# Everyone has biases, says Detroit publisher

By Casey Hans

staff writer

He talks as be writes, telling listeners that news people are no different than others. Everyone has biases.

The news business is human. And we live in a world where fierce media competition is squeering even the big guys into small corners, said Dave Lawrence, publisher of the Detroit Free Press.

Lawrence challenged an audience of business students and others from the Farmington-area community last week to learn about the news business and to understand his paper's struggle to have a Jolat Operating Agreement approved.

A JOA would allow a merging of business and operations departments at Detroit's two daily newspapers,

Oakland University has received a \$45,000 grant for its Oakland County Probation Enhancement Program, a paid internship effort. The program will ald students and ease the burden on the county's probation depart-

on the county's prosador department.

"The program works beautifully and provides a great learning experience for the students," said Joyce Esterberg, program manager in OU's placement and career services descripted.

department.
Esterberg said she has placed between 12-14 juniors and seniors a year as probation aides during the program's four years of operation.
STUDENTS WORK 1,000 hours a year while continuing their studies. They receive caseloads, conduct presentence reports and perform other probation officer responsibilities.
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Students aid probation work

has filed for a JOA as the "falling newspaper."

Lawrence said selling the Free Press is "possible, but I think you would be forestailing the inevitable." Directors of Knight-Ridder, parent company of the Free Press, have announced they will close the paper if a JOA is not approved.

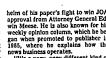
Lawrence said he does not want to see the paper continue operating in the same manner, with Knight-Ridder subsidizing it to keep it affoat.

"Personally, I don't want a subsidized future," he said. "I want one where we can stand on our own two feet."

County offices. The probation program usually draws students with
majors in sociology and a concentration in criminal justice, or psychology majors. Some political science,
public administration and communications majors have also been
placed as probation aides.

The probation enhancement
project is too of Esterberg's internship programs. The probation
project's total funding is about
4400,000 from state, local and county grants. They provide paid internships for 115 to 130 OU students each
year.

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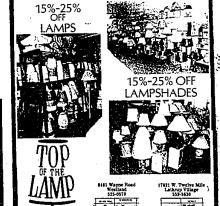




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