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Creative anachronism



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With woodwork, Allen Pruehs recreates a Viking chest discovered on the island of Gotland. Nelson Haynes observes. Both are members of the university branch of the Society For Creative Anachronism, the Bidding of Hawkland Moor. The medieval recreationist group held a collegium Saturday in the Oakland Center.

New guest policy considered

By ELIZABETH BURA
Staff Writer

The residence halls guest policy may change to include nightwatch in every dorm at an estimated cost of \$30,000 per year.

At present, Hamlin and Vandenberg halls have nightwatch, which checks in visitors. The proposed policy would affect Hill House, Van Wagoner, Fitzgerald and Anibal.

If the proposed policy passes, the cost of increased nightwatch would

not affect housing costs, according to Wilma Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs. "There will be a reallocation in the lines of the budget," she said.

The proposed policy was presented to residence hall representatives at a House Policy Committee meeting Sept. 23. The original policy change recommended by the 1986-87 HPC required guests to be escorted by residents during their stay.

A stipulation requiring 24-hour advance written consent for over-

night guests from roommates and suitemates was reviewed in early summer by Bledsoe, Eleanor Lewellen Reynolds, director of residence halls and Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs, and added to the policy.

"I never would have voted for something like that," said David Lohmeier, a member of the 1986-87 HPC.

Reynolds said the house policy committee was advisory. Bledsoe added, "The policy of policy and

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Financial aid tests students' patience

By RENATE PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Filling out financial aid forms can be less time-consuming than waiting to receive the money.

"Last year I applied for financial aid in March and didn't receive anything until December," said Raquel Moore, junior.

"Luckily, I was able to scrounge up some money...I had to drop one class because of it."

This year, Moore said she sent her parent's 10-40 tax form twice to financial aid. Unable to receive her scholarship with the form missing, she said she never received notification of the missing form.

Lee Anderson, director of financial aid, estimated that the office received between 400 and 500 documents a day from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4. Between July 1 and Sept. 4, approximately 659 people came in for walk-in advising while more than 1,700 students phoned in.

Tonya Jones, junior, hasn't had any problems with financial aid until this year. She said she sent her parent's 10-40 tax form in twice. However, Jones received notification of the missing form through the mail.

The information is still missing from her file two weeks after turning it in, according to Jones.

According to Lee Anderson, associate director of financial aid, the office switched from a manual to a computer processing system last April.

"This is a good year for us in processing," Anderson said. "It is possible things never get to us and there are certain times when we lose things...given our system, I have to believe we're on top of things."

Not everyone agrees. A freshman, who asked to remain anonymous, was still waiting for her blue and gold scholarship award three weeks into the semester. The university awards the \$100 scholarship to incoming freshmen. The freshman learned she was a scholarship recipient by mail last spring.

"I thought I would have the money before my tuition was due," she said. "I budget my money so it was very inconvenient for me. It's still inconvenient for me to keep coming back. I keep getting shuffled around."

Anderson said the new system automatically generates follow-up letters to students once a student name and number is fed into the computer. The old system required that each letter be individually typed.

The new processing system also consists of a document tracking system which records the documents students submit and the missing documents from student files. For awhile, financial aid employees entered all documents submitted into the system the day of arrival, Anderson said.

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Fair fun



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Alpha Delta Pi member Katie Bolen plays 'smack the pooch' at the Commuter Council Fair held Sept. 24-25 outside near the library.

Animal care conditions need to be improved

By BETTY GREEN
Staff Writer

No real progress has been made in improving the university's care of research animals and facilities in the seven years that Benjamin Bisgeier has been consulting veterinarian.

"The level of care is less than it should be," said Bisgeier, a member of the university's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Vice Provost George Dahlgren said improving animal care must be made "a priority budget item."

He estimated a cost of \$50,000 to initiate changes recommended by the animal care committee and the office of research and academic development.

The recommendations call for adding a full-time, trained person to care for the animals and supervise student workers; using a surveillance officer to monitor lab conditions; conducting training sessions for researchers and animal care workers and centralizing control and management.

Dahlgren said the money would come from the academic departments involved, his budget, and/or that of the research office. Dahlgren hopes to have the money committed by the end of the semester.

He acknowledged that government regulations are tightening and that improvements must be made.

If we don't, he said, the federal or state government could recommend discontinuing funding of animal research at the university as it has done at other institutions.

Most animal research is supported by grant money from the federal government and is awarded to individual researchers. Additional money is given to the university to pay for overhead, part of which is divided between the academic departments and academic affairs.

Bisgeier said daily care problems are chronic and are caused by "lack of space, lack of trained personnel and lack of centralized control." He said while specific problems are corrected when cited, they occur repeatedly.

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Labs conduct animal research

By BETTY GREEN
Staff Writer

Animal research ranging from sperm motility to the aging process is conducted in the university's five animal research labs.

According to Barry Winkler, associate biology professor and chair of the university's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, researchers use a relatively small number of animals.

Approximately 2,500 to 3,000 animals are used per year, mainly rats. He said some larger institutions might use 20,000 or more.

Winkler said animals are supplied by breeders.

Most of the work involves out-of-body experiments to study tissue function, Winkler said. This requires removal of such tissues as retina, heart and liver. Rats, rabbits, frogs, guinea pigs and human tissue are generally used.

Winkler said a shift is occurring in some kinds of research from the use of animals to tissue cultures. In that technique, cells removed from the heart or eye of an animal produce more cells for future experiments.

The use of tissue cultures is one way to reduce the number of animals used and cut costs, he said. However, he noted that tissue cultures won't work in all situations.

Winkler said sharing animals is also being promoted. Four different researchers might share one rat; one taking the retina, and others, the heart, liver and testes.

He said the number of animals used in research at the university has remained fairly constant because of space constraints, reductions in faculty hiring and the shift to the use of culture techniques and sharing of animals. He said it was "unlikely" that the number would decrease.

The Eye Research Lab, fourth floor Dodge Hall, studies eye tissue and disorders such as glaucoma, inflammation and cataracts. Most of the work is done on animal tissue using rabbits and some human tissue.

Biology and chemistry researchers work in the third floor lab at Dodge Hall. Biology work looks at how various hormones work in the body, and the causes and remedies of gland malfunctioning. Insulin,

steroids and growth hormones are used on rats to study diabetes, stunted growth and reproductive problems.

Others study eye tissues and sperm motility, using rats, frogs and rabbits.

Some chemistry researchers study the role of natural killer cells in cancer, using rabbit and human blood.

Others use rat livers to study gene regulation.

In the first floor lab of Hannah Hall, mice are used in cancer research to study changes that occur when normal cells become malignant.

No animals are being used at the psychology lab in Pryale House where behavioral studies have been done on squirrels in the past.

The clinical research lab on Lonedale Road, just south of the main campus, is a unit of the School of Health Sciences. It is the only facility on campus that has large animals, such as dogs. Surgical research procedures are performed on a variety of animals. The lab serves researchers from the university and community hospitals.

Stress contributes to suicide attempts

Help is available for students

By JENNIFER BYRNE
Staff Writer

Suicide is the leading killer among young people aged 15 to 24, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Two suicides were attempted and one threatened in the residence halls between Sept. 12 and Sept. 17. Dave Herman, dean of students, said that was unusual. Normally there are eight to 10 attempts per year on campus, Herman said.

Eleanor Lewellen Reynolds, director of residence halls, said that suicide attempts tend to occur more toward the middle of the semester.

Statistics can be misleading, according to Andy Blinder, a staff member of Oakland County's Suicide Prevention Center. "Many attempts go unreported, or families try to cover up and make it look accidental," he said.

Even though attempts are not limited to freshmen, some university officials think they are likely candidates. Gary Shepherd, associate sociology professor, said the beginning of the year can be a particularly stressful time for freshmen. "It is the first real break from family, familiar surroundings and taken-for-granted relationships," he said.

Robert Fink, director of counseling at Graham Health Center, said that at this time of year, students new to the university have to make significant adjustments which can lead to stress. To alleviate the stress, he said it is necessary to draw people out and get them involved. "These people feel terribly isolated," he said.

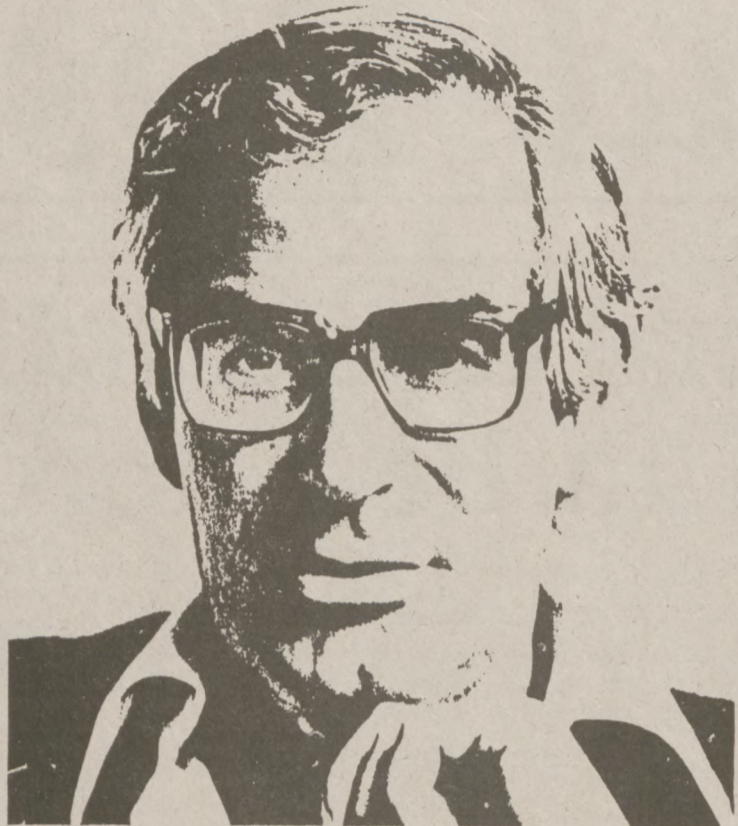
He said that friends and roommates need to be attentive. If someone suspects his or her roommate is troubled, Fink said, "Get them to talk about what is not going well."

Fink added that if someone is suicidal, one way or another it will be expressed. "It is better to run the risk of saying something than not, and if you really are concerned about someone, speak to an R.A. (resident assistant). There's a limit to how much responsibility a roommate or friend can or should take on."

If a friend has attempted suicide, the best thing to do is to talk to people and understand your own feelings, Fink said. "Get life going as normal as possible, and let the person know you are there."

Counseling on campus is available at the psychology clinic in the Graham Health Center, or at S.H.E.S. Resource Center in the basement of O'Dowd Hall.

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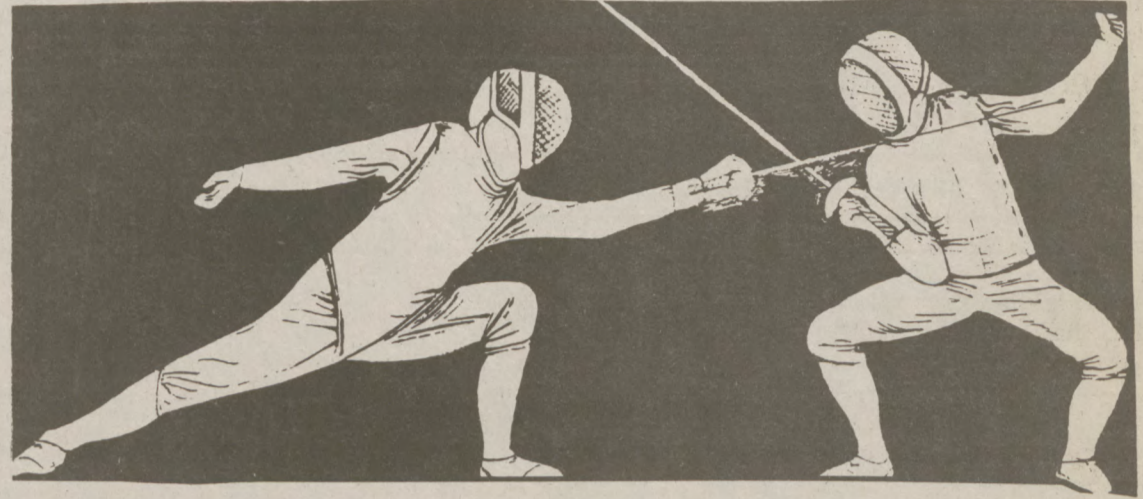
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