

OCC publishes literary journal

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Oakland County property owners seeking tangible evidence of their investment in Oakland Community College should pick up a copy of Witness, the college's literary journal that's attracting national attention.

Edited by Orchard Ridge campus English teacher Peter Stine, the publication's 190-some pages are filled with prose, both fiction and nonfiction, poetry and once even an entire screenplay.

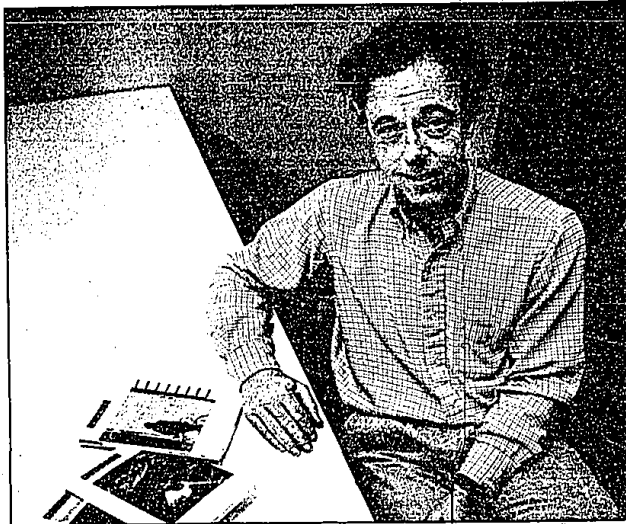
Stine notes that Witness articles have been reprinted in several other literary magazines of note. The 1989 theme issue on "new nature writing" was reprinted by the Texas A&M University Press last year and the 1988 issue subtitled "The Sixties" will be reprinted by the Wayne State University Press. Stine said the 282-page '90s edition is being used as a text in some literature courses at universities around the country.

The latest edition of Witness, a collection of essays on sports in America, can be purchased at Border's Books in Southfield and at many of the Little Professor bookstores for \$7.


The book began its life in 1987 because a Farmington Hills businessman, Sydney Lutz, was "an avid reader and still a child of the '60s."

Lutz, who believes that "writing is a gift (and) the essence of civilization," was put in touch with Stine, who was then a freelance writer, and the first collection of essays and poetry, all

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Proud papa: Peter Stine edits a journal called Witness, which is read by subscribers all over the country and blessed with contributors of such status as Joyce Carol Oates.



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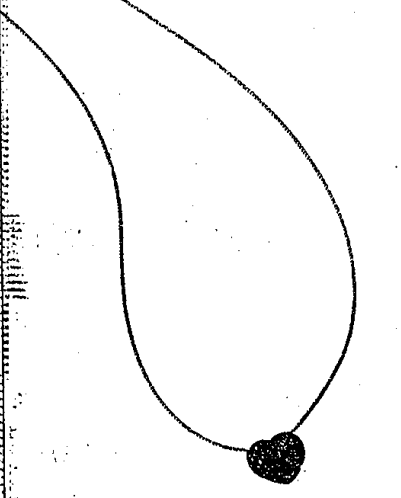
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