

# Performing arts graduate gives recital

Dave Pfeiffer, first student to graduate in Oakland University's new performing arts program, will give his senior recital concert at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at Warner Recital Hall on campus near Rochester.

Pfeiffer will receive a bachelor of music in commercial performance degree in June. A native Detroit who still lives there, he attended the University of Detroit before continuing his studies at OU.

He was a theater major who decided to enter the music program. Pfeiffer also worked at OU as production-publicity coordinator, taking part in 20 shows including all the musical theater concerts and operas.

Asked about his goal, he said, "I'm trying to decide between being a director and a performer."

Pfeiffer recently starred in the OU Music Department production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," playing Pseudos, the comic slave.

HE SAID the degree program requires acting, dance, costumeing and make-up, and several courses related to performance.

These include an in-depth dance course, an improvisation course in theater games, a directing course, an apprenticeship program with Michigan Opera Theater and general education requirements.

The Meadow Brook Estate, a show group booked for appearances at community events, is part of the performing arts program at OU. The group includes six instrumentalists and 14 singers.

Pfeiffer with the Meadow Brook Estate when it opened the show for Ray Bolger at the Birmingham Theater last year.

"Being in the estate and having to do a full-time performing job while keeping up a full class load really keeps you disciplined," he said. He was one of the original members of the Meadow Brook Estate two years ago. "I'm not performing with them now, he said, "but I do some choreography and lighting for some shows."

Currently the Music Department's production of "Starting Here, Starting Now" is running at Detroit's Attic Theater in Greektown. The show continues through May.

Pfeiffer plans to go into the master's program at the Hilberly Theater at Wayne State University in Detroit.

# Birmingham production stars Kathryn Crosby

Kathryn Crosby will have the lead role in an upcoming Birmingham Theater production of "Ladyhouse Blues," June 4-16.

The play will conclude the second season of theater at the Birmingham. The play, written by Kevin O'Morrison, is the poignant story of a mother and her four daughter's struggle against loneliness as they wait for their men to return from the war.

The play was first presented at the Eugene O'Neill Festival in 1976 and

has gone onto the Phoenix Theater in New York and other major regional theaters around the country.

MS. CROSBY'S professional career spans more than two decades. She has appeared in more than a dozen motion pictures and many television specials.

As a member of the prestigious American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco, she has appeared in such stage productions as "Cyrano de Bergerac," "The House of Blue Leaves" and "Family Album."

Her most recent stage productions include "The Latest Mrs. Adams" and

"Same Time Next Year." Ms. Crosby also is an author, registered nurse, school teacher and civic worker.

Tickets can be obtained at the Birmingham Theater box office or by phone on Master Charge or Visa. For further information call the box office at 644-3533.



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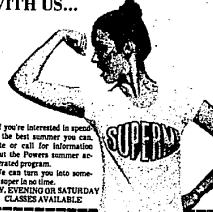
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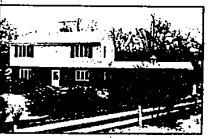
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