

DECEMBER 12, 1972

## PIRGIM Reports On Toy Safety In Local Stores

"Tis the season to be wary, fa la la la la..." began a recent article in PIRGIM's Progress concerning toy safety. PIRGIM's Progress is a bi-monthly publication of the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan.

This year, Michigan's PIRGs joined with students in nine other states to conduct a survey of stores for toys banned by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or unsafe according to the criteria of the Federal Child Protection and Toy Safety Act.

### Rochester stores surveyed

In the Detroit-Rochester-Pontiac area, students covered Crowley's (Detroit), J.L. Hudson's (downtown), Sears-Roebuck (Oakland Mall), J.L. Hudson's (Northland), S.S. Kresge's (Northland), Woolworth's (Northwood), Chatham's (Rochester), K-Mart (Rochester) and FAO Schwarz (Somerset Mall).

Findings indicated some officially banned toys in 40 per cent of the Michigan stores visited, and in all of the above stores.

### FDA list called inadequate

Students also concluded that the "FDA 'banned toys' list is a grossly inadequate guide to unsafe toys. It includes only a minute fraction of the dangerous playthings manufactured, imported, distributed and sold for our children's use. For every banned item we found in stores, we found more than two that had identical faults, but were not listed as banned."

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## Course Offers Chance for Honest Community Help

Care to take a course that puts students in the middle of the action? It's not guaranteed to "make you feel good" about helping social injustices, but it is designed to help cure those injustices.

Community Service 200-201 is an eight-credit, two-semester course offered through the Dept. of Urban Affairs.

Students are placed in social agencies in an area of interest to them and must accept responsibility for their own degrees of commitment to that program's goals. Ten hours/week is required at that agency, and two hours/week in class.

Classroom sessions are loosely structured, but basically compliment the student's placement experience with systematic analyzations. Students in many different placements are free to share views and goals.

A statement of objectives issued by the Office of Urban Affairs says that "OU is comprised of many white, middle and upper-class students who call themselves 'concerned.' These white students feel that because they go into the inner city and hold hands with a welfare client, they have done their bit for society. OU is also comprised of many Black students who turn their backs on the

Black community once they reach campus, and sit in the dormitory spouting rhetoric about what the establishment isn't doing when they themselves aren't involved in social action."

The heart of the community program "is to get inside a social change agency and learn how it functions. It is being able to constructively criticize and offer viable alternatives. It is learning how to systematically analyze an agency or organization to determine if it is doing all it claims to be doing. It is suggesting approaches to positive change."

Students may be placed in drug abuse programs, draft counseling programs or educational services working with bilingual students, drop-outs, retarded and gifted students.

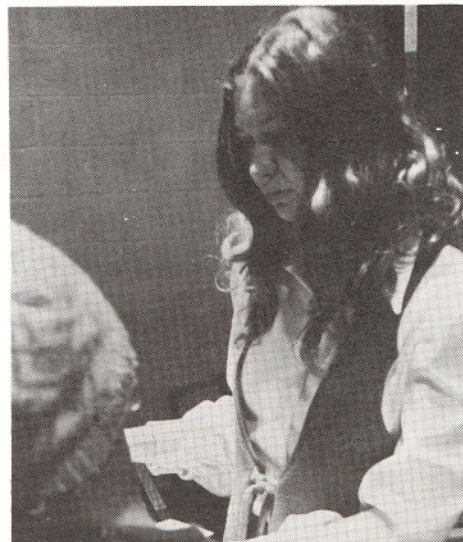
Community organization programs deal with tenant groups, welfare rights, credit union programs and consumer education. Grass-root direct-help programs assist needy families in getting food stamps, clothing and housing. They provide emergency help to deal with evictions, fires and robberies.

Research and analysis teams explore city and county government,

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## Alumni director named

## Student Wins Administrative Position



Elaine Petz

Elaine Petz is the new Alumni Director at OU, replacing Katie Thoresen, who resigned last month.

William Connellan, assistant to President O'Dowd, named Miss Petz the new director last week. She is responsible to Connellan and the Alumni Board of Directors.

Miss Petz will graduate this month in psychology and is presently a student intern in the Office for Student Organizations.

As a student intern, Miss Petz helped make policies, write proposals and carried out projects from planning to execution stages. "My intern position was invaluable in helping me learn about University administration," she said.

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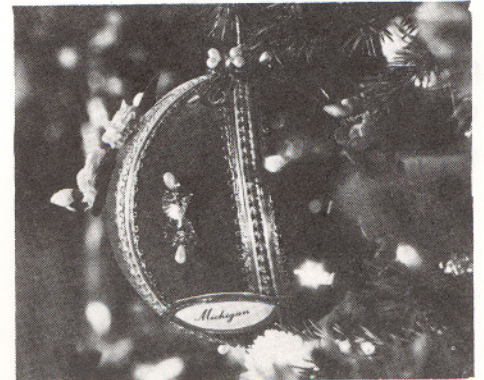


MEADOW BROOK CHRISTMAS WALK

*Top: Holland's Florist, Rochester, added stuffed animals to their display in Mrs. Wilson's bedroom.*

*Left: Mrs. William Mitchell, Chairwoman of the Meadow Brook Hall Guild, helps her husband decorate the Ballroom Christmas tree at the Patron's Party, which opened the Christmas Walk.*

*Right: The Drawing Room tree boasted an ornament for each state. The decorations were created by Henry Callahan, display director for Sak's Fifth Avenue.*



## Attorney General's Office Issues Holiday Consumer Warnings

Season's warnings come right along with Season's Greetings this year. Attorney General Frank Kelley's office issues nine consumer warnings to help make the holiday season a happier one.

- "Resist buying from temporary or seasonal businesses. They may pull out immediately after Christmas, leaving no word of their whereabouts.

- "Do not 'help' your neighbor by accepting packages for him unless you have specific instructions and authorization -- you may be obligating him or yourself to something unwanted.

- "Do not accept any C.O.D. package unless you know its contents and/or sender.

- "Beware of 'free gift' offers which may be tied in with a required purchase of an unwanted and overpriced item.

- "Unordered merchandise is a free gift under both Michigan and Federal law -- don't be pressured or conned into paying for something you did not order.

- "Take the same care of credit cards as you would with cash.

- "Beware of 'extra income' ads -- in most cases they cause more trouble than they're worth. Do-It-At-Home projects are invariably designed so that only the seller makes money -- yours!

- "Do not do business with a company unless their reputation is known. If there is any doubt,

check with the Better Business Bureau, the local Chamber of Commerce or Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General, 670 Law Building, Lansing, Mich. 48913

- "Keep all sales slips and ask whether deposits on lay-aways will be forfeited if the merchandise is not picked up. Also, be sure of the terms of each sale -- can there be exchanges or is the sale final?"

## Chorus Sings "Christmas Story"

The ninth annual Yuletide Concert by the OU Chorus, directed by John Dovaras, will feature "The Christmas Story" by Peter Mennin.



Dovaras

Planned for 8 p.m., Dec. 15, 16 in Varner Recital Hall, the University Orchestra will assist the Chorus, which is the oldest student musical organization at OU.

Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," "He Watching Over Israel" by Mendelssohn and the "Promise of Living," by Copland are among traditional carols and songs in the program.

The four soloists for the concert are: Imogene Bird, soprano; Arlene Koenig, alto; Robert Carpenter, tenor and Serwind Netzler, bass.

Donations are \$2/adults and \$1/ students.



## Former ADA Director Takes OU Actor And "The Contrast" To New York

New York play director Anthony J. Stimac is a man of his word.

Two years ago, when he directed the ADA in what was believed to be one of the first revivals of the first native American play ever presented professionally, Stimac vowed to take it to New York.

Not only has he taken "The Contrast" by Royall Tyler to the off-Broadway stage, but he has brought the male lead from his Academy production to star in the 200-year-old Revolutionary War classic.

Drawing critics' acclaim for his role of the strong and true Col. Manly is 1970 Academy graduate,

MEETING  
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Saturday, Dec. 16,  
GOLD ROOM, OC  
10:30 AM

Robert G. Denison, now an established actor.

Jack Gaver, UPI Drama Editor, praised Denison as "particularly outstanding" in his portrayal of the prototype American officer.

And, although most reviewers had mixed emotions about the play itself, Stimac received plaudits for his "good direction" and for his ability to "keep things moving at a quick pace."

Clive Barnes, New York Times drama critic said, "...The play, which reads rather stiffly, emerges with surprising spirit on the stage."

It was in the spring of 1970 that Stimac was brought from New York to direct "The Contrast" for the Academy's Studio Company of which Denison was a member at the time.

The play was staged four nights at the University and then was taken on tour of area high schools and playhouses.

Stimac had such fun directing the production which ended with a giant-size pillow fight that he vowed then to take it on to New York "someday."

"The Contrast" is now playing at the Eastside Playhouse in New York.



## From The Faculty Pen

### MORSE TO SPEAK AT O.C.C.

The O.C.C. Auburn Hills Campus English Dept. has invited Donald Morse, prof. of English, to give an informal report on the subjects: "Beyond Illiteracy" and "Articulation Between Two and Four Year Colleges in Michigan": two Concerns of the Fall MCEA meeting.

### DEMENT PUBLISHES NEW MYTH

Joseph DeMent, prof. of English, has just had an article "Collective Bargaining: A New Myth and Ritual for Academe" published in *Peabody Journal of Education*, 50, 1 (October, 1972), 3-7.

### HARRISON URGES CHILD CARE ACTION

Prof. Algea Harrison, Dept. of Psychology, organized an educational conference for Michigan Legislators on "Child Care Legislation in the '70's."

Mrs. Harrison also spoke on the Oscar Frenetté Show (WJR) stressing the need for child care centers to develop beyond their current stage.

### COPPOLA TALKS AT ORIENTALIST CONGRESS

Carlo Coppola, asst. prof. of Hindi-Urdu and Linguistics, is participating in the American delegation to the International Congress of Orientalists, sponsored by the Centenary Celebrations Committee of Oriental College, Lahore, Pakistan, Dec. 17-23.

Coppola will present two papers, one dealing with his research in the Marxist Progressive Literature Movement in Urdu, and a second dealing with South Asian Studies in the U.S.

### DONALD GIVES LECTURE

Prof. Robert Donald, Dept. of English, gave a lecture ("Bidialectalism or No Bidialectalism") during the Language Arts Conference, Region Two in Detroit, Oct. 23.

### SINGER SPEAKS ON MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Philip Singer was invited by the Dept. of Anthropology, Syracuse University, to speak on "Parameters of Medical Anthropology: Where do we Go?" This is in connection with that Department's decision to develop the field of medical anthropology.

## Varsity Basketball Season Opens

OU opened its varsity basketball season with three games last week. The Pioneers won their opener with West Virginia State 76-70, lost to Huntington (Ind.) in the Taylor Tournament semi-finals, then won over Spring Arbor College in the consolation game.

The OU cagers were slight favorites in a balanced field of four teams in the Taylor Tournament in Upland, Ind., but squandered several leads and ended on the short end of an 89-83 score, according to John Diefenbach, Sports Information Director.

Senior forward Carvin Melson was OU's leader with 32 points; senior center Ron Brown hit 19; junior forward Walt Johnson posted 18; junior guard Larry Pierce added 13 points and Craig Coney, 10.

OU had road games against Hillsdale, Lake Superior State and Adrian Colleges before their home game, Dec. 15 against Wayne State.

There will be an admission charge for the first time this year to home basketball games and swimming meets. General admission tickets are \$1.50/adults and \$1/students. Admission to swimming meets is \$1/adults and students. All OU faculty, staff and students, however, will be admitted to basketball games and swimming meets with their current ID card at no cost.

Season tickets are available to OU faculty and staff in the office at the Sports and Rec. Bldg. Bring an ID card.







# campus calendar

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<b>Tuesday</b> December 12	8AM-4:30PM 1-4:30PM 8:00PM 8:30PM	Registration Student Art Exhibition, Meadow Brook Art Gallery SEFS, UN CHIEN ANDALOU, BLOW UP, 201DH Meadow Brook Theatre, THE TORCH-BEARERS
<b>Wednesday</b> December 13	8AM-4:30PM 12 noon 1-4:30PM 2:00PM 4-5:30PM 8:00PM 8:30PM	Registration Dick Tracy film series, Abstention Student Art Exhibition, Meadow Brook Art Gallery Meadow Brook Theatre matinee, THE TORCH-BEARERS JSA Discussion group, 690C Basketball, Adrian College, away Meadow Brook Theatre, THE TORCH-BEARERS
<b>Thursday</b> December 14	8AM-4:30PM 1-4:30PM 4:00PM 8:30PM 3:30-5:30PM	Registration Student Art Exhibition, Meadow Brook Art Gallery Last Lecture Series, Homer Kennedy, Gold Room Meadow Brook Theatre, THE TORCH-BEARERS Open House at Kettering Magnetics Lab
<b>Friday</b> December 15	8AM-4:30PM 1-4:30PM 8:00PM 8:00PM 8:00PM 8:30PM	Registration Student Art Exhibition, Meadow Brook Art Gallery Basketball, Western Michigan University, home SEFS, THE BOHEMIAN GIRL, HIS NEW JOB, I'M NO ANGEL, 201DH Concert, University Chorus, 200VH Meadow Brook Theatre, THE TORCH-BEARERS
<b>Saturday</b> December 16	2:00PM 6:00PM 8:00PM 9:30PM	Swimming, Northern Michigan University, away Meadow Brook Theatre, THE TORCH-BEARERS SEFS, THE MASQUERADER, BETWEEN SHOWERS, DOUBLE WHOOPEE, NEVER GIVE A SUCKER AN EVEN BREAK, 201DH Meadow Brook Theatre, THE TORCH-BEARERS
<b>Sunday</b> December 17	1-4PM 6:30PM 8:00PM	Meadow Brook Hall tours Meadow Brook Theatre, THE TORCH-BEARERS SEFS, THE NUTCRACKER SUITE, 201DH
<b>Monday</b> December 18	1-4:30PM	Final Examinations begin Student Art Exhibition, Meadow Brook Art Gallery

## CAMPUS TICKET OFFICE:

SEFS membership cards	Hilberry and Bonstelle
American Youth Fare cards	Masonic Temple events
Metro Passbooks	These Days mini-passbook
Entertainment '73	Ski Club memberships
OU Recital Series	

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Miss Petz organized the Campus Ticket Office, the Small Concert Series with Shoo-bee-doo, the Nov. 3 fast for the E. Pakistani refugees and took charge of all student organization programming (freebies and trips) during the spring and summer terms.

"I'm excited and challenged about my new job," Miss Petz said, adding that she would like to organize a more efficient system for keeping track of alumni and begin more complete and up-to-date records.

Although her main job will be fund-raising drives for alumni, Miss Petz is also responsible for alumni records, the Alumni Newsletter and day-to-day problems of graduates. She plans to hold more activities on a larger scale.

Miss Petz was recently appointed as a fellow in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Internship Program. Only

## Library hours cited

The Library will observe the following hours during exam week and Christmas vacation.

Dec. 17	2 p.m. - midnight
Dec. 18-21	8 a.m. - midnight
Dec. 22	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dec. 23-26	closed
Dec. 27-28	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dec. 29-Jan. 1	closed
Jan. 2-5	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Jan. 6-7	closed
Jan. 8	resume regular hours.

four interns from all over the U.S. are so honored. The fellowship includes a semester to one year of experience at another University to give interns background in higher education administration. Elaine remains an honorary fellow, but, because she accepted the OU job, will forfeit the university visit.

## COMMUNITY HELP Cont. from pg. 1

the court system, police departments and school systems. Legal programs work with bail bond interviewers, judges, court officers and interned prisoners through the circuit and probate courts.

Youth service programs develop creative activities to enhance the self-image and esteem of inner-city youth. Students are urged to help create team spirit and to work cooperatively across social and racial lines to develop youth leadership roles.

A list of specific agencies is available at the Office of Urban Affairs for any who feel they have something to offer.

## PIRGIM Cont. from pg. 1

The PIRGIM report criticized retailers for inadequate safety-screening of toys they stock and said there was little evidence that the FDA is enforcing its toy bans.

OU students who helped in the study were: Thomas McGray, Claudia Parker, Steven Franz, Linda Griffis, Barbara Gasser, Jerry Lucas and Merry D. Hansen.

For more details on PIRGIM or the Toy Safety Report, call Jerry Lucas at 377-3041 or 377-2822.

## Campus Recruiters

The following employers will be interviewing on campus the week of Dec. 11.

Tues., Dec. 12--NEW YORK LIFE: December and April grads interested in insurance marketing positions. Detroit area.

Wed., Dec. 13--FARM BUREAU INSURANCE GROUP: December, April and June grads, with B.A./B.S. in management or liberal arts for multiple-line and agency management positions. Michigan.

Thurs., Dec. 14--BURROUGHS CORPORATION: December and April grads with B.S. in engineering for mechanical and electrical development and design positions. Detroit area.

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