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Gary Barris smooths out the "Rough Edge"

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The Post welcomes a new school year and recent campus renovations, but hopes to see more changes as the year goes by.



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"It's the duty of a newspaper to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

NEWS on the EDGE

• Want to know more about an organization you've been thinking of joining? The Oakland Center is the venue for an open house today until 6:30 p.m. Student organizations and offices will be on hand to answer questions for anyone interested in joining. The open house will be in the basement of the Oakland Center.

• Student Congress is looking for student representatives for its Senate committees. The committees help make decisions that affect the student body. Those interested should contact Matthew C. Hudson, Legislative Affairs Director for OUSC at 370.4292.

• The annual Ice Cream Social takes place from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m., today, between the Foundation Halls. Free ice cream courtesy of the Student Affairs office will be handed out.

• The third annual Theta Tau Welcome Back Picnic will take place from noon-2 p.m., Thursday, in front of Dodge and Hannah Halls.

• SPB's Comedy Showdown takes place from 5-7 p.m., Friday, in the dining area of Vandenberg.

• Theta Chi's annual Hawaiian Beach Party noon-4 p.m., Saturday, at the Rec Center pool.

• The Association of Black Students hosts its annual Icebreaker Dance 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center.

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Welcome Week Special Edition

Tuition up 8.4 percent this year

Four credit classes up to \$529 for underclassmen, \$582 for juniors, seniorsBy Michael Hoskins
LOCAL NEWS EDITOR

Sophomore Kenton Lewis was prepared for the new school year. Buying textbooks, preparing for classes, meeting new people was all part of his plan, and he was ready. When he opened his student account bill in the mail, however, he was unpre-

pared for the amount that he saw at the bottom, an 8.4 percent tuition increase from last year that had been added on to his college career.

"The Board of Trustees and the administration took great care in getting the tuition increase down to the lowest possible amount," said Ted Montgomery, Director of Media Relations for OU. "No one wants to raise tuition, but there

was limited money from the (state) government. They squeezed it as tight as they could."

Like Lewis, college students across Michigan are experiencing sticker shock as they receive their student bills and see the average 10.7 percent for the fall semester. Of the state's 15 public universities, OU's increase falls between Lake Superior State with an 8 per-

cent increase, and Northern, which is at 8.8 percent.

U-M in Ann Arbor increased tuition the least, 6.5 percent, while Michigan Tech had the highest increase with 19 percent. Last year, OU had a 2.7 percent tuition increase for the year, while other schools averaged around three percent.

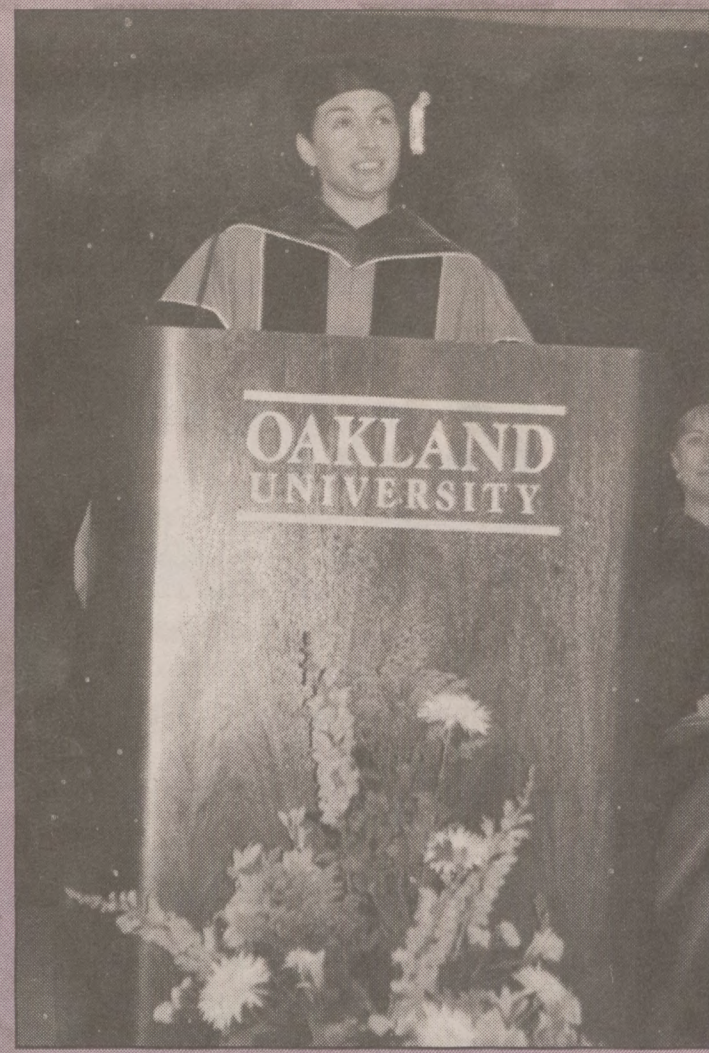
Now, junior and senior students like Lewis are paying \$582 for a four credit class, or \$145.50 per credit hour. A four credit class for

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Michigan's Public University Tuition Increases

Michigan Tech	19.0%
Eastern	13.4%
Ferris State	10.5%
Central	9.9%
Michigan - Flint	9.9%
Wayne State	9.9%
Western	9.9%
Michigan - Dearborn	9.4%
Grand Valley State	9.1%
Michigan State	8.9%
Northern	8.8%
OAKLAND	8.4%
Lake Superior State	8.0%
Saginaw Valley State	6.7%
Michigan - Ann Arbor	6.5%

Welcoming new students to campus



New students and their parents filled the O'Rena Tuesday for the annual New Student Convocation. Following the processional of faculty and administrators decked out in their academic regalia, President Gary Russi addressed the students, welcoming them to OU.

Other keynote speakers at the convocation were Kathleen Pfeiffer (pictured), assistant professor of English, Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs and Derek Dickow, Student Body President. Pfeiffer offered students her advice for the upcoming year.

"I hope you will discover the frightening joy of discovering new ideas," she said.

After the convocation, attendees were treated to hors d'oeuvres and punch during the reception at the REC Center.

Many freshmen milled around the REC Center shaking hands with administrators, chatting with professors and reuniting with their orientation group leaders.

"I'm excited about all the activities they have here like movies, salsa dancing and women's defense. I'm excited about getting on committees and all the people I'll meet through them," said Victoria Holifield, freshman.

Other students are more excited about other college perks.

"I'm excited about waking up an hour later," Parviz Movahedan, freshman said. "I'm not a morning person."

-Lisa Cali, managing editor

Academic Affairs Review Committee close to end of investigating division

By Cara Plowman
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Academic Affairs Review Committee, formed by faculty after the surprise termination of Provost Louis Esposito in June, expects to present its report to the Board of Trustees at the formal meeting October 3.

The committee, formerly called the Presidential Review Committee, was charged with three primary objectives. The charges to the AARC were:

- Investigating the May 31 firing of former Provost Louis Esposito by President Gary Russi.

- Learn and understand Academic Affairs budget matters and other divisions.

- Make recommendations on how to prevent instability within the office of the Provost.

Gary Shepherd, chair of the AARC and professor of sociology, said the committee plans to present its final report about the status of the Academic Affairs division at the Oct. 3 formal meeting of the BOT.

Both Shepherd and faculty representative David Jaymes said the committee has been interviewing people inside the Academic Affairs division, as well as some others who have ties to the department.

Jaymes said a list of almost 10 people was made in late July of possible candidates to be interviewed. He added that most of the interviews have already been conducted, and

the committee plans to finish the process by interviewing Russi and Esposito in the next week or two.

Shepherd said the committee spent the first part of summer reviewing the 1,500 page Freedom of Information request the *Detroit Free Press* had obtained from OU.

Those documents detail circumstances surrounding Esposito's dismissal, his personnel file, email correspondence between Russi and Esposito, Academic Affairs budget matters and more.

"There was no complete list (of reasons why Esposito was fired) ever published. Russi made several formal statements, but those were general in nature," Shepherd said. "It's a AARC continues on A8

From biology to provost's office: Moudgil's ready

By Rachel Rybicki
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Virinder Moudgil, an internationally known cancer researcher, was named Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost in early August, replacing Dr. Louis Esposito who was fired by President Russi in a controversial decision in June.

Moudgil is a professor of biological sciences and was chairman of his department before taking over the number two position at the University. Moudgil never hoped for the position, but said, "(I'm) honored and grateful that my colleagues would stand beside me and supported me. It was nice that they believed in me."

Moudgil was one of four internal finalists for the position. He had strong faculty support and was the only candidate who was a ranked professor.

During an interview with The Oakland Post, he stressed one major theme for the students of OU saying that he wanted every student to know that they do have a voice.

"I want the students to know that they have one of them inside of these offices," Moudgil said, who admitted to visiting his lab everyday before he goes home. "I want them to know that they have a friend who has been there and cares about their concerns and is working for them."

Moudgil has been involved in the lives of students both one on one and in the classroom for over 25 years, he said. He added that, because he has had support from faculty and the opportunity to manage the budget, the experience has allowed him to learn about the needs of college students. He said his experience has prepared him for bigger and better challenges.

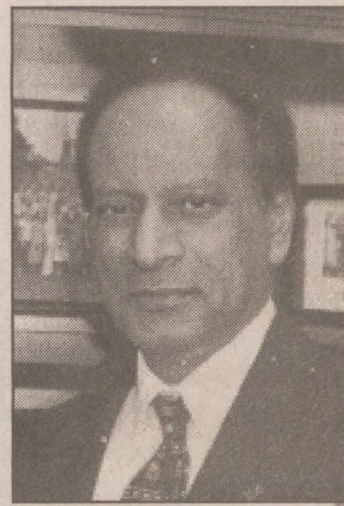
In Moudgil's new position, he said he brings insight from his previous experience as chair of the biology department and feels as though he has learned the needs of students first hand because of his previous positions held and will draw from them to better the conditions and atmosphere of the campus.

"I am a teacher and a researcher. I am aware of the needs of students for resources, and I am here to make sure that we collectively meet those needs," Moudgil said. "We are all a team, and if we do not work together we will not accomplish our goal."

Moudgil said that all of the academic matters at OU are not only his responsibility but are of interest to him.

"I honestly believe that I am here to serve the student body. I may not see them every day, but everything built here at OU has been created so that our students get a good education."

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Virinder Moudgil