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Greenhouse loses campus legend

More labor needed on grounds

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

John Wendland, a campus greenhouse legend, took his hat off as the 'geranium cowboy' to return full-time to groundskeeping.

Wendland, who's worked in the greenhouse 15 years, was removed because he was needed on university grounds, according to Richard Moore, associate director of campus facilities.

The 54-year-old Royal Oak native has been at the university for nearly 18 years.

THE GREENHOUSE, built in 1914, is located next to the Dodge Farmhouse and Katke-Cousins golf course.

"If it wasn't for his interest, it would have closed up a long time ago," said Kimberly Zelinski, horticultural and landscape technician for Meadow Brook Hall.

"It was more than a job, it was my life," said Wendland in a recent interview. "The plants became my babies."

He first worked with plants at his parents' house. His expertise in geraniums led to two flower show exhibits at the Detroit Institute of Arts in the last two years.

THAT KNOWLEDGE of plants, while helpful, is not needed as much since the university has been deemphasizing the greenhouse for several months, Moore said. "We do not need anybody there full time."

Six months ago, Moore recommended to Alan Miller, campus facilities director, that the university close the greenhouse.

However, volunteers from local gardening clubs found out about the decision and negotiated with the university to keep the greenhouse going. According to Mary Maclean, volunteer coordinator and horticultural chairwoman of the Rochester Farm and Garden club, greenhouse volunteers have increased 20 people, to 32, since Wendland left. See HOUSE page 3



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(above) The 'geranium cowboy', John Wendland, tends to the plants of his nickname recently. (below) Wendland checks the germination of seeds he has planted, with surrounding plants.

Volunteers pitch in to keep building open

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

The campus greenhouse has again been saved from closing because of extra volunteers.

When the university recently considered shutting down the historical site, area garden club members agreed to help more, since the only full-time greenhouse employee, John Wendland, was moved back to grounds.

The greenhouse is located next to the Dodge Farmhouse and Katke-Cousins golf course. It was built in 1914 by John Dodge for his wife Matilda, who later became the benefactor of Oakland after marrying Alfred Wilson. Originally, its purpose was to grow flowers for Matilda Wilson.

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Marriott plans expanding campus food services

By ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

Vandenberg Hall and the upper level of the Oakland Center will have a new look and more food services in fall if \$850,000 in proposed renovations by Marriott are approved by the board of trustees.

Marriott's proposals were part of a bid for a five-year food services contract. The current contract, which expires in April, is held by Marriott.

Trustees approved negotiation of

a new Marriott contract over six companies March 9. The contract will be submitted for board approval at its next meeting.

"We think we are going to offer what the customers want so the potential to recoup our investment over the five years (of the contract) will be good," said Carl Bender, food service director for Marriott.

ONE PLAN is the construction of a snack bar and a convenience store on Vandenberg's lower level, where the multipurpose rooms are.

Plans for the addition, the Beer

Lake Yacht Club and Ship's Store, include a patio and indoor dining area.

Proposals for the OC include a deli-pizzeria and formal seating in the Oakland Cafe, located where the Oakland Room and Lunch Basket Deli are.

The Wild Pizza will merge with the proposed pizzeria. The cafe would be located behind the pizzeria.

"In order to have successful food service you need to have good location, so we felt it was important to

be located on the upper level," said Bender.

WITH THE proposals, the Iron Kettle, located downstairs in the OC, would become the Hot Shoppe Grill and would focus on breakfast and lunch.

Although plans are not final, Bender said a food bar might be installed.

"Right now you get bottlenecked. We're going to eliminate that by having other offerings elsewhere," he said.

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Residence halls separates floors by majors

7 floors designated

By ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

Seven floors in Vandenberg and Hamlin Halls will be separated by academic major, starting in fall.

Administrators say this would allow students in a certain major to have more interaction with each other.

All students, regardless of major, will be able to live on the designated floors and students already living there would not have to move, according to Jean Ann Miller, residence halls program coordinator.

The floors would allow "a commonality to study, work on projects together and learn more in their field," said Miller.

ANOTHER FEATURE is that students would have an adviser assigned to the floor in their major.

The Hamlin floors are 2 and 3 north for business and accounting majors and 7 and 8 south for engineering and computer science majors.

In Vandenberg 3 and 4 west for health sciences and 2 east would be co-ed for students at least 23 years old.

One of the reasons these floors were chosen was because of a higher turnover rate of students.

"We're not inconveniencing them (students), we are just giving them another living experience," said Miller.

MILLER SAID, "It's really going to take three to four years to really get it going." She also said incoming freshmen would probably be most affected.

The program is similar to other universities, including University of Michigan-

Ann Arbor, said Miller.

The idea of a program here was proposed by Jack Wilson, associate vice president of student affairs, Eleanor Lewellen Reynolds, residence halls director and herself, Miller said.

It was then presented to house council and Area Hall Council representatives to be taken to students for discussion and reactions, she said.

SOME RESIDENCE halls students did not understand the program, still others had opinions.

"I think it's a neat idea because it gives people the chance to communicate without conflict (such as schedules)," said senior Kathy Talaski, a marketing major.

Senior Kerry Unger, a human resources development major, said, "if you live with just people in your major you don't get a variety of people."

State schools raise tuition

Oakland hike highest for spring

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

While Oakland is only one of many Michigan public universities to raise tuition during 1987-88, its recent 9.65 percent hike is the highest for spring.

The spring increase is \$5.50 per credit hour, from \$51 to \$56.50 for freshmen and sophomore state residents.

Decreasing state appropriations was the main reason for the hike. Oakland raised tuition 6.54 percent last summer.

An Oakland Post survey of the 14 public state universities showed University of Michigan-Dearborn is the only one that has planned a specific increase for next year. John Mason, director of financial aid, estimated a 7 to 8 percent increase for undergraduate state residents.

MANY SCHOOLS anticipate fall increases this year, but amounts will vary depending on the state budget. Anne Mervenne, ad-

ministrative assistant for state Sen. Doug Cruce, said it was too early to say if Gov. James Blanchard's proposed budget will pass the legislature unaltered. She said legislators were facing a governor who believed "universities have too much fat in their budget."

Other than Oakland, Michigan Technological University and Eastern Michigan University were the only schools that announced a spring increase. MTU's was 7.5 percent, from \$51.25 to \$55. EMU's was 6.3 percent, from \$47.75 to \$50.75.

DURING THE past year, Central Michigan University and Lake Superior State University increased 6.1 percent, CMU from \$49 to \$52, and LSU from \$43.75 to \$52.75. The lowest fall hike was 4.5 percent at Northern Michigan University. The average increase was about \$2.60 per credit hour.

Wayne State's 5 percent hike was only its second in five years, the first being 2.5 percent.

The school with the highest tuition rate was the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, which

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University considers computer use fee

By BOB MC MURRAY
Staff Writer

A computer use fee, like those at the University of Michigan and Western Michigan University, may be in the future for Oakland students.

Business and engineering school faculty and administrators, and the provost's office, are discussing this informally, according to Associate Provost William Connellan.

Discussions are "very tentative," he said, with no cost estimate or a timetable.

WILLIAM HAGA, manager of academic services in computer services, said, "The university wants to do some big things in academic computing...Over the past 10 years we've fallen behind other universities in the state in the range of services we offer to faculty and students."

Haga said discussions are about university goals in academic computing and how much money would be needed. He said he expected some answers in late August. "I can't see a fee being put in place in the near future," he added.

Don Hildum, chairman of the academic computing committee, said the fee has to be approved by the administration and the board of trustees. He said several small com-

mittees were working with Electronic Data Systems advisers to develop plans to update and expand services.

"At present, we're looking at prices and determining how things would work together," said Hildum.

HILDUM LISTED several objectives in academic computing: more microcomputers—for greater accessibility, the replacement of a mainframe Honeywell computer, and developing a campuswide network.

Haga said the university now supports computer facilities with money from general operating funds, government grants and the private sector. Budget Director Patrick Nicosia named three areas where general funds are spent on computers: academic and administrative computing and an overall coordinating system. This year's budgets for those were \$631,200, \$1,644,000 and \$225,000, respectively.

CONCERNING STATE money, Haga said, "Oakland has had very little success getting money from the state. The amount we're getting has not kept up with inflation."

John Tower, associate dean of business, said Oakland often receives money privately, but this

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Mime work

Mime Rob Reider (right) demonstrates balloon design for Bradley Wolschleger last Monday in the Oakland Center. Reider's visit was sponsored by the Student Programming Board.

Special Lecture: Barry Drake

What's the difference between a teetering bun, and Barry Drake? One's a rocking roll, and the other's into Rock & Roll. Catch Barry Drake's lecture on the history of rock on Thursday, March 24, in the OC at noon. Best of all, it's FREE!

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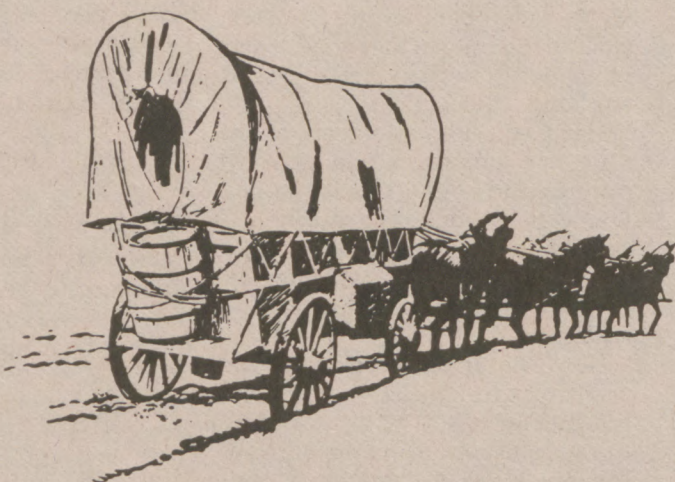
"WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY"

Willy Wonka will be conducting a tour of his fabulous Wonka Works! All interested, please come to 201 Dodge on Sunday, March 27. Cost of \$1.00.

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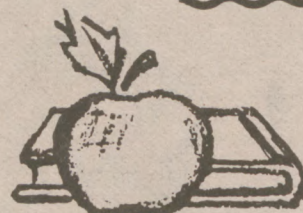
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INTERESTED IN SITTING ON THE FACULTY SENATE? There will be one vacancy filled at the March 21 University Congress meeting, lounge II of the O.C.



CONGRESS MEETING TODAY!!!
AT 4:15 P.M. IN LOUNGE II OF THE O.C.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!



ATTENTION EDUCATION MAJORS

Do you have any concerns that you would like to address. Dr. Sharon Muir and Dean Pine will be at the March 28 University Congress meeting, in lounge II of the O.C. All are welcome to attend!!!

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS: The Public Relations Committee is looking for pictures to decorate the cover of the 1988-89 Student Directory. Applications can be picked up in the Congress office, 19 O.C.

\$ 25.00 will be awarded to the best photo!

FORD'S BILL:

- Do you have a Pell Grant?
- Are you a Financial Aid recipient?
- Have you had problem with the processes of either?
- How do you feel about this bill?

At the Federal level, U.S. Representative William Ford of Michigan has proposed a bill that calls for Pell Grants to be available for the first two years of college, while only guaranteed student loans would be available for the remaining two years. The bill is intended to increase the amount and number of available awards.

There is a paid secretarial position open for University Congress. Applications are now being accepted in the Congress office, 19 O.C.

There will be a Public Relations Committee meeting Wednesday March 16, 1988, at 2:30 p.m. in the Congress office.