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MeadowBrook Music Festival opens the season this weekend featuring a mixed bag of stars.

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HOT ACT



ROCK 'n ROLL

Features

Blues Traveler and Allman Brothers headline the H.O.R.D.E. Festival, an eight-hour concert this summer at Pine Knob.

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The Oakland Post

Student Affairs search party nears last call

By ROBERT SNELL and ROBERT CARR
Editor in Chief and News Editor

Two years ago when Larry Roper concluded his first year as cross country coach at St. John Fisher College he sent his runners a letter wishing them a good summer and hoping everything was fine with their lives. Little did he know that his letter influenced one of his runners who had decided

that college was not for him, to return to school and finish his degree.

And last month, Roper, the vice president of Student Affairs in addition to coaching cross country, had the pleasure of watching that student graduate with honors.

Earlier this week Roper was the second finalist to visit campus for the vacant position of vice president for Student Affairs. Mary Beth Snyder, the dean of students at Iowa State University toured the campus last week. They were the only candidates invited for an on-campus interview by President

Sandra Packard.

His coworkers believe that his closeness with his students, who always call him Larry, not Dr. Roper, is his most outstanding quality, and so does Roper.

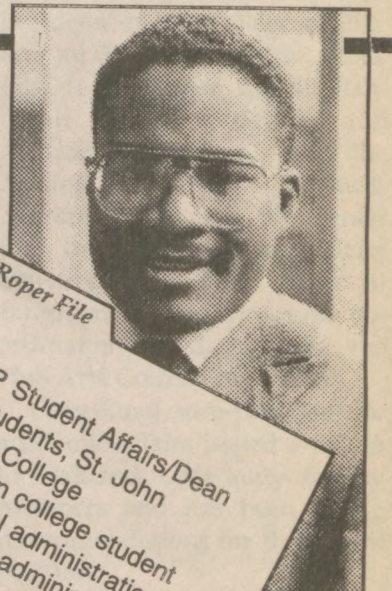
"Any student who comes into my office and says they need to talk, I try to tell them they never have to wait more than one day," the 41-year-old said.

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The Snyder File

- Dean of Students, Iowa State University
- Ph.D in higher education, UCLA
- 21 years administrative experience
- Public Service advocate



The Roper File

- VP Student Affairs/Dean of Students, St. John Fisher College
- Ph.D in college student personnel administration
- 19 years administrative experience
- Multiculturalism advocate

Briefly...

Time change

The Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 16, at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the OC, has been changed to 3 p.m.

Committee meeting

There will be a University Affairs Advisory Committee meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 16 in Room 100 of Kresge Library. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested.

Syllabi file

The Dept. of Special Programs is constructing a Resource/Syllabi File to better assist Academic Opportunity Program students in their courses. The packet will contain copies of the course syllabi and previously used exams, quizzes and study guides.

Big Apple Circus

The Big Apple Circus, a one-ring classical act, is coming to OU with performances June 18-28. The Circus, which will kick off this year's International Freedom Festival, will be located on the corner of Walton and Adams.

Tickets may be purchased at Ticketmaster, or at the Birmingham or Fisher Theatre Box Offices and range from \$15 to \$25 for weekday evenings and weekends, and \$10 to \$20 for weekday matinees.

Graduation highlighted by proposal

By KIM REEB
Staff Writer

June 4th, 1994 — Saturday's sunny weather brightened many neighborhoods and campuses, as well as the spirits of Oakland University's graduating students.

The 39th commencement ceremonies took place in Baldwin Pavilion, except for the School of Nursing, which was held in Meadow Brook Theatre.

Of the 1,671 students graduating this year, only 995 were in attendance for the graduating ceremonies in the schools of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Engineering And Computer Sciences and the School of Nursing.

Oakland's 1994 graduation seemed magical for engineering and computer science graduate David Martin as he accepted the Exceptional Achievement and the Alfred G. Wilson awards. During his Salutatory speech, he called for his girlfriend Ann Morin, 22, to stand up and surprised her with a marriage proposal.

Martin, 23, went down to her seat, knelt down and slipped an

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For the love of 'SHROOMS

By ERICA BLAKE
Features Editor

In the evening, Charlotte Abejean is content slaving over a hot stove preparing an exotic gourmet meal, but during the day, the 22-year-old Oakland University student from West Bloomfield would rather be in the wilderness hunting dinner. The petite, brown-eyed blonde hunts everything; rabbits, ducks, fish, deer and mushrooms.

Mushroom hunting may never be considered a sport, but to Abejean, mushrooms are not only a hobby, they are also tonight's dinner.

"Mmm, mmm, mmm," Abejean said while describing the final result of her unusual past time. "It's like I'm having an orgasm."

Mushroom hunting became a serious hobby for Abejean last year when her boyfriend returned from hunting in northern Michigan with some edible mushrooms.

At the time, the two were munching mushrooms which they bought at Merchant of Vino in Birmingham at top prices.

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"Mmm, it's like I'm having an orgasm... No mushroom escapes me. They call me eagle-eye."

-- Charlotte Abejean



Charlotte Abejean spends a lot of time in the woods on weekends searching for mushrooms that she plans on eating for dinner.

Tuition increase expected this week

By ROBERT CARR
News Editor

Oakland University students will be seeing a tuition increase, according to the school's president, Sandra Packard.

According to a recommendation signed by President Sandra Packard, the average resident undergraduate yearly fee (based

on 12 credit hours a semester) will increase from \$2,393 to 2,648, a difference of \$255.

The recommendation will go before Oakland's Board of Trustees for approval at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 16, in the Oakland Center.

That plan is based on the amount appropriated to Oakland by the state legislature, currently recommended at \$37,139,928. That amount is 2.26 percent, or \$822,294 more than what the university has received since 1991.

Paul Bissonette, Oakland's vice president of finance and administration, said that one of the reasons for the increase is the annual increase in salaries for university employees.

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Editor in Chief named Journalist of the Year

From Wire Reports

Robert Snell, the Editor in Chief of *The Oakland Post* independent student newspaper won The Presidents Award as the top college journalist in Michigan by the Detroit Press Club.

Snell, 22, won the top prize for his editorial which criticized Oakland University's handling of a laboratory research incident which may have exposed dozens of students to the AIDS virus last fall.

His HIV editorial also finished with top honors in the opinion category.

Snell also won third place in the news reporting division for the story, "Greek Ring of Fire Inflames Fraternity," which resulted in the suspension of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for one year.

The awards were the second, third and fourth such accolades for the student newspaper this year. *The Post* also won a national design award by the Associated College Press.

The Grand Rapids native won three of the 10 available awards, edging out David Rheingold, the editor of the University of Michigan's student newspaper.

Snell transferred to OU after spending two years at Grand Rapids CC.

"Rob did an excellent job this year as editor. He broke some impressive stories. He was recognized by the professionals in the media for his work, and he deserved the recognition," said Jane Briggs-Bunting, *Post* advisor.

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