## OU seeks 'new approaches' in education

As a student at Michigan State University, Kimberly Shephord saw how support programs helped pregnant students stay in school and further their academ-

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After she graduated and began teaching at Rooper School in Birmingham, Shepherd expanded on that experience.

"I thought about high school situdents," she said. What kind of support do now mothers or pregnant high school students have? Should a students chance for an education — and, quite likely, economic independence — be jeopardized merely because she has a haby or is pregnant?

At least part of the answer, heorized Shepherd, might be a charter school. Could a special school address the needs of pregnant and parenting skills, solf esteem and other essentials?

Shepherd turned to Oakland University. Shepherd is among the dozen of people with varying backgrounds who hope to correct what they see as a blind spot or weakness in the public school system with a charter school system with a charter school system with a charter school sponsored by OU.

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The Oakland County Democratic Party will hold its annual
Phil Hart dinner\_at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 4, in Adat Shalom
Synajague, Farmington Hills.
Tickets at \$50 may be ordered
from Darlene K. Wood in party
headquarters at (810) 584-0510.
Keynoter will be Vermont Gov.
Howard Doan. Honoree will be
Steven Kaplan, who came close
to winning the Oakland prosecutor's office in 1996. Winner of the
Dinan community service award

Dinan community service award will 55 David Worses, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor, for his long record of community service.

• Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Mil-ford - a constitutional amend-ment to abolish the State Board ment to abolish the State Board of Education and transfer pow-

New bills

OU Board of Trustees voted to begin accepting applications for charter schools, university offi-cials have received hundreds of tolephone calls, letters or inquiries and dozens of applica-tions.

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"We want to encourage different and alternative approaches to education," anid Rox E. Schlaybaupf Jr., a Bloomfield Hills attorney who chairs the OU board. We want new approaches," he said.

The application process is an exhaustive and comprehensive process that can take six months or longer, explained Mary L. Otto, dean of the OU School of Education and Human Services.

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In accordance with state law, OU requires, extensive information about the proposed curriculum, funding and the people involved. The process includes a background check on key people, like the directors of the proposed chorter school. "We verify that people are who they say they are," explained Otto.

Applications are reviewed first by OU's Public School Academy Application Review Committee—ce-chaired by Otto and David J. Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences — which may take three weeks or longer. Then applications are submitted simultaneously to President

ers to the superintendent of public instruction. A two-thirds voto of each chamber of the Legislature would be required to put the proposal on the November 1998 ballot. Since Democrats have majority control of the House and effective control of the State Board, the measure has little chance of House approval. The resolution is in Bullard's Government Operations Committee.

\* Son. Gary Peters, D-Bloom-field Township – a revision of the 100-year-old bombling statute. His Senate Bill 443 would bread-en the list to include incendiary status, chemical weapons (such as the gas used in Tokyo subways), and radiological weapons (such as plutonium). It would list four degrees of terrorism with prison terms ranging from five year to life. \* House Local Government Committee chair Agnes Dobrons-ki, D-Dearborn – a bill allowing

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Gary D. Russi and the Planning Review and Budget Review committees of the University Senate.

Trustee James A. Sharp Jr. expressed confidence in the application review process. Any applications that do not meet the university criteria or otherwise fail to measure up are rejected long before they get to the board of trustees, he said.

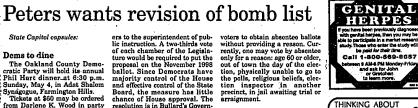
The entire process can take as long as ix moths with staff and faculty acrutinizing every aspect, said Angelete Melhado, OU coordinator for Urban Portnerships and Public School Academies, Applications are rejected because they simply are not thought out, but most often they're rejected because of budgetary concerns.

Shepherd's applications for a charter school for pregnant and parenting students, And we try not to duplicate educational services.

OU has approved six charter schools (two currently holding classes and four expected more than 30.

While OU is demanding, it's















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