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S.E.L.S. PRESENTS GREGORY APRIL 10

Dick Gregory, "the world's most foremost freelance humanitarian", will present a lecture at Oakland on April 10, 1974 at 1:00 p.m.

It is difficult to label the prolific activities of Dick Gregory. He became famous as a professional comedian. Today he is a recording artist, author, lecturer, actor, human rights activist, social satirist, critic, philosopher and

political analyst who combines all these roles to serve the cause of human liberation and to alleviate human suffering brought on by ignorance and apathy.

The lecture is presented under the auspices of the Student Enterprise Lecture Series. It will be held at the Sports and Recreation Building on the Oakland campus at 1:00 p.m. There will be a general admission

charge of \$1.00 at the door. Group sales can be arranged and further information can be obtained by calling 377-2245.

IMPORTANT: Oakland University Students must have validated I.D.'s to be admitted free of charge. I.D.'s may be validated at the registrars office during regular office hours.



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The last Dialog of March 8, was surprisingly well-attended. Guests included President O'Dowd, his executive aid, William Connellan, Dick Light and Elizabeth Conner, representing administrative and staff groups, University Con-

gress President Emsley Wyatt, and Jerry Solomon, representing student government interests. The topic was the acceptance of a Governance Constitution which would, in effect, combine student, faculty, administrative, and staff counselors into one legislative body.

Two decisive camps, support and non-support of the concept included: greater procedural efficiency, amplification of students' voice in policy decisions. Those opposed to the concept felt that the faculty members could overpower the younger student

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SPANISH DANCERS PERFORM

The Hispanic Dance troupe of Oakland University will present a program of Latin American and Spanish folkloric dances and songs Saturday, April 6, and Sunday, April 7, at 8:00 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.

The student troupe, in colorful costumes of Mexico and Spain, will perform: the "Mexican Hat Dance": "La Bamba", a popular dance from Veracruz; the "Pasodobles" from Spain; and the "La Jota" from Galicia, among others.

Seats are \$1 per person with tickets available at the OU Department of Modern Languages at 377-2060 and at the door prior to each performance. The program is sponsored by the OU Spanish Club.

Pitch for Intermural Made; Big Hit ?

"If you could get a core group of 20 people who are really interested," this core could recruit others; and Oakland could form its very own intramural softball league, Oakland University intramural director Jim Valliere said recently.

If gals and guys are current Oakland students (including graduate and continuing education students but excluding varsity baseball players), faculty, or staff members, they could be eligible to play in this league, Valliere added.

If these softball--fun-loving people could play during Spring Semester, whether they are taking classes then or

not, Valliere could prepare a flexible Monday through Thursday game schedule for the semester's duration.

If interested folks could form at least six teams, each with a minimum of 10 members (no maximum!), and choose a captain, then the intramural director could hold a meeting with the captains on Thursday, May 9, 1974, at 4:00 pm in the multi-purpose room of the Sports and Recreation Building to organize the league and to explain league rules and related matters. (Co-ed teams would not play all-male teams without a handicap.)

If each player could supply his own glove,

the University could provide other equipment such as bats, balls, and bases, Valliere said.

Will these "ifs" become realities? Softball enthusiasts can make them real by contacting Valliere in the Sports and Recreation Building (or telephoning him at 377-3192) and expressing their interest.

Commuters who want to form or join teams may contact team organizer Sandy Burgess by calling (1) 689-8405 or by leaving their names, addresses, and telephone numbers on the softball "sign-up" sheet in the Commuter Services Office of Oakland Center.

NEW ACTIVITY FEE PASSED

The most important item of business to be completed at University Congress' March 28 meeting was the passage of the graduated fee proposal. The proposal, as outlined two weeks ago in Focus, would have each student pay 50¢ per credit hour in activities fees, up to five dollars.

The reason for this proposal was that it was felt by many Congress-people that part-time

students taking less than ten credits were being subsidized for activities by those students taking over ten credits. Students taking less than ten credits pay no activities fees, yet are eligible to take advantage of all events paid for with activities fees.

The proposal will be forwarded to the Faculty Senate, the Board of Trustees, and the Administration.

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I feel, along with several other college students I have talked to, that the grading system should be changed. I think there should be "S" and "N" grading only; you pass or fail-it's as simple as that!

Why? You need to succeed. You need competition-against yourself, as well as against others. You need motivation-without fear of failure. You need encouragement-to learn more. You need to adjust-to your own individual mentality.

The number or letter grade might condense your knowledge instead of expanding it. You

could end up thinking you know it all. A person with a "D" grade may know more than a person with an "A" or "B" grade, but due to background or personal problems it may not show in grades.

Worrying about grades can cause such pressure that people have resorted to suicide. I have

heard that OU has had students who reacted to grades in this way-one of them had a 4.0 average! Grades are just not worth blowing your brains out for.

As for using grades outside, for jobs or graduate school, an evaluation sheet on the individual's abilities, weaknesses, and strong points would be sufficient, and more satisfying than a mechanical grade.

Paula Ellis

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all the people who helped make Ralph Nader's appearance at Oakland such a success. So many individuals and organizations contributed to the program that it's impossible to name them all here but a few really deserve special recognition.

Formost, I wish to thank the University Congress and its president, Emsley Wyatt. Congress made the event possible by agreeing to pick up the tab. Mr.

Wyatt took an active role in planning and organizing the program.

Mr. Smith of PIRGIM shared the headache of supervising final preparations with Emsley while I slipped off to the airport. Marc was also given the unenviable task of driving Mr. Nader (author of Unsafe At Any Speed) back to Metro over slippery roads during rush hour.

Mr. Joseph Knapp of University Relations and Mr. James Llewellyn of News Serives also deserve a lot of credit. They made almost all arrangements for Nader's news conference. This included sending out announcements twice, serving as press contacts and making physical arrangements for the room where the conference was held.

Finally, I would like to thank Focus: Oakland for the publicity before and after the event, all the others students and staff who helped with the event and the 2,000-3,600 students (it depends on whose estimate

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PIRGIM ELECTIONS

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MEMBERS VOTE AT TABLES NEXT TO CHARLIE BROWN'S

Seven Board members will be elected for a 1 year position that would control PIRGIM Projects and Priorities.

People interested in seeking these positions must turn in their declaration sheets at the Student Organization office by 5 p.m. Monday, April 8, 1974. Pick up declaration sheets at Student Organization office.

GET INVOLVED

APRIL 10 & 11 - VOTE

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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you believe) who braved long lines and bad weather to hear Ralph Nader.

Thanks,

Don ("Steamroller") Johnson

Dear Editor:

In response to your recent editorial comment depicting New Charter College as a program that "students don't have too much use for", I would like to educate you and your readers to a few relevant FACTS. New Charter College (NCC) has over three HUNDRED students currently enrolled in various classes and programs. For example, an evening course this semester entitles "Forum: Survival in Metropolitan Detroit"

is one of the largest evening courses ever offered. This is hardly the case of students not having too much use for us.

Last semester, NCC offered more than a dozen different course selections. this spring and summer terms, NCC will be offering an organic farming and a touring children's theatre course. In the past, students have traveled to Israel, California, the East Coast, Europe and many other places to study and explore subjects of interest. The major force behind organizing Oakland's first co-op dorm-Anibal House was, you guessed it, NCC students. Did you know, Mr. Editor, that a theatre group from NCC,

along with seven or eight similar college or university groups, were chosen over hundreds of groups across the country, to present a drama piece at the recent University of Michigan Invitational Experimental Theatre Festival?

NCC was also responsible for bringing to Oakland's campus, earlier this semester, an exciting evening of mime (The San Francisco Mime Troupe).

Mr. Hadley, don't make such uninformed comments as displayed in your editorial without first checking us out. Have you EVER taken any NCC courses? The answer, as far as I've been able to determine, is NO! Let's see a little bit of INFORMED journalism in

Focus: Oakland.

At this time, I would like to extend an invitation to ALL Oakland students to find out about New Charter College. We offer an exciting and interesting approach to post-secondary education. Sincerely,

Chuck Lennox
NCC Student

Mr. Lennox: I am fully aware of who started the Anibal Co-op, as I live in it. I am fully aware of the "rewarding" experiences being offered by New Charter College. I'm not saying that NCC doesn't offer "rewarding" experiences. I merely think that students are turning away from them to a certain extent, because NCC does nothing

to prepare them for a job, relative to other courses taught here.

The extreme tightness of the job market (especially for OU grads) is a very real fact of life. OU students realize that they are going to have to compete intensively for a job, and loading their schedules with S/N courses from NCC doesn't go over too well with the recruiters.

I don't propose the abolition of NCC;

I merely would oppose the expansion of any similar program on the grounds that there are other things that we can do that would better serve the OU students.

Lawrence D. Hadley
Cynic-in-Chief

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affair. The small dorm are afraid that he will "knife them in the back" over the summer, by making the aforementioned Lot O changes. It also seems that the small dorm students are not the only ones on this campus unhappy with Mr. Brown. University Congress has scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, April 4 to air their grievances about Mr. Brown's alleged "cavalierish" behavior in his handling of the parking commission, and other committees with which he is involved.

We would hope that the compromise made on Lot O will be permitted to stand. The students bargained in good faith with the university, with the understanding that the university would hold up its end of the bargain.

A solution to this whole fracas would be for us to have open parking. Even Mr. Brown (the supposed enemy in this affair) is in favor of open parking. I asked Pres. O'Dowd what the major roadblock to open parking was, and he please turn to 6

JOKELAND

by Stephen E. Cannon

featuring "The Who and What Four". They have also activated the "Silent Listeners Program". This is designed to punish the big suppliers of records and tapes which seeps into the Luniversity. The silent Listener who hears a stereo or observes a person selling records and tapes will receive a reward of \$500.00 or a lifetime subscription to "I AM JOE SHIFTY". Pearl Gray informed me that the magazine is a weekly publication put out by the Public Shifties which gives the

reader some insight into the personal life of an Officer.

Pearl Gray has given his support for the program stating that he will deploy as many officers as possible to do surveillance work. He also stated that he will have to use his secret weapon "Wiffles" the all hearing wonder dog. Wiffles can smell or hear a stereo at a hundred feet. When a 'player' is busted, he will be taken down to the station and his room searched for records and tapes which

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Netmen Rip Aquinas, 7-2

The OU tennis team stretched its season mark to 2-0 with a convincing 7-2 victory over Aquinas College Friday at Aquinas.

Leading the way for the racquetmen was freshman Daniel Blake of Southfield.

Blake, who did not play in the season opener, won 6-3 and 7-6 in a #1 singles match against Jim Kuzdzal of Aquinas.

Sophomore Jeff Bailey

of St. Paul Minnesota won his #2 singles match in dramatic come-from-behind fashion.

Bailey was down 1-5 in the first set when OU tennis coach Dela Wasum came to courtside to coach him on. Bailey won the next six games and proceeded to win the second set 7-6 for the match victory.

Ms. Wasum said that the victory should help Bailey throughout the season.

Howard Wright, Dennis Wosnicki and Paul Tabaka each earned victories for Oakland in singles competition.

The teams of Bailey-Geoff Nichols and Wosnicki-Tabaka won doubles matches.

Today the team travels to Wayne State to do battle with the powerful Tartar squad.

The tennis team's first home match of the season is Saturday against Aquinas.

SPORTS LINE

By RICK MILLS

Baseball Is Here

Oakland's baseball team will play their home opener this Monday against Hillsdale, beating out the Tigers, who take the field the following day against the New York Yankees.

That's the only advantage the Pioneers will have over Detroit.

The Tigers have played every day for two months and are ready to begin their season; and they will come up to a well-manicured field.

Oakland has been inactive for two weeks following it's hectic one week spring trip; and the OU diamond is a mess.

Coach Bill Pfaff has kept his squad in top physical condition and expects great things from his group of underclassmen.

"We should do no worse than second in our league, but we'll fight it out with Ferris and Grand Valley for the championship", Pfaff said.

Junior fireballer Walt Sakowski will pitch the opener away against Grand Valley today and Gary Granke will start in the second game. Roger Holland rounds out the trio of established starters, which should be a plus for the Pioneer squad.

The infield is relatively set. Mike Gizzi and Rick Clippert will share the catching duties. Mark Hosch will be at first base and he'll be backed up by Al Keebaugh. Bill McElreath and Tom McGlashin will share the second base position.

The left side of the infield is set with John Vavruska at shortstop and Herm Toles at third base.

In the outfield, Wally Ducharme will be in right, Jim Trail in center backed up by Craig Covington, and Roger Holland will start in left when he isn't pitching. Holland will also act as a designated hitter on occasion.

Lack of preparation will take it's toll on Oakland and its opponents.

Because of the preparation factor, the team that can come away with one or two losses in its first eight games will be a good bet to take the league title.

Everyone will be tough as the season progresses, but the team that can take advantage of the layoff will be in the driver's seat later on in the season.

The Pioneers play doubleheaders with Grand Valley today and Ferris on the 12th. If we can sweep all four games the pressure will be on them the second time around.

There is talent on this team. The question is: will it be used or abused?

The potential for a championship team is there. Let's toss aside the ego-shattering losses in Alabama. Now is the time to prove your worth, in games that count!

Golfers Sport New Look

Rebuilding will be the theme of this season for Oakland's varsity golf team.

The golfers open their '74 season home at Rochester Country Club against Northwood and Wayne State next Friday, April 12th.

Two starters remain from last year's team. Senior Rich Mills from Royal Oak and sophomore Ty Minto from Davison,

are the only holdovers from last year's winning squad. The Pioneers lost John Hillman and Jug Tarr to graduation.

This year's squad will sport five new faces.

Junior Tom Biegalecki from Detroit, sophomores Joe Boedecker from Roseville and Steve Zurbrick from Keego Harbor, freshmen Dave McGrath from Southfield and Mike Dutzy from Lake Orion

are new additions to the OU squad.

The golfers will play 16 matches and five tournaments over a grueling five week schedule.

One consolation is that they will play some of the finest courses in Michigan in the process.

The Pioneers will play Bay Valley Country Club in Saginaw five times, including The Auto City Classic and the league championship.

Bay Valley's demanding layout was designed by Jack Nicklaus and is considered one of the state's finest.

MSU's tough Forest Akers Golf Club will be the site of the annual Spartan Invitational.

Grand Valley will host the Furniture City Classic at Grand Haven Country Club. The Grand Haven layout is a picturesque blend of sand, pines and water.

Weather has hampered practice for the golfers and cancellation of the spring trip to Tennessee hasn't helped.

One advantage the golfers will have is that the greater portion of the season is scheduled after the end of the semester.

OU Hockey A Possibility ?

"All we need is the official release from (Athletic Director) Corey Van Fleet," says Steve Meese on the probability of Varsity Hockey at Oakland next year.

Meese, who is coaching on the OU Hockey (continued on pg. 5)

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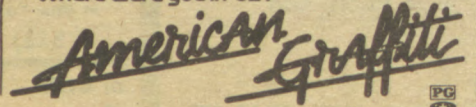
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The fourth annual Michigan Wrist Wrestling Championships will be held Saturday in Oakland's gym.

Students are invited to participate or watch.

For those wishing to compete, sign-ups and weigh-ins are Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon. Elimination rounds will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Finals will be from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

There will be four weight classes for men

as well as a ladies' competition. Winners of each class will receive air fare to Petaluma, California for the world championships.

Among those competing will be Michigan heavyweight champion Big George Moore, Michigan middleweight champ Ed Bond, and the featherweight champion of the world, Butch Boucher.

Last Saturday, hundreds of people packed

the Pontiac Mall to watch the Metropolitan Wrist Wrestling Championships. Observers were obviously awed by the strength of the muscle-bound contestants.

Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$1.00 for the eliminations and \$3.00 for the finals.

Sports Ed. - Rick Mills
Staff - John Schroder
Al Nahajewski

Hockey?

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Club at present is very confident that OU will participate in inter-collegiate hockey this fall.

Home games will be played at Avon Ice Arena until a new rink can be built on campus in the (hopefully) near future. Tryouts, later practices, will be held everyday after school about 2-4 p.m. with games being played at either 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. at the Avon rink.

Intramurals Swing Into Spring

The school year is drawing to a close but the intramural sports program is not.

Intramural sports will continue through the spring semester with tennis and softball highlighting the agenda.

Any student who will be coming back for classes in the fall is eligible to participate. Faculty and staff members are also welcome.

The softball season will feature both men's and coed slo-pitch leagues. Entries are due Thursday May 9 at 4:00 at the captain's meeting in the Sports and Rec Building.

Softball leagues were planned for the fall '73 semester but were canceled as just one team turned in an entry on time. Please organize early if you plan to

participate.

The tennis program will feature men's singles and doubles women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles. Entries are due by Wednesday, May 8 by 5:00. A meeting for entrants will be held the following day at 3:00 in the Sports and Rec Building.

For more information about intramural spring sports, call Jim Valliere-377-3192.



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will be confiscated. The records would then be returned minus all the top 10's. The tapes would be erased and replaced by selected speeches by Howdy O'Dowdy; 1) how to run a University, 2) how to abandon a sinking ship, 3) how the last two speeches ties in together. These measures will act as a deterrent to stereo playing violations.

Since activation of the "Silent Listening Program" there have been a certain fraction of the student population who have defied the wishes of Hack, Dudd, and Pearl. These students have gone to extreme measures to hide the music by stuffing a towel under the bottom of the door and running a Hoover vacuum cleaner. During the past

two weeks, the Hoover sales have doubled and rooms are not getting cleaner.

Hack so far is satisfied about his new program. There has been a decrease in stereo thefts since the program was initiated. But to the surprise of Pearl, Hoover vacuums thefts are on the rise. Now I know what Dudd meant when he said "crime on campus is sucking hundreds of dollars out of our students".

It has been found that an underground market is developing for records and tapes not dubbed over by the voice of Howdy. Due to the work of the Shifties records have become a rarity. Now since the favorite of most of the students is music by Led Zeppelin, the black market has shifted

ed their sale exclusively to 'leds' short for Led Zeppelin. The cost has jumped to 12-14 dollars. 'Leds' are now being used by all the 'Players' of stereos and Jokeland has become the dealers capital this side of Pony-act. People from all walks of life now come to Jokeland to buy a 'led'. Hack is now in his office thinking of another one of his great ideas to spring on the unsuspecting student population. Who knows, he may come up with a plan to ban money of any kind on the premises. All student employees would be paid in laundry tickets. But frankly I can't see how anyone can think with that stereo playing so loud in his office.

said that it was the unions. He stated that it was a violation of their contract for any major changed such as that in parking policy. It was then suggested that they be permitted to retain their own specially designated lots, while we could then have open student parking, and allow those unionized workers involved to have their own spaces. That way, everybody is satisfied. O'Dowd admitted that such a plan had not been proposed, and that he could see no reason why the unions would not accept it, so long as they could continue to have their own lots.

This seems quite reasonable to us. We would hope that it be adopted, as quickly as possible. A solution such as this would help ease the parking hassles at OU, and we could then turn our attention to even more burning issues, like the golf course.

Quick notes-Don't forget the last beer bash of the year, coming up this Friday...Don't miss Ned, appearing Friday and Saturday at the Abstention. They are very highly acclaimed, and well worth the \$1.50. The Abstention deserves our support, anyway.

Lawrence D. Hadley

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counselors, quantitative-ly and qualitatively. Further, the present system is still salvageable, and innovative actions have been taken this year to make the University Congress a more viable and productive organization. Overall, the Dialog was not only educational in that all groups became more aware of mutual and conflicting concerns, but the personal involvement led to greater feelings of kinship within the University community for those persons in attendance. So, do yourself a favor,

attend the next Community Dialog.

The Dialog scheduled for April 5, "Dialog VI", "Let That Bitch Go", will present some of the newly-elected Commuter Council members to the student body. This is your chance as a student to present all bitches and gripes, about anything, associated with being a commuting or resident student at Oakland University.

The Commuter Council is a young organization seeking to make its mark on this campus, and to gain the respect and visibility of its student constituents. These people are eager to hear your comments, "so give that dog a bone!" April 5, 12:30, Lounge II. Refreshments available.

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