

Public learns about a world without sound

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IN ORDER to welcome the public into the world of the deaf, Community Services for the Hearing Impaired organized a Deaf Awareness Day Saturday at Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills.

"It was absolutely fantastic," said Marcy Colton, director of CSHI. "Everyone really enjoyed themselves."

The event, sponsored by Michigan Society for Deaf Children, entitled, "This is my world and welcome to it," began at 10 a.m. for a day full of sign stories, deaf theater, face painting and exhibits from organizations for the hearing impaired.

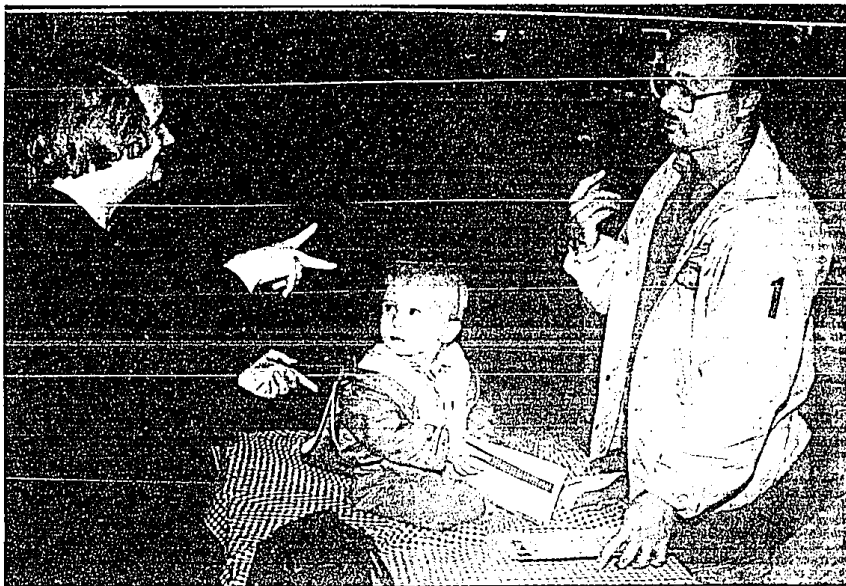
"We set up the event to promote

awareness to the public as well as a day for deaf people to learn of services available to them," Colton said. "We're making improvements on the services available and a lot more organizations are becoming responsible for the hearing impaired, but we still have a long way to go."

A DEAF WOMAN told American stories in sign language while an interpreter translated the sign language into English.

Detroit Sign Company for Deaf Theatre and Open Door Theatre put on skills such as "Little Red Riding Hood" in sign language.

Representatives from agencies such as Michigan Rehabilitation Services and Michigan Society for Deaf Children set up exhibits and talked about different programs and services available to the hearing impaired.



Francine Lauer of the U.S. Department of Labor's Division on Deafness chats with Richard Ceylsworth III of Rochester Hills.

Richard Ceylsworth III keeps a close eye on Lauer.

Film geniuses profiled in OU series

The late Sir Laurence Olivier and other film geniuses will be profiled by actor and film-maker Lew Ayres on Thursday, Oct. 19, at Meadow Brook Hall in the second in Oakland University's "Enigma of Genius" series.

The "Enigma of Genius" program is a series of 7-9 p.m. lectures by prominent professionals who speak about renowned geniuses in their particular areas of expertise.

Ayres will comment on the genius of Olivier, a colleague and friend, and on the medium of film as seen through the eyes of producers, writers and performers. Ayres starred in

the classic film "All Quiet on the Western Front" and continues to act in motion pictures and occasionally on television.

Ayres also will conduct a seminar,

"God of Evolution" Oct. 21-22. The course is a presentation of his views on the reconciliation of religion and science, based on his book of the same name.



James Allen of Roseville communicates with Carol Luplick of Warren through sign language during Deaf Awareness Day at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University.

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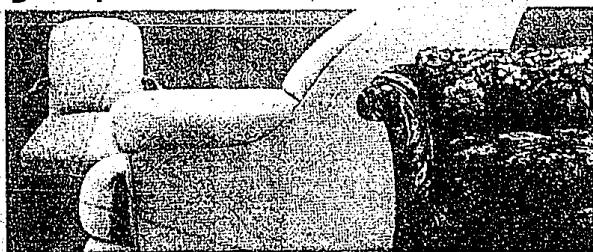
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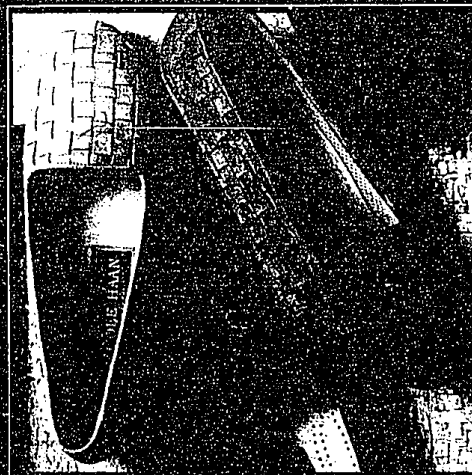
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