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Students want explanation for Provost's quote

By CAROL ZITO
Editor in Chief

Several students are angry about an administrator's choice of words published in a special section of last Sunday's *Detroit Free Press* because, they say, those words did not place OU students in a very positive light.

University Student Congress members Brian Murphy, Holly Lashbrook, Christina Landry and Robert Seffinger sent a letter to Provost Keith Kleckner on Friday criticizing him for saying OU students are "not always the most brilliant students, but they work hard and they do well as a result."

The quote appeared in a profile on OU for the *Free Press*' 1989 Michigan College Guide.

"We feel that all students at this university are brilliant and that this over generalization hinders the progress of the university ..." the letter said. "We work hard and utilize the brilliance (which) we all inately

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Step right up



The Oakland Post / Scott Kuzma

Kappa Alpha Psi members Anthony Mosley and Keith Arnold finish up their dance Oct. 19, at the Ms. Essence / Mr. Esquire Contest. The contest and step show were part of the festivities planned for Kappa Week 1989 which focused on the survival of the African American family. The week's activities included many guest speakers as well as a leadership workshop.

South African discusses home

By L. VILLAROSA-BOLTON
Staff Editor

With his first-hand knowledge, the Rev. Mangedwa Nyathi delivered an update on the state of apartheid in South Africa in the Oakland Center on Monday to kick off Kappa Week 1989.

Sponsored by the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, this was first of several presentations aimed at improving awareness and promoting activism and African-American leadership.

Nyathi, an associate pastor at Detroit's Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, recently returned from visiting his family and friends in South Africa. He expressed his ambivalence about his trips back to his racially segregated homeland.

"Each time I take the journey, I take it with mixed emotions and feelings because I don't know what will happen to me when I get to South Africa," he said.

He knows that he must face the possibility of being detained or even killed while he is there, but "nonetheless that is home."

Nyathi has lived in the U.S. since 1975, and earned his master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan. He has spoken about South Africa across the country, including a workshop at the United Nations last April.

Rather than give a historical perspective of apartheid, Nyathi chose to present a current picture of the situation to the audience of about 60 students, faculty and administrators.

He began by explaining that much of the information from the media is not accurate.

"What's happening from inside the country is different from what

you read in the newspapers," he said.

Giving some background information on the recently elected president, de Klerk, Nyathi showed the discrepancies of his recent actions and his past position.

"De Klerk was one of the whites who were reactionary to the reforms of [former] President Botha ... Many people who do not know his history will read the headlines, like yesterday he released eight people, ... and not look deeper into what is the strategy behind this," Nyathi explained.

The minister read from several newspapers, showing the vast injustices that are constantly occurring. The headlines revealed hundreds of protesters being arrested or detained for things such as boycotting classes or distributing pamphlets.



The Oakland Post / Dave Cichocki

Rev. Mangedwa shows some of the headlines about South Africa that disturb him.

"If people are being arrested every day in South Africa, how can the new president, president de Klerk, be trusted as a person who is going

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Cockroaches make presence known -- again

By LUCY BUCCELLATO
Staff Writer

A warm summer with heavy precipitation is the cause of an increase of OU's cockroach population according to a spokesman from Gold Star Exterminating Company.

Gold Star helps to control the pest population with weekly visits while the OU maintenance crew has a hand in the operation by laying down poison 2-3 times a week.

"The increase in roaches can most likely be attributed to the kind of summer we had," said a spokesperson for Gold Star.

"With lots of precipitation and humidity ... a large storage area becomes a haven for all sorts of roaches. Also, in cases of food services of any type, the cockroaches are often brought in with the deliveries every day. It is a common problem in any large area of sorts, not just Oakland University."

An anonymous witness to the problem, however, said that OU "wouldn't have the problem if they'd just keep it clean. They just clean around the edges ... and the crud builds up underneath the counters ... then the roaches come."

Carl Bender, director of food services, said that he hasn't heard anything about cockroaches.

"If there were a problem, I'd hear about it ... I'd imagine that a

building of this age would have problems and cockroaches are durable little fellows, but I haven't heard anything about roaches either from customers or workers."

A copy of several pages from the Gold Star pest log, called the "bug book" by OU employees, shows just how widespread the problem is.

Cockroaches have been found in the Oakland Center dishroom, See ROACHES page 3

Marriott donates money for meals given to poor

By MARGARET O'BRIEN
News Editor

More than 800 students signed up to donate a meal to the poor Oct. 18 for World Hunger Day.

Marriott donated \$1.25 for each meal that was donated and given up, between 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Carl Bender, director of food service said that most students held true to the commitment they made.

Bender said that half of the amount raised will go to a local soup kitchen while the other half will go to World Vision.

Marriott chooses one fund raiser a semester to participate in.

"People look at us as a big company. We're not. We're the food service at OU. Our people are part of the community. We're not heartless. And, we do as much or more than any other department," Bender said.



The Oakland Post / Ed Kagan

Big finale

Sophomore Amy Heard belts one out at the CIPO Star Search audition Tuesday. Winners will be announced in the Gold Rooms on Wednesday.

Payne beats incumbent Smith in ABS elections

By DERRICK LEWIS
Staff Writer

Senior Marc Payne defeated incumbent John Smith for the presidency of the Association of Black Students Oct. 18. The organization held the election in the Beer Lake Yacht Club, and had approximately 75 members in attendance.

Payne stated that the major goal for ABS is to unite other student organizations to present a united front for social change at OU.

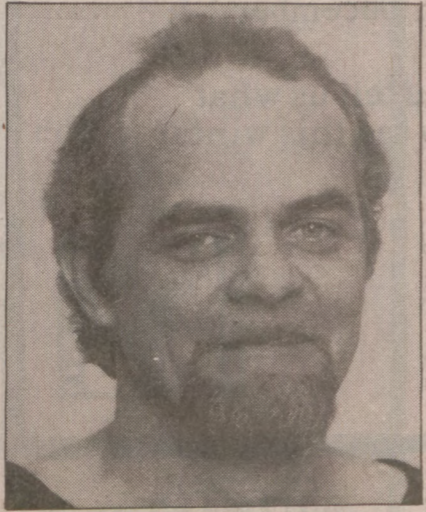
He also stressed a need for academic excellence on the part of the students, and said that ABS will sponsor study halls for that

purpose. Payne also said that ABS will offer scholarships to black students with the highest G.P.A. as an added incentive for black students to earn good grades.

Junior Dawn Burnett was elected vice president, freshman Tasha Holt is the treasurer, Christy Herron will be in charge of public relations and freshman Anita Hughes was elected to sergeant at arms.

ABS will be hosting their traditional events during the school year such as the Martin Luther King Day march, the Greek Step-Down, ABS Ball and the Unity Picnic which will be held at the end of winter semester.

OU instructor, reporter dies of heart attack



Free Press reporter Brian Flanigan taught journalism classes at OU.

By SHARON GOETZ
Staff Writer

OU journalism instructor and Free Press police reporter Brian Flanigan died of a heart attack Oct. 15 in his Grosse Pointe home only a few hours after completing work on "24 Hours: The Drug Menace," a team effort, special report appearing in the *Detroit Free Press*.

His wife, fellow reporter Nancy Ross-Flanigan was at his side.

According to friends, Flanigan, 43, was a reporter who loved the police beat, the city of Detroit and fast-breaking news. Sunday's special section on street drugs has be-

come a fine tribute to what the *Free Press* called "one of the best damned reporters ever to work the streets."

Flanigan graduated from Dearborn Alphonse High School and Wayne State University before serving in Vietnam. He worked for The Michigan Chronicle and then joined the *Free Press* in 1979, specializing in crime coverage.

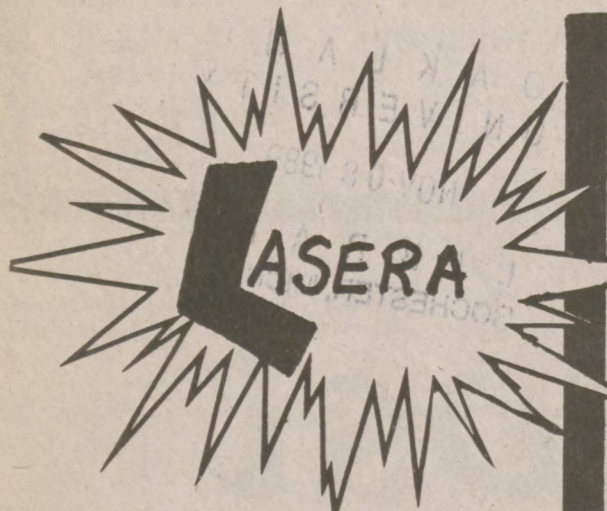
Vietnam made him tough. The always casually dressed reporter was known to drink and swear and tease his fellow workers. But a score of friends and fellow workers have said since his death that he was the epitome of the old fashioned news-hound with a gentle heart.

"Anything you say about how outrageous Brian was, no matter what you say, you're going to err on the side of understatement. Good outrageous," Neal Shine said in Monday's *Free Press*.

Flanigan was a poet, a civil rights activist and a friend to the Rev. William Cunningham, Kenneth Cockrell (who also died of a heart attack this year), Detroit police commander Gilbert Hill and many others who are known to be active in promoting the city of Detroit.

Many thought he was special. Joe Grimm, an OU instructor who knew him at the *Free Press*, said it was

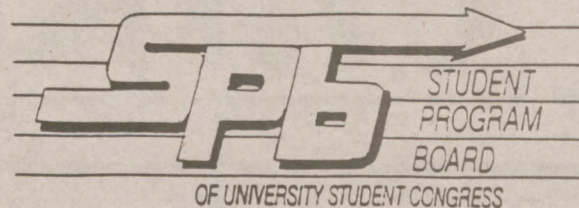
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November 3

Women in Rock is the name of the show, at Cranbrook, where lasers live. Transport provided for the first 20 people signing up at CIPO Oct 25 - No 1. Only \$5.

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Mainstage

Caruso

November 2

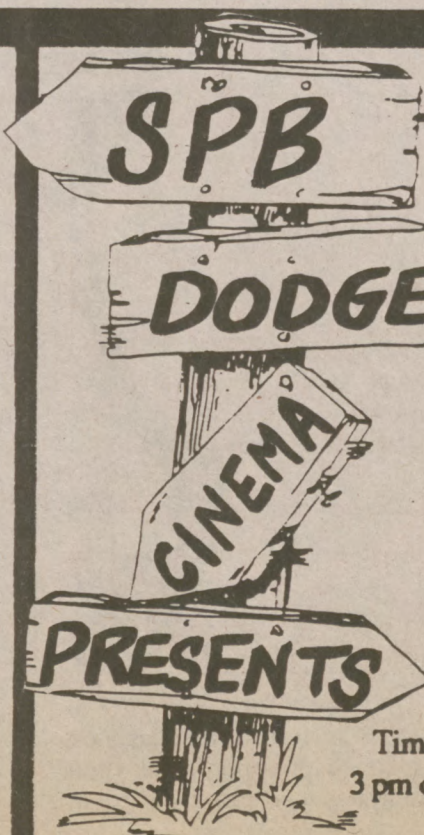
Riveting rock is the forte of this band that is a regular on the college and club circuit. Caruso has opened for Joan Jett, Corey Hart, Beach Boys and UB40. Catch them on their rise to fame!



Elections Petitions For Congressmembers And President Are Available In CIPO Until October 26

MAKE A DIFFERENCE RUN FOR CONGRESS

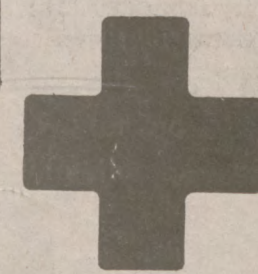
Appointments for student membership in the Assembly of the College of Arts and Science will be held at the Congress meeting October 23rd and 30th with elections being held on the 30th



Pet Semetary

October 27 & 28

All movies are shown at SPB Dodge Cinema in 201 Times are 7 & 9:30 pm on Fridays, and 3 pm on Saturdays. Admission is \$1.50.



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY FALL 1989 BLOOD DRIVE

October 30 - November 1 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Gold Rooms OC

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October 25



The actual competition will be at 8 pm in the Gold Rooms. Cash prizes are as follows: \$100 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd and \$50 for 3rd.

OUSC PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES

October 31 and November 2 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Fireside Lounge

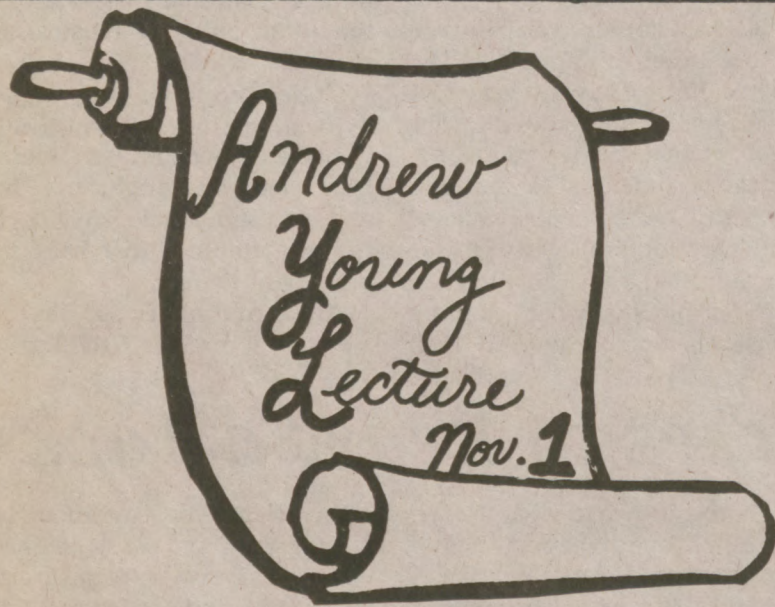
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Vice President Bledsoe
Professor Khapoya
Mark Payne - President of ABS
Guy Cole - President of Greek Council
Judi Near - President of OU Democrats
And Many More...



Halloween Dance
OCT. 28th

Wear your costume for an evening of tricks and treats Prizes for the best disguises will be awarded.
\$100 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd and \$50 for 3rd.



A close associate of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Andrew Young has faced many challenges, both political and social. As Mayor of Atlanta, Young has helped that city grow into a modern metropolis of the south. Find out what this amazing man has to say! Lecture at 2:30 in the OC Crockery. Tickets on sale at the CIPO Service Window.



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