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WINTER ARRIVES

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News Editor

Michigan's winter finally arrived last week.

About eight inches of snow accumulated Thursday and into Friday morning, producing the worst single snowfall in the state since 1982.

Some students and professors were surprised the university was open Friday. "It was dangerous. I don't think the university considered commuters," said Lisa Sobetski, a junior from Sylvan Lake.

JAMES MC KAY, math professor, said, "I think people anticipated it being bad...people were geared up for a day off."

Attendance in most classes was lower than normal. McKay said about three-quarters of his students attended his morning math class, but a scheduled quiz probably

made attendance higher than other classes.

Cahlon Baruch, associate math professor, said he had poor attendance, about 50 percent, in his 8 a.m. class. "I was surprised that it (Oakland) was open," said Baruch.

The decision on whether to close the university is made by Robert McGarry, vice president for finance and administration, after talking to Alan Miller, assistant vice president for campus facilities, and the president.

MC GARRY SAID campus facilities calls him about 5 a.m. If the parking lot, roadways and entrances are not cleared, the university closes. The same is true if the state police declare a snow emergency.

Thursday night's closing was the first this year. McGarry said the university usually has at least one closing per year.

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Graduate student Mike Grossens (left) takes advantage of the heavy snowfall Friday while cross-country skiing on Katke Cousins golf course on Friday. (Right) Jackie Apel tries her sled out the same day by Lepley Sports Center.

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Elementary ed alters criteria for admission

By MARK MC DOWELL
Staff Writer

Elementary education announced more changes in its admission policy, including preference to long-time university students over recent transfers.

The curriculum, instruction and leadership department recently sent a handout outlining 1988-89 admission procedures to more than 900 pre-elementary education students.

Besides preference being given to students who have taken most of their credits at Oakland, standardized grading will be used in the three courses required for admission.

SHARON MUIR, chair of teacher education, said the old policy didn't distinguish between Oakland students and transfers from other schools.

In the old system, students were accepted based on grades in Elementary Education 110, Foundations for Education 210 and 215, the pre-professional test and overall

grade point. The 60 winter and 30 fall applicants with the highest scores were accepted.

"The provost and dean (School of Human and Educational Services) asked us in December to give preference to Oakland University students," Muir said. "The old policy) inadvertently gave preference to transfer students because of their higher GPA's. This isn't so much a change, it's more of our coming in line with the other professional programs."

SHE SAID the nursing program already uses the preference policy.

About 61 percent of last fall's elementary education graduates were transfers, according to David Beardslee, director of institutional research.

The preference policy is receiving mixed reactions. Nancy Collins, SHES advising coordinator, said it is better because "the students are at a disadvantage because of the grade difference at community colleges."

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University extends contract with EDS

By CLAUDETTE ZOLKOWSKI
Staff Writer

Despite objections by the Academic Computing Committee, the board of trustees extended the university's contract with Electronic Data Systems four months Feb. 10.

Originally, the goal was to develop a plan for Oakland's data processing for academic and administrative computing needs, according to board records.

The extension, until the end of August, will not cost more than \$125,000, Champagne said. It will pay for three full-time EDS employees.

THE ORIGINAL year-long contract, which expires in mid-April, was for \$225,000. It included one full-time consulting managing director of information services and additional staff by EDS as needed.

According to a report by the president, "by not filling key positions with permanent employees... the university has adequate resources to accommodate this extension."

Vacant management positions in computer services are assistant vice president for computer and information services, computer center director and assistant director, and development manager of management information systems, said Patrick Nicosia, director of budget and financial planning.

On an annual basis, the university is saving about \$285,000 by not filling these vacancies, he said.

The savings from this and the university hiring freeze are paying EDS, Nicosia said.

DURING THE meeting, trustee Howard Sims questioned whether EDS was doing the work from the initial agreement for the original amount.

Champagne said the contract is "substantially fulfilled," but that the original contract is not over until April.

"I hope any deficiencies will take care of themselves...we're anticipating the contract (to be fulfilled)," Champagne said.

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Physical therapy may change structure

Master's being considered

By ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

The university is considering a proposal to change the physical therapy program from a bachelor's to master's degree.

Changes in the past 15 years in the range of the field, as well as technical advances such as movement analysis and the use of lasers, have prompted the need for a revised program, according to Osa Jackson, program director and chairwoman of kinesiology.

"The scope of PT has been from the 50s and 60s hospital-based, to more of a preventive and outpatient base," said Jackson.

ARTHUR GRIGGS, assistant to the director for health sciences, commented on the growth and changes already made in Oakland's physical therapy program.

Currently, a student needs 162 credits for graduation, making the program the "largest bachelor of science in the university," said Griggs.

"The reason it (the number of credits) was increased several years ago was the amount of courses needed to prepare a physical therapist was growing," he said.

If the proposal is passed, changes would include upgrading the curriculum and adding theory, said Jackson.

A THIRD YEAR would be added and graduation credits increased to 186.

The cost to initiate the change would be minimal, Jackson said.

"Basically in order to initiate the program we're proposing to hire one new faculty and some additional part time," she said.

The proposal was written in 1986 and submitted to the School of Health Sciences in early 1987.

THE GRADUATE COUNCIL is reviewing the proposal. If approved, it must go before the University Senate and board of trustees.

The current PT program is up for re-accreditation in 1989. Jackson said if the proposal is passed, she hopes the master's program would be started before then to avoid separate accreditations.

Oakland is not alone in its proposal for a masters program.

"All of the PT schools in Michigan have initiated the process," of restructuring to a masters level entry program, said Jackson.

MICHIGAN SCHOOLS with physical therapy programs include the University of Michigan-Flint, Grand Valley State University, Wayne State University, and Andrews University.

Andrews University has already switched to a masters degree.

"It (restructuring) appears to be a nationwide trend. Across the United States, 26 of the 100 plus or so schools are in the master's level entry programs," said Jackson.

SOME STUDENTS in Oakland's program support the proposal for

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Special programs director notes progress in academic support

Image a problem, Jumanne says

By CALEN STONE
Staff Writer

With nearly a year's experience as director of special programs, Monifa Jumanne is pleased with the progress.

"We are finally reversing the attrition rate of academic support program students," she said.

The program helps about 120 incoming freshmen annually. "The guidelines are not just for blacks either," Jumanne said. "It's for anybody who has a disadvantage."

She said academic support is constantly "fighting an image problem—that it's a black program. That just isn't the case."

CANDIDATES MUST be from

low-income families, first-generation in college or handicapped.

THE PROGRAM began in 1967. Jumanne attributed the previously high dropout rate to "lack of money and/or disillusionment with what university life is about."

An eight-week support program helps students adjust while earning eight college credits. Participants live in the campus dorms, attend basic-skill workshops, have 24-hour-a-day counseling available, enjoy cultural activities and benefit from tutoring and career advising, Jumanne said.

The cost of the program is the same as summer tuition fees, with room and board and books, about \$1,400. Jumanne said almost all of the students receive some kind of financial aid, but it varies with individual circumstances.

OF LAST summer's 113

students, only two did not register in fall.

"There was a need for some creative strategizing," Jumanne said. "This program does everything possible to prepare them psychologically and emotionally for OU life."

Students, parents and staff sign a contract agreeing to the program's standards. Jumanne said this is not a baby-sitting operation. "OU owes you the opportunity for an education. That's it. The rest is up to you," she said.

HISTORICALLY, the program has drawn mainly from the Detroit Pontiac and Flint areas. Jumanne is trying to expand it to cover more of Michigan. "We are looking for any student who has the potential for college. We also advise those below that level of other places that can help them," she said.

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Court appeal

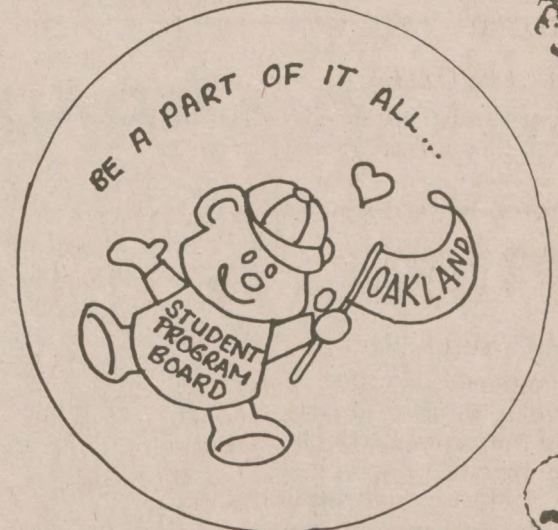
Two young Grand Valley State University fans walk the home basketball courts Feb. 11. Oakland's men's team won 95-93, while the women lost 74-65. See related story page 9.

TODAY!
Special Lecture: Marva Collins
 Do you feel that the government is adequately handling America's education? Is there room for improvement? Marva Collins addresses this topic and others, today at 3 pm in the West Crockery. Tickets can be purchased at the CIPO Service Window. \$1 for OU students, \$2 for OU employees, and \$3 for the general public. Come find out what can be done to improve education in our country.
Special Lecture: Marva Collins

Special Lecture: Barry Drake

What's the difference between a teetering bun and Barry Drake? One's a rockin' roll, and the other is into rock & roll. Barry Drake is a musical historian who has spoken to thousands on the origins of rock (non-volcanic). Hear Barry Drake in the Fireside Lounge at noon, on March 24. Best of all, it's free! (Most rocks are!)

Watch for WALLYBALL!
 Sign up begins February 22 at CIPO



SPRING BREAK
 Sunday, February 21 7 pm
 231 Dodge \$1.50

Have the time of your life!
Dirty Dancing

Patrick Swayze Jennifer Grey IN
 Friday, February 19 7 & 9:30 pm
 Saturday, February 20 3 pm
 231 Dodge \$1.50

MINUTE OF MADNESS
 Got a joke to tell, a song to sing? Well here's your chance to do your thing. Win great prizes, like movie passes, in SPB's Minute of Madness! Ask for Minute of Madness, at 4295, and you could end up on Dodge Stage Live! It's a pre-movie show, entirely new, so just call, it's all you need do!

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UNIVERSITY CONGRESS

There will be a University Congress meeting tonight in Gold Room C of the Oakland Center. Two vacancies will be filled. All are welcome!!!

How would you like a photograph taken by you on the cover of the next Student Directory? University Congress is looking for a good photograph no larger than 8x11 for the 1988-89 directory. You can pick up an application, in the University Congress office, now until the end of March. Good Luck!!!!

State Senate Bill 518 provides for English requirements for foreign teachers/ teaching assistants. Please share your opinions on this issue with us. Just fill out the coupon and return it to the University Congress Office.

The Legislative Affairs Committee is always looking for students interested in politics, legislation, and having a good time. Contact Michaela Ludwick at the University Congress office, 19 D.C. or call at 370-4290.

To avoid confusion with the academic records department of the office of the Registrar, the records arm of the Academic Services and General Studies Department is now known as Academic Standing, Readmissions and Withdrawals, which speaks directly to the responsibilities of that area.

Here is the chance of a lifetime to participate in making decisions that affect the future of your student organization. The Student Activity Board has positions available for voting members. Join the board that decides how much money you will receive and what programs are beneficial to the university community. If interested please contact Rita Young in the University Congress office, or Nancy Schmitz in the CIPO office. Allocations are due March 15, 1988, by 5:00 p.m. and appeals March 24, 1988, by 5:00 p.m.

There will be a Public Relations meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 1988, in the University Congress office. All are Welcome.



Would you rather see the expansion of:
 Lepley Sports Center-
 The Oakland Center-



Please fill out and return to the University Congress office, 19 D.C.

Have you had a foreign teacher/ teaching assistant?
 Did language present a barrier?
 comments:

