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### Hispanic Heritage Week Sept. 20-24

Hispanic Heritage Week is designed to celebrate the culture of the Latino people as well as several of the issues which affect Hispanic relations with the United States. Programs for the rest of the week, which are open to all, include:

- Poet, Trinidad Sanchez, Jr. at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22, in the Fireside Lounge.
- The Honorable, Carlos Cuadriello, Consul General of Mexico, will debate Linda Ewing, a representative from the United Auto Workers on the North American Free Trade Agreement. The debate will be at noon on Thursday, Sept 23, in the Fireside Lounge.
- A road trip to Las Brisas Mexican restaurant in Detroit, sponsored by Residence Halls, will be held Friday, Sept. 24.

For more information on these or other programs, call 370-2020.

### 'Keeper of the Dream' Award

The student Life Office will be accepting applications for the "Keeper of the Dream" award. The award will be a \$1,000 non-renewable scholarship. The requirement is at least a 3.0 GPA and the award will be given in "the spirit of diversity." Call the Student Life Office at 370-3352 for more information.

### University Senate

The University Senate's first meeting is scheduled for 3:10 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

A motion from the Senate Planning Review Committee concerning the proposed merger of the School of Health Sciences with the School of Nursing is on the agenda. The motion is debatable and amendable but not eligible for final vote.

### Job Fair

Attention graduating seniors: The 12th Michigan Collegiate Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. Registration is \$10 in advance (must be received by Oct. 29) or \$20 at the door.

For more information, visit your placement office or call or write: Kathryn Kozora, Wayne State University Counseling and Placement Services, 1001 FAB, Detroit, MI, 48202 or call (313) 577-9947.

## Profs hope peace carves new Israel

By ROBERT CARR  
Staff Writer

Three professors from Oakland University who have lived in Israel most of their lives are in agreement with the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organization's peace plan.

The peace plan was signed at the White House Sept. 14. President Bill Clinton stood by as Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Yassar Arafat, head of the PLO shook hands to end a bitter war, and to begin the fight for peace.

Professor Baruch Cahlon, who grew up in Israel and graduated from Tel Aviv University and is a mathematical science professor at OU, was in Israel a few weeks ago when word of the peace plan first hit the press.

"I was visiting Haifa University when the radio and television began talking about the plan," said Cahlon. "It sent a shock wave across the country."

He said that at the time there was a difference in public opinion regarding the plan with about half of the country giving support.

However, he noted after the peace plan was signed, support went up about 20 percent. (He said that's because in a nation that has been ravaged by war, the people are slow to understand peace.)

"Clearly people will object," said Cahlon. "There will probably be a lot of violence, but slowly the realization should affect people toward accepting the agreement. I think the more time goes by, the more support it will have."

Another mathematical science instructor said that this plan was not something he expected.

Fiki Shillor, who also grew up in Israel and migrated to the United States in 1987, was optimistic, but not entirely sold on the plan.

"I never thought peace would be reached in this way," Shillor said. "It was a surprise for everyone. I have family in Israel, they support the agreement but they are very apprehensive about how it will be implemented. There is also a lot of suspicion on both sides, because people that were portrayed as enemies are now

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### We're all in the same gang



The Oakland Post/Clive Savage

Actor and Hispanic spokesman Edward James Olmos addressed a crowd of over 850 students, faculty and area school children last Monday in the Oakland Center.

## Rickstad plans for extra voice

By MARY LOWE, ROBERT SNELL, ROBERT CARR  
Staff Writers

The Board of Trustees may have a new member within this school year but if it does, he or she won't be another established attorney, engineer, architect or professional administrator. He or she will be an Oakland University student.

Student Congress President, Amy Rickstad, presented her ideas for implementing this proposal to the Oakland University Student Congress at its Sept. 20 meeting. She has been researching the idea since August and has sought recommendations from OUSC and President Sandra Packard.

"Right now it's just an idea," she said. "It's not an easy task, it's something that's going to take a lot of work. The ideal goal would be to do as much research first, and then to present the resolution to Congress to gain support there, then to present the idea to the board. The last step would be to talk to (Governor John) Engler."

Rickstad approached Packard

in August and asked her about the feasibility of this proposal. As a result Packard offered support and suggestions.

"It's a terrific learning opportunity," said Packard. "It provides perspective and raises questions you want the board to look at."

"Amy asked me about how to get a student on the Board of Trustees. A number is written into the charter for eight voting members. In order for a ninth voting member, or a second non-voting member, we would have to change the charter because a number is written into the charter for eight voting members."

Nevertheless, Packard expressed some concern about putting a student on the board. She said a student most likely would not serve more than a one year term and therefore would not have the time to make a significant contribution.

"Usually the student doesn't have enough time to aspire to make significant changes, so they often don't have time to form an agenda," she said.

Rickstad explained that  
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## Office stretches arms to all races

By TOM MULLIGAN  
Staff Writer

After a frantic few months of creation, the Office of Minority Equity has opened its doors.

The job of the office will be to address the concerns of minority students, but its arms will reach out to non-minority students as well. Specifically, the office was created to increase the graduation rate of minority students.

The number of OU minority graduates have decreased steadily over a span of several years.

Dr. Manuel Pierson, the assistant vice president of university relations, envisioned the idea for this office many years ago. In 1982 he presented his plan to the administration, however, his

vision didn't become a reality until this semester.

Last year, he suggested the concept again, this time to President Sandra Packard.

She told him to begin his research on Dec. 10. Pierson presented his findings and recommendations on Feb. 15.

"The office was to be catalyst to bring about change in the university," Pierson said. "I wanted to increase the number of students that actually walk across that stage."

Packard created a committee to study the idea. She authorized the creation of the office with a start-up budget of \$25,000 to buy office equipment. She said apart from salaries, the office will have an annual operating budget of \$10,000.

The goals of the office, outlined under recommendations by the committee, include providing scholarships to needy students, according to Packard. A fund of \$135,000 has been set aside for this purpose.

While the office is ready to serve students, there are concerned faculty members who worry usage will be limited to a certain few.

"The name is a misnomer," said professor of sociology Dr. Kevin Early. "I've taken issue with the office name."

Early says that he fears the office will be perceived as an office for only African-American students despite the fact that the office was constructed to serve all students.

"If it's perceived as a black

office, it becomes non-productive," Early said.

Packard said that while the office is targeted toward minority groups, "we don't want to turn away any students who need assistance."

The office is now seeking a director. Packard said the she originally wanted to hire someone from within the campus community "who could hit the ground running" and give that person the chance "to move up the career ladder."

However, a search proved unsuccessful and Packard elect-



Early

ed to begin a nationwide hunt.

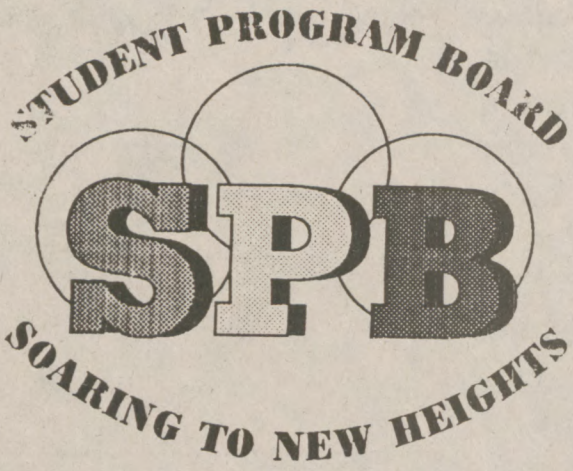
Pierson also suggested that the office fund two additional staff positions to work closely with the director. He proposed that at least one would be male and one would be Hispanic.

He said that the the office should attempt to address the barriers between the races on campus.

"Our white students and our black students tend to separate themselves," Pierson said. "They have to live together when they leave this place, they have to work together, why then can't we study together, work together here?"

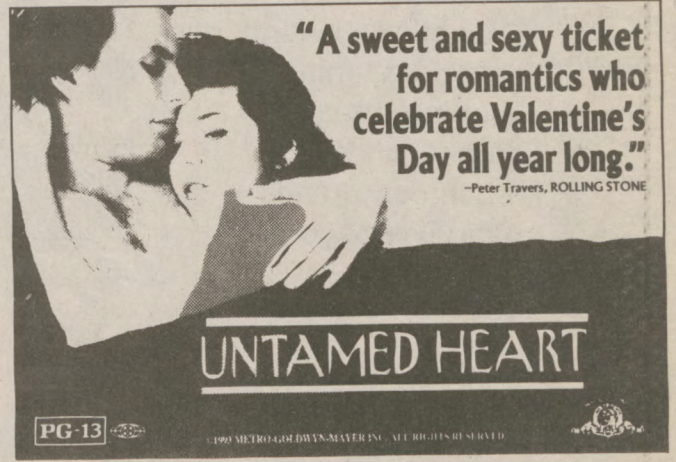
Omar Brown, the president of the Association of Black Students, says that he's pleased with the creation of the office.  
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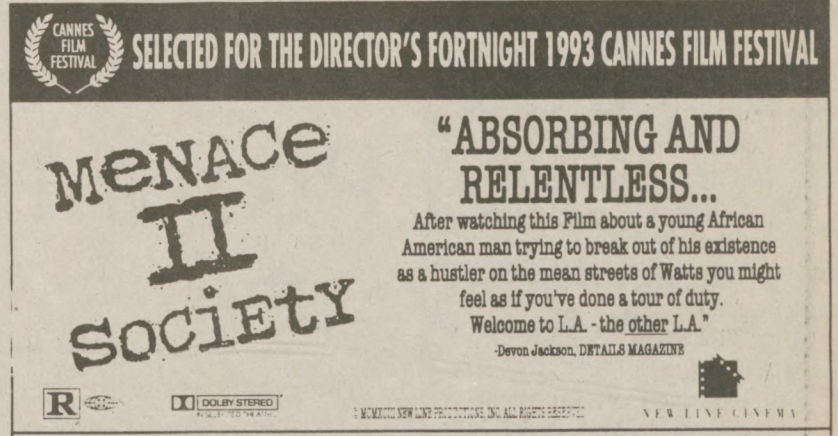
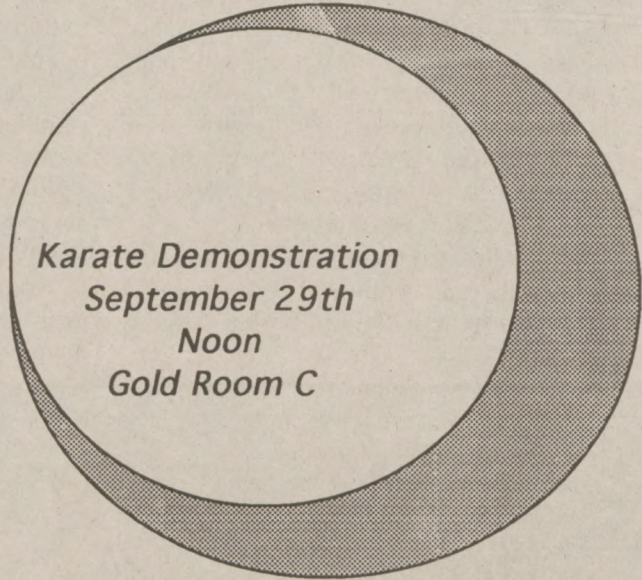
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