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Students' education appreciation depends on who pays bills

By TODD GREEN
Special Writer

University students who pay their way through college study harder than those who don't, research indicates.

According to David Beardslee, director of institutional research, 80 percent of OU students receive some form of aid from parents.

In addition, 60 percent of all

students have saved money from full-time or summer jobs. Most students use a combination to pay pay for college.

Beardslee said this was because of OU's reputation as a commuter university.

"There are more students working here than at a school such as Central (Michigan University)," he said. In 1982, 75 percent of the students here maintained a part-

time job or other work, and he feels that figure is still true today.

Overall, the faculty seems to feel that the attitude of the individual is the most important criteria to measure.

Gary Shepherd, associate sociology professor, said a better question was the student's motivation for coming to school in the first place.

"If a student's parents force them

to go to school and (the parents) pay for it, they'll study much less," Shepherd said.

However, he said that any student planning to pay their own way would have to be motivated.

"Some people might feel that every student needs the benefit of work-experience while in college, and thus more should be contributing to their own education," he said.

Beardslee agrees—to a point.

"There is some advantage to having work experience in college," he said. "but it is somewhat harder for students paying their way."

He also said the question of having a job or not depended on the individual.

Shepherd adds that an in-school job has some small benefits, although he wouldn't think any would prepare students for the 'real

world.'

"It helps them (students) decide what they don't want to do when they grow up," he said.

However, a job can get in the way of studies.

"Struggling students (with a job) may not have made up their mind about their studies," Shepherd said.

He said he would admire any stu-

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University gets 'Sharp' board member

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
News Editor

New board of trustees member, James Sharp Jr. is very excited about his new position, so are his coworkers.

Sitting in the corner of his office is a balloon from them congratulating him on his appointment by Gov. James Blanchard to the position.

He mentions in his soft-spoken voice while smiling that he just received his letter saying he is the new board member.

Sharp said he was "ecstatic" and "really excited" about being appointed to the board.

Sharp, vice president for community development at City Management Corporation of Detroit, is replacing former board member Don Bemis who left to become state superintendent.

City Management is a holding company that owns approximately 43 other companies, many which are connected to government and heavily regulated.

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Hot fun



Timothy Ivory demonstrated his fiery talents Thursday between North and South Foundation Halls. Ivory, a performance artist specializing in theatre, vaudeville and art, is a 1976 OU graduate.

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Enrollment plan meets roadblock

By RENEE POKOJ
Staff Writer

Although the university's enrollment management program is in progress, OU has accepted 1,500 students more than the budget can handle, according to William Connellan, associate provost.

The student increase was one reason tuition rose at the beginning of fall, Connellan said.

Since the governor stopped a double-digit tuition hike, the university has maintained student enrollment. Connellan said without the state aid or the rise of tuition, OU will experience losses.

"We will have to make major cutbacks. What those cutbacks will be has not yet been determined," he said.

ACCORDING TO Connellan, even with the increase of student enrollment the state refuses to increase OU's aid. All universities receive a certain sum of state aid. If the number of students exceeds the state fund the university will not be able to accommodate students.

Currently OU receives about \$3,000 per student while other universities receive \$7,000, he said. Universities with an increase in students but not funds include OU

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Faculty members honored by peers

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
News Editor

Two faculty members were honored at commencement ceremonies Sept. 18.

Virginia Blankenship, assistant psychology professor, and Jane Eberwein, English professor, were awarded the teaching excellence award and research excellence award respectively.

Blankenship and Eberwein will each receive \$1,000 awards from the OU Foundation.

Blankenship has been with the university since 1981 and women's

studies coordinator since 1984. Before she came to OU, she taught at Indiana University in the school of education department.

She is author or co-author of a dozen articles for professional publications in addition to numerous presentations and book reviews.

Eberwein, a 19 year faculty member, said she was very grateful, yet humble about winning the research excellence award.

"It's very hard for me to believe that my work is superior," she said.

She also said it's pleasing to win an award like this after spending

hours and hours tucked away in a library or researching for a very long time.

Eberwein has written two books—*Early American Poets* in 1978 and *Dickinson's: Strategy of Limitation*.

According to Eberwein, *Early American Poets* is being used as a textbook around the country and the world, including Japan.

She is currently teaching *American Literature Survey*

Her husband, Robert Eberwein, is the English Department chairman and 1987 winner of the Teaching Excellence Award.



Virginia Blankenship



Jane Eberwein

Student conductor awarded

By MARGARET O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

Unlike the other 619 students present at the Sept. 18 commencement ceremonies, William Harris didn't receive a diploma.

He was present to receive the Undergraduate Distinguished Achievement Award.

Harris, 19, was nominated for the award for his musical composition of *Waking in Winter*, a series of three poems by Sylvia Plath. Professors David Daniels and Stanley Hollingsworth jointly nominated him because of the "well-crafted and mature nature of the works."

"He's got so many talents. He composes, conducts, plays many instruments and even sings," Daniels said.

Harris plays many musical instruments including the piano, viola and the Renaissance and Baroque violin.

"Oh and the orchestra, I play that pretty well too," he said in a recent interview.

Harris' prize-winning composition began as an assignment for Hollingsworth's class. It premiered

in a form for voice and piano. He later orchestrated the piece and entered it in the annual Young Artist's Gala

He conducted his composition during the competition and took first place.

Harris took an early interest in music. His great-grandmother began giving him piano lessons at the age of three. At 5 years old, he began learning the violin and entered into the Thayer Conservatory in Lancaster, Ma.

"I really didn't have to be pushed," Harris said. "I can't remember a time when I haven't been interested in music."

From the Thayer Conservatory Harris went to the Performing Arts School in Houston. While there, he worked on his conducting and composition with Conductor Paul Kirby. Kirby studied under Daniels and suggested OU as a good place for Harris to study.

"I really like the atmosphere here," Harris said. "It's small enough where I can get a chance to perform often and not get lost in the crowd."

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Libertarian candidate criticizes government

By GLENDA CAMP
Staff Writer

The words of Dr. Ron Paul, Libertarian presidential candidate, rang out loud and clear to those who came to listen.

"We have become a materialistic nation, unconcerned about the principles of freedom," he said at a Sept. 19 lecture in the Fireside Lounge.

According to Campus Information, Programs and Organizations (CIPO), between 75 and 100 people attended.

The Libertarians want to reach the people that are fed up with today's government, the people that are seeking alternatives, he said.

Senior Kathy Burnstein said she came to hear Paul because she is interested in a better form of government.

"I'm not so sure that this country is ready to leave the two-party system. Dr. Paul is real consideration for me. But I'm concerned about his stance on drugs."

"The Libertarian position is very clear on the freedom of choice," Paul said. It is a position that fully endorses and promotes individual choice.

HOWEVER, WHEN it comes to drugs "we say we have to protect the people. We allow the government to act in our best interest."

Paul said the perfect example of how this didn't work was prohibition, the outlawing of alcohol during the 1920s.

"We finally had the good sense to get rid of (prohibition)," said Paul. "It increased crime tremendously."

Paul said we are a drug culture and who should determine what

we consume?

Paul asked his audience, "In voting for the lesser of two evils, aren't you still voting for evil?" He encourages casting a productive vote, not a defeatist one.

Two areas that Paul deviates from the party platform are abortion and capital punishment. Paul personally does not support abortion. He believes life begins at conception. Libertarians support abortion as a freedom of choice.

PAUL, A non-practicing obstetrician, said the party offered new hope to the people of this country. He said the majority of Americans have not accepted the Republican or Democratic platform. The Libertarian party offers them an alternative, he added.

ACCORDING TO Paul, the party does not have a formal stance on capital punishment. However, Paul is in support of capital punishment in as means of punishment in serious crimes.

The goal of the party in offering a choice allows Americans to vote for something, not against it. It's a positive says Paul.

JERRY KLOSKY, 50, Detroit, was on campus for Paul's speech. He said he supports Paul and the party. He says the bottom line is money. The government "just keeps taking and taking," he said.

Klosky said the American people are like a frog being boiled in a pot of water. First you start out with cold water and you add the frog. You begin to turn the heat up and for a while the water is comfortable. By the time the water is too hot for the frog, it's too late. The frog can't escape and it's boiled.

The American people are being boiled and there isn't much time left, he said.



The Oakland Post / Charles Kowal

William Harris practices the piano, one of the many instruments he plays. He was this year's winner of the Undergraduate Achievement Award at commencement ceremonies.

University Congress

the power of the students is their voice

University Congress is publishing a student directory of all OU students names, addresses and phone numbers. If you do NOT wish to be included, you must fill out a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Acts at CIPO, 49 Oakland Center. It must be filled out by Wednesday, September 28th.

Congratulations to new Congress members

EVA KONDAS
DAVE NYKANON

and

DAREN KEST

One more vacancy will be filled at tonight's Congress meeting to be held in the Oakland Room at 5:15pm.



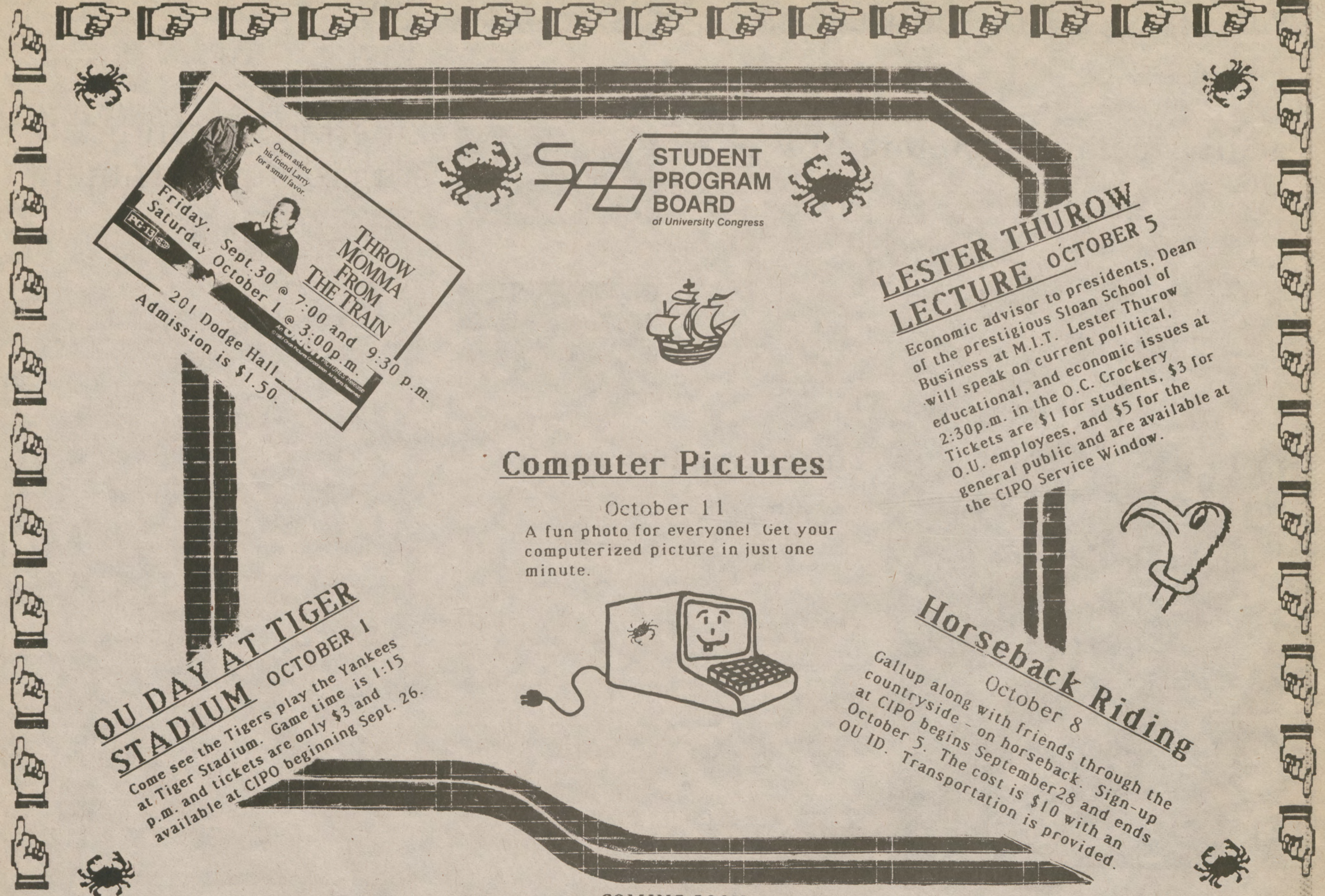
There will be a Leadership Conference on Saturday, October first at the Sunset Terrace. Last minute reservations must be made by 4:00 today in either the Congress Office or at CIPO.

There will be a Legislative Affairs Meeting on Thursday, September 29th. Contact the Congress Office for more information.

YOUR SENATOR IS COMING!! YOUR SENATOR IS COMING!!



Oakland University's Senator, Rudy Nichols, is coming to the Fireside Lounge on Friday, the thirtieth of September at noon. ALL ARE WELCOME!!



Owen asked his friend Larry for a small favor.

THROW MOMMA FROM THE TRAIN

Friday, Sept. 30 @ 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, October 1 @ 3:00p.m.

201 Dodge Hall
Admission is \$1.50.

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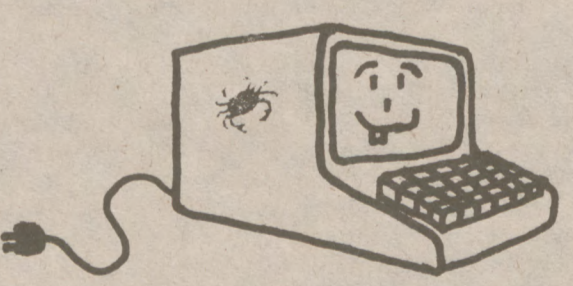
LESTER THUROW LECTURE OCTOBER 5

Economic advisor to presidents, Dean of the prestigious Sloan School of Business at M.I.T. Lester Thurow will speak on current political, educational, and economic issues at 2:30p.m. in the O.C. Crockery. Tickets are \$1 for students, \$3 for O.U. employees, and \$5 for the general public and are available at the CIPO Service Window.

Computer Pictures

October 11

A fun photo for everyone! Get your computerized picture in just one minute.



OU DAY AT TIGER STADIUM OCTOBER 1

Come see the Tigers play the Yankees at Tiger Stadium. Game time is 1:15 p.m. and tickets are only \$3 and available at CIPO beginning Sept. 26.

Horseback Riding

October 8

Gallup along with friends through the countryside - on horseback. Sign-up at CIPO begins September 28 and ends October 5. The cost is \$10 with an OU ID. Transportation is provided.

COMING SOON