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OU faculty lacks diversity

By BRIAN REINDEL
Special Writer

Despite a push by the Board of Trustees to increase the number of minority faculty members, affirmative action goals at OU are still not being met, said Sharon Abraham, director of the Office of Diversity and Compliance, in a recent report.

According to Abraham, of 13 faculty job groups that had affirmative action goals, not one met its goal, and only five reported progress.

Of 16 staff groups, which

include administrative and professional positions, only three met their goals.

Yet, in a positive contradiction, African-American faculty managed to rise from 16 to 27 since the 1990 school year.

Also, the total faculty minority grew from 42 to 84 since 1990. This includes 27 African-Americans, six Hispanics, 49 Asians, and two Native Americans.

In an affirmative action policy bulletin last updated in August 1995, and approved by the Board, one of OU's goals was

established.

"The goal of the (affirmative action) plan shall be to achieve within the university community a work force that is reasonably representative of minorities and women as measured by the race and sex mix of persons with the requisite skill within the reasonable employee recruiting area of the university," said the report.

Abraham said to increase faculty minorities, OU is focused on a marketing scheme. Advertising in publications read by minorities, with news letters and association meetings are just

a few ideas the school is pursuing.

Committees have been formed numerous times to address issue of diversity among faculty, but seemingly are not helping the situation.

Kevin Early, an African-American associate professor of sociology said, "I will no longer be serving on (these) committees. They are not doing their job. OU needs concrete standards, like (U-M) and Wayne State University."

At this time, U-M is in a pending trial, trying to protect its

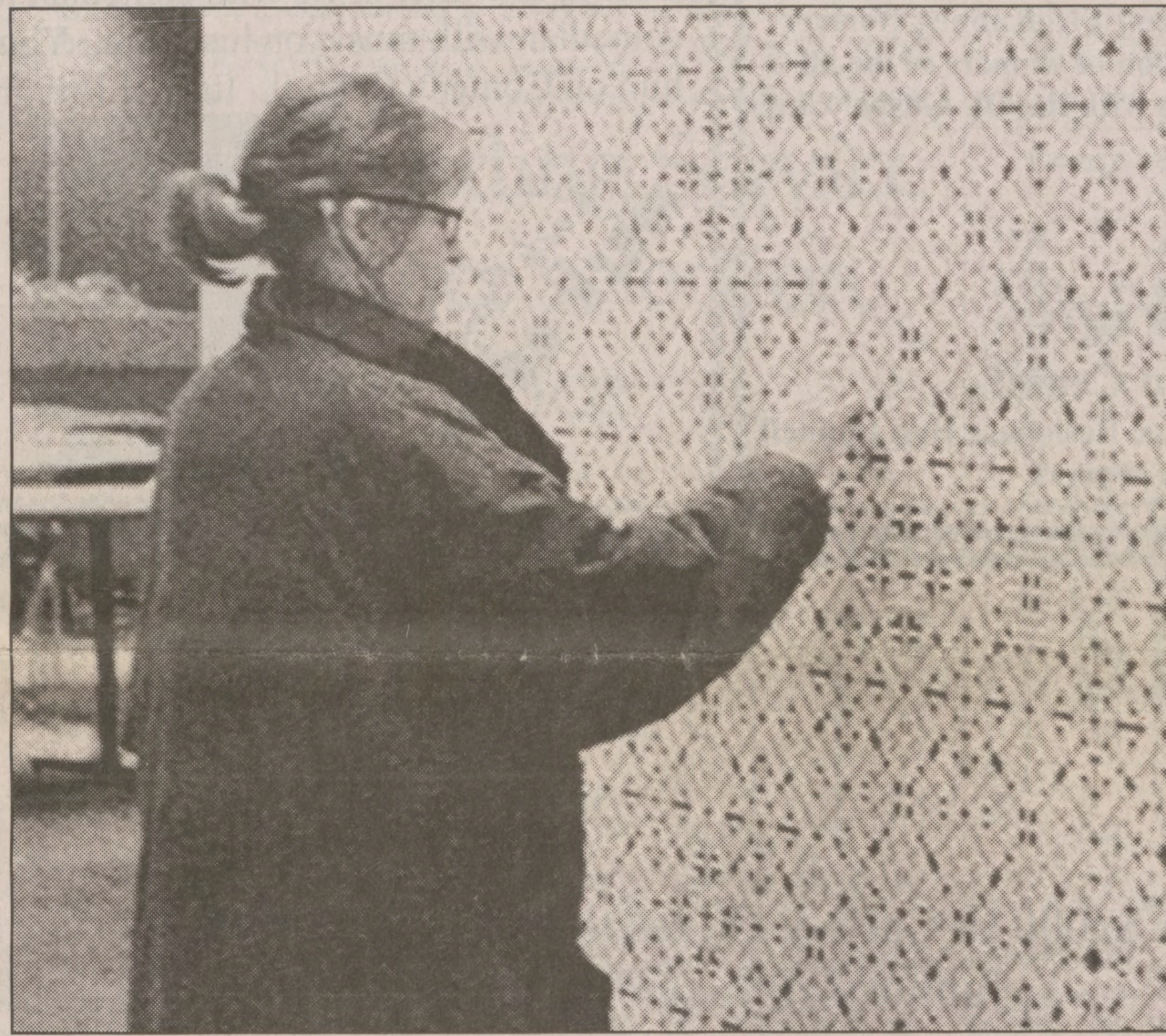
affirmative action quotas against conservative Republicans.

Early said, "I don't see Oakland making that kind of commitment. They continue to articulate, but the numbers dictate otherwise."

According to Early, Detroit-area schools are dissuading minority students from attending OU because they consider the university to have a superficial stand on increasing minority faculty and students.

Early said that in order to persuade outsiders that OU is

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Post Photo/Laura Schildt

Crossword puzzle mania

The world's largest crossword puzzle located in the OC has attracted not only students, faculty, and staff, but visitors also. Lisa Macfarlane, visitor, made a pit-stop while passing through the OC to make some dents in the puzzle.

New assistant OC director appointed

By REBECCA DEVANTIER
Staff Writer

After a long search process and soliciting the opinions of various campus committees, OC Director Richard Fekel finally filled the position of assistant director for student activities and leadership development.

Jean Ann Miller, assistant director of student development, accepted the position late Monday afternoon.

"This is one of my dreams being fulfilled," she said.

The position was vacated last summer when Maura Selahowski took an offer to work in the new recreation and athletic center. Originally, she held the director of CIPO position. However, Fekel changed the title to make it more consistent with other university's student unions and to reflect CIPO's new name.

The assistant's duties will allow Miller to work relatively closely with students, Fekel said.

Some requirements of the job include:

- reporting to Fekel;
- assuming responsibility for the administration of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development;
- serving as a resource to nearly 100 student organizations, including 16 sororities and fraternities, WXOU and Congress;
- building student, faculty and staff partnerships;
- promoting student involvement in out-of-class groups;
- campus-wide program implementation; and
- budget and fiscal management of accounts.

Miller wants to go beyond this list and implement other goals, as well.

"(I plan on) enhancing some of the more successful events and make them better," she said.

"I'm really committed to student and campus life. It's just figuring out where we're at and where we need to go."

Jean Ann Miller
Newly appointed assistant OC director

what student and Greek organizations want and need.

Miller has been active at OU for the past 17 years. She has held such positions as coordinator of residence halls programming and instructor for a stress management class in the exer-

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Student reports armed robbery on campus

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
News Editor

OU is considered to be a relatively safe campus. But ever so often a serious crime is reported to the OUPD.

At approximately 10 p.m. last Wednesday a Hamlin Hall resident allegedly became a victim of an armed robbery while walking on the southwest side of Fitzgerald House towards the OC.

The complainant said that a six-foot tall man wearing a black jacket, black gloves and a ski mask approached her as though he was an acquaintance of hers.

According to the police report, the complainant said the robber had an object in his right hand and jabbed it into her stomach.

He allegedly told her he had a gun.

She told police the suspect threatened to kill her if she didn't hand over her money.

The complainant said she then gave the suspect \$30, and that she was fearful for her life. After allegedly instructing her not to move, the suspect fled north.

The complainant told police she had no idea where the assailant fled.

OU Police Lt. Mel Gilroy said, "We have no information to lead us to believe she (the victim) was a particularized target." However, Gilroy said that possibility has not been ruled out.

An ongoing investigation headed by Officer T. Ross is under way. At this point in the investigation, Gilroy said, police are trying to narrow the time line.

Gilroy also said OUPD contacted the Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills police departments to see if there have been other armed robberies, similar to the one reported at OU.

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Evidential hearing set to dismiss evidence

By MARK KRAUZOWICZ
Staff Writer

Family and friends of Jonnathan Thomas packed the court room of Oakland County Circuit Court Thursday, as Judge David Breck ordered the pre-trial of Christopher Knoche.

Knoche, 23, was involved in the fatal car crash that occurred on Oct. 19, 1997, resulting in the death of Thomas, 19.

Knoche has been charged with driving under the influence causing death and homicide manslaughter with a motor vehicle.

Knoche's attorney David Binkley approached the bench and asked for a postponement of the pre-trial. Binkley said he would like to use the testimony of Valerie Schultz, the driver of the vehicle in which Thomas was traveling.

Schultz was recently

charged with a misdemeanor of unlawful blood alcohol level.

However, she will not testify at Knoche's trial until her trial is over.

Binkley and assistant prosecutor Lisa Madzia agreed to the postponement and a new date was set for 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 4.

The pre-trial will begin with an evidential hearing to dismiss the Breathalyzer test evidence against Knoche.

Thomas' stepfather, Lynn Bothwell, said "We are very disappointed about the motion to throw out the breathalyzer analysis. After witnesses at the scene said he was visibly drunk, it would leave us very bitter if the analysis was thrown out on a technicality."

According to the Michigan law, Knoche was legally intoxicated the time of the crash, as

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Attention Oakland University

Community

Come Together on Monday, January 19, 1998

Everyone is invited to attend:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration

12:00 Noon

All-Campus Unity March

Departure from Vandenberg Hall Lobby to Oakland Center

12:15 p.m.

Birthday Celebration

Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

12:15 p.m. Hot Chocolate and lite lunch

12:30-1:30 p.m. Greetings by Presidents of Association of Black Students and University Student Congress, OU President's Proclamation, Presentation by the Reverend Virgil Jones, (former Wayne State Campus minister), recognition of winners of the all-campus contest and birthday cake and songs with the OU Gospel Choir

7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Vigil

Gold Rooms, Oakland Center

Sponsored by Association of Black Students, Residence Hall Council and University Student Congress

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