

OU marks Black Awareness Month

Renowned poet Maya Angelou, Darryl Roberts, the only American to walk to the North Pole, and the presentation of Focus and Impact Awards highlight February Black Awareness Month activities at Oakland University.

The celebration is entitled "Leadership: The Struggle for Human Dignity" and most of the events are open to the public at no charge.

Tuesday, Feb. 1, is the inauguration ceremony at 2:30 p.m. in the Crocker of the Oakland Center with guest speaker Judge Myron Walle. Winners of the Focus and Impact Awards will be announced at that ceremony.

Other highlights include: • Wednesday, Feb. 7, Darryl Roberts will speak on "Dare to Dream" at 2:30 p.m. in the Crocker

of the Oakland Center. Roberts was on the Amway-sponsored "Icewalk: The International North Pole Expedition."

• Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 2:30 p.m., Maya Angelou will speak on the "Struggle for Human Dignity." There will be a \$5 charge to the general public for this program. The site is the Crocker of the Oakland Center.

• Thursday, Feb. 22, the closing ceremony at 2:30 p.m. in the Crocker of the Oakland Center features Dr. Frederick Sampson, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, along with the Pontiac spiritualists and the Omawale Dancers. Winners of the 1990 Robert L. Donald Literary Contest and the Oratorical Contest will be announced.

Throughout the month special

noon presentations will be held in the Oakland Center, special movies, and a lecture on decision making inside the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Meadow Brook Art Gallery will help celebrate Black Awareness Month with its exhibit "G. Mennen 'Soapy' Williams: His Legacy from an African Mission." The gallery will feature the late governor's legacy in African-American relationships displaying photographs, memorabilia and African art collected during Williams' stay in Africa as assistant secretary of state for African Affairs during the Kennedy administration.

Additional information about the events can be obtained by calling the Campus Information and Programs Office at 370-3180. More than 25 OU units collaborated in mounting the month-long activities.

EPA's toxic waste hearings scheduled

By Jill Hamilton
special writer

Michigan will be on the cutting edge of shaping future environmental policy for the nation this week when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) holds public hearings in Detroit.

The meeting will allow citizens to comment on the EPA's proposed emission standards for municipal waste incinerators.

The hearings will take place 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Room W154 of the Cobo Convention Center.

Detroit is one of only three cities selected, including Boston and Seattle, for the hearings.

The Thursday hearing will focus on the national ramifications of EPA's proposal and the Friday hearing will be devoted to more local concerns.

The EPA's proposal calls for emissions limits of toxic metals, toxic organics and acid gases; new incinerator operating standards; a requirement to separate at least 25 percent of municipal trash; and a prohibition on the burning of lead-acid batteries.

The Grassroot Alliance for Solid Waste Solutions, a newly formed coalition of environmental groups including Greenpeace USA, several state Public Interest Research

groups (PIRG's) and Environmental Action Foundation, strongly criticized the EPA goals of 25 percent recycling as "merely cosmetic in character." The group feels that the EPA is emphasizing disposal, instead of reducing the amount of waste through recycling, or "garbage retention."

LARRY SHAPIRO, attorney for the New York Public Interest Research Group Inc. calls the proposal weak and said it will leave the vast majority of waste to be burned or dumped.

"The 25 percent goals will not even begin to solve the garbage crises. Burning and recycling are fundamentally incompatible since most material that can be burned can also be recycled," said Shapiro. "A real policy of pollution prevention would place a moratorium on incinerator development and maximize recycling."

Jeffery Muir, canvass director for the Ann Arbor branch of Greenpeace Action, said the group will participate in a rally protesting recycling and encourages concerned citizens to attend.

"People are beginning to realize that local actions affect the entire planet. Everything in the environment is interrelated. Pollution is not something 'over there'; it affects everyone."

County chamber gives award

Gov. James Blanchard presents the Athena Award to Grace Smith at the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce 80th Anniversary Membership Dinner tonight at the Northfield Hill in Troy.

The award is presented annually to an outstanding person who has attained or supported professional excellence among women.

Smith, continuing professional educational director at Walsh College in Troy, has provided emotional support through her involvement with the Girl Scouts and the National

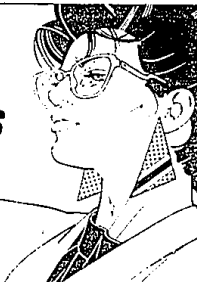
Association of Women Business Owners.

The Athena Award, presented in 400 communities nationwide, is co-sponsored by the county chamber, Dreisbach Buick and Quality Pontiac.

Smith was the unanimous choice of the five-member selection committee: Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert, attorney L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland University President Joseph Champagne, vice president and general manager of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Richard Isham and state Rep. Judith Miller, R-Birmingham.

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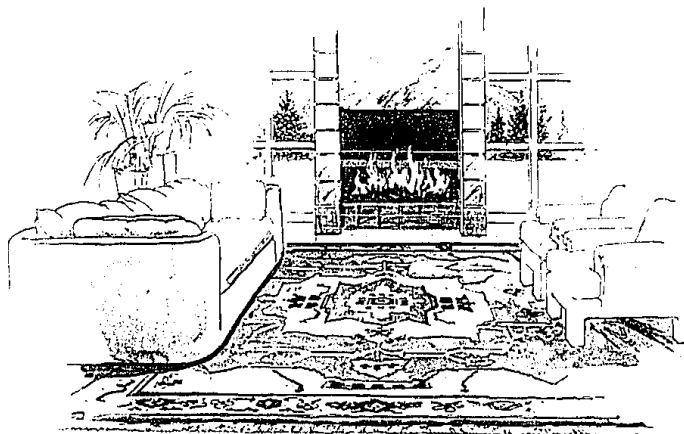
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