## Students, parents are bracing 'Lounge Lizards' bringing their show to OCC's Highland Lakes for big college tuition increases Russi, along with the presi-dents from Northern Michigan Tech, expressed their budget concerns at the hearing. They also pre-sented growing tronds and will be a sented for the universi-sid 53 percent of the universi-ty's students are part time and 98 percent of these students work. Over 7,000 students attend the Farmington Hills and Detroit campuses. "We think it is important to offor affordability to our stu-dents," Reid asid. "Fortunately, we have been able to show restraint in tuition since 1983." the fail semester. "Oakland University is the second fastest growing public university in Michigan, "Russi said. "While we are pleased that the university has become more attractive, competitive and accessible, we are concerned that any budget recommendation that does not include a reason-ably funded per student floor puts growing universities and their students at a distinct dis-advantage." Students attending state uni-versities could be faced with a larger than normal tuition increase, if the Legislature does-M 'I could solve everyone's problems with \$100 million.'

n't provide more aid than pro-posed by Gov. John Engler. pased by Gav. John Engler. Aftor several years of hefty tuition increases, Englor pro-paged a flat, across the board bike of 1.6 percent from the cur-rent \$1.4 billion to \$1.46 billion for fiscal year 1999. But univer-sity presidents tostifying Mon-day in front of the Senate Appro-priations Subcommittee on High-er Education at Ockland Univer-Between 1990 and 1997, OU's student population has grown from 12,400 to 14,379. Russi estimates 16,600 will attend the university by the year 2000. Our recently added a food court, Sci-ence and Engineering Building and computer lab upgrades and expansion.

sity said that amount is not

enough. The governor's budget is now up for approval by the Senate and House of Representatives. OU President Gary Russi said the university is one of 15 public universities forced to boost tuition and fees because of rising costs of technology and mainte-nance. However, none of them announced tuition increases for

restraint in tuition since 1983. Reid also said the state and federal cuts would effect the WSU medical school, which was ranked 25th nationally this year by the National Science Founda-tion.

Russi suggested raising the existing floor of state aid per stu-dent, allowing every university to receive the same allocation. Sen. John Schwarz, subcom-mittee chair, said even if state funding is increased, the raise

John Schwarz

wouldn't go into effect until next vear.

"I could solve everyone's prob-lems with \$100,000,000," Schwarz said. "I would rather see the universities get the monsy and the tuition kept down to a reasonable rate."

The Appropriations subcom-mittee will meet again at 10 a.m. Friday, March 6, in Albion Col-lege's Baldwin Hall, Albion. The Association of Independent Col-leges is scheduled for 10 a.m., Grand Valley at 10:45, Ferris State at 13:15 and the American Association of University Profes-sors at 11:45.

## Center seeks adults to be adoptive parents

The St. Vincent and Sarah and have other special needs. Fisher Center, in Farmington Hills, Is looking for dedicated Orientations will be held tw Toster and adoptive parents in Oakland County to provide safe and loving homes for infants, who have severe emotional prob-29475 Inkster Road (between lems, have been victims of abuse Mile and Northwestern Highw

How does gun play among young people negatively impact the development of children? That issue and others will be

That issue and others will be explored at a day-long event, sponsered by Oakland County Council for Children and Adulta with Paychiatric Disabilities on Wednesday, March 18, at the Kingeley Inn, 1475 North Wood-

ard Avenue, Bloomfield Hills. The keynote will be given by

Orientations will be held twice

Orientations will be held twice daily at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, and Thurs-day, May 14, at the center's Fos-ter Care and Adoption Building. 29475 Inkster Road (between 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway

in Farmington Hills). The sessions last two hours. Information regarding qualifica-tions and training will be provid-ed. It is not a lifetime commit-ments but it is a commitment that can change a child's life.

Please call the St. Vincent and Please call the SI. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center's Foster Care and Adoption Department at (248) 626-7527, Ext. 3305 today to find aut how you can

## help. Conference to discuss youth violence

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nurse Ann Burgess, of the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, an internationally-known author and lecturer. She will discuss how critical events will discuss now critical events early in life may lead to socio-pathic behavior in later life. Dr. James Dillon of the Uni-versity of Michigan will discuss how young children react to

stress. Cost is \$65. Breakfast, snacks,

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