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OU journalism professor and former *Detroit Free Press* managing editor Neal Shine is congratulated by co-workers after he announced he would be the new publisher at the *Detroit Free Press*.

Professor, former editor named *Free Press* publisher

By CANDI SCHWARK
Staff Writer

This morning, at age 59, Neal Shine walks through the doorway of the *Detroit Free Press* as the publisher, the same doorway he passed through almost 40 years ago as a copy boy, and the same doorway he walked away from when he left for retirement and college teaching nine months ago.

"I'm it, kid. I'm as good as it gets," Shine said about his new position. As publisher, Shine is responsible for all *Free Press* editorial and news operations.

Shine will be leaving his OU position, where he has been professor and director of the journalism program and co-advisor of the student newspaper. According to Jane Briggs-Bunting, chairwoman of the Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism department, he is taking an unpaid leave and will probably be back in two to four years. He will, however, finish up his two classes

this semester and will continue to teach one ethics course, she said.

Shine said, "The most difficult part of this (decision) was telling Oakland University — Jane Briggs-Bunting, especially. It was hard telling Jane; we had a lot of plans," he said.

"I came here because of her and nothing would have lured me away — not another university, not another newspaper and no other job at the *Free Press* 'cause I've done all the other jobs at the *Free Press*, almost."

While Shine will be missed in the journalism program, Briggs-Bunting said, "I think Neal's return to the *Free Press* as publisher will start the paper back on the road to greatness. If anyone can make the paper great, it's Neal."

Shine said, "When I left there (*Free Press*), I was convinced in my heart that it was for good, and that I wouldn't be back, he said. "I brought all my books here (to OU), my plants, pictures and turned this (office) into

a cozy little place."

But, as he told *Free Press* reporters and editors at a March 28 staff meeting, "Every time I left this building, I felt I was leaving something behind."

Shine, a part-time instructor at OU for 10 years, joined the faculty as full-time professor when he retired from the *Free Press*. He teaches ethics in the media and public affairs reporting, advises the *Oakland Post* staff and will organize the OU minority journalism workshop in the summer.

"The toughest part will be leaving here, because I enjoyed it every bit as much as I expected to. The kids are great; the kids on the *Post* are great," he said.

Oakland Post Editor-in-Chief Carol Zito said, "While we're sad to see Neal leave us as co-advisor, we're very happy that the *Free Press* is gaining such a strong leader. The staff of the *Post* is partial to the *Detroit Free Press* and we're glad that our favorite newspaper is getting

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Financial aid default rate at OU lower than national rate

By MARILYNN DÖLL
Special Writer

Oakland University's student loan default rate of 5.43 percent is well below the national average of eight per cent according to official statistics.

Lee Anderson, financial aid director, cautions that two different formulas were used to obtain these totals.

The federal government formula, used by OU, determines its default rate by totaling all student loans dispensed in one year and dividing it by all the following years defaults, said Anderson.

The National Council of Higher Education determines the national student loan default average by totaling all loans given since the program's inception and dividing it by the total of all defaults, according to George Lamb, a claims supervisor, for the Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority.

OU is required by federal regulation to give pre-loan and exit counseling sessions, during which a student is advised of the amount of money owed and repayment obligations.

Once a student is in default, the lending institution has 210 days to collect on the loan, William Alexy, a student loan officer for the State Bank of Fraser.

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ABS member, Jennifer Carodiction, addresses a crowd of more than 150 people at last Monday's University Student Congress meeting about the university's failure to deal with multicultural issues.

Community finds difficulty in naming a culture

By LISA TAYLOR
Staff Writer

Recent racial uprisings on college campuses across the country have caused many at OU to wonder what to call people of African descent.

The list includes black, black American, African American and minority.

According to Marc Payne,

president of the Association of Black Students, "if you call people by their first or last name this wouldn't be an issue. However, since this isn't always appropriate, Payne said, the term black does not offend me per se, it depends on who's saying it and how."

"Call me by my culture. I choose to be called by the African culture," he said. Payne said he feels that "minority means less" and due to

history this term causes a problem. He explained that all people need to build confidence in themselves in order to do anything and the term minority contradicts this concept.

Freddie Martin, a counselor in the academic services office said, technically if you are black you are an African American. I go all the way back to the slave ships for this reason, Martin said. Martin ex-

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Racial issues challenged

By KYLE GREEN
Staff Writer

A coalition of minority student leaders expect an answer from President Joseph Champagne today to a list of demands presented at last Monday's student Congress meeting, which sparked week-long negotiations with other university administrators.

Champagne was on vacation in Europe for most of the week, so students gave him until today to respond to the demands.

"We want to know on Monday what he agrees to and what he doesn't agree to," said Marc Payne, president of the Association of Black Students and a representative in the negotiations.

Some of the demands ABS and the Hispanic group RAICES want addressed are:

- assurance that more minority students graduate from all fields of study and development of a support system to help minorities graduate and go on to graduate school.

- more effective minority recruiting and increased financial aid for minority students.

- more minority faculty and staff and more tenured positions to minority faculty. Currently 5.9 percent of OU's faculty is black.

- a mandatory cultural diver-

sity/racism class.

- an ethnic harassment policy that would require violators to perform community service with a minority group.

- for OU to divest from firms that do business with South Africa, such as Coca-Cola, which is sold throughout campus.

- a new housing agreement that will allow minority students to attend school if they cannot afford housing costs.

- more minority managers at Marriott, the campus food service.

- more culturally diverse plays at Meadow Brook Theatre.

- permanent representatives from multicultural groups on student Congress.

- the right to honor Martin Luther King Day without academic penalties.

The students also would like campus radio station WOUX to play more multicultural music. General Manager Rob Kuron said that is one of his goals.

"I support diversified music at this station," Kuron said.

But WOUX's format is made up of the free albums it receives from record companies, Kuron said, so the radio station must play what it gets.

The week's negotiations went

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Vocal author Crouch shares week with OU

By NICK CHIAPPETTA
and CAROL ZITO
Staff Writers

Prominent writer Stanley Crouch visited campus last week, bringing with him strong opinions about racism in American literature and on college campuses.

Crouch, author of the recently published *Notes of a Hanging Judge: Essays and Reviews 1979-1989*, lectured in the Oakland Center and in classrooms around campus during his five-day stay. The notoriously outspoken writer was a guest of the Honors College and part of the King/Chavez/Parks visiting scholars program.

Crouch spoke to Edward Hoepfner's imaginative writing class Monday about what he consid-

ers an unfavorable trend in American Literature called the "democratic narrative."

"There is an accepted segregationist policy in American writing," Crouch, who is black, said. "Blacks write about blacks, Italians write about Italians, etc."

He said writers should write about different types of people and shouldn't worry about repercussions when they do.

On Tuesday Crouch was on hand to sign copies of his new book at the university bookstore. Three students attended the book signing. But an open forum on Wednesday attracted more than 30 people who came to hear Crouch read from his new book and ask him questions about a variety of topics.

On the status of blacks: "Black



Tom Voytas / The Oakland Post

With honors college president Brain Murphy looking on, Stanley Crouch signs English department chairman Robert Eberwein's copy of his book.

people are sold a defeatist attitude by other blacks. Tenured black (professors) are teaching black kids 'You ain't gonna make it in White America,' which is hypocritical coming from someone who has 'made it,' he said. The idea that extraordinary effort is rewarded gets lost, he said.

On Spike Lee: "I'm not much of a fan of Mr. Lee's work at this point

in the game. Having met him ... I'm totally unimpressed by the intellectual depth of the man." Crouch said he doesn't think the movie *Do the Right Thing* would have been accepted if it had been written by a white person, since it depicted blacks unfavorably.

On rap music: It "represents that music has gotten to the point now

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SPB awaits license for T.G.I.A.O. beer bash

By DIANE BOUCHER
Special Writer

Several OU organizations sponsoring a Beer Bash in the Crockery April 7, are awaiting final authorization for a liquor license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission before putting the finishing touches on the project.

Ricardo Gonzalez, chairman of the Student Program Board, said he foresees no problems in receiving approval by the state. The license has been endorsed by OU, Public Safety and the Oakland County Sheriff's department.

SPB sponsored the T.G.I.A.O., which stands for "Thank God it's almost over" dance last year where beer was served and according to Gonzalez, student behavior was excellent.

Despite last year's positive prece-

dence, SPB, the Association of Black Students, Kappa Alpha Tau and Sigma Pi are making additional efforts to insure safety at the dance.

The guest policy of the previous year allowing OU students to sign in as many guests as they wanted has been revised. Now, each student is allowed only one guest that must be signed in ahead of time at CIPO.

Gonzalez said that because the money for the dance comes from the activities fee, the new guest policy is a benefit to the students.

"We feel and the university feels that since the students pay the activity fee, then they should receive the service," Gonzalez said.

Six half-kegs of beer will be purchased once the liquor license is approved. SPB debated on whether or not to serve wine coolers, but decided it would be too expensive. The

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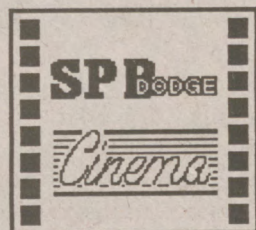
Take a Two Week Peek

2 Monday Congress Meeting 5:15-Oakland Room	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday Student Empowerment Day-Lansing	6 Friday SPB Dodge Cinema-- sex, lies, and video tape 7 & 9:30 pm Dodge	7 Saturday T.G.I.A.O Dance and Beer Bash. 9 pm to 1 am in the O.C. Crockery	8 Sunday SPB Dodge Cinema-- sex, lies, and video tape 7 pm, Dodge Hall
9 Monday Congress Meeting 5:15-Oakland Room	10 Tuesday Lecture/Special Events presents: Henry Cisneros 7pm, O.C. Crockery	11 Wednesday SPB Rec/Leisure: Piston's Game	12 Thursday	13 Friday	14 Saturday	15 Sunday

OU Student Congress NEWS: Re-scheduled:

At the April 9th Congress meeting, Bill Connellan, Associate Provost, speaking on Computer Usage Fees

Secretary Position open in the O.U.S.C. office. Min. wage. Hours: M W F 12-4. Apply at 19 E. Oakland Center or call Marnie Lee, Office Manager at 370-4290 for more info.



This week's movie, Indiana Jones has been changed to....

"THE SEASON'S SMARTEST AND FUNNIEST FILM!"



sex, lies, and videotape

April 6, 7 & 9:30 pm, April 8, 7pm.
201 Dodge Hall. Admission \$1.50

April 7, 1990

T.G.I.A.O
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Beer Bash

Sponsored By:
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Sigma Pi ABS
SPB Dance Committee

9:00 p.m. in the O.C. Crockery

Student Program Board Openings

1. Associate Chair
2. Recreation and Leisure Chair
3. Film Chair

Applications are available in the SPB office in 19 East Oakland Center. Contact Ricardo Gonzalez at 370-4296 for more info. Applications due April 15.

Attention...

O.U. Student Congress needs a financial assistant to work fifteen hours weekly. Minimum wage plus scholarship. Applications due April 11.

call 370-4290 for info.

University Senate Committee Openings:
Gen. Education Committee (1 vacancy). Academic Career & Advising (2). Campus Development and Environment (1). Library Council (1). Teaching & Learning Committee (2).

These vacancies are open to all students. For more information contact Cheryl Talbot in the OU Student Congress Office at 370-4290.

Michigan Collegiate Coalition 1990

Student Empowerment Day

April 5, 1990 - Lansing, Michigan

12:55-1:25 p.m.

Brave New World

1:30-1:45 p.m.

Michael Einhewser

Elected student regent for Wayne State University's governing board.

1:45-2:00 p.m.

Speaker #2

To be announced

2:00-2:30 p.m.

Band #2

To be announced

2:30-2:45 p.m.

Final Address- MCC Chairperson

Stop by our information tables 11 am to 4 pm on the Capitol steps in Lansing. See you there!

