned away from Tuesday's scheduled concert, and extra performance immediately followed it.

"We were very pleased with the performance and with its success," said Marvin "Doc" Holladay, director of the Afram Jazz Ensemble.

Audience response, complete with clapping and standing ovations, seemed to suggest that the audience was equally pleased.

The program featured seven numbers. The music, entitled "A Suite for the Duke", was written as a tribute to Duke Ellington by Roger Newman. Choreography was by Carol Halsted, director of the Oakland Dance Theatre; David Allen, guest artist at Oakland; and the dancers.

The song "Paul Gonslaves from Newport R.I." featured tap dancer Shermansky of Detroit and 'Dangerous' Dan Turner, tenor saxophonist from Pontiac. "Johnny Hodges was Here" was done by Holladay and Halsted.

The suite was previously performed by the Afram Jazz Ensemble as part of a jazz festival held last spring in the Oakland Center.

"It was a new experience for the dancers," said

Halsted. "They have been working on this program all semester. We are used to dancing on a bigger stage. I think they did very well."

"I have always maintained that the Afram Jazz Ensemble is as talented as any professional group in this area," said Holladay. "These performances were further proof of that fact."

Holladay said the combined effort "was a great idea. We all had fun working together. I think the groups have a genuine respect and affection for each other and it was an enjoyable experience."

Holladay promised that "this is just the beginning, in the future you will be seeing many more combined performances by our music and dance programs."

**WANTED:** A sports editor and a business manager for the Sail. Please call 377-4265 or stop in the Sail office.



The Afram Jazz Ensemble and the Oakland Dance Theatre played to a full house for all performances of their Monday and Tuesday tribute to Duke Ellington. (photo by PTAf)

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# Cagers face W. Ontario in opener

By Stu Alderman

A road is being paved by the men's basketball team headed by coach Jim Mitchell, to "turn the program around" at OU.

This year's squad takes to the court for the first time on Monday at 7:30 p.m. hosting the University of Western Ontario at the Sports and Rec.

During the 1977-78 campaign the Pioneers face a rugged schedule before the Christmas break.

They play only three home games and seven away games during the stretch including Toledo, South Alabama, Northern Michigan, MAC champion-Central Michigan, Northern Kentucky, Indiana-Purdue, Ashland and Hillsdale.

"Every team in the GLIAC has improved since last year," said coach Mitchell. "They all have a lot of returning players, whereas we're a young squad."

Mitchell says Grand Valley has the tradition to win the league title. He says Saginaw Valley will be tough and Northern Michigan has the size to win.

Last year the cagers were

## Sports

9-18 overall and 6-11 in the GLIAC. This year's squad has many new faces including seven-foot freshman Bjorn Rossow from Oslo, Norway.

Other freshmen include 6-9 Dan Rawlings of Franklin, Illinois; Wally Plese of Joliet, Ill.; All Stater Duane Glenn from Detroit St. Andrews; Craig Harts of Amboy, Ind.; Bill Hobart of Oscoda, and Joe Paglino, Ken Hallberg and Mike Hodge comprise the 21-man roster that will be split into varsity and junior varsity squads.

The squad boasts only five seniors in Bill Scott, Perry James, Eulis Stephens, Tom Schramski and transfer Dwight Darbins from Las Vegas.

Tim Kramer is the only returning junior on the squad. Derrick Knight, a transfer from Allen Community College in Iola, Kansas and Larry Williams, a Junior College transfer from Hamburg, New York,

round out the team's juniors.

Sophomores include Brent Robinson, Ray Gunn, Ernie Sweeton, and Morris Wright, a Junior College transfer from Georgia.

"The men are working physically hard and have a super attitude. We're going in the right direction, we just need the time and patience to bind together," he added.

Lee Frederick is the as-



The Pioneers are counting on junior forward Tim Kramer's scoring abilities to pace their 1977-78 attack.

sistant coach. Steve Hebold will handle the JV and Simon Debella is the manager and trainer.

Don't just sit back and listen to the results, come on out this season and see the new look of the men's cage squad.

## Hurons oust OU spikers

By Stu Alderman

The women's volleyball team closed out a very successful schedule compiling a 24-12 overall record for its second season of competition in 1977.

With seven freshmen on the squad, the Pioneers went 2-3 in the state tournament on November 11-12 at Calvin College.

On November 11 the volleyballers lost to a tough Western Michigan squad, 15-5, 16-18, and 15-7. They also came up short against GLIAC champ Grand Valley, 15-8 and 15-8.

The Pioneers turned the nets around and defeated U of M, 15-7 and 15-10, and spiked down Northern Michigan, 15-5 and 15-8.

The Pioneers reached the quarter-finals before being eliminated by Eastern Michigan, 15-8 and 15-5 on November 12.

Last year the squad went 7-6 under coach Rose Swidzinski. "We had a good year this season," she said. "It was a heck of a start for our program."

"Our squad will be much tougher after we receive the experience needed. The team is fairly young and must gain confidence in addition to playing time," Swidzinski said.

The highlight of the year came on November 1 when the Pioneers snapped Grand Valley's 45 game GLIAC win streak. With scores of 16-14 and 15-10, the Pioneers ended five years of Grand Valley volleyball perfection.

"It was great to beat a team that had a reputation such as Grand Valley," said Swidzinski. The Pioneers hope for a bright season next year as volleyball gains popularity at OU.

## Pioneers gear for exciting winter

by John Schroder

The OU athletic scene moves indoors for the winter sports schedule and the student excuse that it is too cold to come out and watch is now invalid.

Pioneer Basketball, Swimming and wrestling should capture the attention of the OU rowdies through March.

Importing Bjorn Rossow from the Norwegian Nationals, basketball coach Jim Mitchell has giant expectations of his seven-footer and eight other new faces.

Non-GLIAC toughies on the schedule include Central Michigan, Northern Kentucky and NCAA regional semi-finalists University of Detroit.

On the women's side of the basketball, coach Rose Swidzinski continues to build her powerhouse with just one senior in

Karen Depper and nine freshmen.

Hoping to improve on last year's 16-5 record, the women open the season with three games on the road and host Western Michigan on December 8 in its home opener.

EMU and Grand Valley will also promise the women tough competition. Both the women and men will sport junior varsity teams in 1977 and 78.

The maize and blue invades the OU pool on December 2 to open the women's dual-meet swim schedule and test first year coach Shaun McCormick's squad.

On the men's side of the pool, Coach Corey Van Fleet's squad will continue its annual chase with hopes of dethroning Northridge as NCAA Division II National Champion.

Ruling the mats at OU is wrestling coach Max Hasse the man who doesn't shy

away from the fact that his program is in the building stages.

Wrestling began its third season at OU with the Pioneers pinning the fifth spot at the Wildcat Open at Marquette on November 11-12.

Hasse rightly boasts of the success of his young personnel with coaching assistance from OU's premier wrestler of the past John Major.

The wrestlers will host the Oakland County High School Christmas Tournament on December 16-17 and on February 24 sponsor the Second Annual Pioneer Wrestling Club Freestyle and Greco-Roman Meet.

Grappling with hopes of reaching the Nationals, the Pioneer wrestlers will also compete in the Orange Bowl Classic at Miami, Florida.

So cast the books and beer aside for a couple of hours each week and see for yourself what the Pioneers are made of.

### Energy workshop continued

running out. He said future generations will feel the real "energy crunch." He felt the solution to the future energy problem is in our hands. There isn't a clear-cut solution, but Prossner suggested that we adopt a national energy policy, specifically President Carter's energy package, and that we develop alternate sources of energy. He added that "cooperation from everyone" was a necessity.

Buffa spoke primarily on importation of oil, taking a stand against the cartel of oil-producing countries known as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Buffa claimed that until four years ago oil was plentiful and cheap. After Middle East countries formed OPEC, they eventually raised the price of crude oil from \$3/barrel to \$13 per

barrel.

Buffa feels the only way to negotiate favorably with OPEC is to use the strength of the U.S. government. Presently, private oil firms negotiate and purchase oil from foreign countries. Buffa feels that these firms lack the necessary strength to negotiate with the strong opposing strength of OPEC. He said the government should act as the "purchasing agent."

Generally speaking, Buffa said that the burden of the energy problem must be shared. He cited high utility costs as an example of an unequitable burden, explaining that the real burden is placed on those who are economically deprived.

Muldoon directed his speech to Edison's place in the energy issue. He said that Edison's source of en-

ergy comes primarily from coal, an abundant domestic resource. Most utility companies have converted from use of coal to oil to avoid installing costly pollution control devices required by the federal government. Because Edison continued using coal, more money was needed for pollution control. It had to reduce its work force, eliminate free services to customers and raise its prices. Muldoon said that Edison is not proud of these cutbacks, but that they were necessary. He added that although Edison is "committed to supplying energy needs" it must be realized that the "costs are going to rise."

The panel expressed approval of solar and nuclear energy as alternate sources. However, solar energy has not been developed to the point where it

can be used efficiently to fill the mass demand. The panel also agreed that the risks involved in the development and use of nuclear energy must be eliminated before it is used on a mass scale.

Repolitik supplied the audience with an informative handout on energy. The handout states that U.S. coal reserves are three times the amount of Middle East oil reserves. However, the U.S. uses oil for 75 percent of its energy. This dependence on imported oil subjects the U.S. to the price demands of oil-producing countries. According to the handout, the solution is to find and develop more domestic oil and gas, to convert to more abundant resources such as coal and nuclear energy, and to technologically expand in the use of solar energy.

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## campus events calendar

HAPPENINGS

November

- 18 -Dance in Crockery of OC 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
- 19 -Disco Explosion 9 p.m. - ? Vandenberg Main Lounge
- Frankenmuth Trip Vans leave Hamlin Circle at 11:30 a.m.
- 21 -Bagel Sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Table #6
- 22 -Bagel Sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Table #4
- 23 -Bagel Sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Table #6

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ART/DRAMA

November

- 24-27 Meadow Brook Theatre presents "Table Manners" Wilson Hall call 377-3300 for info
- 28 -Communication arts department presents "The New Dress"-- a dance/drama 8 p.m. 133 Varner

PRESENTATIONS

- 21 John Otterbacher, state senator, noon-3 p.m., Gold Room, OC, OU Democrats
- Ann Tompert & Agnes Griffor, "Tips for Beginning Writers", 3:30 p.m., Rms. 126-127 OC, Creative Writers, Ink.
- Osteopathic Medicine, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., Gold Room, OC, Pre-med Society
- Tautological Society Election Forums, 11:30 a.m., 190 HH; noon-1 p.m., VBH cafeteria; 8 p.m., SFH Fishbowl
- 22 -Election Forums continue; noon to 1 p.m., Fireside Lounge
- 21-22 Student Congress Elections 8:30-4 Oakland Center polls 4-7 p.m. Vandenberg Hall polls

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CONFERENCES

November

- 22 -Workshop: "Women Making Decisions" noon 18 OC, Women's Center

CONCERTS

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- 19 -OU Singers in Concert 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Varner Recital Hall
- 21 -Afram Jazz Ensemble 8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Varner Recital Hall

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misc.

- Every Sunday: Meadow Brook Hall Tours, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., adm. \$2 students; \$3.50 general
- Every Monday: Students for the Village meeting, 5 p.m., Lower Level of Barn Theatre
- Every Tuesday: Oakland Sail staff meeting noon to 1 p.m., all photogs, reporters, layout artists and typists must be present.
- Every Thursday: Ecumenical Worship, 7 p.m. St. John Fisher Chapel, Campus Ministry