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breaking NEWS

NCA prepares self-study report

The North Central Association core group has compiled a first draft of the self-study report that is being reviewed by the Cabinet, Deans' Council and NCA Steering Committee.

A draft is scheduled to be available to all departments and division units by September 18. Two Open Hearings will be held to solicit comments from the Oakland University community on:

- 9 a.m.-11 a.m. September 29, Gold Rooms A & B, Oakland Center
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. October 5, Rooms 128-130, Oakland Center

The OU community will have an opportunity to discuss the final draft report at the October 15 University Senate meeting.

Oakland dedicates Voyager, Recreation and Athletics Center



Preparing to cut the Recreation and Athletics Center ribbon are (from left) OU student leader Scott Beebe, State Rep. Hubert Price Jr. (D-Pontiac), OU President Gary D. Russi, OU Board Chair David Doyle, State Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus (R-Alto), State Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion) and keynote speaker Patti Holmes.

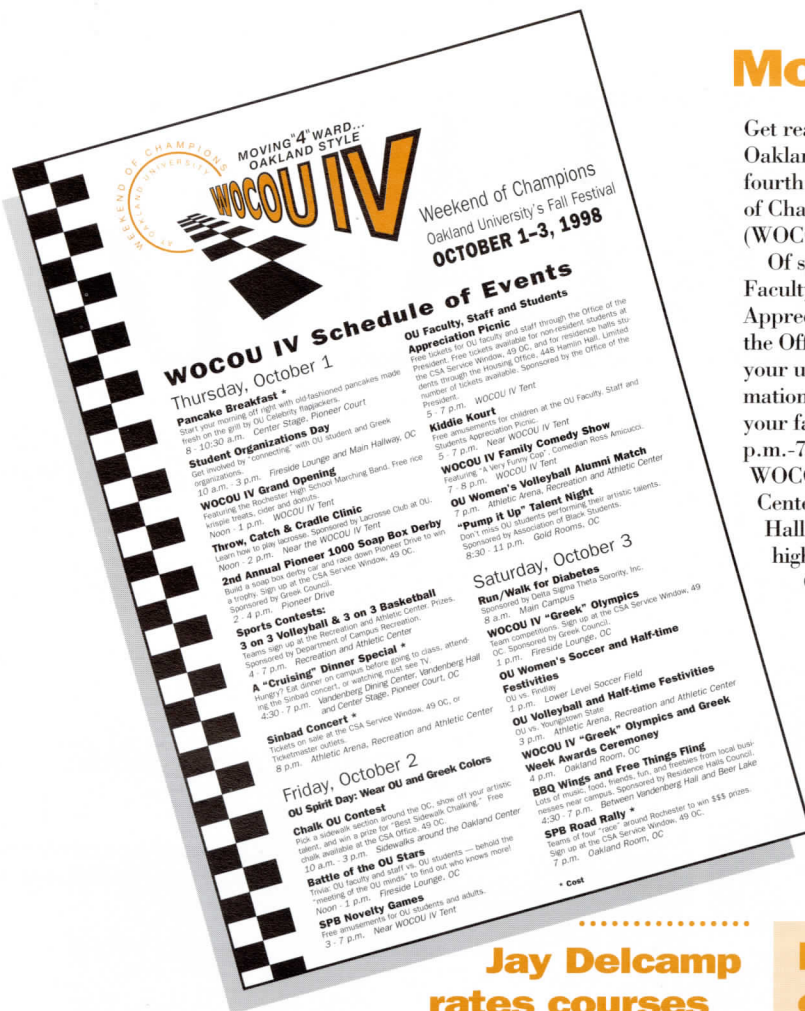
Within a week, Oakland University dedicated its new Voyager on-line computer information management system in Kresge Library and its leading-edge Recreation and Athletics Center.

Voyager replaces the LUIS information system and is compatible with OU's new campus administrative system, Banner.

The September 3 Voyager "electronic" ribbon-cutting ceremony was immediately followed by a retirement party for Suzanne Frankie, long-time dean of Kresge Library. Library Associate Dean Indra David and OU President Gary D. Russi praised Frankie for her accomplishments and unveiled a new plaque that will hang in the library in her honor (see Russi and Frankie in inset photo above).

State officials and OU board members, faculty, staff, students, alumni and others joined Russi to dedicate the center in the new 3,000-seat arena September 9 (see photo above).

"For me, the center is one more sign of the university's progress in becoming the model university for the 21st century," Russi says. "This state-of-the-art building is symbolic of our efforts to develop the minds and bodies of our students — whether they be the scholar-athletes who have built our reputation in intercollegiate competition or the recreational participants who seek enrichment through wellness, fitness and social interaction."



Jay Delcamp rates courses for Golf Digest

Golf Digest magazine chose Jay Delcamp, Katke-Cousins golf course superintendent for 19 years, to serve as a panelist for rating the 100 New Best Golf Courses in America.

He will rate new courses in Michigan.

His evaluations will appear in a January 1999 issue. Delcamp will play the courses and rate from 1-10 shot values, playability, resistance to scoring, design variety, memorability, aesthetics and conditioning.

Discounted opera tickets available

Michigan Opera Theatre offers Oakland University employees, students and their guests an additional 10-percent discount on the purchase of already discounted opera series consisting of two to five operas.

Address your e-mail request to OUTicket@Oakland.edu for more information.

Move '4ward' with WOCOU

Get ready for "Moving 4ward," Oakland style at the university's fourth annual fall festival, Weekend of Champions-Oakland University (WOCOU) October 1-3.

Of special interest is the OU Faculty, Staff and Students Appreciation Picnic sponsored by the Office of the President. Watch your university mailboxes for information on free tickets for you and your families. The picnic is from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. October 2 in the WOCOU IV tent south of Oakland Center, between South Foundation Hall and Kresge Library. Other highlights:

October 1

- The WOCOU IV Grand Opening featuring the Rochester High School marching band noon-1 p.m. in the tent.
- The 2nd Annual Pioneer 1000 Soap Box Derby. Watch students race their hand-built cars down Pioneer Drive, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

- Sports Contests: 3 on 3 volleyball and basketball. Teams sign up at the new Recreation and Athletics Center between 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
- Comic Sinbad will perform at 8 p.m. in the Recreation and Athletics Center arena. Tickets for OU faculty, staff, alumni and the public are \$25 at the CSA service window, 49 OC, and at Ticketmaster outlets.

October 2

- Battle of OU Stars: Find out who's tops at trivia as faculty and staff take on students noon-1 p.m., Fireside Lounge, OC.
- WOCOU IV Family Comedy Show featuring Ross Amicucci, A Very Funny Cop, 7 p.m.-8 p.m., tent, free admission.

October 3

- OU women's soccer and half-time festivities, OU vs. Findlay, 1 p.m., lower level soccer field.
- OU women's volleyball and half-time festivities, OU vs. Youngstown State, 3 p.m., sports arena.

Reading students get creative in interpreting top children's literature

Master's and doctoral students of education interacted with illustrators and authors in a unique summer course in the School of Education and Human Services, Department of Reading and Language Arts.

In *Reading 570, The Author's and Illustrator's Art and Craft*, students learned what makes a good book from renowned children's authors, illustrators and professionals from area libraries and schools.

Oakland University assistant professors Jim Cipielewski and Linda Pavonetti invited this summer's guest speakers to discuss books that made a difference in their lives and their careers.

Students reflected on the presenters' work and also wrote about their own literary touchstones.

During the final session, students creatively expressed what they had learned: Some wrote poetry, others illustrated their reflections with artwork; one group generated a slide presentation of their touchstones.

Next summer will feature Ashley Bryan, renowned poet, illustrator, storyteller, and folklorist.

OU starts cancer network

Graham Health Center is in the process of establishing a cancer network for the university community.

The network will consist of faculty, staff and students who had or have cancer and who wish to make themselves available as a resource to others with cancer.

Contact Karen Olsen at 4375 (e-mail: klolsen) by October 15 if you are interested in participating.