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Enjoy frosty fun during Welcome Week II

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Begin 2004 with a wintry blast! Forget the ice and snow and enjoy the activities scheduled for Oakland University's Welcome Week II, which runs from Tuesday, Jan. 6, through Saturday, Jan. 10.

Welcome Week is designed to welcome current OU students back to campus and provide new students information on what OU offers academically, socially and culturally. The events usually are held during the first week of the fall semester. Now, for the first time, OU is offering a similar series of activities to greet students during the opening week of the winter semester.

"We wanted to take the excitement we generated in the fall and carry that forward into the post-holiday season," said Jean Ann Miller, Welcome Week coordinator and director of the Center for Student Activities. "We want to get students back into the social and academic atmosphere of the university as well as offer new OU students information on how to become involved on campus."

Among the Welcome Week II highlights are the Student Affairs Winter Treat Social and Info Blast, held Tuesday, Jan. 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge. Students can enjoy free hot chocolate, cider and doughnuts, and pick up literature on a number of activities that will take place on campus.

Students also can learn about OU's student organizations by attending "Student Organization Day," held Wednesday, Jan. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Organization members will be on hand to chat and pass out information on their activities and scheduled events.

A popular fall Welcome Week event that will be held again is the Kresge Library Coffeehouse, scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 8, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the library's student lounge.

"The coffeehouse was a very successful event for us in the fall," Miller said. "Students will have a chance to relax with a warm cup of coffee and learn more about what Kresge Library has to offer."

OU's Greek organizations will hold a College Bowl demonstration Jan. 8 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. The event serves as a preview to the actual College Bowl Tournament, which is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 24. Students will form teams and compete against each other by answering trivia questions. The winning team from OU then will compete against other regional teams in this nationwide competition.

If you're looking for laughs, check out comedienne Maria Bamford on Friday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center. Her unique, character-based stand-up comedy has been featured on "The Tonight Show" and "The Conan O'Brien Show" on NBC as well as numerous other appearances on Comedy Central.

A community service event that extends from Jan. 6-19 is "The Warming Tree." The campus community is invited to donate mittens, gloves or hats to keep those less fortunate warm during the harsh winter months. The items will be attached to a holiday tree before being given to various social service agencies in Pontiac on Monday, Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Welcome Week II events culminate on Saturday, Jan. 10, with two sporting events. OU's Golden Grizzlies women's basketball team takes on the IUPUI Jaguars at 3:30 p.m. in the Athletics Center. OU's men's team also will face IUPUI at 6 p.m.

"Welcome Week II represents a new year and a new attitude," Miller said. "It's a perfect time for students to show their OU spirit and get involved."

For more information on Welcome Week II events, contact the **Center for Student Activities** at (248) 370-2400 or csa@oakland.edu.

WELCOME WEEK II SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jan. 6

- **Student Affairs Winter Treat Social and Info Blast**

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Enjoy free hot chocolate, cider and doughnuts. Pick up free information about what's happening on OU's campus during the winter semester.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, through Monday, Jan. 19

- **"The Warming Tree"**

Oakland Center Exhibit Lounge

Donate mittens, gloves or hats to keep those less fortunate warm.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

- **Greek Council Hot Chocolate Giveaway**

9 a.m.-noon, outdoors on OU's main campus

Students will distribute hot chocolate from a roving golf cart on campus.

- **Student Organizations Day**

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Oakland Center Fireside Lounge and main hallway

Resolve to get involved this semester. Learn more by meeting members of OU's student organizations.

Thursday, Jan. 8

- **Kresge Library Coffeehouse**

8 a.m.-7 p.m., Kresge Library Student Lounge

Check out Kresge Library and enjoy free coffee. It's more than just books and studying.

- **Greek College Bowl Demo**

Noon-1 p.m., Oakland Center Fireside Lounge

Trivia contest with a Greek (organizations) twist.

Friday, Jan. 9

- **Friday Night Live**, featuring comedienne Maria Bamford

7 p.m., Vandenberg Dining Center

- **ABS Icebreaker 2 Dance**

9 p.m.-1 a.m., Oakland Center Banquet Room

Saturday, Jan. 10

- **OU Women's Basketball vs. IUPUI**

3:30 p.m., Athletics Center

- **OU Men's Basketball vs. IUPUI**

6 p.m., Athletics Center

Get your black and gold on and cheer for the home teams!

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