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Features

Student Organizations offer opportunities beyond the classroom, and hold the key to the working world.

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Physical Graffiti brings a whole lot of love, and a whole lot of Led Zeppelin songs to Homecoming this October. The band tops the list of entertainers at Homecoming '94.

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Jean Ann Miller relishes her hard-working lifestyle, which is spent mostly in the residence halls organizing campus activities. "I don't think she sleeps," say a co-worker. Find out which appliance is least likely to be used in her household.

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Mary Beth Snyder



New VP ready to step into Bledsoe's shoes

By ROBERT CARR
News Editor

Just before Mary Beth Snyder left Iowa State University for Oakland University as the new vice president for Student Affairs, she was asked to pose for a picture.

The school paper wanted to take a shot of her removing her shoes, so the caption could read,

"Big Shoes to Fill." She refused.

"That's so embarrassing, there's just some things I won't do," she laughed.

Snyder takes over for David Herman, Oakland's dean of students and acting vice president of student affairs. Herman assumed that position fol-

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Back to School with Mary Beth Snyder



Post Photo/ Amy Dubey

MAKING HER WAY: Mary Beth Snyder and David Herman talk shop earlier this week in her office in North Foundation Hall.

Welcome Week combats back to school blues

Picnic, concerts, movies and more await returning students this week

BY ERICA BLAKE
Features Editor

Oakland University is doing its best to combat back to school blues with concerts and picnics during its second ever Welcome Week starting Tuesday, Sept. 6 through Saturday.

"The whole focus of welcome week is to introduce students to the university, focusing on new students but welcoming back returning students as well," said Amy Rickstad, Chairman of the Welcome Week Committee. "We want to make OU an exciting place to be during the first week of school."

In addition to information tables and advising opportunities, Welcome Week offers patio concerts, an ice cream social and a movie. Something for everyone.

"All of the events are open to everyone," said Dean of Student Affairs, David Herman. "There's a lot of activities which will hopefully keep students on campus and will get new students involved their first week at OU."

Although the primary purpose of Welcome Week is to do as its name suggests, organizers have also used the event to help advertise to new students what OU has to offer.

"The idea expanded from simply welcoming students back to coordinating activities that occur so that students know what there is to do," said Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs in the Campus Information and Programs

Residence Hall Picnic
Tues., noon-2 p.m.
Between Beer Lake and
Oakland Center.

Reception for New
Residence Halls
Students
Tues., 10 p.m.
Hamlin Lounge

Ice Cream Social
Wed., 1-3 p.m. and
5-6:30 p.m.
Between S. & N.
Foundation Halls

Pink Floyd's *The Wall*
Fri., 9 p.m. in O'Dowd
Hall

Disco Bingo
Sat., 8-midnight
O.C. Crockery
Free Admission

Office. "If they don't know what OU offers, they will get into their routines without ever realizing what's going on at OU until it's

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"She has a warm heart, and is a very sincere person. She likes people and wants to do the right thing for students."

-- Janette Antisdal, manager, of Iowa State Daily student newspaper.



"I thought she was great. She is energetic and seems to clearly understand student affairs."

-- Eleanor Reynolds,
Director of OU
residence halls

"My excitement is getting to know people. I'm ready to hit the ground running."

-- Mary Beth Snyder
Vice President
Student Affairs

The Snyder File

Who: Mary Beth Snyder, new Vice President for Student Affairs. Resigned from similar position at Iowa State.

What: Only female member of President Sandra Packard's cabinet.

Age: 45

Status: Married to Richard Armitage. One son, David, 10.

Briefly...

OU Pact Talks

Oakland University faculty and administration still had not come to terms on a salary agreement at press time. OU's American Association of University Professors is seeking an increase of 3.5 percent while OU is offering 0.1 percent. Oakland University President Sandra Packard received a raise last year of five percent. Future developments will be published in the first issue of The Oakland Post which will hit newsstands September 14.

Residence Halls facelifted during summer break

By KIM REEB
Staff Writer

Oakland University's residence halls have undergone numerous changes this summer modernize dorm rooms and facilities for new and returning students.

And although this is starting to sound cliché, residents may soon have cable television.

The halls have switched over to new phone systems and voice mail available to every resident. The service, however, renders answering machines obsolete.

A telephone training session will be held this week by resident assistants.

Van Wagoner Hall received new carpeting, windows and lounge furniture. Fitzgerald also has new carpet.

Hamlin Hall's laundry facilities were scrapped and replaced.

But the most highly anticipated addition is still under consideration, according to the Vice President of Finance and Administration, Paul Bissonnette, who holds hope for quick installation.

"In this era, technology is



Post Photo/ Amy Dubey

FACELIFT: In addition to receiving a new laundry facilities and a phone system with voice mail, cable looms on the horizon.

changing quickly," he said. "We want to be sure we're doing the right thing for the residence halls before jumping into a long-term agreement."

"We will go over the contract this month, and if we approve, it

will go on to the Board of Trustees for the final decision. But, if it is approved, we should have it available for students in the fall."

The Post merges with info highway

By ROBERT SNELL
Editor in Chief

Starting September 9, The Oakland Post will have its own electronic mailbox available through any campus computer.

The move is in response to the popularity of the Information SuperHighway and in an effort to allow more diverse opinions to reach

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The STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD (SPB) provides a large variety of entertainment for Oakland University students.

We are an organization for students, by students. SPB is composed of nine committees you can get involved in.

THE UNDERGROUND COFFEEHOUSE

Features a variety of entertainers in a casual setting, along with open mike sessions for the audience to showcase their talents.

CONCERT & DANCE

Plans concerts such as 1964, Physical Graffiti--A Led Zeppelin Tribute, Reggae Night, along with hosting Karaoke Night, Battle of the Bands, and free noontime concerts featuring local bands.

FAMILY MATTERS

Organizes events for children to meet the needs of Oakland University parents. Some programs include puppet shows, storytimes, and sing-a-longs.

LECTURE & SPECIAL EVENTS

Works with the Student Life Lecture Board in continuing the best lecture series of any University in Michigan. Past speakers include Dr. Ruth, Montel Williams, Edward James Almos, and Jane Elliot. Also hosts special events such as Casino Night, Murder Mystery, and Mock Rock.

MAINSTAGE

Brings nationally touring comedians, musicians, hypnotists, and magicians to campus. Past performers include Carrot Top, Sinbad, Tim Allen, and Bertice Berry.

PUBLICITY

Promotes Student Program Board as an organization through open houses, information tables in the Oakland Center and at Student Activities Fairs. Also publicizes, markets, and advertises for every individual event SPB sponsors.

RECREATION & LEISURE

Plans events, usually off campus. Activities include shopping trips, ski trips, canoeing & camping, and selling tickets to sports events.

TECHNICAL

For those interested in the behind the scenes action responsibilities are setting up stages, lighting, sound, and equipment for performances.

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

A new committee for Fall 1994! Along with taking on the Film committee's responsibilities, it will include performing arts programs cosponsored with the Department of Music, Theatre & Dance, and their Sensory Perception Series.

JOIN SPB. FIND OUT WE ARE RIGHT FOR YOU BY:

Talking to people involved in SPB.

Going to a committee meeting.

Visiting the SPB table in the Oakland Center (O.C.) or at Student Activities Fairs.

Attending an SPB open house.

Filling out a YES! card in the CIPO Office (located at 49 O.C.).

Going to an SPB sponsored event.

Visiting the office at 19E O.C.

Calling us at 370-4295.

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