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King's holiday celebrated by march, debate



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Keith Arnold, president of the Association of Black Students, delivers an opening address at the ceremony in the OC Crockery

By CHRIS LAMPHEAR
News Editor

Despite the frigid weather, dozens of Oakland students and faculty embarked on a march across campus last Monday in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the dreams he came to symbolize.

The "Unity March," organized by the Association of Black Students, assembled at Vandenberg Hall at noon and embarked along campus trails, with a banner reading "I HAVE A DREAM" carried in front.

At 1:30 p.m., the celebration continued in the Oakland Crockery with

a ceremony including singing by the Oakland University Gospel Choir and a speech by Dr. Nanette Reynolds, director of community services at the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Reynolds recalled her own experiences as a follower of King in the '60s and questioned whether blacks today are much closer to fulfilling King's dream of equality than they were before his 1968 assassination.

Stressing the importance of education, Reynolds urged that all young blacks pursue their learning in order to help bring about change.

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The Oakland Post / Steve Szocik
Dozens of students and faculty march across campus to celebrate the federally observed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Health Institute holds seminar for businesses

By ROBERT PARKER
Special Writer

The Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute sponsored a health conference Thursday as part of its on going programs in helping area businesses stress health in the workplace.

Featured speakers included Dr. Fred Stransky, director of the MBHEI; Terry Dibble, coordinator of the worksite health enhancement programs at MBHEI; George Lafkas, manager of the worksite wellness unit of the Center for Health Promotion of the Michigan Department of Public Health; and Gina S. Difilippo, benefits administrator of ITT Automotive and coordinator of ITT's "FIT for Life program."

Representatives from General Dynamics, UAW-General Motors, ITT and Ameritech were among the 25 groups attending the conference.

Conference objectives included providing a better understanding of disease prevention, implementing programs at the worksite, explaining how to establish worksite health enhancement programs, and promoting disease prevention through education.

Many of the companies that incorporate health enhancement programs at the worksite inform and educate their employees on how to prevent diseases and promote health, Stransky went on to explain.

A good example of theory in action, Stransky said, would be the "FIT for Life program," at ITT, which concentrates on screening for risk factors associated with worksite deaths and implementing procedures that will lower these risk factors. The Wellness Program of MBHEI offers educational programs for employees of ITT, and gives employees a chance to come to Oakland University to exercise.

OU, through the MBHEI, will implement health education programs at the worksite on an on-going basis for several corporations that attended Thursday's conference.

According to Stransky, the most preventable cause of disease at the worksite is smoking.

A 1990 study of 976 U.S. companies showed that 63 percent offered smoking cessation courses, and national statistics have proven how programs such as these can decrease the cost of employee health care, increase productivity, improve employee morale and minimize absenteeism.

Other programs many of the companies offered included health risk assessments, weight control courses, cholesterol screening and stress management programs.



The Oakland Post / Amy Fliss
Popular local comedian Mike Ridley performed at OU's "Night at the Improv" Saturday night. Along with fellow comics Brent Cushman and Peter Berman, Ridley entertained a packed crowd in the Oakland Center Crockery. With tickets at \$4 and commemorative T-shirts at \$10, proceeds from the event went to benefit the battle against Multiple Sclerosis.

New nurse anesthesia major approved to help meet demand for specialists

By ROBERT PARKER
Special Writer

The Oakland University Board of Trustees approved a new graduate major in nurse anesthesia to coincide with the current master's program in nursing in its Jan. 9 meeting.

Students graduating from the 28-month program will become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. CRNAs are trained in delivering anesthesia for surgical and child birth procedures, and providing patient care.

Christine Zambricki, CRNA is the director of nurse anesthesia at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, and serves as the nurse anes-

thesia track director at Oakland University. Zambricki's counterpart, Therese Pilchak, CRNA is the assistant director of education of nurse anesthesia at Beaumont.

"We are really pleased to be working with Oakland University in a collaborative effort," said Pilchak. "It is going to be an exceptional program."

OU's acting dean of the school of nursing, Penny Cass, and the graduate program director of the school of nursing, Carol Zenas, work together with Beaumont's Zambricki and Pilchak to make the program possible.

Courses in the school of nursing and a biology component through the College of Arts and Sciences

comprise one half of the program. Students will also be required to participate in a minimum of 450 operations and 800 hours of anesthesia work at Beaumont.

Pilchak said that the clinical program will be rigorous, and students will work directly with patients.

In recent years there has been a growing national shortage of trained CRNAs.

A national study conducted by Health Economics Research, Inc. concluded that three times the current number of yearly graduates (approximately 700) would be needed by the year 2010 to alleviate the current nurse anesthetist shortage.

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Student group organizes in protest of U.S. involvement in Gulf War

By CLAUDINE DE LAZZER
Staff Writer

Students for Peace, a new campus organization designed to support the troops involved in Operation Desert Shield and protest policies resulting from the conflict, has begun meeting twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"I thought it was something that we really had a need for but didn't have here," said Lisa Guerra, co-chairperson of Students for Peace.

The student organization is divided into two specialized committees. The first is designed to lend support to the troops stationed in

Saudi Arabia, as well as providing support for the friends and family of the soldiers. The second's purpose is to protest the policies of the conflict.

According to Guerra, the organization has plans to send letters and care packages over to the Persian Gulf. However, due to a recent back up in the postal system the organization will only be able to send letters and video tapes for an unspecified period of time.

"I'm not happy with the events in the Persian Gulf," said Tracy White, 19, Engineering/Physics, and a member of Students for Peace. "I don't believe we should be there and I want to do something to make a change. It (Students for Peace) seems

to be the only thing around here working towards that as a group."

The group meets twice a week, Mondays 7-9 p.m. and Wednesdays noon-1 p.m. The meetings are open to any interested persons.

The group recently took part in Student Organization Day and were pleased with the number of students who visited their table display.

"We're doing quite well," said Guerra. "I'm sure more people will be coming to our meetings, especially if everything continues to escalate."

"I've been sitting around complaining about things for so long and now I'm doing something about it for a change," said White.

Meadow Brooks may lose \$176,800

By MARILYNN DOLL
Staff Writer

The Meadow Brook Performing Arts Company, consisting of the Meadow Brook Theater and the Meadow Brook Music Festival, may lose approximately \$176,800 in grant money under governor John Engler's proposed budget cuts.

All state funding for the Michigan Council for the Arts, a state-funded group that distributes money to arts organizations, would be cut under Engler's proposal.

Meadow Brook, which gets no money from Oakland University, originally received a \$252,500 grant from the M.C.A. for the 1990-91 fiscal year, said John Fischer, finance manager for Meadow Brook. This was divided into four payments with the first one received in December totaling \$75,700.

The second payment of \$88,300 due on Jan. 15, was never received, according to Fischer, who called the MCA the next day and was informed that funds had been frozen by Engler.

On Jan. 17 he received an official letter stating that no more payments from the grant would be made until the budget deficit was settled.

"The money from Michigan Council for the Arts is important, (but) they are not critical," said Gregg Bloomfield, music festival director.

According to Jim Spittle, Meadow Brook theater director, the theater earns 80 percent of its \$2.6 million annual budget from ticket sales. The remaining 20 percent comes from corporate sponsors and private gifts.

Spittle expects Meadow Brook to

experience difficulty replacing the grant money, saying, "Things are tight with fund-raising with the recession going on."

He and Bloomfield will make budget cut suggestions to Frank Cardimen, interim vice-president of extension services. Cardimen makes the final decision concerning cuts.

"We have to work under the premise that the money isn't there. It is the only responsible thing to do," Spittle said.

"If cuts are made and if we don't receive any funds from MCA...we are going to be in the same hard position many arts organizations are in," Bloomfield added.

The smaller arts organizations will be hit especially hard, he said.

The state is not accepting applications for grants from the MCA for the 1991-92 fiscal year as it is not clear if the organization will continue to exist, Fischer said.

An automatic 9.2 percent cut to all state programs except higher education, which received only a one percent cut, went into effect Jan. 23.

This was approved by the state legislature several months ago and covers one half of the projected one billion deficit, John De Carlo, vice-president of government affairs said.

The House Appropriations Committee rejected Engler's initial budget proposal to cover the remaining one half million dollar deficit on Jan. 22, he said.

Engler has 30 days from that date to submit a new proposal. The amount of budget cuts will not be known until the negotiation process is completed, De Carlo said.



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The newly-formed Students for Peace group, which concerns itself with both supporting U.S. troops in the Gulf and opposing U.S. policy in the Gulf, meets by the OC pool tables on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12 to 1 p.m.