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Taking the stage



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Michigan native Rick Kelly performed at Mainstage Nov. 3 by singing original rhythm and blues and old Motown tunes. Craig Karges will bring his magic show to OU at the next Mainstage Dec. 1.

Poll shows even split between Bush, Dukakis

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

In nationwide polls, Vice President George Bush holds a comfortable lead in the presidential race.

However, according to a recent non-scientific *Oakland Post* telephone poll of 100 OU students, the race is close.

Although neither candidate could obtain a majority, 45 percent of the students randomly chosen favored Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis, while 43 percent planned to vote for George Bush. One percent planned to vote for Libertarian candidate Ronald Paul and 11 percent were undecided.

The students were also polled on the four statewide ballot proposals.

Proposal A, which if passed would end Medicaid-funded abortions, was rejected by the students. Fifty-five percent of those polled planned to vote against the proposal, while 36 percent planned to oppose ending tax-funded abortions. Nine percent were still undecided.

Students were in favor of Pro-

posal B, which would amend the state constitution to include a list of crime victims' rights. Sixty percent of OU students favored the proposal, while 36 percent opposed it. Four percent remained undecided.

An overwhelming majority of students favored Proposal C, which would raise \$660 million to clean up Michigan's environment. Ninety-two percent were in favor of the proposal, while only three percent opposed it. Five percent remained undecided.

A large number of OU students also favor Proposal D, which is passed, would raise \$140 million for the upkeep and creation of state and local public recreation projects. Seventy-nine percent of those polled planned to vote "Yes", while only 18 percent planned to vote "No." Three percent remained undecided.

The students were also given a list of seven issues, and were asked which one they considered most important. The quality of education

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Riots remembered on 50th anniversary

By SANDRA GROSS
Special Writer

This week marks the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht, anti-Semitic riots, and to educate students, two lectures will be presented about the topic. Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) was named for the sound of breaking glass in Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues by mobs of anti-Semitic Germans and Austrians, during riots in Austria and Germany on Nov. 9 and 10, 1938.

Junior Nadya Kosarin, 32, said the commemoration of Kristallnacht is needed because "it is important to prevent it from happening again."

She added, "I think it is the respon-

sibility of all people, all races not to forget."

Although there will not be any religious observance, a panel discussion called "Betrayed: Is There a Danger of Nazism in America?" will be held today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Nazi-ordered riots.

The panel includes associate anthropology professor Donald Warren, anthropology professor Peter Bertocci and Honors College chairman Brian Murphy.

During the riots, 7,500 homes and businesses and 267 synagogues were vandalized while 76 synagogues were completely destroyed, according to Sandy Loeffler, director of the Jewish

Students Organization.

Almost 100 Jews were killed and many more injured during Kristallnacht. At least 30,000 were arrested and taken to concentration camps, she said.

The riots occurred after the murder of Ernst vom Rath, a German diplomat, on Nov. 7, 1938, by Herschel Grynszpan, a 17 year-old Polish student in Paris. He killed vom Rath in retaliation for his parents' deportation out of Germany by the Nazis.

The Nazis used the murder of vom Rath to justify the anti-Semitic riots. The Germans and Austrians were ordered by Adolf Hitler, to burn, loot and vandalize the Jewish community, according to historians.

Kristallnacht is seen as the first step of the Nazis' plan to exterminate the Jews. These acts of violence ultimately led to the murder of six million Jews and five million others.

Kristallnacht is the subject of an exhibit at the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield. At the center, it is described as "the murder of the European Jews who neither coveted or laid sovereignty claims of any kind to any of the territories occupied by its persecutors."

In observance of Kristallnacht, synagogues will show Jewish unity by leaving their lights on all night.

"It will be a show of solidarity," said Loeffler.

Sparks: funding increase long, tough fight

By KYLE GREEN
Staff Writer

Raising the university's funding from the state is a long and tough political fight, said State Rep. Gordon Sparks-R, during his speech Friday in the Fireside Lounge.

"I realize Oakland University is getting the short end of the stick ... they (the legislatures) think we can take care of ourselves and that is what we (Oakland County representatives) are fighting..." Sparks said.

During his 30-minute prepared speech, Sparks, conservation and environment vice chairman, discussed Proposals C and D.

Proposal C, if passed by voters, will grant \$660 million to clean up toxic contaminants.

"We have old land fills all over the state waiting as time bombs..." Sparks said to a small audience.

"Many (land fills) should be closed, cleaned up, and move on to a better system," added Sparks, who represents the Rochester area- 63rd District.

Proposal D, also if passed, will allow Michigan to borrow \$140 million to rebuild the state park system and provide funding for local recreational opportunities.

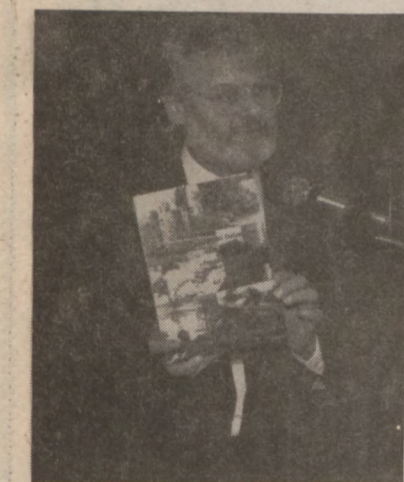
To get the \$140 million, bonds will be sold and in return the money will then be used to finance the proposals.

According to Sparks, Gov. James Blanchard and other legislators support this idea of financing because it will allow the state to obtain and use the money immediately before the problems worsen.

"I served on a Republican task force to give Republican view of how the \$800 million would be used," Sparks said. "I intend to vote for C, I still have some doubt on D, I don't feel really strong on that."

Proposals C and D have been worked on for four years, however, no progress has been made until Blanchard said he supported them in his 1988 State of the State Address in January.

Sparks was one of eight legislators invited to speak by Brian Murphy, state affairs chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee of University Congress. Murphy said the legislative speaking series helps educate students on current issues and in return allows the legislators to get a better perspective of students' viewpoints.



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Rep. Gordon Sparks spoke to a small audience Friday about the importance of Proposals C and D.



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President Joseph Champagne gives the Texas Instruments donation to School of Business Administration Dean Ronald Horwitz at the presentation in Meadow Brook Hall Nov. 3

Texas Instruments donates \$100,000

By LISABETH PINTO
Staff Writer

The School of Business Administration received a \$100,000 contribution from Texas Instruments in honor of Paul Lorenz, retiring general director, at a Nov. 3 dinner at Meadow Brook Hall.

Lorenz has been a temporary SBA professor since 1977.

The money will be used to create Paul F. Lorenz/Texas Instruments Academic Excellence Awards to be given annually to outstanding undergraduate and graduate students, according to SBA Dean Ronald Horwitz.

"This is a significant contribution that will create additional scholarship recognition in a manner not possible through the general fund," Horwitz said.

Students receiving the awards will be chosen solely on academic excellence, Horwitz added.

The undergraduate business major student with senior status and the highest grade point average in the school will receive a full tuition scholarship from this fund.

Two undergraduate students in the SBA and one outstanding MBA student will also receive outstanding student awards from this fund.

TI has a policy of donating \$100,000 to a college or university of a retiring director's choice.

Professor's new vision testing program may replace old

By TAMMIE SEARS
Staff Writer

A vision-testing program researched by Frank Schieber, assistant psychology professor, to certify drivers may replace the current vision test the next decade.

The current test (the Snellen Acuity Test) uses black letters on a white background to determine focusing errors in an individual's eye. Schieber says the test does not reveal "how well one sees in the world."

SCHIEBER, WHO heads research on

vision and aging, is concerned with the need to pinpoint the visual problems related to aging that do not show up on the Snellen Test, such as glaucoma or cataracts. He explained, using the analogy of a projector: in a dark room the visibility of an image on the screen is adequate, but when the lights are turned on the image is less visible because the light has become scattered.

It is the same when the eye's lens develops age-related problems such as cloudiness or dirtiness; the light scatters, causing less visibility.

These problems are not revealed using the Snellen test, however. Schieber, who has been at OU for three years, is researching a new test that focuses on determining the changes of the retina during aging, using low contrast stimuli such as gray patterns on a white background.

"THE RESEARCH centers on how we should be testing older (people) ... and with the low contrast stimuli, it shows visual problems that could be corrected," Schieber said.

He emphasized that the research is not targeted to a specific age group.

"We're not pulling drivers' licenses from people, but rather keeping people on the road by finding corrective vision problems," Schieber said.

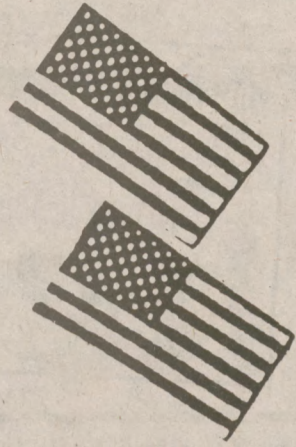
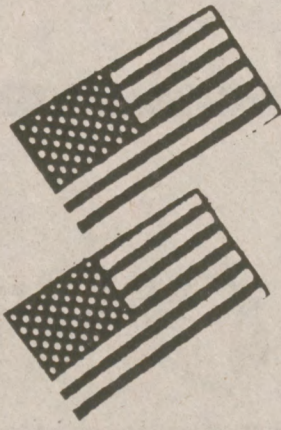
Along with his colleague Don Kline, a psychology professor at the University of Calgary in Canada, Schieber is also involved in a federally funded government project involving the biomedical research of aging.

BASED IN Baltimore, Md., the project focuses on the changes that occur in in-

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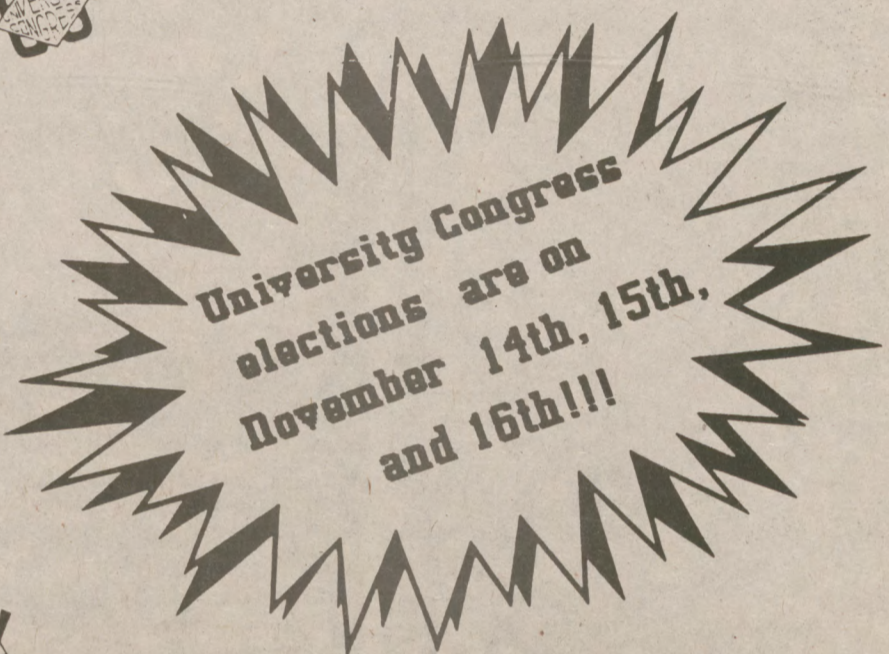


VOTE!

Tuesday, November 8th

For those registered in Auburn Hills. Vote at the Auburn Hills clerk's office on Squirrel Rd. For more info call the Congress office at 370 4290.

The Commuter Council is sponsoring a hayride on Friday, November 11th at Finnely Stables. The cost is \$10 which does include food. Sign up in the Commuter Council office.



University Congress meeting

- **time:** 5:15pm
- **date:** Monday, November the 7th
- **place:** Oakland Room of the O.C.
- 4 vacancies will be filled

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OU STAR SEARCH

Do you dance, sing, tell jokes or stories, or display any other hidden talents? Be discovered at the OU Star Search! Auditions will be held Nov. 8 and Nov. 9. To audition, sign up at the CIPO Service Window. Actually OU Star Search - Nov. 29 @ 8p.m. in the Crockery.

COMING SOON COMING SOON

OU NIGHT AT THE PALACE
COME SEE THE EASTERN CONFERENCE CHAMPS DETROIT PISTONS. TIME AND DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

TWISTER NOVEMBER 16

Twist and shout in the O.C.'s Fireside Lounge at noon and compete for fantastic prizes in the second annual twister contest.

OU PIONEER PEP RALLY

Come see and cheer your favorite sports teams on November 11 @ 6:30p.m. in the Wilson Parking Lot.

CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, November 19 from 9p.m. - 12p.m. in the O.C. Crockery.



FRIDAY, NOV. 11 @ 7p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOV. 12 @ 3p.m.
201 DODGE HALL ADMISSION \$1.50

