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Former congresswoman and 1972 presidential candidate Shirley Chisholm stirred a standing-room-only Crockery crowd February 23 as she urged political involvement.

## Chisholm tells sisters: 'Stand ten feet tall'

By MARQUETTE SLAUGHTER  
Staff Writer

OU's Black Awareness Month (BAM) came to a rousing finish Thursday with the candid lecture of Shirley Chisholm, America's first black congresswoman.

Mrs. Chisholm entered politics through public demand in 1964, when she won a seat in the New York State Assembly on the Democratic ticket. She was previously a political speech writer, meeting representative for New York politicians, and Spanish language interpreter.

The articulate, 59-year-old leader began her address by noting the need for BAM. "The contributions of roles of blacks in America have not been put in proper perspective," she said.

Mrs. Chisholm, raised in the Bedford-Stuyvesant slums of Brooklyn, said that blacks came to these shores unwillingly—to provide the back-breaking labor necessary to develop America into the great country that it now is.

When people pose the question, "What is it that you people want now?" Mrs. Chisholm advised the answer, "With head held high, we want no more or no less than every other group in America."

She views the black woman as being the most misunderstood by white sociologists. "If the black

woman didn't have the resiliency, character and stamina to face hardships during slavery as her husband was taken and child torn from her breast, the black race would have suffered more," said Mrs. Chisholm.

The straightforward woman continued, "My black sisters, be proud. Stand ten feet tall. There is no other group in this nation... that would have been able to stand the insults, the discrimination, the prejudices, the attitudes toward us like we have been able to." The audience cheered her on in agreement.

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## Speaker supports Jackson

By MARQUETTE SLAUGHTER  
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Jesse Jackson will choose a white running mate, said Shirley Chisholm during a press conference February 23.

She said it would not be wise of Jackson to choose a black running mate, because racism runs too deep in America and this

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## Officers hope to shatter 'crime triangle,' deter thieves

By JILL LUCIUS  
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Public Safety is taking steps to reduce the biggest crime on campus through "Operation Identification," a program which encourages the engraving of valuable items like stereos and television sets.

Sgt. Tomczak of Public Safety said, "The biggest crime at Oakland is larceny or rip-offs.... By engraving we can prevent articles from being stolen."

An engraved article will not be taken at a pawn shop until it is checked with the police. If the article has been

reported stolen it will be returned to the owner and the individual who brought it in will be arrested for possession of stolen property.

This procedure deters the thief who is familiar with Operation Identification. "The thief won't be able to see anything engraved by Operation Identification," Tomczak said. "So we have denied the thief to benefit from his criminal act."

Keeping the thief from selling stolen property breaks what Tomczak described as the "crime triangle." According to the crime triangle theory, three elements must be present for a crime to take place: desire, a victim, and the opportunity.

By taking away the opportunity for a thief to steal the items marked by Operation Identification, the crime triangle is broken and a possible theft is prevented.

Since Operation Identification began three years ago, more than 1,000 dorm students have participated

in this theft prevention (See I.D., page 3)

## Glib gang scrambles to defend title as war of words escalates at Wayne

By JOELLEN LABAERE  
Staff Writer

After breaking out to number one in the state championship last year, the tough and talented Forensics team prepares to take on fierce competition in early March at the state competition hosted by Wayne State University.

Team President Lisa Olsen described the upcoming contest as a struggle—a battle to the end. "Last year it was a sweep, but this year it will be a dog fight," she said.

Last spring at the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League (MISL) tournament, the OU team won with an outstanding 52 point margin. This year, Olsen predicted a much closer contest.

"This year is really important to us because we're defending champs,"

Olsen said. Because of a tournament (See Glib, page 2)



Lisa Olsen

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format change OU will face a tougher challenge than last year. Before the change *public address* was the only major category, but this season the *interpretive* category, which includes prose, poetry, and dramatic duos, has been added.

Constantly on the move, the team takes every opportunity to sharpen their skills at various tournaments throughout the midwest.

There are two MISL tournaments a year, one in the fall and a more serious one in the spring that determines state ranking. "That's where the fight begins," said Olsen.

Professor Karen Seelhoff works closely with the 12-member team, aided by two volunteer coaches, Dan Bernard and former team competitor Kathy Rhadigan. Bernard, a Pontiac lawyer, was an Eastern Michigan forensic team member a few years ago and won national honors in the *impromptu* category.

Olsen said it is ironic that Bernard will be helping the Pioneer team, since Eastern will be their major antagonist in the state tournament. "He misses the circuit and likes the people," said Olsen. "Once you get it into your system you get so involved.... It's hard to "five it up" just like that," she said, referring

to the lowest score possible.

Over spring break the team put out its best efforts to re-research and rewrite its speeches, carefully smoothing out any wrinkles or problems. Olsen said it is important to use the comments of past judges as constructive criticism to upgrade their material.

Everyone on the team has qualified for the national tournament in April in at least one category. Olsen has qualified in five categories, while University Congress President Bob McClory has shown promise in four. McClory has won at least one event in the public address category at every tournament and, according

to Olsen, has remarkable speaking ability.

Adding a special burst of energy to the team is senior Pan Schultz who, along with her *comedy duo* partner, freshman Tom Zizka, presents the comedic "Did you go to P.S. 243?" Ms. Schultz also delivers an informative speech on sex differences in the brain. This speech has brought her success, but she has alternated wins with a Central Michigan opponent who she hopes to overcome

at the state championship.

Olsen credited the great improvement of the team to the devoted work of Karen Seelhoff. "It is truly an incredible achievement for Seelhoff to take a team that was literally non-existent six years ago, and turn it into state champion in five years," said Olsen.

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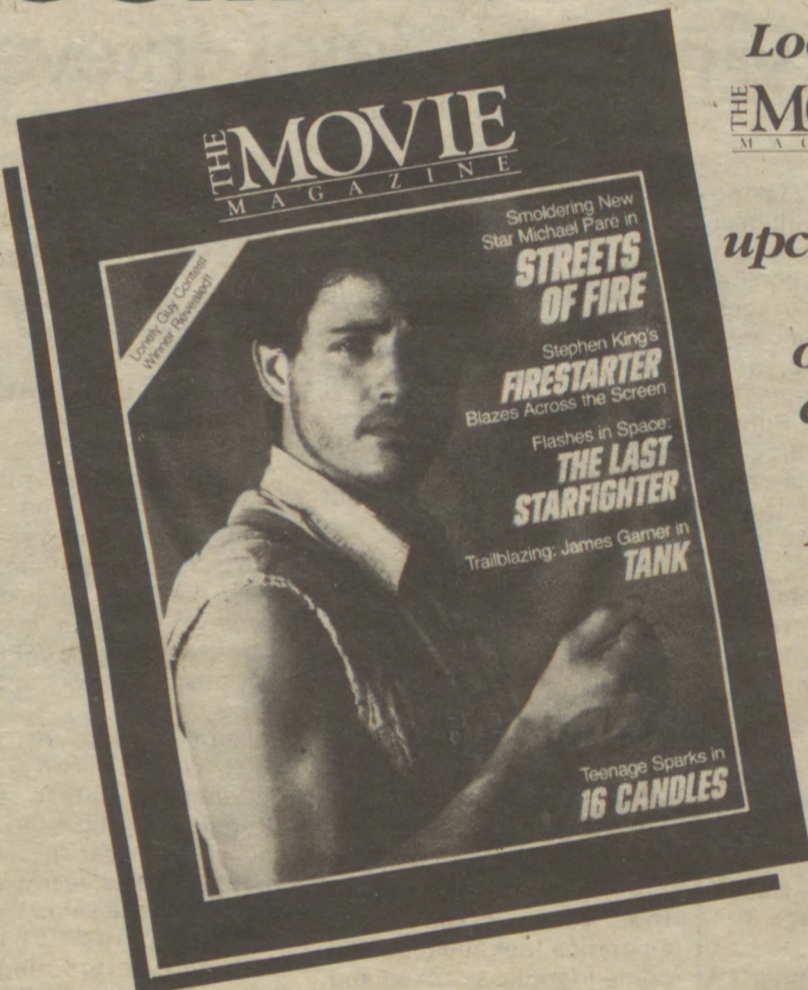
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**I.D.**

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program. Public Safety is currently trying to involve even more students—especially students in married housing.

Students and faculty are important to Operation Identification because it is

the individual who actually does something about the theft situation. Tomczak said, "Operation Identification puts the emphasis on the person doing something for crime prevention. What they do can really make a difference."

Individuals wishing to

participate in Operation Identification will find the procedure relatively simple.

Electronic engravers are available at the Hamlin and Vandenburg desks as well as the Public Safety building. Along with the engraver, a person wishing to participate will be given a form for their own records.

The form has spaces for name, university address and phone, home address and phone, record of engraved items, and the number used in engraving.

Public Safety suggests the use of driver's license numbers in engraving, but those without licenses can

use any permanent number that can be remembered. Social Security and student numbers will work just as well.

Individuals are reminded to mark all valuable items, even those that do not normally come to mind when engraving is considered. Skis, typewriters, and stereo speakers should all be marked.

Those engraving items must also remember to mark the article in a place that is permanently attached to it. If the part which is marked can be removed, the thief can still sell the item without it being traced.

Once a person has properly marked and recorded the markings of all valuable items, the engraver can be returned. The participant will be allowed to keep the form he/she has completed.

There are two copies of the form, one to be kept with the owner on campus, the other to be kept in a safe place away from his/her valuables. A safe deposit box or the home of someone trustworthy are suggested for placement of the second copy.

If any of the articles should be stolen, contact the police and tell them how the item was marked. This will help in the identification and return of the article.



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Oakland University Public Safety Sergeant Richard L. Tomczak shows Pam Kinnebrew how to engrave identification numbers as a part of the ongoing Operation I.D. program being conducted on Oakland University's campus.

# Tuition freeze would increase aid

By LORI GILL  
Staff Writer

Oakland University could receive an additional \$890,660 in state aid for the 1985 fiscal year if the school does not raise its tuition for Michigan resident undergraduate students.

The minimum state aid OU will receive is \$1,335,990. If the university elects to freeze tuition rates they are eligible for a total of \$2,226,650.

Earlier this month, Governor James J. Blanchard announced the specifics of his program to limit college tuition costs.

He offered those institutions which do not adopt tuition increases for resident undergraduates a 10 percent increase in state funding. Colleges and universities which raise their rates would receive less, based on a sliding scale, but would get a minimum of six percent.

The governor's plan includes establishing a tuition containment fund for the four percent portion of the state aid increase which the institutions would earn by freezing tuition.

This fund would partially compensate for revenue these institutions could get through tuition increases.

If a college or university raises its tuition by one percent, it stands to lose five percent of its share of the fund. Any institution with a 20 percent increase would forfeit its entire share of the fund, but would still get the minimum six percent increase.

The governor proposed \$781 million in the state's higher education spending for the 1984-85 school year. This is an increase of \$71 million over the current year. Under the governor's plan, \$27.2 million would be set aside in the containment fund. Thus, for the colleges

and universities choosing to raise their tuition, the financial loss would be

substantial.

The total fiscal 1985 appropriation for OU under

the governor's proposed budget is \$24,493,150.

## Alternatives to military service examined

(CPS)—Coming on the heels of predictions that some sort of military draft or national service obligation will be imposed on all students in the next few years, a Washington group has released the results of a three-year study suggesting the U.S. already has a national service system.

"Our unique contribution to the continuing debate on the subject," said Meryl Maneker of the Youth Policy Institute, a seven-year-old agency of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial that monitors youth-oriented federal programs and reports, "is our assertion that the U.S. operates a *de facto* system of national service already."

The armed forces, Peace Corps, VISTA and state-run

conservation corps involve some 1.2 million young people, Maneker explained.

Maneker and co-authors Jonathan Foley and Jeffrey Lee Schwartz foresee revamping the current system into a more comprehensive, albeit still voluntary, system that would encompass all youths.

In recent months, many public figures—from Henry Kissinger to M.I.T. head David Saxon—have called for starting a national youth service program under which all 18-year-olds would have to devote two years of service to the country.

An 18-year-old could choose between serving in the armed forces, as a

volunteer in hospitals or nursing homes, in the Peace Corps, or with other human services agencies.

Under the Saxon plan, for one, 18-year-olds would earn educational benefits in return for their service.

The Youth Policy Institute, however, found the skeleton for such a system already exists.

"We first have to make legislators recognize the existence of our present system," Maneker said.

Even after the system is coordinated and expanded, the YPI suggests it remain voluntary.