

Student groups help needy, spread cheer

Men cagers fall to two Division I teams

20th Annual Christmas Walk opened

The Oakland Post

Volume XVI, No. 12 The Oakland Sail, Inc.

December 3, 1990

Oakland University, Rochester, MI

Student Congress members lobby against education cuts

By MARILYNN DOLL
Staff Writer

Student Congress members concerned that Michigan's projected budget deficit may lead to cuts to higher education and higher tuition costs lobbied the state Legislature on Thursday.

"Students can't afford tuition raises and education is the future of Michigan," said Holly Lashbrook, legislature director of student congress.

"It's too early to tell" if the deficit will result in tuition hikes, John DeCarlo, vice president of government affairs, said.

The House fiscal agency has projected a state deficit of approximately \$1 billion for the 1990-91 fiscal year, the result of a combination of revenue shortfalls and expenditures, said an agency source wished to remain anonymous.

A 6.3 percent across-the-board cut of all state programs including mental health, corrections, social

services and education is being proposed by the house to offset the deficit. This would mean an \$80 million cut to higher education, the source said.

In turn, each public university's appropriations will be cut.

According to Lashbrook, a coalition of students from five state universities—Central, Eastern, Western, Michigan State and Oakland—surprised the legislature at noon. Six groups of two people each talked with representatives and senators to persuade

them to vote against any education cuts.

According to Kathy Swift, a lobbyist for the Michigan Collegiate Coalition, John Engler's vow for no cuts to education is in opposition to the legislature's attempts to balance the budget. The coalition is a lobbying organization formed six years ago and comprised of representatives from 15 public universities to act as a watchdog for legislation that affects higher education.

Swift said that if higher educa-

tion appropriations are frozen then cuts to other programs will increase.

"Hopefully a compromise between the two extremes can be reached," said Swift.

Swift added that Senator John Schwarz, chairman of the Education and Mental Health Committee, thinks a 2 percent to 3 percent cut in higher education is likely.

According to the agency source, the compromise on the budget will be reached, "hopefully this week or the beginning of next week. If not,

then in January when the new governor takes over."

Swift said, "Education is an investment in the future. If you want the state's economy to pull out of the tailspin it has been in, you have to have a long-term investment strategy."

Oakland University received more than \$35 million in state appropriations for the 1990-91 fiscal year, an increase of \$1.7 million over the preceding year, according to Pat Nicosia, budget director.

Instructor replaced following student complaints

By CHRIS LAMPHEAR
Staff Writer

A computer science instructor was replaced in early November following concerns expressed by several students over his teaching abilities.

Marion Dvorin, who began the fall semester teaching Introduction to Computer Programming, was replaced by Gerald Marsh, who took over the class on November 7.

Students who complained to the College of Arts and Sciences over what they considered Dvorin's flaws as a teacher—poor communication skills and constant refusals to answer questions—felt that they had a part in his replacement.

The Department of Mathematical Science, which originally hired Dvorin, would not comment on whether his being replaced was due to student protests, and John Urice, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, would only say that Dvorin was not dismissed.

Senior Wendy Gorski, who wrote two letters to the Department of Computer Science listing problems she experienced in Dvorin's class, said, "It's nice to have administration listen to a student and see that we really do know what we're talking about."

Gorski wrote a letter to Professor Glenn Jackson, Chair of the Department of Computer Science, just two

See STUDENTS page 3

Controversial educator blasts affirmative action

By NICK A. CHIAPPETTA
Assistant Editor

Controversial retired educator Joe Clark attacked affirmative action programs and public education while telling a crowd of approximately 400 in the OC Crockery last week that they were in control of their own destiny.

"Check affirmative action policies in the world, young people, and

you will find that they have never worked. They didn't work in Malaysia, where the Chinese were arrested and the Malaysians were lazy. They didn't work in Nigeria. They didn't work in Sri Lanka where they have bloody civil wars right now. It did not work anywhere and it is not working here," Clark said.

The 49-year-old New Jersey native and subject of the movie *Lean on Me* is known for turning a tough

inner city high school into a model for other schools. His words cut across all races and social structures as he continued talking about affirmative action policies.

"Don't you understand that when you take something from one person and give it to another person, that is not right. Don't you understand that type of thing causes dichotomy, divisiveness, animosity and hatred.

"Don't you understand, people, that that type of thing leads to a bloody civil war! You don't want those types of programs.

"You want to make sure that the door to opportunity is open. You want to make sure that the high school that you're coming from has prepared you exactly for college.

"And they have not. They have not prepared you for entry at the

See EDUCATOR page 3

AIDS class hits funding glitch for winter term

By DIANE DEMPSEY
Staff Writer

The AIDS class for nursing and communications students has run into a minor funding problem, although it has been a success, according to faculty and students.

It is costing the nursing school \$2600 to offer the class for next semester. So far \$1000 has been raised by university AIDS committee

members and \$500 is coming from a local Episcopalian church, said Penny Cass, school of nursing dean.

"We are asking for donations for the school of nursing and it would be specifically for the class. We want to make sure that people know that there is 'X' amount that we need," Cass said.

Cass said she is asking for five gifts of \$500 and she will donate the last \$100 if it is needed.

The nursing school used discretionary funds from the nursing dean's office for the fall semester, Cass said.

"It's not a big problem. I think we will be able to offer the class (for winter semester) and now we need students to enroll," Cass said.

Patricia Ketcham, school of nursing undergraduate program director, said that the class was not offered in the winter schedule because the department did not know at press

time whether there would be student interest or an instructor available for the winter term.

The class, SCN 380 which is identical to NRS 380, will be offered at regular registration for students who want to take the class, she said.

Sixteen students are currently enrolled in the class.

Jane Briggs-Bunting, chairperson of the rhetoric, communications and journalism department, said the

See GLITCH page 3

'Tis the season



Robert Sickman of Detroit and Katherine Murphy of St. Clair Shores admire the Christmas tree decorations at Meadow Brook Hall. The Hall is regularly decorated for the holiday season.

Student wrecks truck chasing deer

By STEVE TSCHIRHART
News Editor

Two OU students were fired for rolling a university vehicle Nov. 18 after smashing into two fences while chasing a deer behind Meadow Brook Hall.

Neil Kalis, 23, was cited for drunk driving, unlawful blood alcohol level and leaving the scene of a personal injury accident by public safety after a jogger called to inform the OUPD of the accident.

Kalis and the passenger, Scott Kuzma, 20, told police they had followed a deer after being unable to

gain access to the art gallery where they worked. Their job entailed unloading chairs and other materials from an auction at the BMW Showroom in Birmingham that they were transporting in the truck.

"It was the first time that either of us had seen a deer on campus," Kuzma said later.

The two left the accident scene and went to Fitzgerald House, Kuzma said, to call public safety.

Two joggers that happened by the scene offered to call them earlier, but Kalis and Kuzma declined, Kuzma said.

"We didn't want anybody else

who was not in the accident to report it," he said. "We wanted to report it ourselves."

Kuzma said they contacted the gallery and tried to reach public safety, but the line was busy. An officer appeared at the room just after they tried to call, he added.

According to the police report, Kiichi Usui, curator of the art gallery, provided police with the identity of the vehicle's occupants.

Kalis failed various sobriety tests and was arrested and transported to the Auburn Hills Police Department. From there, he was taken to Crittenton.

See DEER page 3

Students move to boycott BAM

Seek restructure, removal of whites

By HEIDI JOHNSON
and STEVE TSCHIRHART
Staff Writers

More than a dozen black students walked out of the Black Awareness Month Planning Committee meeting on Thursday after presenting three unsigned letters which criticized the presence of whites on the committee and demanded the resignation of two Committee members, one black, one white, and a shift in emphasis away from a multicultural focus for the February programs.

The letters by the group calling itself the "other" black students at OU, threatened a boycott of the month long BAM activities in February if changes are not made. The letters were peppered with phrases reminiscent of black Muslim teachings from the 1960s.

Sara Pastoor, who is white and is the SPB representative on the BAM planning committee, said the students involved gave the other committee members five minutes to accede to their demands. After five minutes without resolution, the group got up and walked out.

At the end of Thursday's meeting, Monica White, an ABS delegate to the committee, read three unsigned letters startling the committee members, stating in part, "As Black students, we are thoroughly insulted and disgusted at not only the presence of non-Blacks on the committee, but also by CIPO representative Paul Franklin's unspoken control of the final decision or power to influence voting members."

The students also were angry with Franklin's level of involvement.

Franklin, who is white, is the coordinator of campus programs who negotiates and executes contracts for speakers, entertainment, the print shop, in his role as director of campus programs for CIPO. All student organizations planning campus events using University funds must get Franklin's signature to proceed. Franklin doesn't approve speakers or events.

"I felt sorry that people misinterpret my role within the (BAM) committee," Franklin said Friday. "My role is designed to make programs happen as opposed to limiting programs."

The protesting students also demanded the demotion of Joseph Thurman, who is student co-chair of BAM. The letter charged in part that Thurman, who is black, "is not qualified to be student co-chair or to represent the interests of Blacks."

Thurman, who was not present at the meeting, later condemned the students' actions and vowed he will not be intimidated by the recent boycott threats nor resign as co-chair.

Thurman said he felt a very small group within ABS is responsible for the letters and boycott effort. He also said that the request for his removal as co-chair is based, in part, on his strong Christian beliefs.

"I don't like where this is coming from. They're not really fighting me. They are fighting God. Hatred is the guiding force behind all of this," Thurman said.

"It's a result of a lot of hatred and a lot of ignorance. The fact that they didn't even sign or take responsibility for the letters shows that there is a lot of cowardice behind all of this...It's a sign of immaturity."

The black student walkout was frustrating for BAM staff chair, Hosie Hillie, who is black. Hillie said Friday that he didn't understand the students' dissatisfaction with the structure since it was recently changed to allow for an open number of student-at-large positions. Students must attend three consecutive meetings to be appointed. Twenty-one committee positions are standing, such as Congress and SPB representatives who are appointed by their organizations.

"The current structure mocks the tears and blood that our ancestors have shed by allowing integration to be used as infiltration. We resent the insinuated insult that this structure allows and will no longer accept it,"

See BAM page 3

Rapping duo



Erin O. Patton (MC Yo-Play) and Antony R. Thomas (T-Twice) perform as Poetical Alliance last week in the OC.

The Oakland Post / Amy Filis

Final Election Results

Presidential Candidates

Michael Heintz - 356
Nathaniel Wells - 256
Tonja Long - 178

Congressional Candidates

Renee Wright - 373
Vernita Johnson - 367
Jennifer Freil - 360
Amy Nida - 346
Gervaise Burks - 340
Sharon Squire - 328
Sherita Humphrey - 327
Joe Joyce - 321
Stephen Snyder - 321
Andy DePage - 57
Margaret MacDonald - 57
Tim Stickrad - 57
Chris Zimmerman - 57
Dawn Aubry - 49
Todd Cook - 40
Michelle Mawson - 39
Amy Long - 36
Dean Sigwalt - 26
David Wisz - 19
Marnie Lee - 18

Congressional Alternates

(if any of the above Congressmembers cannot fill their seat, these students will have a chance to do so).

Nino Mattina - 14
Linda Washburn - 11
John Rank - 9
Jeff Ayers - 7
Jay Gatrell - 6
Dave Gray - 6
Mike Kimball - 6

Referenda Results

Referendum 1: The restructuring and increase of the Student Activities Fee.
YES-463 NO-343

Referendum 2: The President of Residence Halls Council or his/her permanent designee shall be ex-officio and voting member; (previously listed as the President of Area Hall Council)
YES-603 NO-90

Referendum 3: The President of Commuter Council, if council is active, or his/her designee shall be ex-officio and voting member; (addition of active clause)
YES-607 NO-95

Referendum 4: A multicultural representative, chosen by the Multicultural Advisory Board, shall be ex-officio and voting member (addition of this position to Congress).
YES-535 NO-137

Referendum 5: The University Student Congress elections shall be held in the fall semester. (previously had restrictions based on specific weeks of voting)
YES-654 NO-49

Referendum 6: If no Presidential Candidate shall receive more than one-third of the votes cast for President, the newly-elected Congress shall, under the direction of the Committee and Elections Coordinator, meet in a special session to choose a President from the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes. This special session shall be held prior to the end of the fall semester. (previously read that the session must be held during the first week in December)
YES-538 NO-167

Referendum 7: (The President shall) Call and coordinate two annual all-campus meetings, at which time he/she shall report on all actions of the University Student Congress and his/her comments and proposals; (previously read that such a meeting will take place each September)
YES-662 NO-167

Referendum 8: Removed sections which previously specified numbers of committee members for the standing committees of Congress. (Specific numbers will now be omitted and only included in each standing committees guidelines)
YES-588 NO-115

ALL REFERENDA ISSUES PASSED.



COMING THIS WEEK TO:

CONGRESS

On the agenda:

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD / PERFORMING ARTS BOARD

(SAB / PAB)

GUIDELINE REVISIONS:

First Reading of the Proposed Guidelines. Bring your concerns to Congress and express them tonight so we can have the final version available for approval next week (our last meeting of the year). Your input is appreciated!

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE DISTRIBUTION
Discussion & Approval (Second Reading)

ATTENTION 1991 CONGRESSMEMBERS:
I hope you are able to attend at least one of our last two meetings (December 3 or 10) so you can get an idea of what to expect next semester.
See you there! - Mike

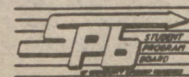
Congress Meetings are to be held in the Oakland Room (behind J.W.'s Deli), Oakland Center. Meetings start at 5:15 pm and usually run no later than 7:15pm.



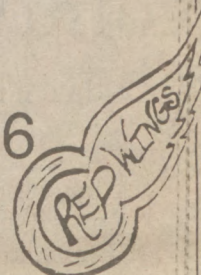
Red Wings vs. Buffalo

Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30pm

Tickets on sale in CIPO for \$16



Transportation will be provided.



Congress '91

Executive Staff Applications

Available outside the Congress Office in 19 E. Oakland Center. Applications are due BY NOON TODAY
Call Michael Heintz at 370-4290 if you are unable to return an application by then.

Executive Staff Interviews will be held from 1:00- 6:00pm in the CIPO Conference Room
A sign-up sheet is on the door of the Congress Office.



Student Program Board Chair Applications

The Student Program Board is currently accepting applications for SPB Chair Positions.

Dance
Film

Lecture/Special Events

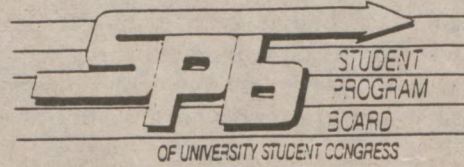
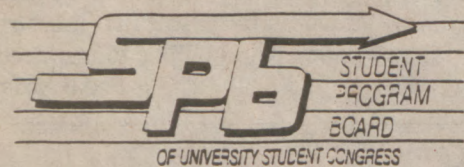
Mainstage

Promotions

Publicity

Recreation/Leisure

Tech



Applications are due Tuesday, December 4.
Interview times will be set by the new SPB Chair.
Applicants will be contacted.

Call The Student Program Board at 370-4296

1990 Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is a \$500 award given to the OU Student who is most involved in the Community.

Nomination forms are available outside the Congress Office, across from the Bookcenter in the Lower Level of the Oakland Center. Please return them to the Congress Secretary by:

December 10, 1990.

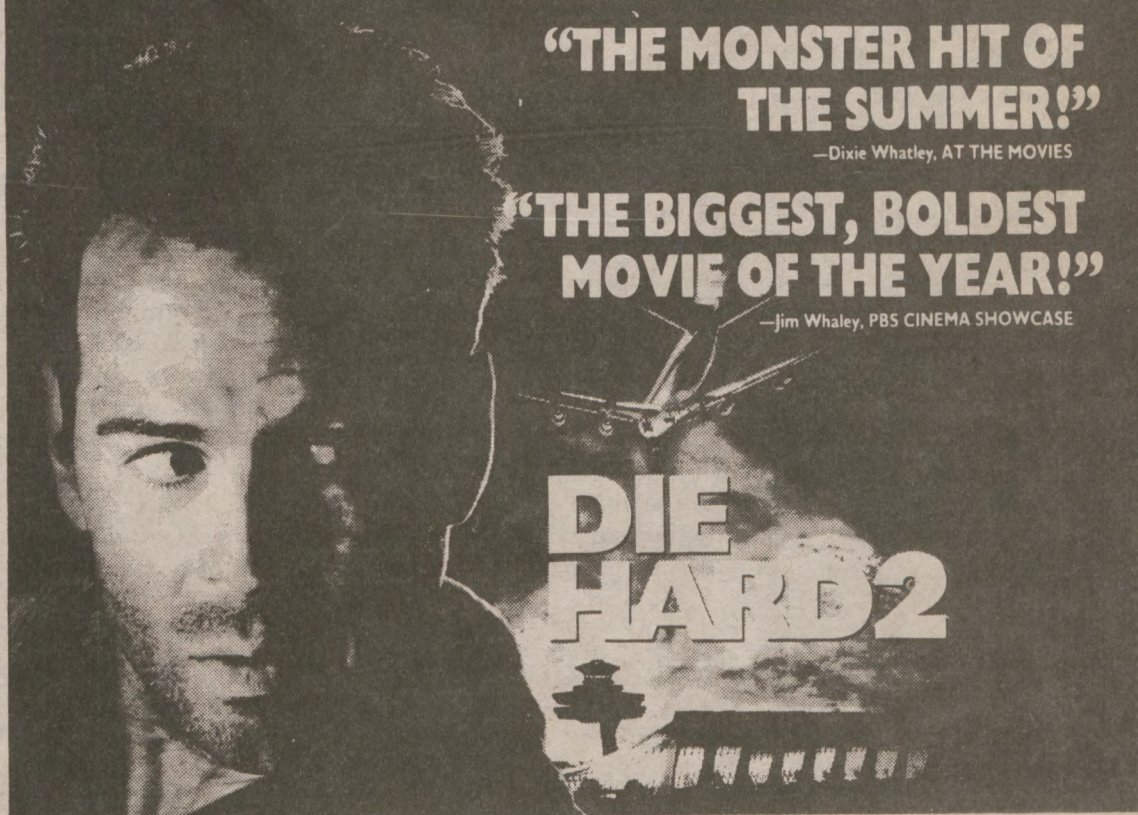
Call Congress at 370-4290



DIE HARDER NOW!

"THE MONSTER HIT OF THE SUMMER!"
-Dixie Whately, AT THE MOVIES

"THE BIGGEST, BOLDEST MOVIE OF THE YEAR!"
-Jim Whately, PBS CINEMA SHOWCASE



Dodge Cinema
201 DODGE HALL

This Weekend!



Showtimes:
Friday, December 7 at 7:00 and 9:30pm
Sunday, December 9 at 7:00pm

All movies are shown in 201 Dodge Hall.
Admission is \$1.50 per person.
OU Students may bring one guest.