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WEEKLY CAMPUS NEWSPAPER

In honor of King, OU celebrated

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
News Editor

The attendance of both the march and celebration, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., exceeded last year's totals.

The Post approximated over 300 people were present at the march as well as the celebration.

The structured day of events was planned by a committee of 13 people made up of students, faculty and staff. It took approximately three months of planning.

The plan of the committee was "To provide the best possible program and activities for the day and try to involve the most students and staff possible," said

Felecia Bumpus, co-chair of African-American Celebration Month committee.

Bumpus said although, she was nervous that the program would go off well she was ecstatic when reflecting on the support and believed everyone was pleased.

Monday's different positive environment made a one person vision a reality on behalf of the entire OU community, said Bumpus.

This year's added activities, along with the fact that classes were canceled for the first time, changed the community's interest in various ways.

The campus-wide contest, sponsored for the first time,

sparked interest among the parents of the winners, said Bumpus.

Also, the first structured celebration, which immediately followed the march in the Gold Rooms, attracted about 350 people, said Mary Beth Snyder, vice president of student affairs.

Bumpus said time was a positive influence. Snyder agreed. Identifying the time in which



Post Photo/Lisa Belanger

each event took place was helpful for attendance, she said.

Another factor in making this year's turnout more successful was due to students involved

in the planning, said Snyder.

Although not as many students were in attendance as was

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Champions receive recognition



Post Photo/Bob Knoska

President Gary Russi, along with Jack Mehl, athletics director, presented the last year's men swimming champions with championship watches. The inscription read "1997 NCAA National Champion Division II Men's Swimming and Diving Championships." The watches were presented at last Wednesday's basketball game.

Works in progress to provide air conditioning on campus

By KIM CONNELL
Staff Writer

When summer session rolls around this year, say goodbye to sitting and sweating in your classes and hello to better concentration thanks to air conditioned classrooms.

Because of improvements to the infrastructures of South Foundation and Hannah Hall, students, faculty and staff will not only be more comfortable in the rooms, but the buildings will look more attractive, said Rick Perhai, plant engineer and energy manager for OU and director of the project.

"It's part of the campus-wide upgrades we are making, according to the energy savings agreement," Perhai said.

SFH went through one of the most notable changes when workers removed most of the windows from the east entrance, nicknamed "The Fishbowl," and replaced them with painted metal panels.

"The new windows are important because they will reduce the load put on the new air conditioning equipment," Perhai said.

This summer will also be the first time

the 40-year-old building will be air conditioned. Perhai said the existing air ducts were kept, but the original air handlers were replaced.

Improvements are springing up on other parts of the campus as well. Hannah Hall is also currently undergoing air conditioning installation and new energy-saving window installation.

Dodge Hall and North Foundation Hall will soon hear the sounds of drills and hammering when their air conditioning systems will be upgraded.

Another addition is a new 14-control computerized temperature regulation system that is currently being installed campus-wide. The system will allow workers at the center plant and at other locations to see the temperatures of campus buildings. Perhai said this will help reduce the number of complaints about uncomfortable temperature conditions in buildings.

The idea for the improvements is a part of the energy saving agreement, which has been in the works for about six years, Perhai said.

The OU energy staff has spent two mil-



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CONSTRUCTION ZONES: Several buildings on campus, including SFH, above, will get a make-over.

lion dollars to research how to save energy on campus. Then they hired an energy management company, to do their own research and develop a list of strategies. With the results of the studies, the company and the OU energy staff used a team approach to address the OU administration and negotiate

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Forgiveness program to aid schools, teachers

By ERIKA MILLER
Staff Writer

Another government remedy to fix what's ailing standard public schools is now being directed at forgiving Stafford loans for those college students who choose to teach in poor inner-city and rural districts, including Indian reservations.

Until now, loan forgiveness was contained in only the small (\$1 billion) Perkins loan program. That incentive was missing in the larger (\$30 billion) Stafford program.

"For the first time in history, we would have a broadscale forgiveness program," said a spokesman for Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Mich., who is backing Washington's proposal and introducing one of his own.

Lee Anderson, OU's director of financial aid, said that 213 OU students borrowed from the Perkins loan last year; and 3,000 students took advantage of the Ford direct loan program. OU does not handle Stafford loans per se, which are derived from a source other than the federal government, like banks and credit unions. However, Anderson said, any legislation proposed would probably tie the Ford program into the Stafford.

Anderson wishes lawmakers would ask education professionals more for their opinions.

"The issue is not loan forgiveness," he said, "but working conditions for teachers."

Teacher training programs in the nation's colleges will also be targeted to join partnerships with needy school districts in exchange for grants, according to reports from Washington and national teaching commissions.

In July, President Clinton announced his \$350-million proposal to the annual meeting of the NAACP. "The schoolhouse doors are open," he said, "but behind too many doors, too little learning is taking place."

In return for college scholarships, Clinton's proposal requires that college education majors agree to work in poor districts for at least three years. Other legislation will require a minimum of five.

According to the Education Department in Washington, the

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Golden Key

National Honor Society

Feeling creative?

GK is holding a T-shirt design contest. The design should encompass Oakland U and Golden Key spirit. The winning design will be printed on shirts to be sold to GK members and worn to our regional conference and international convention. The winning artist will be awarded a free T-shirt. Entries may be dropped off at the GK office (downstairs in the OC, where you sell back books) or in our mailbox in the CIPO office.

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proposed incentives must also focus on the quality of teacher preparation programs.

"We cannot lower our standards, as we have in the past, to meet the growing demand for new teachers," said Education Secretary Richard Riley.

The need to recruit and train teachers for the poverty areas is the greatest, said Kildee's office.

"That's where the greatest attrition of teachers occurs."

Besides loan forgiveness, Kildee is looking at another program.

"Young people need to know what it's going to be like in high poverty areas," his spokesman said.

"We need teaching linked to that, so that teaching colleges are adequately preparing them for the kinds of situations they'll meet."

Thus, he stressed the need for a mentoring program, assigning older, experienced teachers to the new recruits.

Tim Sawkin, a seasoned inner-city public school teacher in Detroit, agreed with the idea. In the past, he said, education majors were not taught much about classroom management.

"I do think the mentoring program is a realistic approach," Sawkin said. "In my first job, I was sent to a very hostile class of seventh-grade kids in a drug- and

crime-infested school. A tough, tough school. I was thrown in there without any support systems."

According to Kildee's spokesman, problems are exacerbated by the high cost of college and the subsequent low-paying teaching jobs that cannot pay back student loans.

However, Sawkin said, "I haven't met anybody that had a loan. So I don't know how popular that is."

He said that inner-city Detroit teachers earn just under \$55,000 annually; but a suburban school district like Utica, for example, pays \$65,000 to a teacher with a master's degree.

"There are a lot more problems to deal with," Sawkin said.

"The main thing right now is mainstreaming."

Mainstreaming means that learning and emotionally disabled students fully participate in regular academic classrooms.

"Your normal classroom teacher is not trained to deal with that. But it's the law now."

Daniel Cassidy, director of education policy at Michigan's Mackinaw Center think tank in Midland, said that college loan forgiveness is not the answer to this nation's educational problems.

"This egalitarian idea to mix up kids (mainstream) is really at the root of these inner-city problems," he said. "What is needed more acutely is an array of programs tailor-made to the kids they're serv-

ing."

Cassidy said that fully integrated magnet schools, where order, behavior, and academic standards are enforced, are a good example of what works. Yet the concept is unpopular with school administrators.

"The inclination of many in (education) bureaucracy is not to establish more (magnet schools), but to eliminate them," Cassidy said.

These critics, he said, cry elitism and claim that magnet schools only serve as an embarrassment to less successful ones.

But parents of children in inner-city schools have a right to a school that succeeds, Cassidy said. Taxpayers should not be forced to pay for failing schools.

"If private schools were operating at that level (of academic failure)," he said, "the state would be mandated to come in and shut them down."

A good way to ensure a school gets shut down and quickly reopened with better programs, Cassidy said, is to publish schools' financial and academic records.

That information would allow parents to "shop around" for appropriate schools. Presumably, teachers could choose, too.

"Then let teachers redesign the programs," Cassidy said. "The problem isn't the teaching pool. It's the system in which they operate."

"The heavily bureaucratic system doesn't treat teachers like professionals, but like labor."

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solutions, according to Perhai.

The cost of the SFH project, including new windows, air condi-

tioning, controls, and the air handler system, totals \$770,000 so far, Perhai said. Most of the money for the project comes from general university funds as well as from energy savings.

Perhai said he believes the ongoing projects have been running

smoothly, despite them being the potential inconvenience to students and staff.

"We've had good cooperation with various departments and occupants of the buildings," he said. "We don't want to disturb the everyday operation of the university."

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hoped, Bumpus said many administrators joined.

President Gary Russi, VPAA Dagmar Cronn, Susan Gerrits, general counsel to the Board of Trustees, Geoffrey Upward, director of communications and marketing, and representatives from many areas within the OU community joined the march and celebration.

"I believe the host of people who attended all hold a vision," Bumpus said.

She added, "The involvement, coupled with The Keeper of the Dream Banquet, started by Dr. (Kevin) Early five years ago, shows the positive steps toward racial harmony on campus the university is taking."

Today, we are still struggling with the same battle that King was struggling when he was alive, said Bumpus. His birthday gives opportunity to those who choose to reflect and celebrate somebody who paved the way, she added.

Association of Black Students' President, Barry Gray, agreed. Last year, Gray initiated

the quest to have classes canceled on King's birthday.

Gray said he decided to take on the resolution after missing the past two marches due to classes.

"I have a vision of celebrating without suffering academically," Gray said.

Gray didn't write the resolution so students could get out of class for a day, but because, "There's so few people who will not stand up for other people. If we don't, the student population will be run over and we will always struggle."

"So many times, people never follow through with their dreams, unlike Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He followed through with his dream and he did it so unselfishly. He did it for the betterment of all," Gray said.

Congress President Bryan Barnett said, "It was great to see the outpouring of support from so many members of the campus community. It was a shining example of the difference, not only that Dr. King made, but that Oakland students made in honoring him. Everyone who participated should feel a sense of pride."

"FROM THIS DAY FORWARD: LAYING DOWN FOUNDATIONS TO GREATNESS"

JANUARY 19, 1998 - FEBRUARY 19, 1998

TRIP TO GHANA, AFRICA
Departure: Thursday, February 19, 1998
Returning: Wednesday, February 23, 1998

Saturday, January 10, 1998
GOSPEL EXPLOSION '98
6:00pm, Varner Recital Hall

Monday, January 19, 1998
MLK MARCH & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PARTY
12:00Noon, Vandenberg Hall & OC Gold Rooms
UNITY DAY & CANDLELIGHT VIGIL
7:00pm, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Tuesday, January 20, 1998
COLLEGE BOWL:
TEST YOUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN KNOWLEDGE
8:00pm, Oakland Rooms

MBT PLAY: THUNDER KNOCKING ON THE DOOR
8:00pm, Meadow Brook Theater

Wednesday, January 21, 1998
SPIRIT OF DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR
11:00am-3:00pm, Oakland Center

Thursday, January 22, 1998
ENDING RACISM:
WORKING FOR A RACISM FREE 21ST CENTURY
12:00Noon-1:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center
SOUL FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA
7:30pm, Heritage Room, Oakland Center

Saturday, January 24, 1998
LITERATURE BY AFRICANS IN DIASPORA FOR
YOUNGER AND OLDER CHILDREN
9:00am-12Noon, 110 O'Dowd Hall

Monday, January 26, 1998
STORYTELLERS: ALMA GREER & IVORY WILLIAMS
12:00Noon-1:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center

Tuesday, January 27, 1998
NAME THAT MOTOWN TUNE
& DIVERSITY TRIVIA GAME
10:00pm, Hamlin Lounge

Wednesday, January 28, 1998
COMEDY HIP HOP SHOW
7:00pm, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center
HARPIST/STORYTELLER
2:00pm-3:30pm, Varner Recital Hall

Thursday, January 29, 1998
SPEAKER: DR. MICHAEL ERIC DYSON, AUTHOR
OF "BETWEEN GOD AND GHANGSTA RAP"
3:00pm, Varner Recital Hall
Admission will be charged.

Monday, February 2, 1998
TRACING YOUR FAMILY TREE
9:00am-4:00pm, Gold Rooms B & C, Oakland Center
MULTICULTURAL FOOD, ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR
8:00pm-11:00pm, Hamlin Lounge

Tuesday, February 3, 1998
NATIONAL DISCUSSION ON RACE
12:00Noon-1:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center
AFRICAN-AMERICAN MOCK WEDDING
6:00pm, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Wednesday, February 4, 1998
HEALTH AWARENESS DAY
10:00am-12:30pm, Heritage & Oakland Rooms,
Oakland Center

MALE/FEMALE CONFERENCE
6:00pm, Oakland Rooms 125-130, Oakland Center

Friday, February 6, 1998
SPEAKER: COCO, WJLB RADIO
8:00pm, Heritage Room, Oakland Center

BLACK UNITY DANCE
9:00pm-1:00am, Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Monday, February 9, 1998
BLACK & WHITE: ROLE REVERSALS
Facilitated by Dr. Kevin Early,
Assoc. Professor of Sociology
10:00pm, Hamlin Lounge

Wednesday, February 11, 1998
AFRICAN-AMERICAN CELEBRATION
DINNER SPECIAL
4:30pm-7:00pm, Vandenberg Dining Hall
"CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS" DANCE CONCERT
6:30pm-8:30pm, Varner Recital Hall

Thursday, February 12, 1998
"SHAPING INFLUENCE: FROM THE
CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT TO NOW"
12Noon, Oakland Room

"LONG WAY UP" PANEL DISCUSSION
3:00pm-5:00pm, Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center
Friday, February 13, 1998
"ALL THE WAY LIVE" TALENT SHOW
7:00pm, Location TBA

Monday, February 16, 1998
SPEAKER: HONORABLE DENNIS ARCHER,
MAYOR OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN
"From This Day Forward:
Laying Down Foundations To Greatness"
2:00pm, Meadow Brook Theater

PLAY: "LEARNING FROM THE PAST
TO ENGINEER THE FUTURE"
6:00pm, Heritage Room, Oakland Center

Tuesday, February 17, 1998
INTERNATIONAL FASHION SHOW
7:00pm, Location TBA

Thursday, February 19, 1998
"KEEPER OF THE DREAM" BANQUET
6:00pm, Shotwell Gustafson Pavilion

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CAMPUS NEWS

CRIME WATCH

Fight in Residence Halls

A woman apparently received a head injury in a fight that occurred in the residence halls Thursday.

According to police reports, the fight ensued between a couple who started arguing with each other in the boyfriend's room in Van Wagoner.

As the argument escalated into a physical struggle, the male student's girlfriend tried to intervene by throwing a bottle of bottle of Captain Morgan's Spiced Rum at her boyfriend.

However, she told police she missed, and the bottle hit her friend instead.

The friend apparently received a blow on the right side of the head and fell to the floor, bleeding.

Police and ambulance were called to the scene.

Computer Stolen

A laboratory staff member reported a computer was stolen from 160 Dodge Hall over last weekend.

The stolen property includes: one Gateway GP6300-PC, 300 MHz, Pentium and a 96 MB SDRAM, 512K Cache, 17-inch monitor.

The total value of the stolen property is \$3,186.

Voyeur Reported in Varner

Dean of Students David Herman reported Saturday that he received an anonymous letter informing him of a possible "peeping Tom" in Varner Hall.

According to the police report, the letter stated that someone was spying on women while they showered in 123 Varner.

Police found a 1/2-inch hole in the ceiling above the showers.

Mechanical maintenance was notified and the ceiling damage was scheduled for repair Tuesday.

Education lab delight for users

By CLARICE GELMINE
Staff Writer

Something new is cooking in the Educational Resources Laboratory (ERL) located in 216 O'Dowd Hall.

The ERL is predominantly used by elementary and secondary education students at OU, yet many people on campus are not aware that this hidden gem can be used by students, staff members, faculty, and alumni as well.

Walking into the ERL is like walking into FAO Schwartz. One entire wall is covered with airplanes. Educational literature and children's books fill the shelves. Puppets hang on the racks and trains filled with books and children's art lay on top of bookcases and shelves.

The ERL is filled with circular tables for work stations.

"The ERL is a lab where you can do anything: work with a partner, talk out loud, you don't have to whisper," said Karen Conrad, ERL coordinator.

"This laboratory is a necessity to the program," said

Jennifer Jackson, a fifth year student in elementary education and an ERL employee.

"Some people who are not teaching still come back to us to use the

'It's so valuable for all the information and it's all in one place. If I'm teaching a lesson, I can use the materials from the ERL.'

Jody Zeno
Elementary education junior

Film strips, audio cassettes, math manipulatives, posters, video cassettes, educational software, and even puppets are tools available for anyone to use.

The ERL offers a variety of hands-on

resources," she said.

The ERL offers an extensive selection of children's literature, textbooks for students in kindergarten through twelfth grades, and a conflict and resolution section to help educators learn and teach about peer mediation.

materials.

"The manipulative materials in the ERL are a tremendous collection to help students," said Bob Wiggins, education professor at OU.

An intern teacher's resource center includes idea books for lesson activities and production equipment where, for a small fee, students can use laminators, poster makers, and binders.

"It's so valuable for all the information and it's all in one place," Jody Zeno, elementary education junior, said. "If I'm teaching a lesson, I can use the materials from the ERL."

Jenny Clutier, a staff member in the financial aid office, has been going to the ERL for about five years. "I use it to pull

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Tragic car crash claims life of OU freshman

By REBECCA DEVANTIER
Staff Writer

Eighteen-year-old OU freshman Kelly Elizabeth Mc Grath died in a car accident the evening of Jan. 12, when she lost control of her car on a patch of ice and collided with another vehicle.

According to Robin Mc Grath, Kelly's mother, she decided to take a new route home. She usually took Rochester Road to her home in Romeo, but since the roads were icy, she was advised to take 28th Mile Road.

As she descended a hill on 28th Mile, her car crossed a patch of ice. She lost control of the car and swerved into the left lane and on-coming traffic. A suburban plowed into Kelly's car nearly breaking it in two, said Robin Mc Grath.

"The police couldn't even stand (on the ice)," she said.

Kelly was killed within 15 seconds of the crash. Her aorta was severed and she if she lived, she would have been paralyzed from the neck down, her mother said.

Kelly's funeral was held Friday

morning at St. Clements Catholic Church in Romeo. More than 600 people attended.

Her private flute instructor played the flute and her high school band instructor played the French horn at her funeral.

"The music was just incredible," Mc Grath said.

Kelly's family has not decided where memorial contributions will be going.

Kelly was active with the Student Planning Board, and she was a member of the youth group and a Eucharist minister in her church, St. Clements. She participated in all four high school bands and the Rainbow Connection theatre group. All could receive memorial donations for Kelly.

Kelly's mother Robin works in the Office of Student Life. She has worked at OU since 1973 and said her coworkers have been very supportive.

"The outpouring of love from the Oakland community was just amazing," Mc Grath said.

Kelly's father John works at the GM

Tech Center in the Concept Cars division, and her brother John Robert, 15, attends Romeo High School.

Kelly's two beagles, Buster and Tiger, are "very lonely," said Mc Grath. "One wouldn't go in her room for days."

Kelly was a freshman majoring in elementary education. According to her mother, she loved children and baby-sat for several children from the time they were babies.

"She was always laughing and smiling. She told a good story. She was a happy person," Mc Grath said.

Kelly worked at Real Estate One in Rochester. She worked there for approximately nine months.

Coworker Margene Minor will miss Kelly a lot. She remembers Kelly "always had a smile on her face."

"I really respected (her) as a human being and as a bright young woman. A

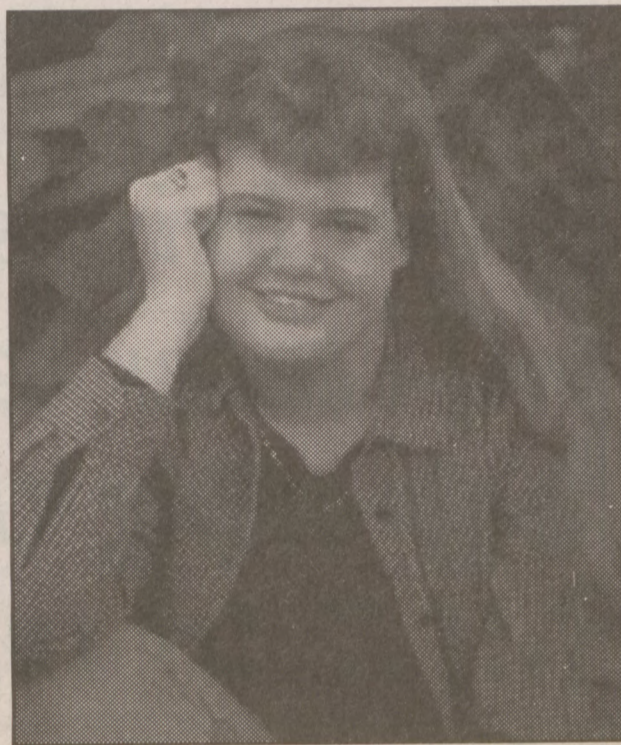


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KELLY Mc GRATH: The OU elementary ed major is remembered by all as always having a smile on her face.

lot of her attributes she displayed here obviously came from her home, she was a really, really good human being," Minor said.

Real estate agent Debbie Zalewski has known Kelly since 1984 and got her the job.

"She was never in a bad mood and never said anything bad about anyone,"

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Local microbreweries are the toast of the town

Beer lovers may soon be able to make their own

By MICHAEL GEORGE
Special Writer

In 1870, just about every community had a local microbrewery. They called it a "saloon" and there were about 4,000 of them scattered throughout the United States.

Very few survived the economic hardships of the next century and by the 1970s, only about 50 brewers remained.

Hops-and-malt lovers of late have had little option beyond the mass-produced commercial pilsners of the big corporations.

That is, until now.

While driving on I-75, you've probably noticed the colossal Big Buck beer bottle, barely a mile from OU.

The microbrewery/restaurant opened on Oct. 1. General Manager Chip Reid said he has been enjoying "a phenomenal success."

According to an annual report posted on the Internet, in the month of December alone Big Buck's sales exceeded one million dollars, and as many as 21,000 Oakland County residents have been served in a given week's time.

Reid doesn't claim any fancy business formulas: "Americans (just) love a juicy steak and great tasting, quality beer," he said.

Karen Blodgett, an OU student, was dining with friends on a recent Friday evening and enjoying a pint of Buck's Black River Stout.

"This is a rich, malty stout, very similar to Guinness," she said.

"Except instead of sitting on trucks and warehouses for months at a time, this was probably brewed last week. It is always very fresh and that's why I come here," Blodgett said.

Fresh beer is the idea on which entrepreneurs Gail and David Tripp have based their project for the Rochester community.

The project is called a Brew-On-Premises (BOP), and although similar establishments have been popping up all over the West Coast, the idea is relatively new to Michigan.

The concept of a BOP is to provide a facility where people can use state-of-the-art professional equipment to brew their own custom beer.

"Many people who crave the distinctive flavor of microbrews have attempted to brew at home," Gail said.

"They find that it is very messy, tedious, and difficult to achieve the desired results. This is where we can help. We will provide technical assistance, top quality grains tested recipes, and custom labels," she said.

People who visit the BOP will spend more time than an hour selecting a recipe, gathering ingredients, and brewing a 15-gallon batch of all-natural, premium quality suds.

The beer will then be transferred into their own personalized fermentation vessel for two weeks of aging and triple-filtering. The customers will return to bottle and label their concoctions.

Gail said the cost is between \$90 to \$140, depending on the complexity of the brew, and that will provide around

six cases of 12 oz. longnecks — about \$3.50 to \$6.00 per six-pack.

Labels will be provided by the BOP, and will be customized to personal specifications.

For instance, Gail said, if you are having an engagement party, the labels could be printed with the couple's photograph and words of congratulations.

"Realtors like the idea of having labels printed up with a photograph of a client's new home (to give as a housewarming gift). Clubs and organizations can have beer with their logo and motto on the label," Gail said.

Gail pointed out that the fun isn't just for beer drinkers. The BOP can be used to make one's own root beer, from roots and herbs instead of artificial coloring and flavor.

"We will have everything you need to produce authentic root beer. It would be really cute to have root beer and customized labels made for your child's birthday party or bar mitzvah," she said.

The Tripps will go before the Rochester City council to seek a microbrewery permit on Jan. 26.

Although a liquor license is difficult to acquire and extremely expensive, the new "microbrewery permit" is relatively easy to come by, and the Tripps said they don't anticipate any problems.

Furthermore, unlike Big Buck, they point out that they are not a restaurant or a bar, and will not be selling beer.

The location will be in downtown Rochester off of Main Street, and Gail looks forward to an opening in May or June of this year.



FRESH BEER: The Big Buck Brewery is one of the few microbrew hot spots in Oakland County.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Goal brings us all closer to achieving the MLK dream

Last January, Student Congress and the Association of Black Students rallied together to show students can be taken seriously on a campus that continues to grow.

Their common goal - to have the Board of Trustees cancel classes on Jan. 23, 1997, so the entire campus community could celebrate together the birth of a great civil rights leader.

The groups circulated petitions, approached various committees and even entered a formal request to the Board. They worked fast and hard to ensure their voices were heard.

Despite their dedication, the end result would have to wait a year. The Board refused to change last year's academic calendar on short notice to accommodate their wishes.

But Congress and ABS made gains, nonetheless, this year for the first time, classes didn't meet on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Criticism abounded. Many believed students would use this cancellation as an excuse to sleep in and stay at home. They believed far fewer students would partake in the celebration than last year.

But Congress and ABS were right, and their assumption of a great turnout proved true. Because classes didn't meet, students and faculty could make time to honor King through the campus holiday festivities.

The end result - attendance at the march tripled, and the OC Gold Rooms overflowed with participants.

Three hundred people marching for a common cause seems minuscule when taking into consideration students enrollment at OU is nearly 15,000.

But when considering last year's estimated 100 participants, this year's jump to 300 proves there wasn't only a large improvement, but an overall success.

Perhaps next year, with more publicity and advertisement, campus involvement will skyrocket again.

It is evident the campus community wants to honor a man so deeply involved with improving the situations for minorities across the nation. Now it is also evident students are taken seriously and can make a difference at OU.

Many students drive to campus, attend classes and go home promptly. But once in awhile, a group of students go beyond the norm to show enthusiasm and dedication for change.

This time two came out on top as an example to the rest of us.

OPINION



Guest Poem

The Vision of a King

By Shanita Scott

A world where people are not judged based on the color of their skin

A world where people start to care for others besides themselves

A world where people can worship freely and not be ashamed

A world where people take the initiative to fight for their own rights rather than wait for someone else to do it for them

A world where the individual is accepted and not forced to conform to society's standards

A world where men start to become fathers and not just sperm donors

A world where race is not a factor in finding a job, but the intelligence that lies within

A world where young people realize that being a virgin is not being an outcast but being a conqueror

A world where people learn to love and appreciate each other despite their differences

A world where a man can be sensitive without being labeled "gay"

A world where femininity does not conform a woman to inferiority

A world where people understand the value of their life and live it to the fullest

A world where people learn to forgive, even when it's hard

A world where people realize the value of an education and never stop striving to learn

A world where people learn to be thankful for the things they

have and not grieve for the things they don't

A world where people are enlightened to the fact that we were all created as equals under Christ, who created us differently to serve

His purpose

Diminish the hate, squash the stupidity, terminate foolish pride,

erase the arrogance, purge the evil negativity that has held us in bondage for so long

Love each other, learn from each other, humble yourselves, accentuate all that is positive and become a supreme group of human

beings who are aiming to fulfill a vision

Dr. King's vision.

Shanita Scott is a freshman computer science major. She was the first place winner of this year's All Campus Contest "What Do You Think Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream Would Be For the 21st Century?"

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The lead, front-page article in the Jan. 14 edition of the THE OAKLAND POST began with the following: "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."

Please recall that it was just two years ago that this same (or nearly so) Board of Trustees appointed Gary Russi as President without conducting a national search, without consulting faculty/staff and student groups, and without following applicable procedures governing affirmative action and equal opportunity.

Now we are asked to believe that the Board is a champion of such activities. To me, this is a clear illustration of selective amnesia. The State of Michigan Charter establishing Oakland's Board of Trustees was written nearly forty years ago, and it does not contain any specific procedures or guidelines concerning equal opportunity and affirmative action. The lack of such guidelines in that document is probably one reason why the Board felt they could act so brazenly in the last Presidential search.

But, it is now time for the Board to initiate changes to their Charter consistent with the changes in regulations regarding hiring personnel by any other group on this campus.

Other, the Board's "push" in this arena is both hollow and superficial. It was Martin Luther King Jr. who emphasized that gains in race relations require that the entire structure of institutions be changed. The Board of Trustees establish policy on this campus, but the policies must apply equally to every group and individual, including the Board.

Sincerely,

Barry S. Winkler, Ph.D.
 Professor of Biomedical Sciences
 Eye Research Institute

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 THE OAKLAND POST
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Setting it Straight

The Oakland Post
 clarifies all errors of facts in our stories.

In the Jan. 14 edition of THE OAKLAND POST, Kevin Early, association professor of sociology, was misquoted in the article "OU Faculty lacks diversity." His statement should have read: some Detroit-area school counselors are dissuading minority students from attending; and he is tired of participating with OU committees which do not seem to help the minority situation on campus.

In that same issue, in the article "Metro Vending Service offers larger selection at greater price," the reporter made calculations that the vending service makes roughly a half-million vends each year. Also, the article should have stated that of the \$1.25 Metro charges for a 20-ounce bottle of soda pop, Metro keeps 87.5 cents to cover cost and realize some profit.

In the Jan. 14 edition, the article "Student opinions point to shaky future for mascot," Student Congress' stand on the mascot change was incorrectly reported. Congress has made no formal resolution in favor of upholding OU's current mascot.

Kelly

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Zalewski said. "She was willing to do whatever you asked her to do."

According to Zalewski, of the 55 agents at the office, all but two did not attend the funeral services due to extenuating circumstances.

"It was one of our own so it

was really horrible," Zalewski said.

Kelly was born on June 24, 1979. As a child, she had ringlet curls all the way down to her waist and "her mouth was always open either in surprise, laughter, or talking," Mc Grath said.

She had several hobbies including playing the flute and reading. Her favorite book was "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn."

Kelly loved school. She also liked going to the movies, and she saw "Titanic" three times.

"She liked going roller skating until she fell," Mc Grath said.

Freshman Angela Vecore, who did one of the two eulogies at Kelly's funeral, remembers roller skating with Kelly. "Everyone would zoom by her and she'd be holding on to the rails," she said.

Friends and family agree

Kelly was a good listener and friend.

"She was very much a counselor to all her friends," Mc Grath said.

Vecore agreed. "She was always there for me and would make me laugh," she said.

Robin Mc Grath's favorite memory of her daughter is, "Her smile and her kindness and her love of life. She taught me quite a bit."

ERL

Continued from page 3

books for my own children," Clutier said.

"When they have reports, I can use it as a resource. It's a handy resource for people to use on campus, it's convenient," she said.

Approximately 200 to 300 people use the ERL library each day as opposed to an average of 2,200 people using the Kresge Library.

"I think it's important to have ERL or we would be driving all over the place," said Wendy Maynard, elementary education senior.

Although the ERL is continuously growing, Conrad is hoping for more technology in the future.

Currently, the lab is equipped with six on-line computers open to the public.

The ERL encourages faculty, students, staff, and alumni to visit the lab and use its resources. The ERL's hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

College Bowl is a game of academic knowledge and quick recall. Now in its 21st year, the game features two teams of four players each competing to score points to toss up and bonus questions. The questions cover every conceivable topic from literature, science, history, religion, geography, social sciences, multicultural topics and the arts to popular culture, sports and current events.

Want to earn \$1000?

Oakland University's Campus Tournament is being supported by EDS. The first place team will share a \$1000 prize while the second place team will share a \$400 prize. Interested Oakland University students can register as a team or as an individual. Entry Forms are available in the Center for Student Activities, located at 49 Oakland Center, in the lower level. The entry fee is \$20.00 per team. The competition is open to all spectators.

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

Michael Dyson Lecture

"Between God and Gansta Rap"
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."

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Student Organization Leaders

Attention all student organizations and student leaders!! Opportunity is "knocking" on your door. If you are a new officers 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.

The Center's Service Window

The Center's Service Window is there to provide convenience to Oakland University Students. At the service window we have:

- Film Processing
- Kodak film at low prices!
- single envelopes
- sign up for College Bowl Tournament
- Michael Dyson Lecture

Sign up and get tickets for the following SPB events:

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11 a.m. Friday, January 30th

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Stabbed
Arrested
Arrested
Arrested
Beaten
Assassinated**

...so you could sleep in one extra day a year?

ABS thanks everyone who attended the MLK, Jr. birthday celebration.



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FEATURES

SWING SWING SWING SWING

Students flock to
The Velvet Lounge
because swing is
the thing



SWING KIDS: A couple swing dances to the music at The Velvet Lounge.



By AMY KING
Special Writer

You know the way. Take M-59 into Pontiac and head south on Saginaw Street. Industry night club will be on your left. If you usually follow these directions on a Friday night, just make one slight change. Stroll a few buildings down from Industry and enter The Velvet Lounge.

The Velvet Lounge is metro Detroit's premier swing dance club. Swing is fast becoming the biggest trend among young adults. "It's cultured and something different. You go into Industry and it's all the same," said sophomore Angela Trupiano.

The lounge offers free swing lessons for beginners from 8 - 10 p.m. Tuesdays, and advanced lessons from 9 - 11 p.m. Mondays. You can then try out your new moves on Friday and Saturday nights. And, it's all free (music to a college student's ears).

When you arrive at the lounge you will be carded. You must be 18 to get in. Someone will mark your hand if you are under 21 because they do serve alcohol. However, drinking is not the point at The Velvet Lounge; learning how to swing dance is.

It doesn't matter if you go alone, you will definitely find a partner. The instructor, usually in a pin-stripped suit and wing tips, will divide the dance floor in half. Guys will be on one side, gals on the other.

The instructor will teach the women their steps first and then proceed to teach the men their steps. You then find a partner, music is turned on, and the fun begins. The pattern of separating, learning a step, and then coming back together lasts for about two hours until you have learned an entire dance.

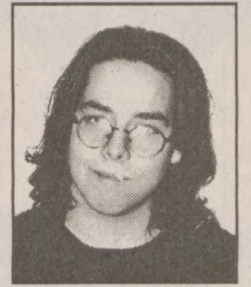
Sophomore Nick Alongi, business management, recently went to The Velvet Lounge for the first time. "I really liked the atmosphere and everyone having a good time," he said. "I liked how they gave the lesson and I didn't expect it to be so in-depth."

Though bringing a partner isn't necessary, Trupiano feels that it would be a great date because of the interaction between two people. "You have a chance to talk plus you are also working towards learning something together," she said.

Besides the lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays, The Velvet Lounge also offers private lessons in swing and other forms of dance.

The Velvet Lounge
Swing Lessons
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Pontiac
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Student Program Board
Swing Lessons
7 p.m., Jan. 30
Vandenberg Cafeteria



Mike Murphy

*This is your
brain at mid-year.
Any questions?*

It wasn't going to happen to you.

A Mid-Year Slump? The famed grade-dropping affliction that hits with the new year? Preposterous.

It's late January, a third of the semester is down and so are your grades! Does this sound familiar?

Pre-Week One:

You're excited - a new semester! You finished strong in December, worked over the break and it's time to turn your brain on again. You have four classes and a lab - 17 credits. No problem. You buy your books a week early, and look through them - just in case.

Week One/Two:

Wow! Classes look tough, huh? But you're not worried. You'll have free time to do everything.

Week Three:

You're a little upset. Your free time is decreasing. Could this be for real? You show up to your classes 10 minutes early now, and you leave class tired. You start to skim the "useless" parts of your reading. You have a vague uneasy feeling.

Week Four:

You're upset. You have no free time. You've lost the syllabus for one class, but that's fine - you'll just read at your own pace. You start to skim the reading for two of your classes, because those classes are basically useless. You're getting to class on time - usually. The uneasy feeling is growing. Is it going to be like this all semester?

Week Five:

Yes, it is. You're getting really upset. You've lost the syllabus for two classes, and since you don't know what to read you haven't done the reading. You're skimming the rest of your reading, because all college classes seem useless. When you do show up to class, you fall asleep.

Week Six:

It's almost time for the first round of tests, and you're not ready. You've lost your math book, but you weren't reading it anyway. You don't remember the notion of free time. You find yourself growing tired just walking towards class. The uneasy feeling reaches a peak as you "take" the first of many tests.

Week Seven:

Tests are back! You're really in trouble. You dramatically failed an exam, and you've lost the syllabus, the book and the drop slip for another class. One of your parents asks, "How's school going?" You scream and lock yourself in the bathroom. You grow sleepy on the way to class, which is particularly dangerous if you commute.

Week Eight:

You spend most of week eight in bed, trying to convince yourself that this isn't happening.

Week Nine:

This is happening. You're not upset, though. You've dropped your useless class - 17 credits is way too much. You have a little spare time now, which you spend sleeping. You haven't been to class on time since week three, but you figure that your professors should count your disruptive tardiness as an artistic form of class participation. You find the syllabus and book for the class you dropped, and gleefully set them on fire.

With a bitter smile on your lips and a pained expression on your face, you look in the mirror and realize something very important for your future as a student and a human being. Spring Break's coming up soon!

Mike Murphy is the Web Editor of
THE OAKLAND POST.

Sure Things

OU EVENTS

SPIRIT OF DIVERSITY CAREER FAIR, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oakland Rooms, Oakland Center.

MTD PRESENTS PROFESSOR KAREN MILLER LECTURES--THE POLITICS OF SEX AND THE POLITICS OF SUFFERAGE, noon Wednesday, Varner Recital Hall.

ENDING RACISM: WORKING FOR A RACISM FREE 21st CENTURY, noon Thursday, Fireside Lounge, OC.

SOUL FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Heritage Room, OC.

LITERATURE BY AFRICANS IN DIASPORA FOR YOUNGER AND OLDER CHILDREN, 9 a.m. - noon, Saturday, Room 110 O'Dowd Hall.

STORY TELLERS: ALMA GREER & IVORY WILLIAMS, noon Monday, Fireside Lounge, OC.

TRIVIA GAME -- NAME THAT MOTOWN TUNE & DIVERSITY, 10 p.m. Tuesday, Hamlin Lounge.

MTD PRESENTS "OUR TOWN", 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday; 1 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Varner Studio Theatre Call (248) 370-3013.

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MUSIC

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THEATRE

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

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

FILM

BREW AND VIEW -- "FOXY BROWN", 9:30 p.m. today, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

BREW AND VIEW II -- "DEVIL'S ADVOCATE", 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Magic Bag. Call (248) 544-3030.

On January 19th, 1998, OU experienced its first official Martin Luther King Jr. Day, observed by cancelling classes. Over 300, young and old, black and white, showed up to be...



Post Photo/Lisa Belanger

WALKING TALL: Participants march from Vandenberg Hall on the first official Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration.

KING FOR A DAY

By **DAMON BROWN**
Features Editor

Placement Coordinator Karen Lloyd, teary-eyed and shaken, read her opening remarks.

"Dr. King once said a mind has not started living until raising above the narrow confines of individual concerns and becoming more of a humanitarian," said Lloyd.

Her words started the first official Martin Luther King Day celebration at OU. Over 300 people came to show their support, three times the people that came last year, which may be attributed to classes being cancelled this year.

"I'm very happy with the turnout," said Association of Black Students President Barry Gray. Gray spearheaded the idea of having classes off so the campus could fully observe the holiday.

"Fourteen thousand students are joined together, whether here now, at home celebrating, or at home sleeping in — even they will realize that they are at home because of Martin Luther King," said Gray at the celebration.

The day began on the first floor of Vandenberg Hall, where the group packed the area. After an introduction, a small prayer and opening remarks, the multicultural group marched outside towards the Oakland Center.

One student compared it to the

famous civil rights marches.

"(The purpose is) just to realize what King and other black people did. It's like reliving the (famous marches) to stop racism," said freshman Damen Jackson.

The group continued on toward the Oakland Center, circled to the right of it, and walked around the backside of the building.

Among them was girls basketball player sophomore Angela Seeley, ele-

mentary education, who attended with the rest of the team.

"It's important to remember what has been accomplished," she said.

The group went along between North and South Foundation Hall, circled around North Foundation Hall and came to the entrance of the Oakland Center.

They poured into the Gold Rooms, filling the seats and tables.

Whether because of the day off or the talk surrounding the official celebration, many more people participated compared to the prior years. One of those new people was senior Heather Barry, math and history, who admits she

should have gotten involved earlier.

"I'm more aware of it now ... I've had classes and other concerns, and I think I need to get this in focus," Barry said.

The ceremony was hosted by freshman Jerry Autry, finance, who is active in his community and part of OU's Gospel Choir.

It also featured short introductions by guests including Student Congress president Brian Barnett and the Office of

Equity Director Glenn McIntosh.

"From the grave, (King) has us question what is a worthy life,

Virgil Jones
Main Speaker for Martin Luther King Day

"...We're going to live together in harmony or die together. That is the only choice. And the hour is late."

and reminds us what responsibility we all have to the humanitarian cause," McIntosh said.

President Gary Russi and Coordinator of Intercultural Programs Felecia Bumpus also gave the official commemoration of Martin Luther King Day at the ceremony.

The main speaker of the day was Virgil Jones, former Wayne State University campus minister.

"We are here to celebrate Martin Luther King, who sacrificed his young life so that we may live in freedom," he

said during his speech.

"...We're going to live together in harmony or die together. That is the only choice. And the hour is late," Jones said.

The ceremony also featured the winners of the All Campus Contest "What Do You Think Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Dream Would Be For the 21st Century?"

The first-place winner, freshman Shanita Scott, computer science, read her poem "The Vision Of A King," and received a standing ovation.

The afternoon ceremony closed with the OU Gospel Choir singing their rendition of the national black anthem, "Lift Every Voice And Sing."

Then the choir sang Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday," a song dedicated to King, while Bumpus and McIntosh brought a birthday cake to the front and blew out the candles.

By the finale, nearly all of the 300 people were standing, clapping and singing with the choir.

That evening a candlelight vigil was held in the Gold Rooms. It featured students reading small excerpts from King's speeches, as well as lit candles for everyone to hold.

"It feels real good to get together for King's birthday and to acknowledge his work," said senior Sharon Mickens, human resource management.

PLAYTIME

Small cast gives 'Of Mice and Men' royal treatment

By **LIDIJA MILIC**
Assistant News Editor

The greatest artistic achievement is presenting the most complex life issues in the simplest possible way.

The classic novel/play "Of Mice and Men" proves that John Steinbeck is the master of poignant simplicity in art, as director Blair Anderson's production at the Hilberry Theatre reaffirms.

The story is entertaining, the synopsis simple, the language plain, and the ideas are clean and grounded in inevitability of characters' struggles.

The place is a ranch in California near the Salinas River. The time is the late 1930s, when many unfortunate American workers migrated west in search of a paying job.

The two main characters, George and Lenny, are an odd couple treading the same path: George, a defeated and bitter man, is warmly protective of Lenny, a retarded giant of great physical strength and childish naivete, who searches for tenderness in life by petting (often dead) mice and puppies.

At first glance, two men don't get along. However, the glue that makes

"Of Mice and Men"

Bring the hankies

out of 4 points

At Hilberry Theatre through March 11

them stick together is a common dream of their own piece of land. The idea of owning a small farm is an idyllic ray of sunshine that both characters hold onto whenever everyday existence becomes unbearable.

Problems start when George and Lenny arrive at the ranch. Either directly or indirectly, the two men are drawn into conflicts — between the boss' son and his flirtatious wife, between the old and the young workers, between the black and white ranch hands.

In the play, David Haig offers a disturbingly convincing portrayal of Lenny, while Bret Tuomi as George once again shows why he got the 1996 Detroit News Best Actor Award.

Mark Finnel and Momentz Black play the aged, disabled ranch hands, Candy and Crook, with ease and inspi-

ration. Matthew Talbott is another success as the boss' hot-tempered son with a Napoleonic complex, but Peggy Johns, cast as his young wife, doesn't possess the striking attraction of needy, dreamy loneliness her character is supposed to have.

Karl Kippola is somewhat a casting miss in the role of Slim, since he lacks the confident, stable presence of the chief ranch worker — the epitome of chivalric masculinity in this rough life.

Praise also goes to scenic designer Fred Florkowski and sound designer Mark DeLorenzo, for creating a set that



Photo Courtesy/Hilberry Theatre

TENDER MOMENT: The Hilberry Theatre's production of "Of Mice And Men" stars Bret Tuomi (left) and David Haig.

made me believe I spent two-and-a-half hours in Californian summer.

The small cast of the Hilberry Company does an overall brilliant job — "Of Mice and Men" will make you laugh, it will make you cry, it will make you feel, and it certainly will make you think.

Steinbeck would've been proud.

SPORTS

Basketball switches gears

The Men ride a late winter winning streak, defeating their opponents in the last four games

By ANDREA NOBILE & JAY ONYSKI
Sports Editor and Special Writer

OU Men's Basketball are finally finding their stride.

The team defeated Grand Valley State on Jan. 14 88-66, then let that success spread into wins against St. Mary's College 89-82 on Jan. 17 and Rochester College 52-45 Jan. 19.

These three wins, added to their Jan. 10 win over Lake Superior State, puts the Pioneers at 11-9 for the season.

The team, who has four forwards over 6' 5", are now using their size more to score inside.

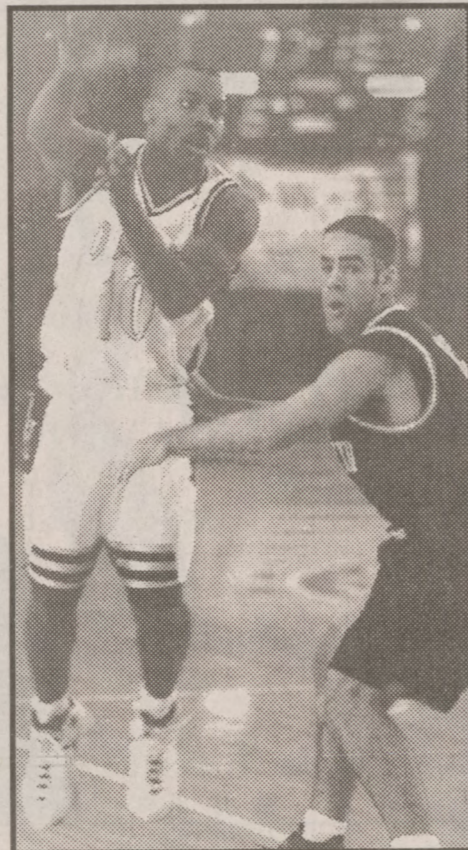
"We put in a new offense. We're getting it down low," Steve Reynolds, sophomore guard, said.

The big difference in the GVSU game turned out to be the Pioneers out-shooting their opponents. They consistently made their free throw and hit key three-pointers.

OU out-muscled GVSU to the ball, getting 40 rebounds to their 26. Champagne had 10 of those for the home team.

Other leading rebounders for OU included junior guard Jeff Kennedy with eight, and sophomore forward De'Andre Shepard and freshman forward Jon Champagne with five each.

The team has won their last four



Post Photo/Bob Knoska

RACK 'EM: Guard junior Jeff Kennedy scored 14 points on Jan. 10.

games, a far cry from their slow start earlier this year.

"We are learning to take the intensity we have in practice to the games," Myke Thom, sophomore forward, said.

He said, "When you play well, you get confidence. Things start going your way."

In action against Rochester College, freshman forward Dan Champagne led all scorers with 16 points.

Even though they won, Champagne said they didn't play very well and weren't hitting their shots. He attributes the win to OU Head Coach Greg Kampe.

The men have their chance to continue their success this Saturday when they host Indiana-Purdue University.

The Women's winter roll is slowing down; they lose two consecutive road games

By JOE GRAY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Women hit a bump in the road. After starting the season with 12 wins in their first 14 games, the Pioneers dropped two on the road.

They fell 83-71 at Hillsdale College on Jan. 15. Four Hillsdale starters scored in double figures.

Hillsdale Chargers guard Carey Wuetrich led all scorers with 24 points.

OU led at the half, 40-36, but surrendered the lead in the second when Hillsdale hit eight of 12 shots from three-point range.

Coach Beckie Francis said OU was a victim of a hot-shooting team.

"We are a good defensive team and we were in their face," said Francis.

But OU was hurt by poor free throw shooting, making just 14 of 23 attempts. The Chargers converted 19 of 25 shots from the charity stripe.

Guard Cyndi Platter was a bright spot for the Pioneers. She scored 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead all players on the glass.

OU leading scorer, sophomore guard Jamie Ahlgren, had 18 points in 30 minutes.

The second game of the two game slide was a 76-65 defeat at Indiana-Purdue University on Jan. 17.



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BASKET WATCH: Guard senior Ulrika Nilsson aims for net. Lake Superior State attempts to block.

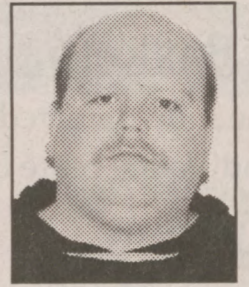
Ahlgren led OU with 21 points, despite going five of 17 from the floor, including one out of eight from beyond the three-point line. She had a team-leading five steals and was a perfect 10 for 10 from the free throw line.

The Pioneers shot 31.3 percent from the field.

As a team, the women only converted four of 28 three-point shots.

"They were sitting back in a defensive zone and we weren't hitting our shots," said Francis.

Starting point guard Sara Skutt played the Hillsdale game with the flu, but missed the Indiana-Purdue game due to the illness.



Joe Gray

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2. Your significant other calls. He/She wants to talk about your relationship, but there is a basketball doubleheader at the Bubble. You...

A. tell him/her you'll be over right away, because you need to talk about your feelings.
B. tell him/her you will be over in a few hours and only catch the first game.
C. pretend you have a bad phone connection, hang up and immediately head to the Bubble.

3. Your mother needs a kidney transplant and you are the only compatible donor, but the operation is on Super Bowl Sunday. You...

A. don't care about a stupid game.
B. tape the game and watch it after the operation.
C. ask the doctor, "exactly how important is a kidney?"

4. The Pistons game just started the fourth period. You get a call from your best friend. His/Her car is broken down on I-75 and he/she needs a ride. You...

A. leave right away to rescue your friend.
B. wait till the game is over and then leave, explaining to your friend you got lost on the way.
C. This is a trick question. If you are a sports fanatic your best friend would be there watching the game with you.

5. Your idea of "Must See TV" is...

A. NBC's Thursday night line-up.
B. any PBS documentary.
C. nine college football bowl games on New Year's Day.

If you answered C to all situations, you are a true sports junkie. Pull up a sofa cushion. If you answered B a few times, there is hope for you yet. If you answered A to any situation, you must be one of those people who care about what is happening in the world, so head back to the front page — and indulge.

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Water-drenched memories drain away

This weekend's Pioneer Invite is the final Swimming and Diving dual meet in Lepley Pool; for the senior Women, it's their last dunk at OU

By ANDREA NOBILE
Sports Editor

They stand alone.

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving are the only team to still practice and play in the soon-to-be demolished remainder of the Lepley Sports Center. They still call that pool their home.

This weekend, they say goodbye.

On the outside, the Pioneer Invitational looks like another dual meet for the nationally-ranked teams. But the event, which commences Jan. 23 and ends the next day, is also the stage for tears, cheers, and memories.

"All of our traditions and all of our memories are going down in that pool," said sophomore swimmer Jennifer Redumski, backstroke and freestyle.

Among those memories, she said, are national qualifications and record best times for the team. But the new pool will bring new memories and traditions, she said.

Redumski said the seniors have taught the underclassmen a lot. She said, "As long as you stay positive, anything is possible."

The Pioneer Invite is a four-team competition that includes OU, Ashland, Clarion, and Northwestern Michigan.

"It's like a warm-up for the big time," Redumski said.

OU's three competitors aren't in the Pioneer Mid-Continent Conference.

However, the schools' Men and Women Swimming and Diving teams will hit the water, and bring up clues pointing to OU's post-season future.

OU will be competing in the Division I NCAA National Independent Conference Championships on Feb. 26-28.

"I think (this weekend) will be a



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FRIENDLY WATERS: Freestylers Katie Szopo, left, and Ellen Collins, right, console each other during a delay in the Jan. 10 meet against Denison.

good prep for it," she said.

Good prep indeed.

Clarion's Men and Women are 5-0 this season.

Their top female swimmer, Christina Telleotson, won the National title last year for Division II in the NCAA. She won the 100-meter breaststroke at nationals and clinched 2nds in both 200 and 400-meter IMs.

In diving action, their top male diver, Andy Ferguson, placed 2nd in both one-meter and three-meter boards last year. He was national champion in

1996.

OU co-captain Laura Juncker, freestyle, is decorated senior swimmer with three consecutive seasons filled with the maximum seven all-American honors.

She said of the level of competition expected this weekend, "It's nice to know that you have the opportunity to compete against someone (swimming at the national level) and maybe even beat them in the long run."

She said, "We're gonna have lots of competition. The teams are pretty com-

parable."

OU missed their training camp this year, scheduled for last year Dec. 20-Jan. 4, due to their since-lifted suspension. They trained here, and have competed in two dual meets since the lift.

According to Clarion Sports Information Director Rich Herman, Clarion hasn't been active since Dec. 1.

Ashland has also been away from the action, but still trained at their winter training camp.

This season Ashland's women are 5-2, and they placed 5th out of eight teams at the Dec. 5-6 EMU invite.

The Men have one win more, and are 6-1 as of Nov. 22.

Northwestern Michigan are 2-1 this season, placed sixth out of nine at the Minnesota Invitational, and were dormant Nov. 23-Jan. 17 at a training camp.

The Pioneer Invite is also Parent's Weekend for OU. The team will say goodbye to the graduating seniors.

"It's a good way to end our last home meet," said sophomore Betsy Hansen, butterfly and freestyle.

Redumski said saying goodbye to Lepley is sad, but they're moving into a bigger and better facility — the new recreation center.

Juncker, a leaving senior, said "It will be emotional, but I'm ready to have it over with and move on with my life."

She predicts this weekend's invite will be a meet everyone remembers, simply because it's the last dual meet ever in Lepley Pool.

Juncker said her most memorable experience as an OU swimmer is when she competed at nationals last year. The women placed 2nd among 22 teams.

"It's just remarkable when the teams come together at nationals. That was an experience I'll never forget," Juncker said.

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- The men lost at Kenyon 138-101, the women lost 135-108, on Jan. 16.

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- Basketball:**
- Wednesday**
- Jan. 21 - The women at UM-Dearborn at 7 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Jan. 24 - The men host Indiana-Purdue at 7 p.m. at the Bubble.
- Monday**
- Jan. 26 - The men at Hillsdale 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday**
- Jan. 27 - The women at Rochester at 7 p.m.
- Swimming and Diving:**
- Friday**
- Jan. 23 - The men and women host The Pioneer Invitational at 6 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Jan. 24 - The men and women host The Pioneer Invitational at 10 a.m. and 1p.m.

Pioneer Pete Posse rounds up spirit

By ERIKA MILLER
Staff Writer

Who's an important player on OU Men's Basketball team, but is too slow to run and can't jump?

Fingers all point to bespectacled, 6'2" David "Shirk" Shirkey, junior, OU's most avid fan. He is best known as the organizer of Pioneer Pete's Posse, his own group of loud sports fans.

"We love 'em," said sophomore forward Pete Maienknecht, secondary education. "I remember at all of our games you can hear those guys roar and it gets us motivated. When we're playing and getting into the game and the crowd's pumped up, we get more emotionally involved and excited."

Point guard Steven Reynolds, sophomore, engineering, said, "You can't ask for a better group of fans. They're loud, pep us up, and get us going."

If Shirkey's shouting can influence OU's team members, so does his "trash-talking" tactics work on the opposition. His plans are tailor-made to each game, decided during play.

"Usually there's one person on each (opposing) team that we target," he said. "They're either the best player, or they make us mad by taunting or fouling one of our players."

Reynolds explained their influence.

"It gets (the opposing team's) mind off the basketball game and (focuses) their attention to the crowd," he said. "Then they won't play their best. It plays a significant psychological part."

But the move into Division I-AAA may tone down Pioneer Pete's Posse, Shirk fears.

As his right-hand man, junior Jae Schalk, business, puts it, "When we played Division II, we dominated. So we could talk trash."

Fanship has its own code of ethics, explained the Shirk.

"You don't talk trash with teams that are better than you," he said.

But Maienknecht is looking forward to the Posse's presence in the future.

"One thing that's so great about our fans," he said, "is whether we're up or down, they're with us."

Maienknecht recalled last year's game with Ferris State with mixed emotion.

"Ferris State was out of reach for us," he recalled, "but (the Posse) was still out cheering for us."

Shirkey comes from a sports loving family in Jackson, and he expected col-

lege sports at OU to be exciting.

But his first experience at the games in his freshman year were disappointing.

"It was like sitting in the library," he said, "it was so quiet."

Now, with his face painted in garish gold and black stripes, and wearing OU insignia clothes, Shirkey's voice can be heard in his group's roar at every game, in the Bubble and out-of-town.

Jennifer Headley, junior, mechanical engineering, confirmed his group's thundering resonance in the Bubble, even across campus.

"You can hear them from inside the library on the third floor," she said, laughing.

However, the clarification of Pete's Posse may not resound as well in the vastness of OU's new recreation center, scheduled to open in September.

"The group of fans we have now suits the Bubble," said Reynolds. "Hopefully, when we get the new facility, we'll get more fans like those guys."

As ring-leader of a loose group of 30 to 40 OU fans, Shirkey single-handedly rounds them up for each game.

"I take it personally when my friends don't want to go to the games," he said. "It's a very personal experi-

fun.

His fun-loving nature is displayed in his dorm room decor, a shrine to his love of OU Men's Basketball.

Artifacts include coach Greg Kampe's engraved office door sign from the old Lepley sports center, now attached to Shirkey's own door in West Vandenberg Hall.

He pilfered some of the treasures from the Lepley demolition site. Shirkey admits he trespassed, having

pried open the chain-link fence surrounding the last remnants of the center.

He took old gym floorboards, and planned to cover his dorm room floor with them.

"I pried boards up with a shovel I found," he confessed, "and overloaded my dorm room with them."

But he stored most of the hardwood

at his grandfather's house, where it was unwittingly burned as refuse.

But Shirkey's the kind of guy who always bounces back.

With the remaining floorboards, the Shirk mounted two-foot lengths onto oak plaques and sold them for \$12 each. The brass nameplate he attached to each piece read:

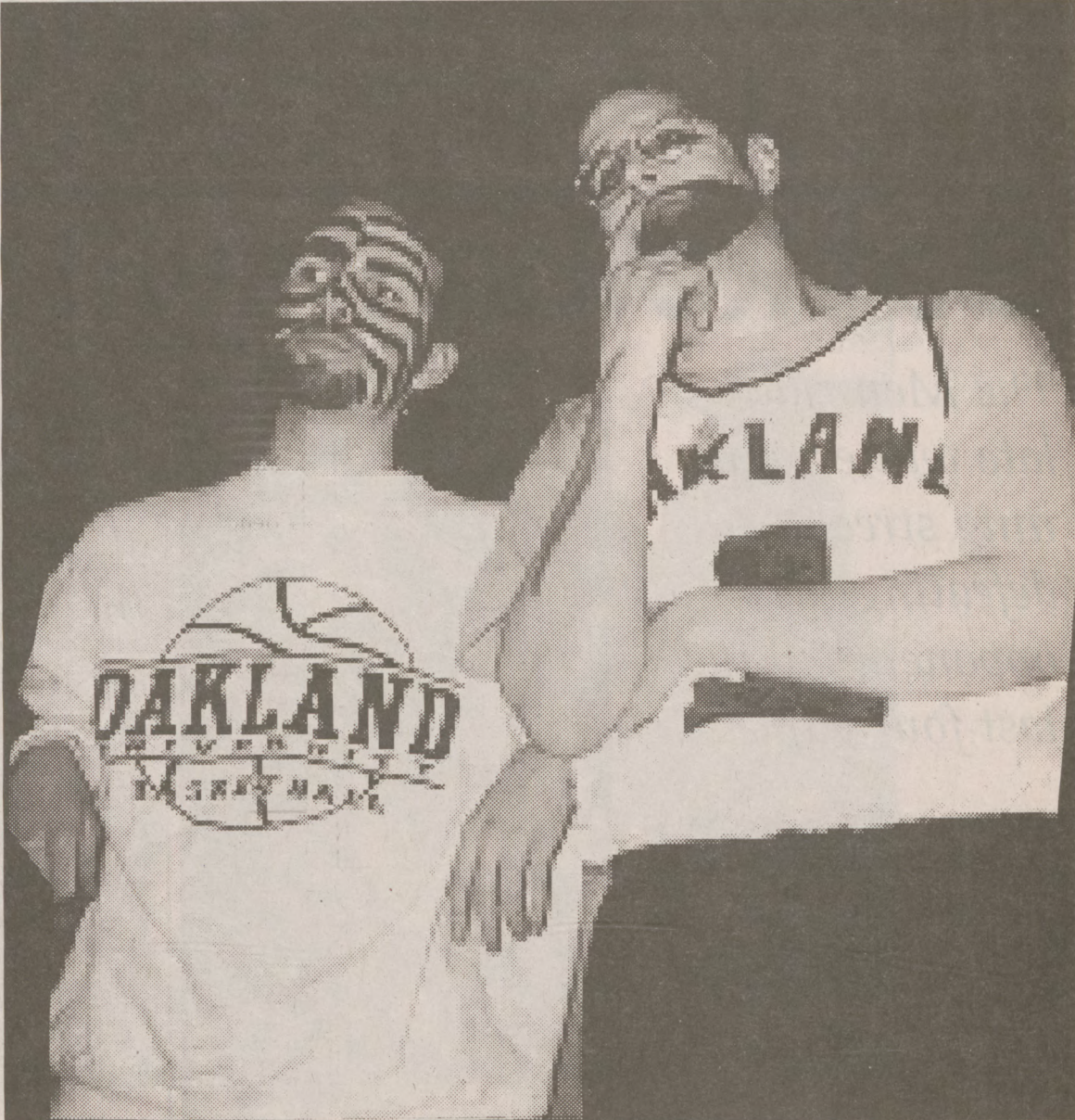
"Authentic Floor Board--Lepley Sports Center Gymnasium 1962-1996."

An old OU basketball warmup top, an old uniform marked "Oakland 00," a white sign that reads "INDIANAPOLIS" and signed by OU coaches and players, a ticket from a GLIAC Men's Basketball championship at Adrian College--these are some of the Shirk's favorite things.

He is also unabashed about his love for Pioneer Pete.

Present administration plans to change the mascot will break his heart.

"My opinion is that Pioneer Pete is awesome. I love Pioneer Pete," he said. "He's not just another average bear or tiger. He's original."



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HIGH SPIRITS: Junior Casey Colussi, business major, left, and junior Dave Shirkey, right, ponder the game at the GLIAC championship last year against Adrian College.

"We love 'em. I remember at all of our games you can hear those guys roar and it gets us motivated."

Pete Maienknecht
Men's Basketball sophomore forward

Spotlight on the **Black & Gold**

STEVE
REYNOLDS

MEN'S
BASKETBALL



Photo Courtesy / Amy Hirschman

By KRYSTAL KALTZ
Staff Writer

The first thing most people notice about Men's Basketball guard Steve Reynolds, sophomore, is his smile.

Men's Basketball Head Coach Greg Kampe said, "The key about (Steve) is that he's always got a smile on his face."

Roommate, teammate, and close friend Pete Maienknecht, added, "Steve is really easy to get along with. He's a laid back guy who's really fun to be around. We clicked right away, and I couldn't ask for a better roommate."

The stats prove Reynolds is an outstanding basketball player. During his junior and senior year at Carrollton High School in Saginaw, Reynolds was team captain and a member of the Saginaw area Dream Team. A year before that, he was named team MVP and was academic all-state.

One of his earliest memories of the game is playing Nerf basketball in his cousin's bedroom at age eight.

But there is more to Steve than just basketball. Kampe said, "He's a fine young man who represents our university very well, both on and off the court. He's got his head on right."

Reynolds said, "I just want to be successful. I want to give back to the community and I want to have a nice big family."

Family is something that is important to

Reynolds.

Maienknecht said, "I love his family. His mom is the best and his sister and little niece are terrific. I've only known him a year and a half, and his mom treats me just like I'm her son."

Reynolds is an engineering major at OU and his favorite subject is math. He said he admires the medical profession because of the amount of information they need to know at their job.

Reynolds also said he admires Kampe. "He's a really good coach," he said. "I learn a lot from him every day."

Basketball is a large part of his life that has been a source of his deepest emotions.

Reynolds said the best moment in his life was when he scored the winning shot during district finals in his senior year.

He said he can still recall the silence after his hands left the ball, and the crowd held its collective breath, and then the uproar when the ball went through the hoop.

He admits his most embarrassing moment also comes from basketball. While playing once, he slipped on the floor and ended up under the scorer's table.

The last time Reynolds cried was due to the sport as well. It was his last game in high school, and he wasn't ready for it to end.

When asked what he would never forget about Reynolds, Maienknecht said, "His laugh, his friendly smile, and his sense of humor."

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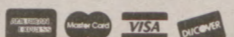
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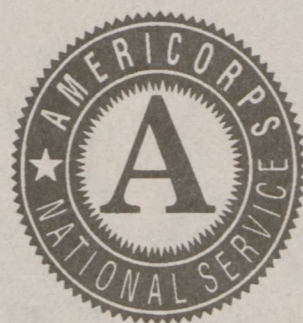


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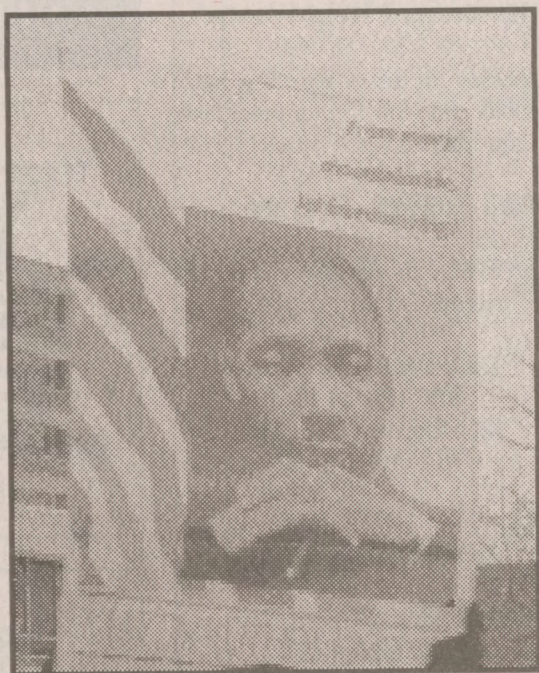
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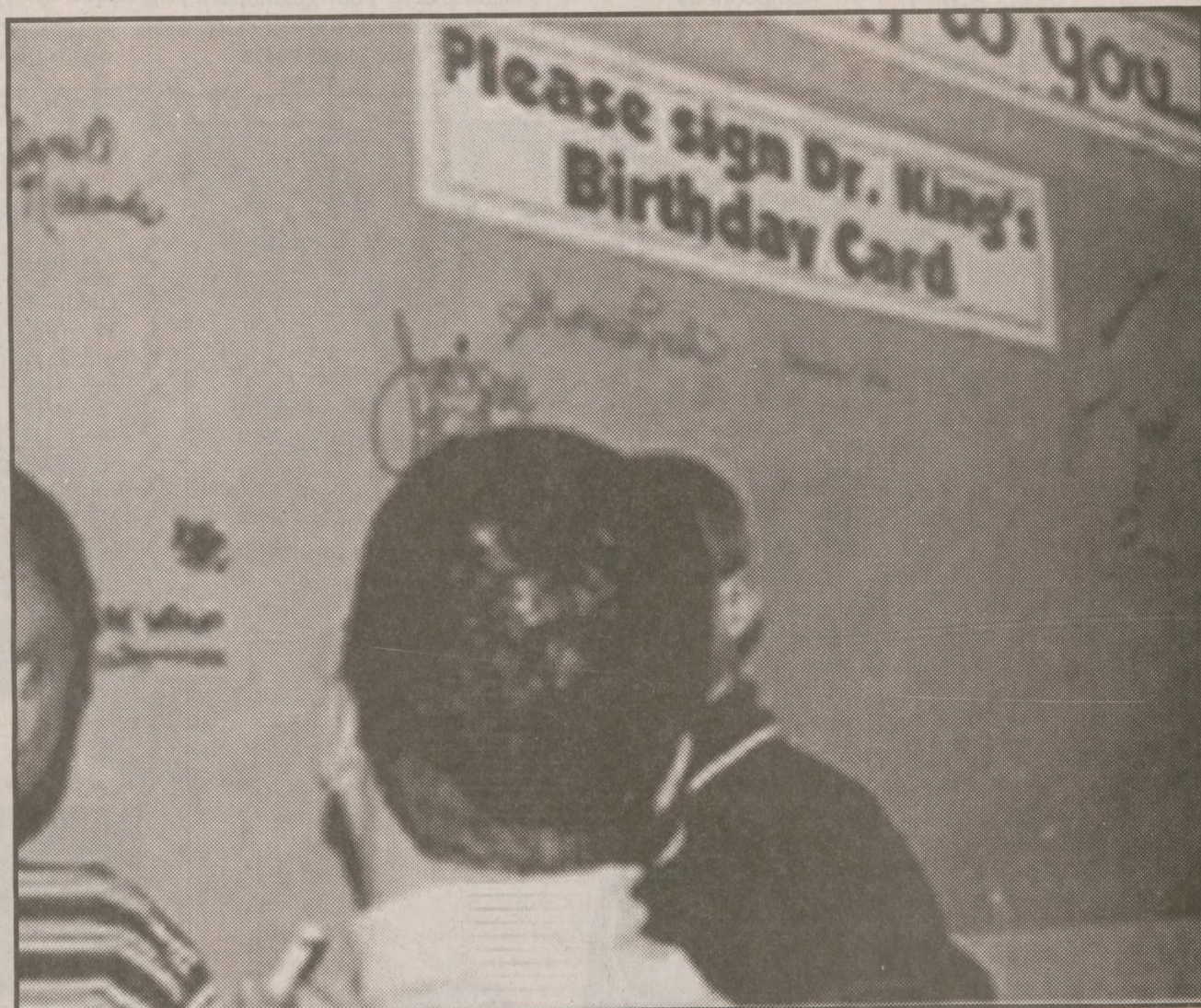
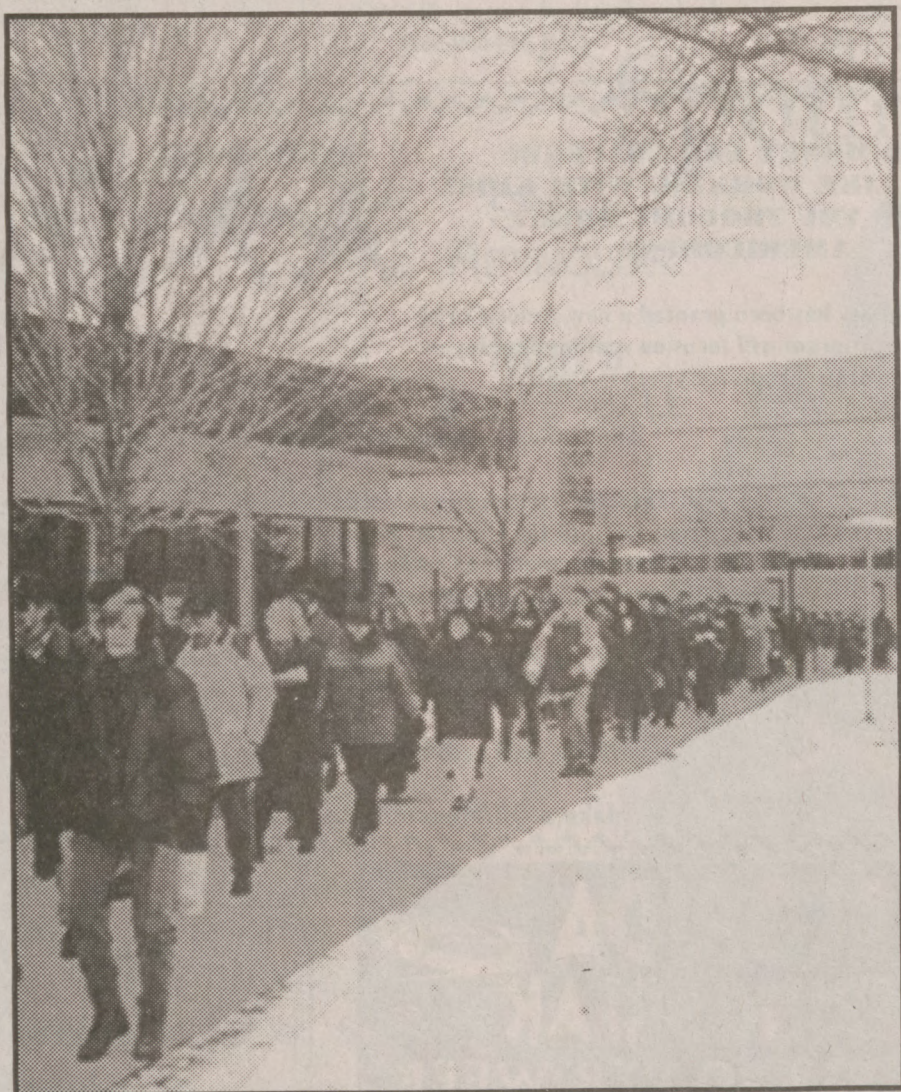
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