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OU faculty lacks diversity

By BRIAN REINDEL
Special Writer

Despite a push by the Board of Trustees to increase the number of minority faculty members, affirmative action goals at OU are still not being met, said Sharon Abraham, director of the Office of Diversity and Compliance, in a recent report.

According to Abraham, of 13 faculty job groups that had affirmative action goals, not one met its goal, and only five reported progress.

Of 16 staff groups, which

include administrative and professional positions, only three met their goals.

Yet, in a positive contradiction, African-American faculty managed to rise from 16 to 27 since the 1990 school year.

Also, the total faculty minority grew from 42 to 84 since 1990. This includes 27 African-Americans, six Hispanics, 49 Asians, and two Native Americans.

In an affirmative action policy bulletin last updated in August 1995, and approved by the Board, one of OU's goals was

established.

"The goal of the (affirmative action) plan shall be to achieve within the university community a work force that is reasonably representative of minorities and women as measured by the race and sex mix of persons with the requisite skill within the reasonable employee recruiting area of the university," said the report.

Abraham said to increase faculty minorities, OU is focused on a marketing scheme. Advertising in publications read by minorities, with news letters and association meetings are just

a few ideas the school is pursuing.

Committees have been formed numerous times to address issue of diversity among faculty, but seemingly are not helping the situation.

Kevin Early, an African-American associate professor of sociology said, "I will no longer be serving on (these) committees. They are not doing their job. OU needs concrete standards, like (U-M) and Wayne State University."

At this time, U-M is in a pending trial, trying to protect its

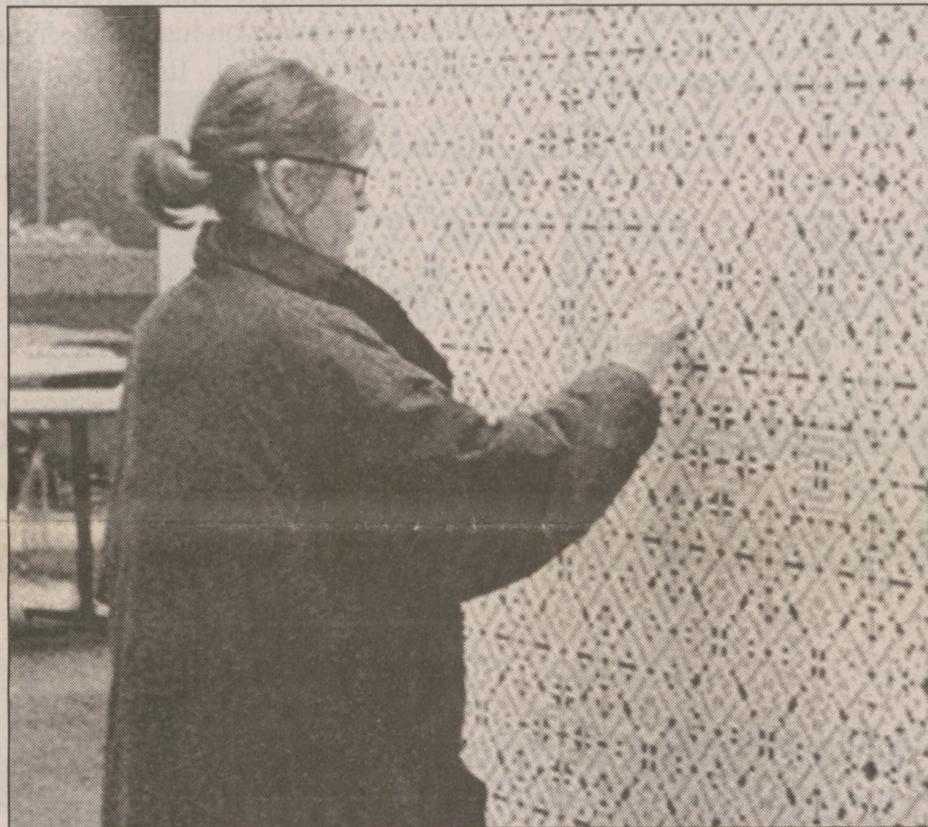
affirmative action quotas against conservative Republicans.

Early said, "I don't see Oakland making that kind of commitment. They continue to articulate, but the numbers dictate otherwise."

According to Early, Detroit-area schools are dissuading minority students from attending OU because they consider the university to have a superficial stand on increasing minority faculty and students.

Early said that in order to persuade outsiders that OU is

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Post Photo/Laura Schildt

Crossword puzzle mania

The world's largest crossword puzzle located in the OC has attracted not only students, faculty, and staff, but visitors also. Lisa Macfarlane, visitor, made a pit-stop while passing through the OC to make some dents in the puzzle.

New assistant OC director appointed

By REBECCA DEVANTIER
Staff Writer

After a long search process and soliciting the opinions of various campus committees, OC Director Richard Fekel finally filled the position of assistant director for student activities and leadership development.

Jean Ann Miller, assistant director of student development, accepted the position late Monday afternoon.

"This is one of my dreams being fulfilled," she said.

The position was vacated last summer when Maura Selahowski took an offer to work in the new recreation and athletic center. Originally, she held the director of CIPO position. However, Fekel changed the title to make it more consistent with other university's student unions and to reflect CIPO's new name.

The assistant's duties will allow Miller to work relatively closely with students, Fekel said.

Some requirements of the job include:

- reporting to Fekel;
- assuming responsibility for the administration of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development;
- serving as a resource to nearly 100 student organizations, including 16 sororities and fraternities, WXOU and Congress;
- building student, faculty and staff partnerships;
- promoting student involvement in out-of-class groups;
- campus-wide program implementation; and
- budget and fiscal management of accounts.

Miller wants to go beyond this list and implement other goals, as well.

"(I plan on) enhancing some of the more successful events and make them better," she said.

"I'm really committed to student and campus life. It's just figuring out where we're at and where we need to go."

Jean Ann Miller
Newly appointed assistant OC director

what student and Greek organizations want and need.

Miller has been active at OU for the past 17 years. She has held such positions as coordinator of residence halls programming and instructor for a stress management class in the exer-

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Student reports armed robbery on campus

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
News Editor

OU is considered to be a relatively safe campus. But ever so often a serious crime is reported to the OUPD.

At approximately 10 p.m. last Wednesday a Hamlin Hall resident allegedly became a victim of an armed robbery while walking on the southwest side of Fitzgerald House towards the OC.

The complainant said that a six-foot tall man wearing a black jacket, black gloves and a ski mask approached her as though he was an acquaintance of hers.

According to the police report, the complainant said the robber had an object in his right hand and jabbed it into her stomach.

He allegedly told her he had a gun.

She told police the suspect threatened to kill her if she didn't hand over her money.

The complainant said she then gave the suspect \$30, and that she was fearful for her life. After allegedly instructing her not to move, the suspect fled north.

The complainant told police she had no idea where the assailant fled.

OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy said, "We have no information to lead us to believe she (the victim) was a particularized target." However, Gilroy said that possibility has not been ruled out.

An ongoing investigation headed by Officer T. Ross is under way. At this point in the investigation, Gilroy said, police are trying to narrow the time line.

Gilroy also said OUPD contacted the Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills police departments to see if there have been other armed robberies, similar to the one reported at OU.

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Evidential hearing set to dismiss evidence

By MARK KRAUZOWICZ
Staff Writer

Family and friends of Jonnathan Thomas packed the court room of Oakland County Circuit Court Thursday, as Judge David Breck ordered the pre-trial of Christopher Knoche.

Knoche, 23, was involved in the fatal car crash that occurred on Oct. 19, 1997, resulting in the death of Thomas, 19.

Knoche has been charged with driving under the influence causing death and homicide manslaughter with a motor vehicle.

Knoche's attorney David Binkley approached the bench and asked for a postponement of the pre-trial. Binkley said he would like to use the testimony of Valerie Schultz, the driver of the vehicle in which Thomas was traveling.

Schultz was recently

charged with a misdemeanor of unlawful blood alcohol level.

However, she will not testify at Knoche's trial until her trial is over.

Binkley and assistant prosecutor Lisa Madzia agreed to the postponement and a new date was set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 4.

The pre-trial will begin with an evidential hearing to dismiss the Breathalyzer test evidence against Knoche.

Thomas' stepfather, Lynn Bothwell, said "We are very disappointed about the motion to throw out the breathalyzer analysis. After witnesses at the scene said he was visibly drunk, it would leave us very bitter if the analysis was thrown out on a technicality."

According to the Michigan law, Knoche was legally intoxicated the time of the crash, as

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Attention Oakland University

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Come Together on Monday, January 19, 1998

Everyone is invited to attend:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

12:00 Noon

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Departure from Vandenberg Hall Lobby to Oakland Center

12:15 p.m.

Birthday Celebration

Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

12:15 p.m. Hot Chocolate and lite lunch

12:30-1:30 p.m. Greetings by Presidents of Association of Black Students and University Student Congress, OU President's Proclamation, Presentation by the Reverend Virgil Jones, (former Wayne State Campus minister), recognition of winners of the all-campus contest and birthday cake and songs with the OU Gospel Choir

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CAMPUS NEWS

Fast Facts

- The Student Guide to America's 100 Best College Buys: 1998-99 has named OU one of the nation's best college values for the second year in a row.

Over 1,750 public and private colleges and universities nationwide were sent material and a survey in order to be considered as a best buy.

The nation's best were select on the basis of: • an accredited, four-year school, • full residential facilities and dining serviced are offered, • the cost of attendance in 1997-98 below the national average, • the high school grade point average, SAT/ACT score above national average for entering freshmen in the fall of 1996.

- University Affairs Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday in the OC.

OU to crack down on health costs

MUCH hopes remainder of money will go to education

By LIDIJA MILIC
Assistant News Editor

Good news for faculty and staff: OU has joined a coalition of 12 Michigan universities with the goal of controlling the cost of health care benefit plans and services.

The Michigan Universities Coalition on Health (MUCH) is a way to dissipate information about alternative health care programs among joined universities, said Diana Decker, staff benefits manager and a member of the MUCH board.

"By being in a larger group, you have a bigger clout," Decker said.

That way, when negotiating with a health insurance company, the university knows what kind of information to request to make the best possible deal, Decker said.

Nancy Vander Werff, assistant director of budget and financial planning, is the alternate representative from OU.

Although the MUCH project deals with health care for staff and faculty

only, cracking down the health costs would indirectly help students too, Vander Werff said.

By lowering the health care cost, OU would spend less of the general budget. This would keep the tuition cost down, she said.

"We want the money to go towards education," Decker said. "That's what we're here for."

According to the university press release, health care costs have been stable in the recent years, but they are once again beginning to increase faster than the national economy.

Decker said the cost is not the only objective of the coalition, but that quality of service, physicians, and hospitals are also taken into account when searching for the optimal health care package.

The current range of health care cost at OU is \$140.20 to \$712.67, as provided by four insurance companies: Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Health Alliance Plan, Blue Care Network, and Select Care.

The coalition idea sprung from a similar arrangement made among Michigan State University, the state of Michigan and General Motors, with the same purpose.

"MSU pushed the main idea, that the universities could (do this)," Decker said.

She also said that after the original coalition of this kind, the state of Michigan encouraged other public institutions to do the same.

OU's enlisting in the coalition, however, was not a result of September's faculty strike, Decker said. OU joined MUCH about a year ago, she said, when "we were already in the process."

Vander Werff said the MUCH group

has created an expanding database of information about health care plans and benefits. The group also organizes meetings with insurance companies to get more data.

The MUCH group developed a number of committees, each with a goal to explore the variations in possibilities in different areas, Vander Werff said.

Among others, these are: administrative fees committee, pharmacy benefits committee, data committee, and executive committee.

Vander Werff said the figures will not be seen for a while at OU, since it usually takes a few years for them to show.

"Some schools are from the (Upper Peninsula)," she said. "It's hard to get everybody together."

Despite the geographical impediments, the project is expected to start giving results in about 18 months, Decker said.

However, she said it was still too early to discuss the plans in process.

"We want the money to go towards education. That's what we're here for."

Diana Decker
Staff benefits manager and member of MUCH board



Resident Reports Assault

A residence halls student living in Hamlin Hall was allegedly assaulted Wednesday as she was leaving her dorm.

The student told police she received a threatening phone call from the alleged attacker earlier that day, and that he came to her door a while later.

Although the student said she did not open the door, the attacker kept knocking.

At this time, the student called the OUPD. Two officers went to her door and found the alleged attacker. He told them he only wanted to talk to her. The police advised him to stay away from the student, and he left.

The student allegedly left her room about 15 minutes later in the company of friends. She told police she was exiting Hamlin Hall when the alleged attacker confronted her again.

The student told police he pushed her back into the Hamlin lobby and started beating her. He allegedly punched her in the left shoulder.

One of her friends allegedly left at this time to call the student's parents. The custodian who was in the lobby also observed the incident and phoned police to report an assault in progress.

When police arrived, the parties had allegedly left the building and went to Van Wagoner. When the officers went to Van Wagoner, the student exited the north stairwell and ran to them crying for help.

She told police her alleged attacker was after her, and had been hitting her. The student was placed in a police car.

Police then encountered the alleged attacker, who was immediately handcuffed and placed in another police car.

Upon questioning, the alleged attacker stated he did not strike the student. He told police they had an argument in Hamlin, but after walking to Van Wagoner together, the student left on her own.

The alleged attacker had a bleeding scrape on his right hand, which he claimed occurred when he punched the wall.

He refused to give a written statement, and was escorted to his off-campus residence.

Metro Vending Service offers larger selection at greater price

By ERIKA MILLER
Staff Writer

Despite students' ongoing complaints about OU's snack vending program, the management in charge remains satisfied.

David Herman, dean of students, and Charley Marsack, vice president of Metro Vending Services, cut a mutually lucrative deal last spring which continues to please business interests on both sides.

The Board of Trustees approved Metro Vending Services proposal at its June 12, 1997 meeting.

Left in the lurch last April when ARAMARK's concession unexpectedly went out of business, Herman says he now has a dependable contractor.

Metro guarantees OU a flat fee of \$120,000 a year in commissions for the campus vending fund, which supports some student activities.

Marsack also guarantees Metro will respond within two hours to mechanical problems, 24 hours a day.

"We never select based on low bid,"

Herman said. "We select based on price, quality, and service."

More than 80 vending machines on campus were taken over by Metro after ARAMARK left.

Marsack estimated there were about 61,000 vends during peak months. He said Metro makes a profit on roughly 5 million vending sales each school year, after expenses.

The only part of the bargain that puts Metro in jeopardy, it seems, is a campus shut down. For example, if OU's faculty had gone on strike as threatened in September, Marsack said, Metro would still have been liable for the \$120,000.

But then, too, there are the persistent complaints by their paying customers.

Students insist the machines regularly malfunction, shortchanging them of snacks and cash.

An extra burden on them is created by OU's cash refund policy. It is designed around administrators' daytime hours, in limited office locations around campus, often distant from the offending machines.



Post Photo/Laura Schilt

Congress book swap attracts students

By LISA VALENTINE
Staff Writer

The Student Congress literally gave local bookstores a run for their money this past month with their hugely successful book swap program.

Congress President Bryan Barnett said the book swap took in more than \$6,500 in sales and was "one of our (Congress') chronic achievements of this year."

Barnett said volunteers helped make it work.

Because of the help and the direction of Student Services Director Kathryn Kumeisha, Barnett said Congress was "able to pull off the most successful 'swap' in recent memory."

Barnett said about 400 students brought more than 600 books altogether.

He said the book swap enabled students to save thousands of dollars in textbooks, saving the average student about \$150 in books.

DISCUSSING PROFIT: Congress members review the success of the book swap.

"Each time a student bought a book they probably saved at least as much as they paid," Barnett said.

Barnett said one of the keys to making the book swap so successful was marketing.

"Just getting the word out helped us a lot," he said.

Barnett also felt another key factor was the prime location.

"The Fireside Lounge was a great location. (It was) very visible to students," he said.

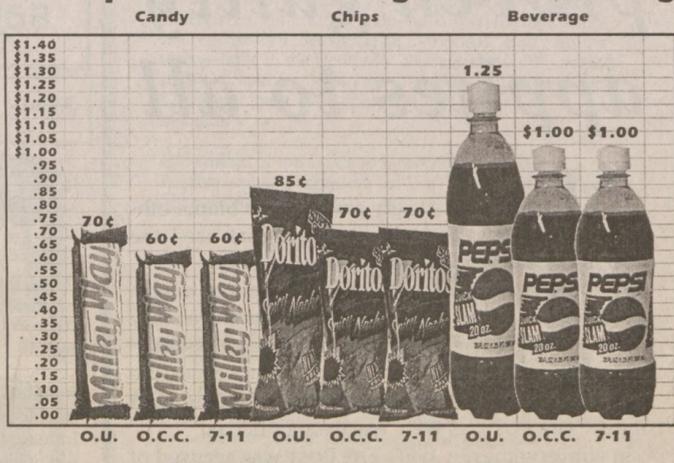
Although no real problems occurred with the book swap, Barnett said Congress didn't expect it to last so long.

"We hadn't planned on extending it into January," he said.

Barnett said it was harder to find volunteers able to work at the book

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Comparison of Vending Machine Pricing



Students also complained when snack prices rose with Metro's takeover.

Herman defends the price hike, saying they are first approved through him as part of the bidding package.

"(Metro) has to recover their labor and equipment costs," Herman said, referring to service on the decade-old machines. "It's an expensive piece of equipment, there for convenience."

The vending contract contains no ceiling to prevent future price increases, Herman said. But any price change requests must be submitted to his office and approved by him.

Though Metro's prices are often higher than area retailers, Marsack said, "It's not fair to compare it to others. Are

they going to include deposit and (six percent state) sales tax? Ask 7-11 to bring you a bottle of pop on campus, and see if they'll charge the same."

The new resealable, 20-ounce bottle of soda pop at \$1.25, for example, is still a dime cheaper than OU's cafeteria price, said Marsack.

Out of the \$1.25, Marsack said Metro pays 30 percent, or 37.5 cents, in commission to OU. Metro keeps the remaining 87.5 cents to cover expenses and realize some profit.

Marsack also defended Metro's machines against student complaints of failure to consistently deliver snacks and

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OU offers endorsement for autism, distance learning

By KIM CONNELL
Staff Writer

OU is taking one more step toward becoming the school of the future by offering Michigan's first and only teaching endorsement for autism through the distance learning program.

According to the Autism Society online, autism is third most common developmental disability, affecting more than 400,000 people in the U.S.

The autism certification program has been available at OU for 12 years, according to Associate Professor of Human Development Studies Carol Swift.

However, as of fall semester 1997, it was finally endorsed by the state of Michigan.

"A state endorsement is required by law for a person to teach autistic children," Swift said. "OU is the only school in the state to offer this endorsement."

According to Swift, there are a few programs nationwide to instruct educators how to specifically deal with autistic children, due to a lack of knowledgeable persons, lack of research on autism, and the expense of running programs.

But the demand for this type of education is growing.

"There's a demand in outstate Michigan," said Judy Hoppin, professor of development and education administration at OU.

"Many teachers have autistic children in their classrooms, and say they need training. We felt we had the responsibility to give these teachers the instruction they need," she said.

OU's program is mainly taught by using distance learning methods, allowing its classes to be connected to another classroom of college students in Grand Rapids, Mich., through interactive television equipment.

In a real-time compressed video interaction, students in one classroom can interact with the others by watching the other class on TV monitors, and responding through video cameras in the classroom.

"This gives students the hands-on experiences with new technology and (the chance) to learn new teaching methods," Hoppin said.

The five classes are a part of a series taught by two part-time instructors who are in the field, Swift said.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Innocent until proven guilty applies to all

Many in our society are quick to blame others for mistakes. Perhaps the scapegoat used the most is none other than the media.

The media is faced with ethical dilemmas everyday. There are often questions when running a story in the newspaper or airing a controversial broadcast.

Not all decisions are correct, and sometimes the media will push or abuse their First Amendment rights. THE POST, as well, has been criticized.

In winter semester 1997, THE POST was accused of being too nosy and too pushy when it came to interviewing candidates for the vice president for academic affairs and provost position.

Later we were blamed for a top finalist's withdrawal from the search process.

As POST reporters, we never crossed the line, and only wanted the best candidate profile possible to present to our readers. We weren't sneaky or underhanded. We simply identified ourselves as reporters and proceeded to ask questions whenever possible.

Despite our ethical procedures, we were still used as a scapegoat for the finalist's withdrawal and the search committee's loss of a qualified candidate.

Another year has gone by, but some on campus continue to question our ethics and blame us for going too far in reporting the news.

In last week's Crime Watch, we reported Wade Egdish's arrest for the delivery of controlled substances. At that time, he continued to face charges, and he even waived his right to an arraignment at the District Court level in December. THE POST obtained this news from the police report. The courthouse confirmed all information printed.

As always, we assumed the parties involved are innocent until proven guilty. Nowhere in the report did we print, nor did we imply, he did, in fact, commit the crime. We only published information obtained from the public report.

Like other ethical newspapers, we are not in the practice of infringing on other's privacy by printing names of suspects who are not facing charges.

However, the police did arrest him, and he was subsequently charged. His record was made public.

The news editor proceeded with the article in the same manner as others with these circumstances.

Last semester a fatal car crash, involving an OU student, caught headlines. THE POST extended its policy to name the drivers of the vehicles who were charged. Their records were also public.

The student from Crime Watch is not immune just because the alleged crime involved marijuana. He also is not immune just because we are a weekly campus newspaper.

We only reported the news of his arrest and subsequent charges in a professional manner. We did not abuse our First Amendment rights.

OPINION



THE OAKLAND POST 1-14-98

E-M

Letters to the Editor

Post's competency questioned following publication

Student claims Crime Watch put privacy in jeopardy

Dear Editor,

As an Oakland University student who chooses to live in the dorms, I feel it necessary to comment on your Jan. 7 edition of Crime Watch. When I picked up your paper from the main floor of Hill House, I expected to read responsible and mature journalism. Instead, I was greeted with an inappropriate use of free speech.

I was appalled that you chose to publish the names of the Hill House staff and resident involved in the crime. Although I respect that the Constitution grants you the

right of free speech, I found your actions unprofessional. By naming the parties, I feel you compromised the security of the staff and students choosing to live on campus.

How can the named student feel comfortable walking across campus? How can the hall director feel confident in his actions when they are publicly paraded? What you have done is a gross violation of privacy. America may have taken a trend toward trash journalism. Must THE OAKLAND POST follow suit?

Your attempt at relaying the true story is sensational garbage. Oakland is an exem-

plary university, shouldn't its newspaper reflect this? In your "Editor's View" in the same issue, you wrote of taking personal responsibility to avoid Oakland further "embarrassment and negative publicity." Now it's your turn to make sure you and your staff deliver what you promise, and that should be responsible journalism.

Sincerely,

Tobi Voigt
 Senior
 Psychology

Article viewed irresponsible, unethical for reporter's tactics

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our sincere dissatisfaction with the scruples of one of your reporters. THE OAKLAND POST is not the "New York Times," and we do not see any reason whatsoever for the name of a student to be published in Crime Watch.

First of all, the student of which we speak, and whose name we will neglect to mention for the sake of our own scruples, has not been convicted in a criminal court, nor has his hearing in front of the school's disciplinary committee commenced, as of yet.

The article published in the latest OAKLAND POST could have adverse effects on both of these outcomes, despite the possibility

that he may not be found guilty in either forum.

In addition, the effects that a statement such as the one you published will almost certainly have on the opinions held for him by his professors and on-campus employers.

Second of all, we adamantly oppose THE POST's selection of reporter for this case. The paper should be certain, especially in a closely knit environment such as a college campus, that the reporter selected for a certain story is not personally acquainted with the subject of his story. (In this case, her story).

I'm not suggesting that the paper should keep record of every reporter's personal relationships, but when assigned to

a story, the reporter herself has the responsibility to give up the story, should the possibility of a personal vendetta surface.

Your reporter should be ashamed of herself for even writing the story, and she should be even more ashamed of the manner in which she mentioned the name, and therefore jeopardized the future of its subject.

As you can probably ascertain from the tone of this letter and background we seem to have on the topic, the victim of this carelessness is a friend of ours.

We understand THE POST is protected under the First Amendment, but our friend is protected under the Sixth Amendment, and publishing the name of a student who has not

been convicted, while scrupulous in larger publications, is simply tactless in a university publication. We suggest you apologize promptly and see to it that appropriate measures are taken against the reporter.

Sincerely,

Jim Shaw
 Senior
 Music

Editor's note: Jeannee Kirkaldy, OAKLAND POST news editor, compiled and wrote the Crime Watch section from the police report for the Jan. 7 edition. She had no prior knowledge of the student charged and has not contacted him in any way since the publication.

Published article, staff, editor deemed irresponsible for article

Dear Editor,

The Jan. 7 edition of THE OAKLAND POST contained a Crime Watch column to which I found very intriguing. For the first time in my recollection since I have attended OU, an entire column focused solely on one incident from one individual.

Not only that, but it went so far as to use the name of the accused six times in its length. This is also unprecedented for Crime Watch. This unusual and unprecedented detail arouses one's suspicion as to why so much detail was given to this individual and his alleged crime.

Although I do not know the staff, editor, nor the writer of the article, after conversing with the

individual, it is clear to me THE POST was used as a weapon to defame and humiliate the accused. The facts of the situation are that the author of the article and the individual accused in the article are not strangers, as is normally the case, but rather they share sore feelings for each other.

I have the unfortunate, sadening and awkward position of listening to the writer call for an interview to make the story "publishable," listening to the individual's friends come up to him and say, "I saw your name in the paper," and wonder what professors would think if they were to compare class lists with THE POST.

Also, by the article's own

admission, the accused hadn't even been arraigned.

The article should not have been written. Crime Watch has never been the place for details and specifics about crimes, but rather to give the campus community some idea of campus crime. Whether it should be used for that or not, whether it was legal or not, is not the issue.

The point is that the author of Crime Watch deliberately went out of her way to harm the individual and to gloat over the satisfaction of seeing someone arrested, using whatever means necessary.

The article should have been screened by the editor. By publishing this article, it represents to me malice and gross negli-

gence on the staff.

I, of course, do not defend the individual's alleged actions, but I also will not accept this article as innocent, nor in good taste, nor "simply presenting news." The individual deserves, at the very least, an immediate apology and retraction.

Sincerely,

Ben Hoogterp
 Performing Arts in Theatre
 Post-Bachelorette Student

Editor's note: The author of Crime Watch made no attempt to contact the charged individual. Rather, her assistant called him once and left a message inquiring more information only.

Hearing

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shown in the Breathalyzer test results.

Binkley requested the sup-

pression of this evidence, because the officer who administered the test has given two contradicting versions of his account of the test procedure on Knoche.

Although the pre-trial was postponed, David Thomas, the father of Jonnathan Thomas, said

he is still confident that justice will be served.

"I believe in the District Court and prosecutors," he said.

"Some people say, why not let (Knoche) off with some probation. I would like to see him get some help by enrolling in a

substance abuse program, maybe with some jail time beforehand," Thomas' father said.

He also said he wish Knoche would visit other colleges in the future to give lectures on the dangers of alcohol.

Robbery

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The surveillance camera has also been reviewed, but according to Gilroy, nothing has been found due to the darkness and heavy rain.

Although it is stated in the police report that the complainant did not physically see the gun, Gilroy said even if someone uses an object to replicate a gun, under Michigan statute it is considered armed robbery.

To prevent yourself from becoming an "unfortunate vic-

tim," Gilroy said "the best advice we can give students, faculty and staff is to buddy up."

If you are unable to find someone to walk with you after dark, call the escort service. Gilroy said very few calls are received requesting an escort because people generally feel safe on campus.

However, safety should always be kept in mind, he said.

The escort service is available from 7 p.m. to midnight. If an escort is needed after midnight, a scout car will be sent out to the general area to assure safety.

To request an escort, call (248) 370-3331.

Job

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cise science department.

However, Miller has been a part of campus even before her employment. She graduated from OU in 1977 with a bachelors degree in psychology. She later graduated from U-M with a masters in social work.

Miller was chosen from a pool of about 60 applicants, said Fekel. The search began last summer, and a search committee headed by Nancy Schmitz narrowed the list to four: Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs at OU; Felecia Bumpus, coordinator of intercultural programs at OU; Pamela Reese, director for student life at the University of Detroit Mercy;

and Miller.

The search committee forwarded their final list to Fekel. He then solicited the opinions of various campus committees and made his offer this week.

"It was a long process, like many other searches. ... This one seemed to take its due course," Fekel said.

Despite her recent offer, Miller will not move into her

new OC office immediately. Fekel said Miller has made prior commitments in her previous job — ones which she will finish before assuming the assistant director's position in the student center.

However, Fekel hopes to bring her on board soon.

Post staff contributed to this story.

Faculty

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surely dedicated to diversity, he thinks non-ambiguous statements need to be posted on all registration and financial aid materials, along with faculty signs, and even some business-type cards.

Earlier in the week, Abraham said, "We have gotten turned down for positions because they don't pay as well as externally."

However, the pay-scale for faculty at OU continues to put them in the top 10 percent nationwide, said Early.

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College Bowl is coming to Oakland University. Oakland University will hold its campus tournament on Saturday, January 24, 1998.

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The winner of the Oakland University Campus Tournament will represent the University at the Regional Championships.

Michael Dyson Lecture January 29, 1998

An award-winning author, ordained Baptist minister and acclaimed scholar, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson has been hailed as "one of the youngest stars in the firmament of black intellectuals." Author Naomi Wolf observes: "He embodies the ideal intellectual for our time: translator, boundary-breaker, and healer of a war torn culture." Dyson's commitment to urban youth and passion for popular culture has inspired him to take black studies "to the streets." His lectures draw from sources ranging from Foucault to James Brown, from Heidegger to Tupac Shakur. Scholarly critics term him "one of the most important voices of his generation".

Dyson's writing is also held in high esteem. He has contributed to such publications as *The New York Times*, *Vibe*, *Emerge*, *The Nation*, and *Rolling Stone*. His books, including *Reflecting Black: African-American Cultural Criticism; Making Malcolm: The Myth and Meaning of Malcolm X; Between God and Gangsta Rap*; and the best-selling *Race Rules*, have all earned critical acclaim. His eagerly awaited next title will be *What Have We Come To? Bridging the Generation Gap*.

With the voice of a preacher and the heart of a young man from the ghetto, Michael Dyson explores the myriad ways that race affects the broad canvas of American social and cultural life. In his own words, Dyson says "I am an oppositional African-American cultural critic. Such criticism revels in black culture's virtues, takes pleasure in its achievements, laments its failed opportunities, and interrogates its weaknesses."

Student Organization Leaders

Attention all student organizations and student leaders!! Opportunity is "knocking" on your door. If you are a new officer for this semester, please don't forget to sign up to attend an Officer Training/Workshop.

The Winter Semester Student Organization Day will be held on Wednesday, January 28th from 10-3:00 p.m. The Winter Semester Leadership @3 Leadership Series will take place on third Wednesday of each month. Stop by the Center for more information.

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Vending

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change. "Is our performance," he asked, "being compared to perfection, Nirvana—or historically to the previous program?"

Marsack previously wrote to The Oakland Post on Dec. 3 that Metro's 99.97 percent good performance rating "outperforms industry standards."

He said this is calculated from October's record of one service call for each 3,398 vends, or .03 of one percent, out of a total of 61,170 vends that month.

According to Marsack, Metro's service statistics come from two main sources: the number of service calls Metro directly receives and official OU reports on the number of cash reimbursements actually made, which Metro pays.

Marsack also said about 90 percent of any vending machine malfunction is coin or paper dollar related.

And, like car parts, he said,

vending machine parts can simply break down with prolonged, heavy use.

Snack items which are the wrong size for the spiral holders, or items which are improperly loaded by service personnel account for minimal problems, said Marsack.

But freshman Amie Whitt, English education, said, "That happens all the time."

In the last decade, Marsack said, most of the manual portion of the machine design has been replaced with sensitive electronics.

"The machines can't accept other than pristine bills," he said. He said the machines are fine-tuned to reject phony, filthy, and ragged paper money.

They are also pre-programmed to immediately reject bent coins, metal slugs, pennies, and foreign coins. But the calibrated machines can't be equipped to effectively pass out "odd chunks of metal," he said. For example, paper clips are sometimes indiscriminately tossed in, jamming up the works.

"We consider that abuse and vandalism," Marsack said.

Neither can they be programmed to expel odd chunks of human body parts, as a recent national news story from California proved.

When a disgruntled customer tried to manually retrieve a snack, according to a January wire story in "The Detroit Free Press," his arm was caught inside the machine. An emergency crew extricated him successfully, but the vending machine was decimated in the process by a "jaws of life" extraction tool.

To assist in reporting vending malfunctions, Metro's machines are posted with a small sign, which reads, "For Service Call 1-800-404-4443." They can't factor in student complaints that go unreported.

"If we don't find out," Marsack said, "we can't service it. It's in Metro's best interest—financially and in client satisfaction—to keep the machines filled, clean, and working at all times."

Autism

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The same group of students go through the series of classes together, learning team work and other social skills.

The first group of students in the endorsed program started in fall 1997 semester, working with students from Traverse City.

A new group started the program during the winter 1998 semester. At the end of the program, students are required to student-teach autistic children.

The program is gaining popularity, according to Hoppin. However, there is a limited number of students accepted into it.

Students must be graduates with a basic teaching certificate, and must have one other special

education endorsement, amongst other requirements.

"There is a preference given to those who have autistic children in their classrooms," Hoppin said.

For more information on requirements and how to register for the program, contact the Office of Professional Development in the School of Education and Human Services at (248) 370-3033.

Swap

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swap at that time, since classes were starting and schedules were different.

Kumeisha said she is working now on sending out checks to those students who made

money at the book swap.

Postcards will also be sent out telling students if their textbooks were sold and where to pick up unsold books.

For now, the books will be kept in the Congress office.

Barnett said the book swap is an idea that originated at OU a long time ago, but hadn't been acted upon in many years.

He said Congress is planning on possibly doing another book swap at the same time next year.

Congress won't do one at the end of winter semester, Barnett said, because many students don't take spring classes. He said many, at that time, wouldn't know what books they need for the upcoming fall semester.

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FEATURES

CELEBRATE Black History

With Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed and guests galore, 1998's celebration may be the best ever

- MLK March & Birthday Celebration Party**
Noon, Jan. 19, Vandenberg Hall and Gold Rooms
- Unity Day & Candlelight Vigil**
7 p.m., Jan. 19, OC Gold Rooms
- College Bowl: Test Your African-American Knowledge**
8 p.m., Jan. 20, OC Oakland Rooms
- Spirit of Diversity Career Fair**
11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jan. 21, Oakland Center
- Ending Racism: Working for a Racism Free 21st Century**
Noon - 1 p.m., Jan. 22, OC Fireside Lounge
- Soul Food Extravaganza**
7:30 p.m., Jan. 22, OC Heritage Room
- Storytellers: Alma Greer & Ivory Williams**
Noon - 1 p.m., Jan. 26, OC Fireside Lounge
- Name That Motown Tune & Diversity Trivia Game**
10 p.m., Jan. 27, Hamlin Lounge
- Comedy Hip Hop Show**
7 p.m., Jan. 28, OC Gold Rooms
- Harpist/Storyteller**
2 p.m. - 3 p.m., Jan. 28, Varner Recital Hall
- Speaker: Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, "Between God and Gangsta' Rap"**
3 p.m., Jan. 29, Varner Recital Hall
- Tracing Your Family Tree**
9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Feb. 2, OC Gold Rooms B & C
- Multicultural Food, Arts & Crafts Fair**
8 a.m. - 11 p.m., Feb. 2, Hamlin Lounge
- National Discussion on Race**
Noon - 1 p.m., Feb. 3, Fireside Lounge

By AVA FERGUSON
Special Writer

OU is celebrating African-American history month beginning on Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Jr.'s observed birthday, through Feb. 19.

This year's theme — "From This Day Forward: Laying Down Foundations to Greatness."

Felecia Bumpus, co-chair of the African-American Celebration Month Committee, said "The committee has worked diligently since the start of fall semester to promote knowledge of the struggle and history of the African-American people.

"This year's celebration is better than the previous by there is more collaboration from the university to embrace a better understanding of ourselves and each other," she said.

Kicking the celebration off is the Martin Luther King Jr. March and Birthday Celebration Party on Monday. Also planned is an African-American food celebration, discussions on race, and a black unity dance.

Among the featured speakers during the month are author Michael Eric Dyson, local DJ Coco from WJLB radio, and Robert Eaton, chairman of the board for Chrysler Corporation.

Barry Gray, Association of Black Students president and director of the Multi-cultural department of Congress, said participation should be up this year.

"This year we are expecting more student involvement. This year is the first year Oakland University is cancelling classes on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday," Gray said.

"Now students can participate without feeling fearful of being penalized by their professors," he said.

Junior Mitchell Baskins, journalism, said he is planning on celebrating African-American history month to the fullest.

"We are a strong group of people. We have to look at our past history. We are now doctors, lawyers, educators and many other professionals. We have to honor them," Baskins said.

Senior Jennifer Robinson, communications, said she is hoping to gain more knowledge of African-American people. She is participating by singing with the gospel choir.

Junior Angenella Fleming, human resources and development, said "This is the opportunity to acknowledge victories African Americans have accomplished."

"If my schedule permits, I do want to participate in some of the events on campus. I will look at other women and their accomplishments and reflect on my own," she said.

Senior Jayson Kirkman, philosophy, said "This is the opportunity to acknowledge past endeavors of our ancestors and leaders."

"We can recognize our potential contributions we can make to our culture."

African-American Mock Wedding
6 p.m., Feb. 3, Gold Rooms

Health Awareness Day
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Feb. 4, Heritage Room & Oakland Rooms

Male/Female Conference
6 p.m., Feb. 4, OC Rooms 125 - 130

Speaker: Coco, WJLB Radio
Time TBA, Feb. 6, OC Heritage Room

Black Unity Dance
9 a.m. - 1 a.m., Feb. 6, OC Gold Rooms

Black & White: Role Reversals Facilitated by Dr. Kevin Early, Associate Professor of Sociology
10 p.m., Feb. 9, Hamlin Lounge

African-American Celebration Dinner Special
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Feb. 11, Vandenberg Dining Hall

"Cultural Expressions" Dance Concert
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Feb. 11, Varner Recital Hall

"Long Way Up" Panel Discussion
3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Feb. 12, OC Fireside Lounge

"All the Way Live" Talent Show
7 p.m., Feb. 13, Location TBA

Play: "Learning from the Past to Engineer the Future"
6 p.m., Feb. 16, OC Heritage Room

International Fashion Show
7 p.m., Feb. 17, Location TBA

"Keeper of the Dream" Banquet
6 p.m., Feb. 19, Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion

Trip to Ghana, Africa
Departing: Feb. 19
Returning: Feb. 25



Laura Schildt

Why do my books cost as much as my classes?

Cha-ching! Cha-ching! Cha-ching! "That comes to \$303.45!" "#@!&!?" (Cough, cough, cough.) "I'll be paying by credit card," I said to the cashier, while checking my funds.

At this particular moment, I hear a bunch of people laughing in my ear. Ha, ha, ha!

Tell me, who can I blame for ridiculously high priced books, and where can I point my pissed off finger?

Ha, ha, ha. Who's laughing? Professors? Bookstores? Authors? Publishers? Or all of the above?

Let's examine the process with a magnifying glass. (By the way, how much do they charge for one of those in the bookstore?)

My buildup frustration started last semester with the purchase of one \$80 advertising book. This semester my irritation intensified as I walked through the Barnes & Noble bookstore and found more high priced books:

"Human Anatomy and Physiology" -- \$84 (new)
"Effective Public Relations" -- \$81 (new)

"Introduction to Computer Engineering" -- \$84 (new)

I picked up one book called "The Finite Element Method," which was the approximate size of an average college dictionary: the new book price is \$91 and the used price is \$68.25, both in-stock.

I curiously walked over to the desk with the sign that read "Textbook Buyback Everyday" and asked what they would give me if I sold this new book back -- \$18!

Sixty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents minus \$18 equals, a lot of my money lost and found in someone else's pockets.

At the on-campus Barnes & Noble store, text books are not the only higher priced books. Barnes & Noble bookstores take 30 percent off books on the New York Times Best Sellers list. However, the store located on campus only gives 25 percent. What happened to our "student discount?"

Do professors and faculty realize how much the textbooks they assign cost? (Not to insult any of their intelligence, of course.)

One way to cure the disease of outrageous book prices is to have healthy competition. If there is only one place to buy our text books, then students will have to pay whatever price one chain store decides on, fair or not fair.

Professors, making sure your book orders get to the Textbook Outlet off campus could help solve this problem. Also, boycotting books that are frequently updated to new editions could stop prices from rising annually.

Publishers, if it's not necessary to create a new edition, don't. It seems some publishers think they need to upgrade textbooks every year.

Students, stand-up and fight for your right to buy cheaper books. You don't have to buy books at the on-campus bookstore. You have alternatives.

Compare prices with the Textbook Outlet off campus; share a book with a friend or use the Book Swap started by Congress this year to help fight the cost of books.

Laura Schildt is the Assistant Features Editor of THE OAKLAND POST.

Sure Things

OU EVENTS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MARCH & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PARTY, noon Monday, Vandenberg Hall & OC Gold Rooms.

UNITY DAY & CANDLE VIGIL, 7 p.m. Monday, Gold Rooms, OC.

COLLEGE BOWLS: TEST YOUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN KNOWLEDGE, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oakland Rooms.

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY OPENING CONCERT FEATURING AN EXCITING BLEND OF MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE, 8 p.m. Saturday, Varner Recital Hall. Call (248) 370-3013.

MUSIC

WAYNE NEWTON, 8 p.m. Friday, The Palace of Auburn Hills. Call (248) 645-6666.

PHILOSOPHER KINGS, 8 p.m. Friday, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

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THEATRE

"THUNDER KNOCKING AT THE DOOR," 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. today; 8 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. & 8 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 6:30 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m. & 8 p.m. Tuesday, Meadow Brook Theatre. Call (248) 251-5835.

"ESCANABA IN DA MOONLIGHT," 7 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sunday, The Purple Rose Theatre Company. Call (313) 475-7902.

"OF MICE AND MEN," 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Hilberry Theatre. Call (313) 577-2972.

FILM

BREW AND VIEW -- "CHEECH AND CHONG'S UP IN SMOKE," 9:30 p.m. today, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

BREW AND VIEW II -- "AIR FORCE ONE," 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

BREW AND VIEW ENCORE SCREENING -- "GUMMO," 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

OTHER

LECTURE: LORNA SIMPSON: 2 p.m. Saturday, The Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 833-7900.

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Former OU speaker survives crash

"All of a sudden, there was this boom. (My partner) looked at me and said, 'We're in trouble.'"

Dick Rutan
Pilot

By DAMON BROWN
Features Editor

Speaker of this year's Hammerle lecture, Dick Rutan, survived a hot air balloon crash last Friday.

The 59-year-old pilot and his partner, Dave Melton, were attempting to be the first to fly a hot air balloon nonstop around the world.

They took off in Albuquerque, New Mexico. An hour into flight the balloon

tore, and they began to lose control of it.

"All of a sudden there was this boom. Dave looked at me and said 'We're in trouble,'" said Rutan at a news conference last Friday.

Rutan and Melton skydived out of the balloon only about 100 miles from their takeoff point.

Rutan landed face-first in a cactus field and suffered puncture wounds in the face. Melton hit a wire fence and was hospitalized in serious condition

with a dislocated hip and ankle.

It continued to coast and touched down several times before crashing safely right outside of Dallas.

Rutan is the record holder of the longest continuous flight (just over nine days) and the first non-stop flight around the world. Both were done in one flight in 1986.

Rutan spoke at OU on Oct. 9 about his 1986 flight and his then planned hot air balloon flight.

New MBT play crackles with energy



Photo Courtesy/Meadow Brook Theatre

ROLLING THUNDER: Luray Cooper and Keesha Fleth star in "Thunder Knocking on the Door," a new play at Meadow Brook Theatre.

BY LAURA SCHILDT
Assistant Features Editor

In 1979, The Charlie Daniels Band told an imaginary musical tale that went like this:

"The devil went down to Georgia lookin' for a soul to steal. He was in a bind cause he was way behind. He was willin' to make a deal. The devil jumped up on a hickory stump and said 'boy I'll tell you what ... if you care to deal, I will make a bet with you ...'"

Kicking off the new year, Meadow Brook Theatre brings to life a similar story to the popular song called "Thunder Knocking on the Door," written by Keith Glover.

In the play, Marvel Thunder, played by Luray Cooper, is a devilish character looking for a guitar to steal. He believes he is the best guitar player alive and is

Facts

What: Thunder Knocking on the Door" by Keith Glover

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre

When: Jan. 7 through Feb. 1
Matinee, Twilight, Evening

Tickets: \$22 - \$32 at the box office
Student discounts available

willing to make a deal.

Glory, (Keesha Fleth) a young, blind woman, and her twin brother, Jaguar Dupree, Jr. are Thunder's prey. Each twin possesses a bright-red guitar given to them by their father, Jaguar Dupree, Sr. He was the only man to ever beat

Thunder, but he is now dead.

Before Jaguar, Sr. died, he passed on to each of his children one of his guitars, and some of his talent to play the blues.

Glover's story entertains the audience as the characters are tempted by Thunder's sly wit.

The twins struggle between which is more important: the legacy of their father or their greed for money, a feeling of love for the enemy or Glory's sight.

In what Glover calls a "bluesical" writing style, he skillfully combines the sweet sound of blues with a mythical plot to make the production unique.

"Thunder Knocking on the Door" is a collaboration between two professional theatres. Meadow Brook has teamed-up with Plowshares Theatre Company. The two also did "I Am A Man," one of last season's most herald plays.

In the "bluesical," each character is

given a chance to step out in front of the set and shine in the spotlight while singing songs written by Grammy Award-winning composer Kevin Moore (better known to lovers of the blues as Keb' Mo') and dancing to moves choreographed by Kimberly Renee Jones.

Last year, Keb' Mo' won a Grammy Award for "best contemporary blues album." He has recently completed a tour with pop superstar Celine Dion.

The entire five-character cast displays obvious talent, but Fleth, who has also played the role of Carrie in the Broadway National Tour of "Carousel," proves that radio is not the only place to find a beautiful voice.

And if blues is your forte, or even if it's not, the onstage blues band headed by "Mississippi" Charles Bevel, is reason enough to catch this performance.

THE REEL DEAL

'Wag the Dog' will make viewers stop and paws

By GABE GAZOUL
Staff Movie Critic

"Wag the Dog"

Better than Alpo

●●●
out of 4 points

Lately in the film industry it has become difficult (if not impossible) to find what is normally referred to as a satire. There have been funny comedies with satirical moments and even serious dramas that propose a satirical message. But a true satire is hard to come by.

"Wag the Dog" is refreshing in this light. It is true to its form, deliciously biting, and wickedly funny (which is not always a requirement in satire).

Conrad Brean (Robert DeNiro) is a mysterious problem solver who is brought into the White House to help the President wade through a sexual harassment charge posed less than two weeks before re-election.

Brean begins to manipulate the situation by using the aid of Hollywood producer Stanley Motss (Dustin Hoffman) to orchestrate a fake war as diversion.

Both Brean and Motss begin recruiting several sources to help make the war more marketable and believable.

They bring on singer Johnny Green (Willie Nelson) to make a hit single

about the war, Presidential Aide Winifred Ames (Anne Heche), and the creative artist known only as the Fad King (Denis Leary) to make sure everything is done stylishly and hip.

But what is important to remember in "Wag the Dog" (as well as satire) is that aspects such as characters and plot are not important and are not used with great depth. They are just tools for the larger attack.

And director Barry Levinson masterfully makes this attack against the fading lines between entertainment, media, and politics as intelligent as it is hilarious.

Even the title has satirical connotations (which, without spoiling the joke, has nothing to do with a dog).

Everything in the film is encased in Pulitzer Prize winning writer David



Photo Courtesy/Mr. Showbiz

TOP DOG: Actor Robert DeNiro in "Wag the Dog"

Mamet's steely wit. That alone makes it worth seeing.

As with most pieces in this genre, "Wag the Dog" lasts only as long as the joke is funny, which regrettably is only ninety minutes.

But unlike other satires, Levinson

has no problem bringing the film to a satisfyingly dark close.

And if it weren't for the ending, the film wouldn't hold the punch needed to make it potent.

We laugh ... and then we realize it is at ourselves.

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- Raging Bull
- Jackie Brown
- Cape Fear

SPORTS

Making waves in home water

Swimming and Diving end their first home meet since the suspension lift with varying results

By CATHY MINIUK
Staff Writer

The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Team jumped off the block and into different destinies last Saturday on their coed meet against Denison.

The men's team began the new year victorious. Team members said they defeated Denison 133.5 to 97.5, with a strong feeling of pride and dedication.

"The team was challenged by the coach to step it up, because four of our best guys are still on suspension. So the team came together and swam their best," said sophomore Erich Kelly, freestyle.

Junior Kevin Bobzien, butterfly and freestyle, said "(Head coach) Pete Hovland asked individuals to step up — like Courtney Dunlap and Thiago Orso — and they answered his challenge."

Dunlap took first place in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. His teammate, Orso, freestyle and backstroke, took second in both the 200 and 500 freestyle.

"The team showed great spirit and morale. With the help of great alumni and crowd support, our performance was elevated to the level of excellence necessary to win," said sophomore Yoav Ritter, 1997 NCAA individual champion in the 200-meter butterfly.

Team spirit was present in the Lепley

pool Saturday. Both the men and women started the meet out with cheers from the audience, raising the spirit level of the swimmers.

For the women, the high spirits weren't enough.

Denison beat the women's team by only three points. It was a close meet that had members swimming at top speeds.

"We all worked really hard," freshman Yvonne Lynn, backstroke and freestyle, said, "We just try to do our best."

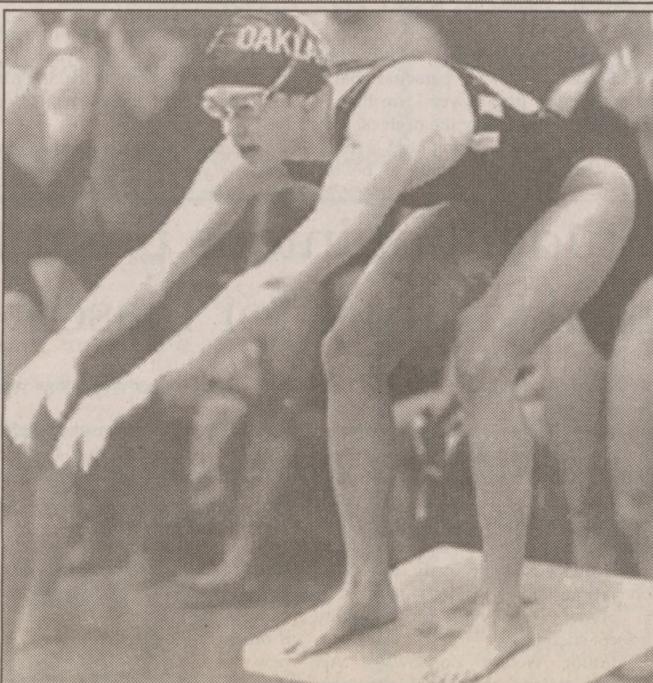
She added that end results of the meet weren't that important because of the team dedication during the meet.

Freshman Jennifer Redumski, backstroke and freestyle, said, "This is our first dual meet of the year. We have to take every meet one by one."

Women's Swimming and Diving have ample time to defeat their opponents this season though. Upcoming meets include confrontations with Western Kentucky University and the University of Cincinnati, a Division I-AAA school.

Senior co-captain Clarice Gelmine, backstroke and freestyle, said of future meets, "It's a good opportunity and a good challenge. We need to stay focused for our upcoming meets."

Redumski said, "We get to see what Division I is all about. I think everybody is really excited to be swimming Division I."



Post Photo/Bob Knoska
TAKE YOUR MARK: Senior Jill Mellis, breaststroke and freestyle, readies herself for the water to start the relay leg against Denison last Saturday.



Krystal Kaltz

Mascot nominees rightfully growl at Pioneer Pete

The crowd is going wild. The Pioneers have just scored again. It looks like another victory for the OU ... Firecats?

Yes, it's true. OU has decided to get rid of Pioneer Pete. We are moving on to Division I-AAA and the university is considering a new image to go along with the move.

The Pioneers could soon morph into Firecats, Golden Grizzlies, Grizzlies, or Sabercats.

But Pioneers is on the opinion ballot too, and Pioneers it should be — it just seems to fit.

And just why are they getting rid of Pete, if they're still considering keeping Pioneers?

Is Pioneer Pete on death row? What crime is he guilty of committing?

Poor Pete is guilty of being (gasp!), a nice guy. He isn't some vicious, sharp-toothed animal who is ready to rip the opposing team to shreds.

But maybe that's what we need. Maybe it's time to bench Pete.

The motivation to make the change is the hope that a new mascot will make the OU athletic department more well-known throughout the community.

A new mascot could light the spirit fire, draw crowds into the new rec center, and get more people involved in OU athletics.

Many students are not even aware Pioneer Pete is in jeopardy, despite student opinion ballots handed out in the campus book center last week.

When I talked to many students, they didn't even know Pete existed.

I'll be honest with you, I didn't even know who he was when I decided to write this story. It made me feel quite foolish. I mean, here I am, a senior at OU, and I don't even know who the mascot is. I have never even attended a sporting event here. This seems to be a common cry among the students I talked to about the switch.

Historically, we are the Pioneers. It goes along with the sail symbol on the Oakland seal. OU represents discovery, truth, and the pursuit of new territories through academic and extracurricular studies.

But, with the move to Division I-AAA, maybe we should change.

It could be a whole new horizon for the athletic department. It could bring more students to the sports events. It could increase on-campus participation.

So, we're down to the Pioneers, the Firecats (what is a Firecat anyway?), the Grizzlies, the Golden Grizzlies (which, oddly enough, reminds me of a breakfast cereal), or the Sabercats (Flintstones, meet the Flintstones ...).

We shouldn't get rid of Pete. I honestly don't believe that changing the mascot will make the community more aware of the athletic program at OU.

Maybe if we were a bigger school like MSU or U-M with a football team, it would make a difference, but sports are not a major focus here. Learning is.

So, are we destined to become the Cats or the Bears? Will OU athletics have a new image, or will we decide to be proud of our past as Pioneers? Will Pete be replaced by some fur-bearing animal, or will he be allowed to stay and represent all we have stood for in the past?

Only time will tell if we are to become a vicious animal, or if Pioneer Pete will prevail.

Senior Krystal Kaltz is a journalism major and a special writer for THE OAKLAND POST.

Hoops clench victory in second half

Men get their first road win of the season; women jump to a 12-2 record

By JOE GRAY
Assistant Sports Editor

The OU Men's Basketball team defeated Lake Superior State University last Saturday, for the team's first road win of the season.

Guard Nick Wolf drained a three-pointer with just over five minutes left in the game to pull the Laker's within four points of OU, at 65-61.

Guard Jeff Kennedy answered Wolf with three of his own — the Pioneers never looked back.

The men trailed at halftime, 46-42, allowing Lake Superior to shoot 64 percent from the field and hit nine of 13 shots from beyond the three-point line.

OU put on the defensive clamps in the second half, holding its opponents to 28.6 percent shooting from the floor.

They also held them back for three of 13 baskets from three-point range, for the final 20 minutes.

Led by forward DeAndre Shepard's 11 rebound's, OU had a 33-27 advantage on the glass.

The men produced 13 steals.

The Pioneers finished the game strong defensively, limiting Lake Superior to two field goals in the final five minutes of the game.

"We needed to stop them, and we came up with the stops in the end," said sophomore guard Steve Reynolds, who led all scorers with 27 points.

The team is pleased with the win and with its overall performance as a competitor.

"It is important to win on the road," said head coach Greg Kampe. "It is good to get (the first road win) when you have a young team."

He said, "We played well as a team and played outstanding the last 15 minutes of the game."

According to Reynolds the win can be attributed to hard work and to the team playing together

er as a unit.

"We played with confidence and showed a lot of emotion," said Reynolds.

On the other side of the coin, the Women erased a seven-point halftime deficit to defeat Lake Superior, 68-62, for their 12th win of the season.

OU got out to a slow start, shooting just 28.1 percent from the floor and allowing the Lakers a 46.4 field goal percentage, including five of nine from a three-point range.

The Pioneers' leading scorer, guard Jamie Ahlgren, hit just two of 11 shots in the first half, but led all rebounders with six boards.

"Her shot wasn't falling," said head coach Beckie Francis, on Ahlgren's first half performance.

The women rebounded in the second half, outscoring the Lakers 44-31.

Ahlgren added 17-points and two rebounds to her first half totals to lead all scorers and rebounders in the game.

"She sparks us with her scoring and rebounding," said Francis. "She has the potential to score so

fast, it demoralizes teams."

Guard Ulrika Nilsson and center Teresa Tallenger each added 11 points in the contest and guard Sara Skutt led the team with five assists.

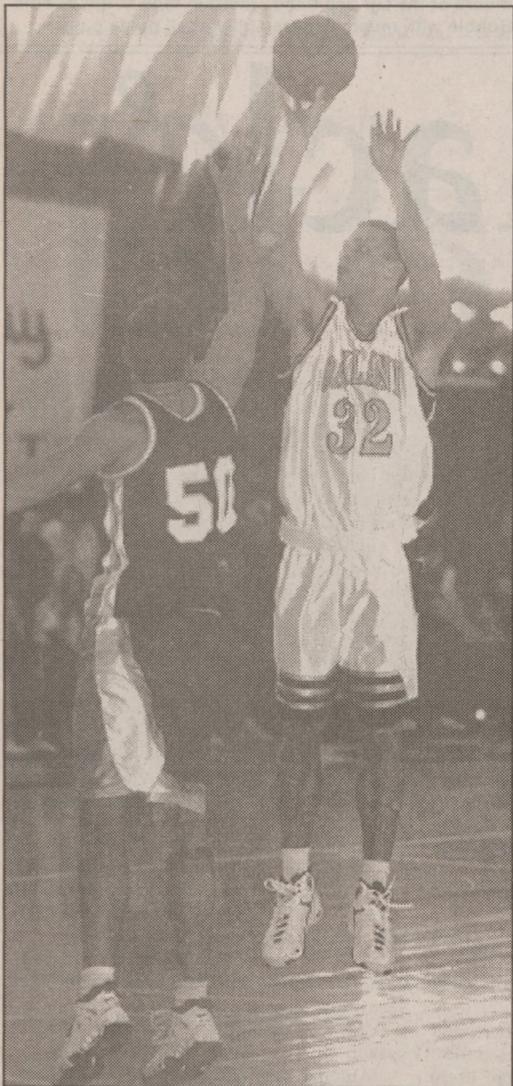
According to team members, the 12-2 start is great, but not unexpected.

"The chemistry is great on this team," said Ahlgren.

"I knew from their conditioning and hard work they would never let down," said Francis.

The women are currently in the middle of a four-game road swing, finishing out the month of January with three out of four games at home.

The men play Grand Valley State Wednesday, and then take to the road for a game against St. Mary's College on Jan. 17.



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HIGHER GROUND: Freshman forward Jon Champagne aims for two as a mid-air opposer attempts to block.

**PIONEER
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Out with the old team goals; it's a new year for OU athletics

Basketball

- The Men defeated Lake Superior State 76-65 on Jan. 10.
- The Women defeated Lake Superior State 68-62 on Jan. 10.

Swimming and Diving

- The Men won against Denison on Jan. 10, while the Women lost by three points.

By ANDREA NOBILE
Sports Editor

Okay, it's January--New Year's resolution time. Time to regroup, readjust, and set new goals.

This year, the athletic teams in season, basketball and swimming, are facing a transitional year.

OU athletics is in the middle of their journey toward Division I-AAA.

The teams have no post-season — there is no championship on the horizon.

They can't compete for a coveted trophy because OU is currently on a journey to Division I-AAA.

But the men and women teams are looking toward this year as a time for hardwork, competitive success, and a little bit of fun.

Beckie Francis, Women's Basketball head coach, said, "My personal goal is to make sure (the players) are having fun. When they enjoy themselves, they play well. To us, working hard is fun."

"Working hard" seems to be the

coin phrase this new year for OU athletics.

"We're a type of team that likes to work hard but have fun," said Women's Basketball sophomore guard Sara Skutt.

Her New Year's Goal? "We don't want anymore losses this year."

Women's hoops are 12-2 this season, just winning on the road this Saturday to Lake Superior State University.

In the pool, Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving goals are focused toward the transition from Division II to Division I-AAA. They are also looking forward to the opening of the new rec center.

Pete Hovland, Men's Swimming head coach, said, "We're hoping the new year will bring us continued success in Division I."

"This is gonna be a different time for us ... definitely a new year."

He said the team is looking forward to the benefits of the new recreation center.

He said one of the team's goals for the new year is to attract some of the

best swimmers in the country by offering them the new swimming facility.

Others are focused on the competitive logistics of swimming and diving.

"I think the whole team's goal, Men and Women, is to place as high as possible in the conference," said Betsy Hansen, sophomore, butterfly and freestyle.

Women's Swimming co-captain, senior Clarice Gelmine, laughing, said her New Year's resolution is, "To go through less shampoo and conditioner. We spend a lot of money on that!"

Members of the water-free Men's Basketball team are less lighthearted. But things are looking up.

They won their first road game of the season against Lake Superior Saturday, putting them at 1-7 away from home, and 8-9 for the season.

This new year brings some regrouping for the Pioneer men.

"We've had to adjust our goals," said Men's Basketball forward, freshman Pete Maienknecht.

Last November, the team's goal was

to come away as the victors for 20 games this season. This year, that goal seems further than forever.

Now, he said, their goal is just to end with a winning season.

"We'd have to get pretty hot," Maienknecht said, adding that it wouldn't be impossible to do that.

Men's Basketball freshman forward Dan Champagne, said, "We're struggling, period, no matter who we play."

This week the men are down to a total of seven players. Top scorer (and sole senior) Denny Amrhein is out ill, and they recently lost consistent shooter Mike Riley to Adrian College.

"When you've got guys playing 30-plus minutes," he said, "it gets hard to have depth off the bench."

"Really what we've got to do is just focus ... and keep working hard," he said.

The swimmers plan to work hard during the new year also.

Hansen said her New Year's Resolution is to "Train hard at all times and be happy."

Student opinions point to shaky future for mascot

By KRYSTAL KALTZ
Special Writer

OU is on the search for a new mascot and they've turned to the student body for a boost in the right direction.

Opinion ballots listing the top five considerations for a new athletic nickname are stacked and ready for writing on various tables throughout the OC. Students seem in the dark about the mascot change.

Junior Wendy Zochowski, Art History major, said, "I didn't know what the mascot was to begin with, and I'm practically a senior."

Many of the students asked about the opinion ballot and the new mascot for OU agreed with this.

The five contenders are Firecats, Golden Grizzlies, Grizzlies, Pioneers, and Sabercats.

Students seemed to be rather disappointed with the mascot choices.

Senior Eric Tomei, psychology, said, "Now that I looked at the choices, I

don't think we should change the mascot."

Senior Jarrod Dexel, psychology, said "I don't think that they should have only those five choices because they're almost the same. There are two cats and two bears."

One student, freshman Ashanti Hardison, political science, admitted that she didn't know OU's current nickname is the Pioneers. Then, she picked it off the ballot as her choice for OU's new mascot anyway.

Senior Spanish major Al Puzzuoli, said "I guess I would leave it alone."

When asked if he thought it would help the athletic department become more well-known outside this campus, he said, "I doubt it."

Sophomore Kimberly Marx, elementary education, said "We're the Pioneers and we should stay the Pioneers."

The Student Congress is one of the on campus groups who is currently opposing the potential mascot change.



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And the band played on . . .

MOOD MUSIC: Members of the OU pep band entertain fans at the Bubble. The band fills the Bubble with music between play at all home games.

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Basketball:

Thursday

• Jan. 15 - The women at Hillsdale at 6 p.m.

Saturday

• Jan. 17 - The women at Indiana - Purdue at 1p.m.

• Jan. 17 - The men at St. Mary's at 3 p.m.

Monday

• Jan. 19 - The men host Rochester College at the Bubble at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

• Jan. 21 - The women at UM-Dearborn at 7 p.m.

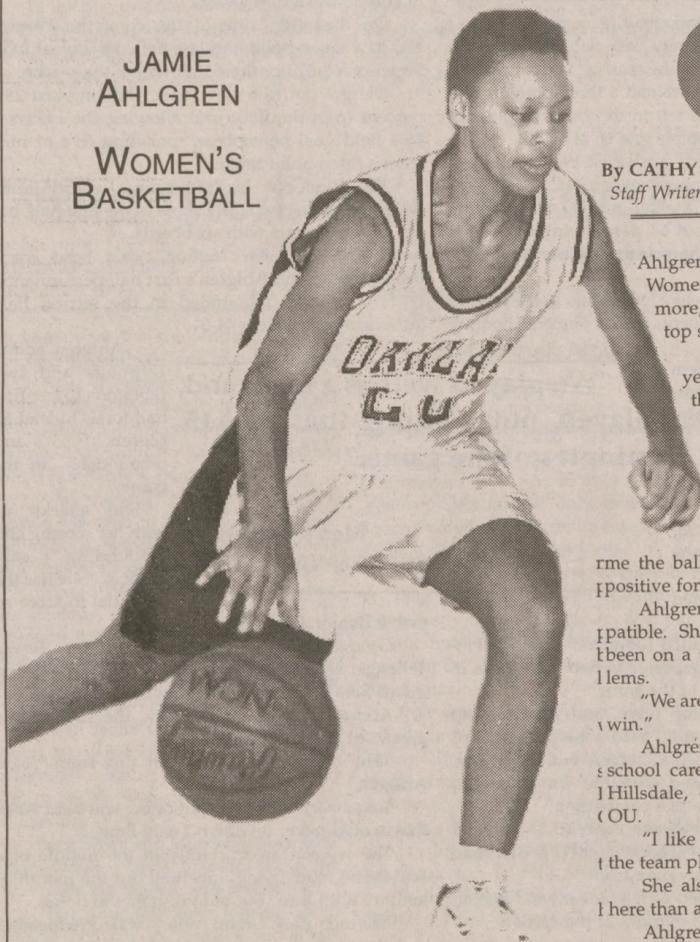
Swimming and Diving

Friday

• Jan. 16 - The men and women at Kenyon at 4 p.m.

Spotlight on the Black & Gold

JAMIE AHLGREN
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



By CATHY MINIUK
Staff Writer

Sophomore guard Jamie Ahlgren is an integral member of OU's Women's Basketball team. This sophomore, a shooting guard, is one of the top scorers on the team.

Ahlgren, who spent her freshman year learning the ropes, feels that this year she can be more creative on the court. She likes to run an open court and make things happen.

Ahlgren said, "It's 100 percent team. It's nice to have the team trust me enough to get the ball, and know I will do something positive for the team."

Ahlgren feels she and the team are compatible. She said this is the first time she has been on a team that doesn't have any problems.

"We are all here for one goal, and that is to win."

Ahlgren debated at the end of her high school career between attending OU and Hillsdale, eventually decided on attending OU.

"I like the team. I fit in better here, and the team plays the same style I am used to." She also felt that there was more to do here than at Hillsdale.

Ahlgren grew up in Muskegon and start-

ed her basketball career playing during half-time for the varsity team. She also played for the YMCA.

During her high school career, she was all-conference and all-area for three years. She held all-state honors her senior year. She was also a member of the 1996 high school Dream Team.

In her first year at OU, Ahlgren played in all 30 games. She averaged 7.6 points and 3.3 rebounds per game.

Her season high came when she scored 17 points against Grand Valley State University. This season Ahlgren topped herself, recently scoring 31 points against Lipscomb last weekend.

Academically, Ahlgren hopes to acquire a degree in business, majoring in either marketing or management information systems.

After graduating college, she strives to play in the WNBA or play in Europe for as long as possible.

When Ahlgren has some free time, she enjoys going shopping. She loves all sports stores and has a weakness for buying basketball and running shoes.

Ahlgren also loves to travel. She enjoyed going to Florida with her team where she spent time jet skiing at South Beach. She is looking forward to going to California next year.

Ahlgren said she looks up to Michael Jordan as a basketball player, because he is respectable on and off the court.

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Room 126, Oakland Center

Thursday, January 22, 1998
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Room 126, Oakland Center

Applications available in the Office of New Student Programs, 134 North Foundation Hall.
Applications due January 23, 1998.

Student Affairs EVENTS

THIS WEEK:

- The Academic Skills Center is looking for tutors for Winter 1997. Visit 103 NFH or call Helen Woodman at 370-4215. E-mail address is asc@oakland.edu.
- **JOBS FOR GRADUATES!** All students planning to graduate in April, June or August of this year are urged to take full advantage of the current strong employment market by registering ASAP with the **Department of Placement and Career Services**. 1998 Winter Semester campus recruiting begins the week of Jan. 26 Contact **Professional Placement**, 275 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3250) to register and obtain more information.
- Orientation Group Leader (OGL) positions are available. Come to an information session on one of the following days:
Wednesday, Jan. 21: Noon to 1 p.m., 126 OC or 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., 126 OC
Thursday, Jan. 22: Noon to 1 p.m., 126 OC
Applications are due Friday, Jan. 23 in 134 NFH at the Office of New Student Programs.

UPDATING OU:

- Please join faculty, staff and students for the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) March on Jan. 19 starting at noon at Vandenberg Hall desk area. The march will move from Vandenberg Hall to the OC Gold Rooms for the MLK Birthday Celebration. That evening, at 7 p.m., the Unity Day and Candlelight Vigil will be held in the OC Gold Rooms.
- Campus Recreation would like to remind students that in September of 1998, the fee for the recreation center will begin. If you currently maintain membership in another facility, why duplicate the expense? We'd love to have you utilizing the recreation center, and it is part of your fees. Plan your renewal so you don't pay twice for the same objective.
- **CO-OP on-campus interviewing!** Students interested in participating in on-campus interviews for **CO-OP** positions should contact **Experiential Education**, 371 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3213) to register. Federal Mogul will be interviewing for Arts and Sciences majors on Feb. 5, and EDS will be interviewing for MIS, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Arts and Sciences majors on Feb. 17. In addition, students interested in participating in the **Career-related** or **Internship Programs** should also contact **Experiential Education** to become registered. There are jobs available for all majors, and all positions are paid..
- **Cheaper Than A Movie Ticket!** For one of the best entertainment values around, check out the Student Rush Tickets at Meadow Brook Theatre. For only \$5 per ticket, you can see productions at this award-winning professional theatre. Buy one or two tickets per ID for \$5 each at the Box Office in Wilson Hall the day of the performance. Call 370-3300 for a free brochure.
- **AmeriCorps Oakland** continues to recruit qualified students! If you enjoy working with children, and would like to gain job experience and earn money for college, **AmeriCorps** may be for you. If you are interested, please contact **Experiential Education**, 371 Vandenberg Hall West (370-3213), for an application.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Winter Semester **PREP Week**, sponsored by **Placement and Career Services**, will be held on campus the week of Jan. 19 with specific events and activities to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20 through Friday, Jan. 23. Featured event of the week will be the **Spirit of Diversity Career Fair** on Wednesday, Jan. 21 (co-sponsored with the African-American Celebration Month Committee and the Office of Disability Support Services). Also featured during the week are **mock interviews** (interested students must sign up in advance at 275 Vandenberg Hall West -- students who will be participating in campus interviewing are especially urged to take advantage of this opportunity to do a "practice" interview) and a series of **seminars on job search and career-related topics** -- refer to handouts and to the **Placement and Career Services** web page (look under "Upcoming Attractions") for specific topics, dates and times. All activities and events (except **mock interviews**) take place in the Oakland Center. **Placement and Career Services** will staff an **information table** in the OC from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of **PREP Week**.
- **Virtual Job Fair!** Students interested in working with computers will continue to have the opportunity (through Monday, Feb. 2) to apply online at www.viewnetinc.com for interview opportunities via **VIEWnet** with DSC Communications Corporation. Actual interviews will take place on Feb. 17 through Feb. 19. Visit the **Placement and Career Services** website at phoenix.placement.oakland.edu, or call (248) 370-3250, for additional information (must be registered with Placement and Career Services to participate).
- The Center for Leadership and Student Development offers a series of programs for experienced student leaders. The **Leadership @ 3** series will be 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. as follows:
Thursday, Jan. 14 in 125 OC: Your role as an officer/member in your student organization.
Wednesday, Feb. 18 in 128 OC: Understanding your student organization account.
Wednesday, March 18 in 126 OC: How to motivate your members with Effective Delegation.
Wednesday, April 15 in 126 OC: Make the transition as a new officer/member.
- Student Organization Day is coming -- Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the OC Heritage Room and Fireside Lounge.

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