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Students plan events to celebrate Dr. King's birthday

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OU administration and student groups have planned various events to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 15 and his federally recognized holiday on Monday, Jan. 21.

A group called the "Student Call Against the War" is sponsoring a non-violent march and rally in downtown Detroit on the 15th. It is also calling for a nation wide student boycott of all classes on that day in honor of King and in protest of United States military involvement in the Persian Gulf.

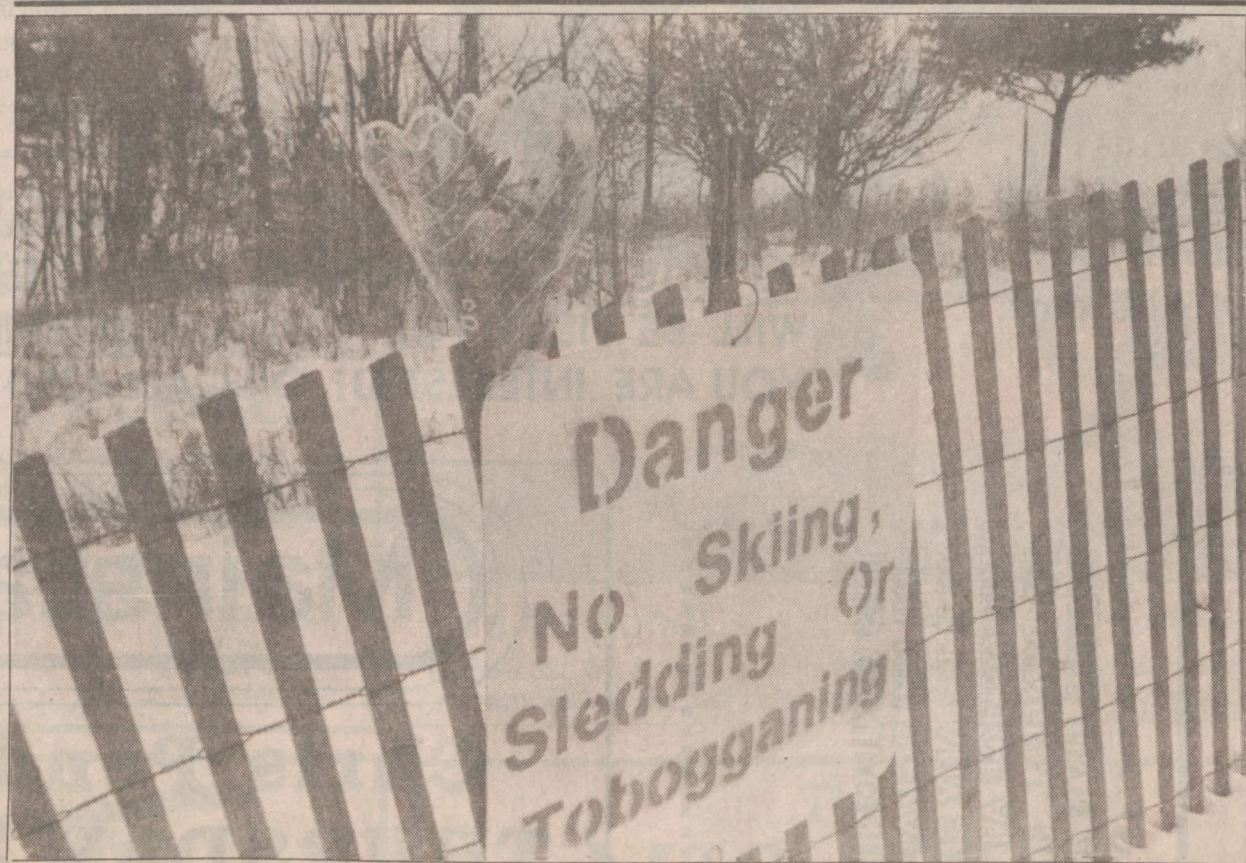
OU student and Association of Black Students member John Smith is the regional coordinator for the "Student Call Against the War." He said that the group is concerned about U.S. involvement because of what he called the "disproportionate" amount of African-American soldiers in the Persian Gulf.

"The U.S. is trying to turn this into a low-income kids' war," Smith said. "We want to tell them that we are definitely opposed."

The march begins at noon in front of the Detroit City County building and will end at the Federal building. The rally will be held at Central Methodist Church on Woodward and Adams, with speakers including student representatives from Michigan colleges and universities including the University of Michigan, Wayne State and the University of Detroit-Mercy.

ABS President Keith Arnold is coordinating his group's plans for a cross-campus march and facts seminar on Jan. 21. The march will be an anti-war demonstration followed by a seminar discussing King's views

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Nine-year-old Matthew Leseman was killed sledding down a hill behind the Lepley Sports building which, according to his parents, had no warning signs (such as the one above) posted.

Boy dies sledding on campus hill

By CLAUDINE DE LAZZER
Staff Writer

Despite numerous posted warnings and several snow fences, a nine-year-old Rochester Hills boy died Monday, Dec. 31 of injuries he sustained while sledding behind Lepley Sports Center.

Matthew Leseman died at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital from apparent head injuries after the sled he and a friend were riding slammed into a tree in a wooded area of the hill. Leseman's friend, Timothy Landholt, suffered only minor injuries from the accident.

According to Public Safety Chief

Richard Leonard the accident occurred in the heavily wooded area between a narrow path behind Lepley Sports Center leading to a set of trailers and the steps to the tennis courts.

Communications professor Chuck Yoakum happened to be at the site of the accident shortly after

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New trustees L. Brooks Patterson and Andrea Fischer attend first meeting, Departing members Ken Morris and Patricia Hartmann praised for dedication

By MIKE TYRKUS
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L. Brooks Patterson and Andrea Fischer, appointed to the Oakland University Board of Trustees by Governor John Engler on Jan. 4, attended their first board meeting last Wednesday.

After the meeting, both Patterson and Fischer expressed enthusiasm over their new posts.

"We're very excited about it," said

Detroit attorney Fischer.

"I think it's going to go well," added Patterson, a former Oakland County prosecutor. "We know most of the trustees and have a good working relationship with them," he said, but quickly noted, "We have a lot of homework to do, so we can come up to speed."

Both Patterson and Fischer, who were active supporters of Engler's campaign, were named during Engler's first round of appointments

Jan. 4.

Fischer and Patterson replaced trustees Kenneth Morris who was instrumental in establishing OU's Ken Morris Labor Studies Center, and former board chairwoman Patricia Hartmann who was commended for her participation in many university and outside committees.

Morris and Hartmann were honored last week when the board publicly expressed its gratitude for

the many years of service given by both.

Although the transition from the old to the new is far from complete, Patterson stated that "the others (trustees) have been very gracious and supportive" during the transition and he feels that he and Fischer will be "up to speed" in a relatively brief period of time.

Patterson, an adjunct professor of law at the University of Detroit, served as prosecuting attorney for

Oakland County for 16 years until he declined to run for re-election in Nov., 1988.

In 1989, he was appointed by President George Bush to the Executive Committee of the National Advisory Council of Small Business Administration.

Fischer, an attorney at the Detroit law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, also served under Bush as counsel and director of acquisition in the Defense Department.

Board of Trustees votes to hire promoter for Music Festival

Cellar Door Productions chosen to promote Meadow Brook

By ELIZABETH REGHI
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In an effort to increase outside involvement with the Meadow Brook Music Festival, the Board of Trustees Wednesday unanimously voted Cellar Door Productions of Michigan the festival's principal promoter.

As a promoter, Cellar Door will present acts that are not on the festival's regular subscription series. Instead, they will promote their own individual concerts, pay all direct costs related to their performances and pay OU a minimum of \$175,000 for up to 20 concerts.

In return, OU will reserve a specified number of dates for Cellar Door's performances and retain the right to approve or disapprove all acts.

"We have final approval on any artist," said Gregg Bloomfield, managing director of Meadow Brook Music Festival. "We always have

the right to say no."

"We've been gambling on these concerts on our own," said Jim Llewellyn, news director of university relations. "(We're trying) to cut down on our liabilities by using outside companies."

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- Gregg Bloomfield, Managing Director, Meadow Brook Music Festival

According to Bloomfield, the accumulative amount of losses from 1988-90 between Meadow Brook Music Festival and Meadow Brook

Theatre is over \$1 million.

"Involvement of (outside) companies will help the festival lose less money," Bloomfield said.

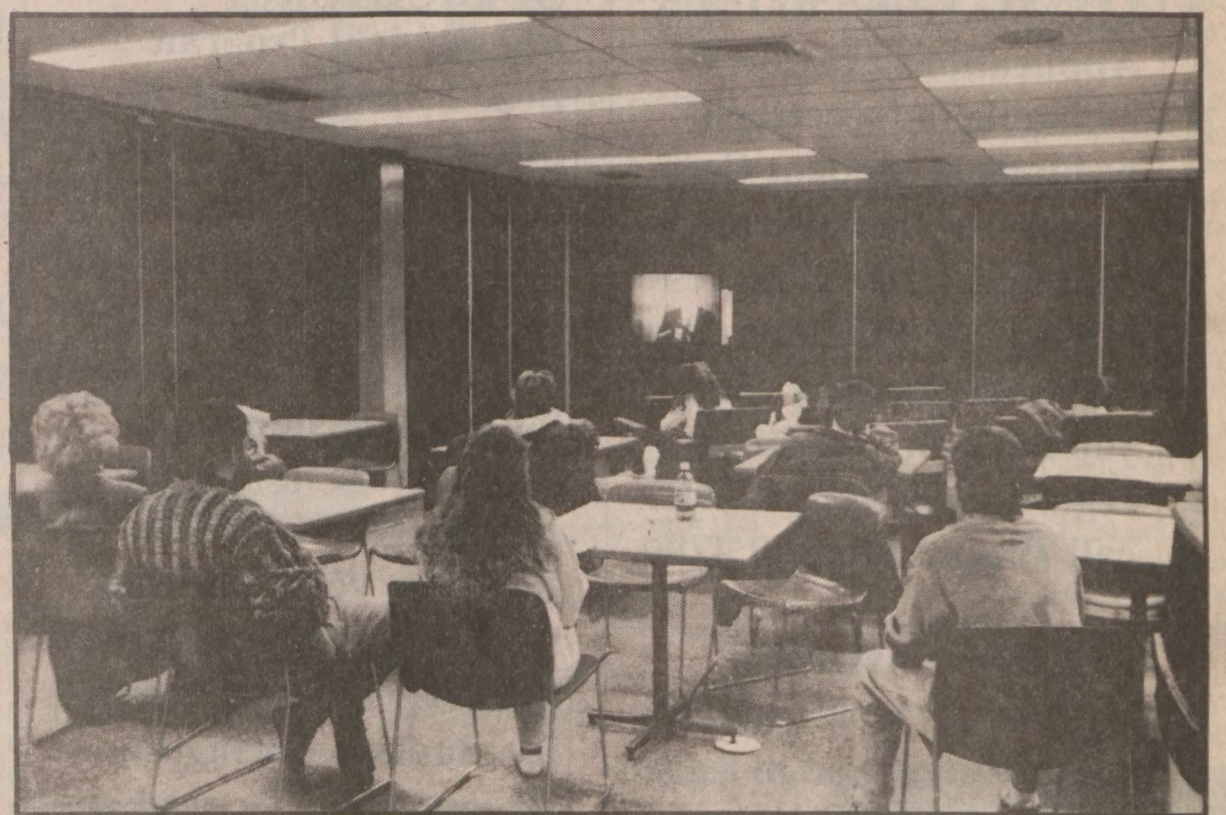
However, this is not a new project. Over the past ten years, OU has had other outside promoters.

"Brass Ring was (OU's) major promoter in the past," said Interim Vice President Frank Cardimen. "But they want less visibility and (showed) less interest in promoting the festival."

OU's Meadow Brook Festival then proceeded to send out letters of interest to booking agencies for interest in promoting these productions.

Richard Franks, president of Cellar Door, the first promoter to come forward in response to the letter, said that his company is extremely interested in the festival because he sees it as one of the most reputable music festivals in the Midwest and that Cellar Door Productions "would love to be a part of it."

Hoping for peace



The Oakland Post / Steve Szock

A group of interested students and staff gather in the basement of the Oakland Center Wednesday to await the results of a meeting held by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz in Geneva, which many considered the last chance for peace before the Jan. 15 United Nations deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. Anyone interested in learning more about the situation in the middle east, voicing their opinions or is interested in some spirited discussion is encouraged to attend a meeting on Tuesday Jan. 15 in room 126 of the Oakland Center from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The theme, Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday / Stand for Peace in the Gulf will be presented through videos, speakers and discussions.