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Gregory Patterson flips, dips and soft shoes his way through the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble's new production "On The Move."

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Sophomore guard Andy Brodi, and the men's basketball team celebrated their climb to the top of the GLIAC standings by flopping to rivals Hillsdale and Ferris State, and a new fourth place ranking..

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Board hires search firm

By ROBERT SNELL
Editor in Chief

The international executive search firm of Spencer Stuart has been hired by the board of trustees to whittle down the list of prospective presidential candidates.

| The Facts on Spencer Stuart | |
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| TYPE: | General Executive search firm. |
| CONSULTANTS: | 176 |
| FIRM'S PRICE TAG: | \$40,000+ |
| COST OF 1992 SEARCH FIRM: | \$25,000+ |

Advisory search committee members Rex Schlaybaugh and James Sharp picked the company out of a handful of executive search firms. Member Ann Nicholson was in Chile for the past two weeks. The discussion took place in a closed session at

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Students of color sample life at OU

By JULIE CEUNINCK
Staff Writer

February is African-American History Month, and the Admissions Office started the month-long celebration with a Students of Color Weekend.

Approximately 30 high school seniors who have been accepted at Oakland arrived on campus Thursday night, stayed overnight and spent Friday attending classes with students.

"The purpose of the event is to make students aware of the academic and social environment of Oakland. The main goal is to get students to be excited about going to college," said Admissions Adviser and Oakland alumna Lisa McRipley, who created and organized the event, along with advisers Cynthia Hendrix and Jocelyn Wouten.

Friday evening a banquet dinner was held in honor of the students with the theme: "Chance Favors the

African-American History Month kicks off with tours, banquet for high school teens

Prepared Mind."

"This theme can be defined as: Luck is where preparation meets opportunity," said George Stevens, Dean, School of Business Administration.

Other speakers included Interim President Gary Russi, Vice-President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder and Director of the Office of Minority Equity Glenn McIntosh. The speakers challenged students and highlighted the fine points of Oakland.

Russi greeted the students and welcomed them to OU, "a great place to be."

Students seemed impressed with the school and the event.

"(You) have a lot of opportunities for incoming freshmen. It's a nice campus with a lot of view," said Aundrea Lewis, senior at Buena Vista High School in Detroit.

"I think it's (the event) really great. It gives stu-



Lisa McRipley



Post Photo/Ian Houston

COLLEGE LIFE: Incoming African-American freshman toured the campus last week with their host students for OU's Students of Color Weekend.

dents a chance to find out what's going on first hand and have questions answered honestly by peers," said OU graduate Nascha Nunn.

Following dinner, the student visitors viewed a movie in O'Dowd and spent the rest of the evening relaxing in Beer Lake Yacht Club.

Jeff Palus, right, senior political science major, is unhappy with the blocked off routes leading from the Beer Lake Yacht Club.



Post photo/ Robert Carr

Snow policy ignores areas

Low-traffic areas set aside due to low funds

By ERICA BLAKE
Features Editor

Due to a new policy adopted this winter, the campus community may be re-routed due to a more environmentally safe, yet more expensive way of salting, according to Assistant Vice President of Campus Facilities and Operations Alan Miller.

In an attempt to revise OU snow removal and ice control,

the Department of CF&O has begun using a new type of salt which costs nearly 10 times more than sodium chloride, the road salt used in past years.

"We are spending additional money, however, this is more an environmental issue than an economic one," Miller said.

Replacing rock or road salt, of which more than 1000 tons was dumped on campus last winter alone, will be Peladow,

which is made up of calcium chloride, and Safe Step, a synthetic product made up of potassium chloride. These salts are not sold in bulk and so will cost the university approximately \$300 for the same amount \$30 would buy of road salt.

"There are two issues to look at here. One is the cost, yes, it goes up with the use of these more environmentally friendly

"We do not block any handicapped routes."

-- Gregory Serafini
Buildings and Grounds director

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Gerrits' legal savvy tips scale in her direction

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Staff Writer

University attorney Susan Gerrits was named general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees to a spontaneous round of applause Thursday.

The applause prompted trustee Louis Ross to jokingly ask whether the board had just appointed Sandra Packard's successor.

"No, that's going to be Paul (Bissonnette) next week," board chairman David Fischer said, in jest. The joke made interim president Gary Russi visibly cringe.

As the senior lawyer at Oakland University, Gerrits will oversee a staff of 3 lawyers.

The decision to offer Gerrits the position was discussed and decided at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting Jan. 25. The decision was made in the closed session of the meeting.

Gerrits, who has worked at OU

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Campus braces for power shut down Sunday

By IAN HOUSTON
Staff Writer

Telephone and electric service to the main campus will be interrupted this weekend in order to re-route lines around the future Science and Technology Building.

Telephone service interruption will occur Friday between 6-7 p.m. It will only affect Public Safety, Belgian Barn, CF&O Building, Building and Grounds Facility, and the Clinical Research Labs.

Students are also being warned of possible power

"Unplug sensitive equipment over the weekend."

--Rich Perhai
Plant Engineer and Energy Manager

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A trustee creates a legacy

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Staff Writer

Board trustee James A. Sharp and his wife, Tessie, have created an interest free, emergency loan for students at OU. The fund was announced at Thursday's board meeting.

The total amount available to be given out each year will vary. "It depends how much (interest) the principle generates," said Glenn McIntosh, director of Office of Minority Equity. The original amount will be about \$50,000. There is an expected interest rate of about 7 percent according to McIntosh.

A loan of up to \$250 will be issued through the Office of Minority Equity and will be available to any student who needs a small amount of money for a short period of time.

Sharp designed the loan to be easily accessible. The criteria for applying will be minimal. "It will be almost a no questions asked deal," said Sharp. Students can apply for the loan once per semester and must pay it back by the end of the school year. Students will be able to apply for the loan in the fall.

Sharp decided to establish the endowment fund because he feels that OU students work very hard for their education and deal with a lot of stress because of it. He hopes that this

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Counsel

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for six years, became acting general counsel in Jan. 94, after the former general counsel, secretary to the board, lobbyist and Senior Vice President for Governmental Affairs John DeCarlo retired. The VP title has since been dropped and the job duties split.

As general counsel, Gerrits will be responsible for providing legal advice and defense for the university. This includes labor arbitrations, and helping the university comply with laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In her role as secretary to the board she will serve as a liaison between the board and the university. The secretary is responsible for keeping public records of board meetings and making

sure the meetings meet as scheduled.

Gerrits will earn \$91,000 annually plus fringe benefits.

She said she was happy with her new duties. "It has been a pleasure to serve the university for the past six years, and I look forward to serving them as university general counsel and secretary to the board," she said.

Gerrits holds a Jurisdoctor degree from the University of Michigan School of Law as well as a Master of Arts in elementary education from the University of Virginia.

Before coming to OU, Gerrits was a staff attorney for Georgia Legal Services in Albany and Savannah, Ga., which offers free legal services in civil cases to people who cannot afford a lawyer.

After a car accident in which her husband was killed and she was seriously injured, Gerrits decided to pursue another

career route. It was then that she received her Masters Degree and began to teach elementary school.

She taught for four years, including a year teaching special education to Yup'ik Eskimos in Toksook Bay, Alaska.

A St. Clair, Mich. native, she decided to return home. "I felt it was time to get back to family and the practice of law," she said.

Gerrits has also had several volunteer experiences throughout the world. She has helped construct an elementary school in Ghana, West Africa and plans to travel to Thailand this year to aid ophthalmologists in cataract surgery.

Gerrits also enjoys spending time with her family which includes her parents, five brothers, two sisters and six nieces and nephews.

GALA

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moments-notice special meeting to announce President Sandra Packard's resignation early this year.)

"This is a very emotional and real issue," said board member David Fischer. "We want to provide an open and fair environment, but I wouldn't make demands."

"I appreciated their effort, the comments were very positive and constructive," said trustee Louis Ross. "It wasn't a matter of convenience for me not to attend."

"I would like to commend Mr. Sharp, we are glad he came," said GALA member Delayne Elyse, who was impressed with the forum's overall turnout, but disappointed that most board members chose not to attend. "The audience was mostly pro-gay, it consisted of people who didn't necessarily need to be educated," said Elyse. The GALA officer recommended that the board of trustees establish a new committee to once again research the issue.

Students fighting for a sexual orientation clause to be included in the Equal Opportunity Policy, have been asking the board of trustees a question that U-M's director of Gay, Lesbian and BI-Sexual Student Services, Ronnie Sanlow recently found on her e-mail: All people are created equal-what part of equal don't you understand?

The question and answer format was moderated by Student Congress president Michael Simon and included four guest speakers, Jeff Montgomery, president of the Triangle Foundation, Eileen Jennings, general council at Central Michigan University, Brian Collins, a lawyer who spoke about protectional policies and Ronnie Sanlow, director of Gay, Lesbian and BI-Sexual Student Services at the University of Michigan.

Members of GALA, along with those in the audience, were hoping that the forum would underline the fact that there is a problem with discrimination at OU.

"I heard there was no need for policy because there was no problem, but my classroom was very hostile. It was very hard

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Search

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a closed sub-committee meeting.

According to Spencer Stuart spokeswoman Toni Smith, the firm's policy is to identify, attract and present candidates on a non-discriminatory basis, which specifically seeks out a diverse pool of candidates in the search process.

OU's consultant with the firm, Toni Smith, refused to release any information and refused to identify its chief officers.

After interviewing four search firms, Schlaybaugh said the board decided on Spencer Stuart, which has 37 offices around the world employing 170 consultants.

He said the firm, ranked in an industry survey as the number one search firm in terms of

quality, stood out for a number of reasons, particularly its methods of keeping its customers informed.

"There are some areas that are noteworthy," he said. "For example, the use of a newsletter to better inform the university community what is occurring during the meetings."

"I'm glad they raised it to two but should have been 3 or four," said Kevin Murphy, department chairman of economics, School of Business Administration. "They'll (the faculty) ensure someone with the appropriate values will serve as the next president. I'm kind of disappointed only went up to two."

"We decided we were not going to make a statement at the meeting. We had indicated that one was inadequate," said Eileen Bantel, executive director of the American Association of University Professors.

Power

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surges and if they have any concerns, should "unplug sensitive equipment over the weekend," said Rich Perhai, Plant Engineer and Energy Manager.

Phone lines will be shut off one at a time for about three minutes per line while re-routed cables are being connected. Public Safety's emergency phone service will not be interrupted.

Main campus electric power will be shut down Sunday at 7 a.m. to relocate a primary electric service line. Married Student Housing, the CF&O Building, the four Meadow Brook Theatre trailers, the Building and Grounds Facility and the Clinical Research Lab will not be affected.

Perhai said "it might be a nice morning to get a breakfast off campus," as the dorms will be changing their regular dining hours to later in the day, avoiding the down period.

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Snow

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salts," Miller admitted. "Another thing is taking certain routes of transportation out of the circulation system."

Due to the more expensive salt used, CF&O has selected certain sidewalks, roads and parking lots which will not be maintained throughout the winter, much to the dissatisfaction of some students.

Confronting the obvious plight of snow and ice, senior Jeff Palus, who is confined to a wheelchair, feels that overall OU's snow removal system is satisfactory yet it still leaves something to be desired.

"In good whether it takes me about five minutes to get from Vandenberg to OC. (Last Monday) it took me a good 20-25 minutes," Palus said. "There wasn't a good sidewalk anywhere. I bitch, I moan, I struggle along."

The areas barred were selected by a collaborating group, including a Americans with Disabilities Act advocate, the Department of Public Safety, Risk Management and the Athletic Department who based their decisions on the infrequent use of some areas.

Gregory Serafini, director of Buildings and Grounds, agreed closing off certain areas of the campus is necessary because there is only a small crew of 11 grounds men, who circulate around the campus removing snow and de-icing sidewalks.

"We are following a policy

that has been adopted to limit some access on campus to avoid overuse of our de-ice materials," Serafini said. "We only have a certain amount of dollars that we can use on snow removal and so we have to anticipate what will be needed so as to avoid any slip and fall accidents."

The policy, which has been in effect since November of last year, prioritizes roadways, sidewalks and parking lots depending on the frequency of their use and accessibility. Once these areas have been sufficiently taken care of, CF&O will use the "smart salting" approach towards the rest of the campus.

According to Miller, "smart salting" will be adopted this year to prevent damage to the campus grounds and to balance between safety, the environment and limited operating dollars. This approach will call for only a limited amount of de-icing materials to be used to ensure smooth traffic and public safety.

Serafini also emphasized that public safety was the prime concern and explained that those sidewalks which are barred are chosen based on years of experience and vehicular and pedestrian demands.

"Some of those routes on campus are duplicate routes and we have closed off one those routes," Serafini added. "We do not block off any handicapped routes, however. We do get calls from time to time from handicapped students who are having difficulty and when that happens we give an extra effort to clear those areas."

Due to the irregular use of these paths, no problems have arisen although Miller does admit students may not necessarily adhere to the warning barrier.

"Most of the people, however, respect the barriers and they understand what we are doing," Miller said.

Although students have not run across any problems due to the maintenance department's decision to make certain areas inaccessible, some feel that the fact that they are closed to begin with is simply not right.

"That's not fair," said Renee Uitto. "I don't understand why they are doing that because its not helping the disabled students at all."

"I've been fortunate because my paths don't cross those barriers, but I have been wondering about why they are there and how other people have been affected by it," Palus said.

"If a student who is a wheelchair user and there was an accessibility problem it should be looked into," Lisa McGill, director of Handicapped and International Student Services, said. "I haven't had any complaints at all which leads me to believe it's not a big problem."

While most handicapped students feel snow and ice complicates travel, not all share Palus' complaints.

"Anytime I have a problem with snow removal, I call Special Advising and usually it's taken care of by the time I get out of my class," junior Bethany Broadwell said.

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